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UNCLAS (SECTION I OF III)
(TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL)
NEW YORK, JUNE 1, (SPECIAL TO MNS) - THE UNITED NATIONS
TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL CONTINUED LATE LAST WEEK TO LOOK INTO
CONDITIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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DURING ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN NEW YORK CITY.

AT THE THURSDAY (MAY 27) SESSION, TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON AND THE DELEGATES FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, SENATOR PETRUS TUN (YAP) AND REPRESENTATIVE SASAUD HARUD (TRUK), ANSWERED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL MEMBERS.

ASKED WHAT THE PROSPECTS WERE FOR INCREASING THE PROPORTION OF MICRONESIANS IN THE TT ADMINISTRATION, THE HICOM SAID A BILL HAD BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA PROVIDING FOR POPULAR ELECTION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS.

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HOWEVER, HE SAID, THERE WERE CERTAIN TECHNICAL DEFICIENCIES IN THE BILL AND IT IS NOW UNDERGOING FURTHER STUDY AND ELABORATION.

HE ALSO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT A BILL HAS BEEN PASSED PROVIDING FOR A SINGLE PAY SCALE FOR ALL ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEES, WHETHER MICRONESIAN OR EXPATRIATE, BUT THAT HE HAD NOT YET SEEN THE TEXT OF THE BILL AND COULD NOT COMMENT ON IT. THIS IS THE MERIT SYSTEM ACT, WHICH IS SIGNED INTO LAW COULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF MAKING THE RECRUITMENT OF EXPATRIATES FOR WORK IN THE TRUST TERRITORY MORE DIFFICULT, RESULTING IN AN INCREASING EMPHASIS ON THE TRAINING OF MICRONESIANS FOR HIGH-LEVEL ADMINISTRATION POSITIONS.

REPLYING TO ANOTHER QUESTION, JOHNSTON SAID THE BUDGET SUBMITTED TO THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY WAS A "JOINT EFFORT WITH GENUINE MICRONESIAN INPUT." HOWEVER, THIS VIEW WAS DISPUTED BY SENATOR TUN, WHO STATED THAT WHILE THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA PARTICIPATED IN MAKING DECISIONS ON THE BUDGET, MOST OF ITS PROPOSALS WERE NOT ACCEPTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

JOHNSTON RESPONDED THAT A MAJOR POINT OF DISAGREEMENT

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HAD TO DO WITH ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN POSITIONS IN A MANNER WHICH CONFLICTED WITH PROVISIONS COVERING U.S. CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES. HE SAID A SOLUTION HAS SINCE BEEN FOUND TO THAT PROBLEM, AND IT WILL NOT ARISE AGAIN.

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THE ISSUE OF HOMESTEAD LANDS WAS RAISED BY ANOTHER QUESTIONER, WHO INQUIRED ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF SUCH LAND TO MICRONESIANS. THE HICOM SAID THIS IS A PERPLEXING PROBLEM THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA. PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR HOMESTEADING IN SEVERAL DISTRICTS, HE SAID, BUT IN SOME CASES DISTRICT LEGISLATURES HAD NOT YET PASSED ENABLING LEGISLATION. IN THE MARIANAS, HE CONTINUED, SOME PROVISIONS FOR HOMESTEADING ARE ALREADY BEING IMPLEMENTED.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT AREA OF QUESTIONING CONCERNED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ASKED ABOUT THE PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION ENGAGED IN FISHING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES, JOHNSTON SAID HE DID NOT HAVE PRECISE FIGURES BUT THAT IT WAS A MUCH SMALLER NUMBER THAN IT SHOULD BE AND THE ADMINISTRATION IS MAKING EFFORTS TO INCREASE IT. HE ALSO SAID LARGE-SCALE FISHING OPERATIONS IN THE TERRITORY ARE "DEFINITELY POSSIBLE," BUT THAT THE DECISION ON THESE WAS IN THE HANDS OF FOREIGN INVEST-

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MENT BOARDS IN EACH OF THE SIX DISTRICTS. HE SAID BOTH U.S. AND JAPANESE COMPANIES ARE INTERESTED IN SUCH VENTURES.

REPRESENTATIVE HARUD COMMENTED THAT IN FISHING AND IN AGRICULTURE WHAT MICRONESIANS NEED ARE SMALL PROJECTS, NOT LARGE ONES. HE SUGGESTED SUPPLYING SMALL BOATS TO LOCAL PEOPLE AS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT SHOULD BE DONE IN FISHING, AND SUGGESTED SMALL LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS.

