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(UN HEARINGS)

SAIPAN MAY 24 (MNS)---HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON
LEADS A TRUST TERRITORY DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS STARTING

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TUESDAY, MAY 25. THE TT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING TWO MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, WILL BE REPORTING TO THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, UNDER WHICH THE TWO REMAINING UN TRUST TERRITORIES ARE GOVERNED.

THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC IS ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED STATES, AND US REPORTS ARE MADE TO THE UNITED NATIONS THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WILL ALSO BE HEARING THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA, ADMINISTERED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT.

OTHERS IN THE PACIFIC TRUST TERRITORY GROUP ATTENDING THE HEARINGS THIS YEAR ARE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATOR PETRUS TUN

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FROM YAP, AND REPRESENTATIVE SASAUD HARUD FROM TRUK. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, SENATOR TUN AND REPRESENTATIVE HARUD WILL ALL PRESENT STATEMENTS TO THE COUNCIL. THE TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THIS YEAR'S REPORTING SESSION CALLS FOR MEETINGS THROUGH FRIDAY, JUNE 4.

TT OFFICIALS WITH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER INCLUDE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS N. NEIMAN CRALEY, JR., DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS STRIK YOMA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER LEO FALCAM, AND CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL KALEB UDUI. REPORTS FROM THE PAST WEEKEND INDICATE THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER MICRONESIANS WILL BE ATTENDING THE UN HEARINGS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA, WHO IS TOURING THE UNITED STATES ON A STATE DEPARTMENT LEADER GRANT, WAS SCHEDULED TO BE IN NEW YORK AT THE TIME OF THE HEARINGS.

ALSO, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS ANNOUNCED IN TRUK THAT IT INTENDED TO SEND TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED NATIONS. THEY ARE SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, CHAIRMAN, AND REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP SILK, CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE. WHILE THEY WILL BE AT THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HEARINGS, SALII AND SILK INDICATED THAT THEY ALSO INTEND TO TALK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF 24, A UN COMMITTEE WHICH DEALS WITH COLONIALISM ISSUES, TO SEE WHAT ASSISTANCE THE COMMITTEE CAN OFFER IN HELPING MICRONESIA TO RESOLVE HER FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS QUESTIONS.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TERRITORIAL POLITICAL STATUS QUESTIONS. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TERRITORIAL POLITICAL PARTY IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ARE ALSO PLANNING TO ATTEND THE HEARINGS OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL. FORMER CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA REPRESENTATIVE FELIX RABULIMAN, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION ON SAIPAN, AND TERRITORIAL PARTY PRESIDENT JESUS MAFNAS, BOTH DEPARTED FOR THE US MAINLAND OVER THE PAST WEEKEND TO ATTEND THE COUNCIL SESSION. MAFNAS INDICATED THAT HE AND RABULIMAN ARE GOING TO NEW YORK TO OBSERVE AND LISTEN TO THE TESTIMONY OF MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE PRESIDENT VICENTE N. SANTOS WHO IS TO PRESENT A POSITION OF THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE REGARDING LAND PROBLEMS IN THE MARIANAS.

MAFNAS ADDED, "IF SANTOS SEEMS TO BE PUSHING CESSATION OF THE MARIANAS (FROM THE TRUSTEESHIP) WE WILL ASK IF WE CAN BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK. WE WILL INFORM THE UN COUNCIL THAT SANTOS IDEAS DO NOT REFLECT THE WISHES OF ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS."

