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SAIPAN IS MECCA FOR ANDERSEN AFB "TOURISTS IN UNIFORM"

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
July 1 . . . The first 30 airman to participate in Andersen AFB's
"Saipan Career Incentive Flights" arrived June 29 aboard a C-97 air-
craft.

The two-day sight-seeing trips were initiated by the Air Force as a
stimulus to retain first-term airmen and junior officers. All SAC and
tenant activities on Andersen AFB will participate in the program. The
flights will normally be scheduled during the last week of each month,
and accommodate 55 men.

The airmen were welcomed at the airport by Marianas District Adminis-
trator Peter T. Coleman, Mayor Vicente D. Sablan of Saipan, and
Mariana District Economic Development Officer Olympio T. Borja, and
representatives from Trust Territory Headquarters. Also at planeside
was a colorfully costumed troupe of Saipanese entertainers who strummed
guitars, sang island songs of welcome and served cool drinking coconuts
to the visitors.

The "twin-booster" effect of the program, morale for the airmen and ex-
pansion of Saipan's budding tourist industry, will be determined after
a three months' trial.

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