WHEN ASKED IF THE ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO STRENGTHEN THE PROGRAM OF POLITICAL EDUCATION IN THE TT, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER REPLIED THAT IS DOES. HE SAID RADIO IS THE BEST MEANS OF REACHING THE POPULATION, AND THAT IN LINE WITH THIS THE POWER OF SEVERAL OF THE DISTRICT RADIO STATIONS HAS RECENTLY BEEN INCREASED. NEWSPAPERS IN THE VERNACULAR ARE ALSO IMPORTANT, HE SAID. HE TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS AWARE OF THE NEED FOR "UPGRADING AND INCREASING" THE POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM, AND THAT A COMMITTEE IS BEING SET UP TO ADVANCE POLITICAL EDUCATION. HE NOTED THAT MATERIAL ON THE SUBJECT HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO THE MAJOR LANGUAGES OF THE ISLANDS.

SENATOR TUN COMMENTED AT THIS POINT THAT THE MASS OF

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THE PEOPLE IN THE TERRITORY ARE NOT AWARE OF MOST OF THE
FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN THEIR FUTURE STATUS, AND
THAT ALTHOUGH MUCH HAS BEEN DONE IN THIS AREA, MUCH MORE
REMAINS TO BE DONE.

U.S. AMBASSADOR SEYMOUR M. FINGER WAS ASKED WHETHER
AN EVENTUAL SOLUTION TO THE POLITICAL STATUS QUESTION BASED
ON SELF-GOVERNMENT AND FREE ASSOCIATION WITH THE U.S. WOULD
BE ACCEPTABLE TO HIS GOVERNMENT. HE REPLIED THAT, ALTHOUGH
IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DEFINE PRECISELY ALL THE TERMS OF
SUCH A SOLUTION AT PRESENT, "I BELIEVE WE COULD GIVE AN
AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION."

IN SUMMARIZING A DISCUSSION ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS,
HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON STATED THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO
SEPARATE ANY FACT OF THE LIFE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY FROM
THE OVERALL QUESTION OF ITS POLITICAL FUTURE.

THE QUESTIONING OF JOHNSTON, TUN AND HARUO CONTINUED
FOR THE ENTIRE THURSDAY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL, AND WAS TO
BE RESUMED AGAIN DURING THE FRIDAY SESSION. THAT SESSION
WAS ALSO TO INCLUDE THE CONSIDERATION OF FOUR PETITIONS TO
THE COUNCIL, AND THE HEARING OF PETITIONERS, AMONG THEM

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT. A REPORT
ON THE FRIDAY SESSION HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY MICRONESIAN
NEWS SERVICE.
THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WAS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE ITS

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CONSIDERATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS EITHER FRIDAY OR EARLY THIS WEEK, AND MOVE TO A CONSIDERATION OF THE OTHER REMAINING UNITED NATIONS TRUST, THE TRUST TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY AUSTRALIA.

(VOLUNTEER DIES)

YAP JUNE 1 (MNS)--A 24 YEAR OLD PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER, ANN KENNEY, DIED SATURDAY (MAY 29) AT ULITHI, YAP DISTRICT FOLLOWING A BOAT ACCIDENT.

INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE DISTAD REP IN ULITHI INDICATES THAT MISS KENNEY WAS A PASSENGER IN A 20-FOOT

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OUTBOARD TRAVELLING BETWEEN FALLALOP AND FASSARAI, TWO OF THE ISLANDS OF ULITHI ATOLL. THE BOAT, CARRYING TEN PEOPLE, WAS SWAMPED, AND IT TOOK SEVERAL HOURS TO BAIL OUT THE WATER AND REACH FASSARAI. DURING THIS TIME, MISS KENNEY COMPLAINED OF FEELING COLD, AND SHE DIED SHORTLY AFTER THE BOAT REACHED SHORE. A SUBSEQUENT AUTOPSY REVEALED THE CAUSE OF DEATH TO BE SHOCK DUE TO EXPOSURE.

MISS KENNEY HAD BEEN IN THE TRUST TERRITORY AS A PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER FOR ABOUT A YEAR, ASSIGNED TO ULITHI. SHE WAS FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND HER BODY IS BEING RETURNED THERE FOR FUNERAL SERVICES AND BURIAL.

(BOAT SEARCH)

TRUK JUNE 1 (MNS)--A SEARCH FOR A SMALL BOAT WITH TWO MEN ABOARD OUTSIDE THE TRUK LAGOON ENDED HAPPILY THIS WEEKEND, WHEN THE MEN RETURNED TO MOEN ISLAND UNHARMED.

THE BOAT, AN 18-FOOT OUTBOARD, HAD LEFT MOEN LATE LAST WEEK BOUND FOR ONEOP IN THE LOWER MORTLOCK ISLANDS, ABOUT 166 MILES SOUTHEAST OF TRUK. THE BOAT HAD PLANNED SHORT

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STOPS AT NAMOLUK AND MOCHI ISLANDS, AND WHEN IT DID NOT SHOW UP AS SCHEDULED AT NAMOLUK A SEARCH WAS STARTED.

