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DAUEI AND CHIGIY AWARDED STATE DEPT. LEADER GRANT TOUR

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands June 15 . . . Hilary Dauei and Carmen Chigiy, both of Yap, have been awarded the 1966 State Department Leader Grant Tour of the United States, Acting High Commissioner William R. Norwood announced today.

Incidentally, Dauei and Chigiy are husband and wife. Their selection, however, was not based on this factor but on each individual's merit, Mr. Norwood emphasized.

Chigiy is expected to depart Yap June 17 for Guam and will be on the same flight with Mr. Norwood and Francis Nuuan, Trust Territory delegate to the U.N. Trusteeship Council and also from Yap, to Honolulu and thence to Washington. Her husband, Dauei, who is currently completing a Trust Territory-East West Center sponsored Crop Development Program in Honolulu, will be joined by Chigiy for travel to the United States mainland.

While the State Department has not yet issued a final itinerary, it is anticipated that the grantees, in addition to visiting various points of interest in the United States, will attend some of the Trusteeship Council meetings. In line with their interest, they

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also probably will visit rural areas to observe credit union and cooperative operations and agricultural activities. The whole tour is expected to last for a month.

Born in 1938, Carmen Chigiy attended elementary and intermediate schools in Yap. In 1952 she enrolled at PICS, then in Truk, and graduated in 1954. From 1956 to 1958 she studied at the University of Hawaii. After her return from Hawaii, she taught for a year, then worked for the Yap Trading Company from 1959 to 1964, when she became the first Micronesia woman to be appointed Economic and Political Advisor on the Staff of Yap District Administrator. Currently, she is assistant post-mistress.

Chigiy is also active in local political, social and economic life, having served as secretary to the Yap Islands Congress, President of the Yap Women's Association, and member of the Board of Directors of the former Yap Trading Company. Currently, she is the Treasurer of the Yap Government Employees' Credit Union.

Hilary Dauei was born in 1933. After completing intermediate education in Yap, he enrolled at PICS and graduated in 1953. Interested in agricultural work, he was employed by the Yap District Agriculture Department until 1956, when he spent a year in Hawaii at Lahainaluna Technical High School. In 1957 he was awarded a Trust Territory Scholarship and spent the next two years studying at

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the College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines. Upon his return, he was re-employed by the Agriculture Department, and became the first Micronesian assistant district agriculturist.

Since 1961. Dauei has been a member of the Yap Islands Congress. Active in promoting rural cooperatives and credit unions in Yap in addition to his agriculture extension work, he is also officer of the Yap Government Employees' Credit Union.

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