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SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, (APRIL 20)...A 50-room, \$400,000 hotel project was started here today when Trust Territory High Commissioner M. W. Goding broke the ground at a beautiful beach site in the Susupe neighborhood.

The hotel is being built by the Micronesian Hotel Corporation of which Kenneth T. Jones, Jr. of Guam is president. Under the terms of the charter granted by the Trust Territory Government 40% of the stock is available for sale to Trust Territory citizens. Sale of stock is to start May 1, 1966. Provision is also made in the charter for complete transfer to Micronesian ownership at the end of 20 years if a legal offer to buy is forthcoming/

The hotel will give Saipan and the Northern Marianas facilities with which to attract a sizeable tourist trade, which could become an important factor in economic development. This project is the first instance of an organization other than the government building a hotel in the Trust Territory of this size.

In addition to High Commissioner Goding and Mr. Jones, the following were among the large crowd attending the ground breaking: Marianas District Administrator Peter T. Coleman, Mayor Vicente D. Sablan; Vicente N. Santos, president of District Legislature; Dr. Francisco T. Palacios, president of Municipal Legislature; many citizens of Saipan, and Trust Territory officials and employees.

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HALVORSEN DETAILED TO HEADQUARTERS

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (April 19) - - - The detail of Mr. Robert Halvorsen to Trust Territory Headquarters to serve as Acting Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs was announced today by High Commissioner M. W. Goding.

Mr. Halvorsen is being assigned these duties vice Mr. John E. deYoung who is serving currently as Acting Deputy High Commissioner. Mr. deYoung also is expected to depart for Washington, D. C. and New York in mid-May in connection with the annual report of the administering authority to the United Nations Trusteeship Council. Mr. Halvorsen will enter on his new assignment April 22, 1966.

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