MAFNAS REFERRED TO THE STAND TAKEN BY LEADERS OF THE POPULAR POLITICAL PARTY WHICH ADVOCATES SEPARATING THE MARIANA IS-

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LANDS DISTRICT FROM THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY. HOWEVER, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT SANTOS IS AT THE UN AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, AND NOT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE POPULAR PARTY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LEGISLATURE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE INTENDS TO PRESENT A STATEMENT TO THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL REGARDING LAND PROBLEMS. THE LAND CASE WAS TO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL AT THE 1969 HEARINGS, BUT HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON HAD TAKEN OFFICE ONLY A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE HEARINGS, AND THE SPOKESMAN, IT WAS FELT THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION OUGHT TO BE GIVEN A CHANGE TO CLEAR UP THE COMPLAINTS ON THESE LAND PROBLEMS BEFORE THE CASE WAS PRESENTED TO THE UN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS FELT THIS YEAR THAT THERE COULD BE NO MORE DELAY IN BRINGING THESE MATTERS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THEREFORE SANTOS, AND DISTRICT LEGISLATURE LEGAL COUNCIL WILLIAM NABORS ARE ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S HEARINGS. (IGITOL TRAINING)

SAIPAN MAY 24 (MNS)---ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, PETE IGITOL, LEFT SAIPAN SATURDAY (MAY 22) TO BEGIN ONE MONTH OF TRAINING AND FAMILIARIZATION AT THE SAN FRANCISCO OF-

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FICE OF THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (GSA). THE GSA FACILITY
IS ONE OF THE LARGEST SUCH CENTERS IN THE US, ACTING AS A CLEARING
HOUSE AND SUPPLY SOURCE FOR US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

IGILOL WILL FOLLOW THE COMPLETE GSA CYCLE OF OPERATIONS DU-
RING HIS 30-DAY PROGRAM. WHEN HE RETURNS TO HEADQUARTERS HE IS EX-
PECTED TO MOVE INTO THE POSITION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PROCUREMENT
AND SUPPLY, A POST WHICH HE HAS HELD IN AN ACTING CAPACITY FOR THE
PAST YEAR.

(SCIENCE WORKSHOP)

SAIPAN MAY 24 (MNS)---FOURTEEN SCIENCE EDUCATORS ARE ATTEND-
ING A TEN-DAY WORKSHOP AT HEADQUARTERS, DEVELOPING PROGRAMS FOR
COMING SCHOOL YEARS, AND LEARNING NEW TECHNIQUES OF TEACHING.

THEIRS IS AN ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TASK, FOR MOST OF THEM
ARE TEACHERS WHO TEACH OTHER TEACHERS HOW TO TEACH SCIENCE. PARTI-
CIPANTS INCLUDE SCIENCE EDUCATION SPECIALISTS FROM EACH OF THE TT
DISTRICT TEACHER TRAINING CENTERS.

AS IN ALL TT EDUCATION WORKSHOPS, SPECIAL EMPHASIS HAS BEEN
PLACED ON MAKING SCIENCE EDUCATION RELEVANT TO MICRONESIA. THIS
MEANS THAT THE PARTICIPANLS ARE PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SE-
LECTING BIOLOGY SPECIMENS FROM MICRONESIA'S ENVIRONMENT, FOR EX-

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THE PROGRAM WILL CONCLUDE THIS WEEK. INSTRUCTION HAS BEEN
DIRECTED BY DR ALBERT CARR, PROFESSOR OF SCIENCE EDUCATION FROM
THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, WITH THE PROGRAM COORDINATED BY HEAD-

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QUARTERS SCIENCE SPECIALIST TIMOTHY JERRY.
(TOURISM REPORT)

SAIPAN MAY 24 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY IS WELL ON ITS WAY TOWARD MAKING ITS DECISIONS ON TOURISM DEVELOPMENT WITHIN EACH DISTRICT. THIS IS THE REPORT OF MIKE ASHMAN, TT TOURISM SPECIALIST, FOLLOWING A SERIES OF MEETINGS IN THE TERRITORY'S SIX ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE, ASHMAN NOTED THAT THE MARSHALL ISLAND NITIJELA THIS MONTH BECAME THE FOURTH DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A TOURIST COMMISSION TO GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF

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TOURISM. THE MARIANAS, YAP AND PALAU DISTRICTS ALREADY HAVE OFFICIAL TOURISM ORGANIZATIONS AND THE TRUK AND PONAPE LEGISLATURES ARE EXPECTED TO CONSIDER SUCH LEGISLATION DURING THEIR NEXT REGULAR SESSIONS.

