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(TT TO HAVE LEGAL SERVICE PROGRAM)

SAIPAN DEC 17 (MNS) ---THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL SOON  
HAVE A LEGAL SERVICE PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF THE  
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (OEO) TO INSPIRE AND TRAIN ADDITIONAL  
MICRONESIANS TO BECOME LAWYERS. THE PROGRAM ALSO WILL PRO-  
VIDE LEGAL SERVICE TO POOR PEOPLE WHO CANNOT AFFORD THE SER-  
VICE OF A LAWYER.

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THIS WAS REPORTED BY THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS ON DECEMBER 15. THIS LEGAL SERVICE PROGRAM WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED MICRONESIA LEGAL SERVICE CORPORATION WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY OEO.

RECRUITED TO DIRECT THE OPERATION OF THIS CORPORATION IS THEODORE MITCHELL OF WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA. A DELEGATION FROM MICRONESIA CONSISTED OF SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, HERMAN GUERRERO, PRESIDENT OF THE MICRONE-

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SIA LEGAL SERVICE CORPORATION AND MAMORU NAKAMURA, TT GENERAL ATTORNEY, WENT TO SAN FRANCISCO LAST WEEK TO ANNOUNCE THE SELECTION OF MITCHELL AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THIS CORPORATION.

MITCHELL, FORMERLY DIRECTOR OF A NAVAJO INDIAN LEGAL SERVICE PROGRAM (DNA), WAS CHOSEN FROM AMONG 300 APPLICANTS FROM A NATIONWIDE RECRUITMENT PROGRAM. HE IS A GRADUATE OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL.

MITCHELL, 35, STEPPED DOWN FROM THE TOP PROGRAM OFFICIAL OF DNA WHEN A NAVAJO BECAME CAPABLE OF ASSUMING THE POST. HE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OEO LEGAL SERVICE PROGRAM IN THE TT WHICH IS INTENDED TO REPRESENT POOR PEOPLE IN ALL PHASES OF CIVIL LEGAL PROBLEMS AS WELL AS MOTIVATING YOUNG MICRONESIANS TO BECOME LAWYERS.

THIS PROGRAM WILL BE HEADQUARTERED AT SAIPAN, SEAT OF THE TT GOVERNMENT. LEGAL SERVICE PROGRAM OFFICES ALSO WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE OTHER DISTRICT OF THE TT.

TO MAN THIS PROGRAM SEVEN OTHER ATTORNEYS WILL BE HIRED TO ASSIST MITCHELL. ALSO SIX MICRONESIANS WILL BE RECRUITED AS "LEGAL ASSISTANTS."

MITCHELL SAID, "A UNIQUE FEATURE OF THE PROGRAM IS THAT

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IT AIMS TO INSPIRE AND TRAIN ADDITIONAL MICRONESIANS TO BECOME LAWYERS."

\$250,000 HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED BY OEO TO FUND THE PROGRAM FOR ONE YEAR. SUBSEQUENT FUNDS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE NEXT SUCCEEDING YEARS FOR THE PROGRAM.  
(MILI TO HOLD A PREHEARING CONFAB)

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SAIPAN DEC 17 (MNS)---A PREHEARING CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 12 AND 13 TO HEAR GRIEVANCES AND SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE CARRIERS'S RATES AND SERVICES IN THE TT. IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE MICRONESIA INTEROCEAN LINE, INC. (MILI) THIS MONTH.

MILI ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TT GOVERNMENT ON AUGUST 31, 1968, TO DO SHIPPING BUSINESS FOR THE TT.

FOLLOWING THE PREHEARING CONFERENCE WILL BE A REVIEW BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS AND SCREEN GRIEVANCES OR COMMENTS SUBMITTED, DETERMINE THEIR RELEVANCE, AS WELL AS DECIDING WHICH ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE REVIEW BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, NEXT YEAR.

MEMBERS OF THE REVIEW BOARD ARE HARVEY P. SCHNEIBER, JR., FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION; ELIAS OKAMURA, DEPUTY CHIEF, TRANS-

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PORTATION DIVISION; AND GEORGE C. KISKADDON, PRESIDENT OF MILI.  
(ZACHARY HONORED)

SAIPAN DEC 17 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR WYMAN X. ZACHARY HAS BEEN AWARDED A DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTORS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA. HE RECEIVED HIS LLB DEGREE IN 1940.

ZACHARY WAS PRESIDENT OF PERPETUAL SECURITY LIFE CO. IN BOISE, IDAHO, BEFORE JOINING THE TT GOVERNMENT IN 1969.

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