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CIVIL SERVICE TASK FORCE SUBMITS PROPOSALS TO HIGH COMMISSIONER

Saipan, Mariana Işlands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, May 24 . . . A special 5-member Task Force appointed by the High Commissioner to develop a draft Civil Service Law for the Government of the Trust Territory concluded its two-week deliberations May 17. Its proposals have been recommended to the High Commissioner for inclusion in his legislative program which will be presented to the Second Regular Session of the Congress of Micronesia which meets in July.

The Task Force proposals provide for a competitive appointment system, job protection rights for employees who have acquired competitive status, provisions for administering the personnel system, certain fringe benefits, appeal procedures, grievance procedures and other characteristics common to civil service systems.

The Task Force was established by High Commissioner M. W. Goding on March 4 in response to the Congress of Micronesia's Joint Resolution 1-33, which requested the High Commissioner to develop proposals for civil service regulations for Micronesian employees of the Trust Territory Government.

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Members of the Task Force are Personnel Officer Richard F. Kanost, chairman; Truk Assistant District Administrator for Administration Raymond Setik, representing the Eastern Carolines and the Marshalls; Lazarus Salii, Secretary to the Palau District Legislature and member of the General Assembly of the Congress of Micronesia, representing the Western Carolines; Marianas District Finance Officer Vicente S. Camacho, representing the Marianas; and Women's Interest Coordinator Erminia Ngiraked, representing Headquarters Micronesian staff as well as women workers of the Territory.

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