"THIS WILL PLACE THE DECISIONS SQUARELY IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICTS," HE SAID, ADDING, "THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT APPEARS EACH DISTRICT VIEWS TOURISM DIFFERENTLY. WITH ACTIVE TOURIST COMMISSIONS, THE DIRECTION AND THE AMOUNT OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT CAN BE TAILOR-MADE FOR EACH AREA."

"THERE IS GREAT OPTIMISM CONCERNING HOTEL DEVELOPMENT," THE TOURISM OFFICIAL OBSERVED. "WHERE WE NOW HAVE SOME 430 HOTEL ROOMS IN ALL OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, IF EVERYONE WHO IS CONSIDERING BUILDING A HOTEL FOLLOWS THROUGH WITH CONSTRUCTION, WE WOULD HAVE OVER 2,000 ROOMS. THAT'S MORE THAN TWICE AS MANY HOTEL ROOMS AS GUAM HAS AT THE PRESENT TIME."

ASHMAN SAID HE CAUTIONED BUSINESSMEN AGAINST OVERLOOKING THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF MARINE RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE.

"IN EACH DISTRICT I WAS ASKED BY PEOPLE WHETHER TOURISM IS GOING TO DESTROY THE CULTURE OF MICRONESIA," HE REPORTED. "I TRIED TO POINT OUT THAT THE WORLD'S CULTURES ARE CONTINUALLY CHANGING

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WITH THE ARRIVAL OF MISSIONARIES HERE, THE CULTURE WAS CHANGED. THE SAME WAS TRUE WITH THE ACCEPTANCE OF MODERN MEDICAL CARE AND EDUCATION. WHENEVER THERE IS A FOREIGN CONTACT," THE OFFICIAL SAID, "THERE IS BOUND TO BE SOME KIND OF CHANGE."

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"BUT TOURISM IS ONE FACTOR WHICH CAN HELP TO STRENGTHEN A CULTURE," HE TOLD AN MNS REPORTER. "FOR EXAMPLE, ONE VILLAGE IN MICRONESIA IS PLANNING TO REBUILD AN HISTORIC ABAI. ANOTHER IS CONSIDERING TEACHING ITS YOUNG MEN TO BUILD AUTHENTIC WAR CANOES ONCE AGAIN. A SACRED AREA, NOW OVERGROWN WITH JUNGLE, IS GOING TO BE RE-ESTABLISHED. THERE IS A MOVE TO STIMULATE LOCAL VILLAGE DANCING THROUGH A TERRITORY-WIDE DANCE CONTEST. ALL OF THESE COME AS THE DIRECT RESULT OF TOURISM. PEOPLE WILL TRAVEL TO FAR PLACES TO ENJOY THE CULTURE OF ANOTHER REGION." ASHMAN SAID. IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO RETAIN YOUR CULTURE IF YOU WANT TO ATTRACT VISITORS."

"PEOPLE ARE REALIZING THAT IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO PROTECT THE NATURAL RESOURCES, SCENERY, BEACHES, POLLUTION-FREE LAGOONS, AND OTHER NATURAL ATTRACTIONS, AND NOT TO ALLOW THEM TO BE SWALLOWED UP WITH FOREIGN ARCHITECTURE," ASHMAN STATED. "IN MOST AREAS I SAW GREAT CONCERN OVER KEEPING THE TRUST TERRITORY

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MICRONESIAN. THIS IS A SUCCESSFUL WAY TO DEVELOP TOURISM.

"MICRONESIA IS BOTH AN ENCHANTING PLACE TO VISIT AND A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE... JUST AS IT IS TODAY," THE TOURISM OFFICIAL EMPHASIZED. "THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT IS TO KEEP IT THAT WAY."

ASHMAN IS ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF TOURISM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.

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