IT WAS LATER LEARNED THAT THE TWO MEN ABOARD THE BOAT, WHO WERE NOT IDENTIFIED, HAD TURNED BACK TO THE LAGOON FROM

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ABOUT 40 MILES OUT AFTER ENCOUNTERING ROUGH SEAS, THE SEARCH WAS CALLED OFF WHEN THE BOAT WAS REPORTED SAFELY BACK AT MOEN. (LOW COST HOUSING PROGRAM)

SAIPAN JUNE 1 (MNS) - THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY ENTERED INTO A LOW-COST HOUSING PROGRAM TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY, ACCORDING TO WILLIAM ALLEN, CHIEF OF THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

THE PROGRAM IS TO HELP DEVELOP A HOUSING PROGRAM AGENCY AND ADMINISTRATION CAPABILITIES AMONG MICRONESIANS IN EACH DISTRICT; PROVIDE NEW AND IMPROVED LOW-COST HOUSING DISTRICT LOAN PROGRAMS; PROMOTE LOCAL PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS IN ORDER TO LOWER HOUSE CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MICRONESIANS; DEVELOP CONSTRUCTION SKILLS BY ENCOURAGING ON THE JOB TRAINING AND SUPERVISED WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMS; DEVELOP HOUSE CONSTRUCTION METHODS, MATERIALS AND DESIGNS FOR REDUCING TERMINAL COSTS TO A MINIMUM WITHOUT

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SACRIFICING STANDARDS OF SAFETY AND SUITABILITY FOR MICRONESIAN FAMILIES; AND ESTABLISH POLICIES FOR ASSURING LOAN REPAYMENT WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDE HOUSING FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WHOSE PRESENT DWELLING ARE SUBSTANDARD. THE PROGRAM WOULD ALSO COORDINATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HOUSING RELATED PROGRAMS OF U.S. FEDERAL AGENCIES, AND PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SAVINGS AND LOAN PROGRAMS FOR HOUSING AND OTHER FINANCIAL PRACTICES AND TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING COOPERATIVE HOUSING, TO MOBILIZE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR INVESTMENT IN HOUSING.

THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERALL ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOW-COST HOUSING PROGRAM. ALLEN MENTIONED THAT EACH DISTRICT IS NOW BEING GRANTED ITS SHARE OF THE LOAN FUNDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. EACH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR DEVELOPS THE ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROGRAM IN HIS DISTRICT. THIS IS TO SAY THAT APPROVAL AND DIRECT MANAGEMENT OF TRUST TERRITORY LOW COST HOUSING LOANS SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SUCH AGENCY OR AGENCIES AS EACH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR SHALL DESIGNATE.

ALSO, EACH DISTRICT HAS ITS OWN ELIGIBILITY REVIEW PROCESS ESTABLISHED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR TO INSURE THAT ONLY

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THOSE FAMILIES MOST IN NEED ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A LOAN.
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A LOW-COST HOUSING LOAN, ONE MUST
PRESENTLY BE LIVING IN A HOUSE THAT IS NOT BIG ENOUGH TO GIVE

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80 SQUARE FEET FOR EVERY PERSON IN THE HOUSE, NOT COUNTING COOKING, TOILET AND WASHING SPACES. ALSO, THE HOUSE MUST LACK PROTECTION FROM NORMAL BAD WEATHER AND ANIMAL FEELS.

THE LOANS WILL HAVE TO BE REPAYED ON A MONTHLY BASIS, WITH THE MONEY RECYCLED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LOANS. INTEREST RATES WILL NOT BE MORE THAN FIVE PER CENT OR LESS THAN THREE PER CENT. INTEREST RATES AND LOAN TERMS ARE DECIDED BY EACH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR.

(SUZUKI COMPLETES COLLEGE WORK)

HONOLULU JUNE 1 (SPECIAL TO MNS)--- AKIRA J SUZUKI, SUPERVISORY METEOROLOGICAL TECHNICIAN IN THE WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE AT PONAPE, HAS COMPLETED A YEAR OF COLLEGE WORK AT THE KAPIOLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN HONOLULU, BEFORE RETURNING TO HIS WEATHER OFFICE JOB IN PONAPE LATER THIS MONTH. SUZUKI WILL ALSO RECEIVE ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AT THE PACIFIC'S MAJOR FORECASTING CENTER IN HONOLULU, AND AT HILO, HAWAII AND ON GUAM.

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MR SUZUKI IS THE THIRD RECIPIENT TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTION UNDER THE MICRONESIAN MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM, WHICH IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AND THE EAST-WEST CENTER FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO GIVE MICRONESIAN EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED INTEREST IN AND APTITUDE FOR MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN THOSE SKILLS. ON HIS RETURN TO THE PONAPE WEATHER OFFICE, SUZUKI WILL UNDERTAKE AN INTENSIVE PROGRAM OF ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AS ASSISTANT OFFICIAL IN CHARGE.

SUZUKI IS A GRADUATE OF PACIFIC ISLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL WHO ENTERED THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN 1954. HE WAS PROMOTED TO PRINCIPAL OBSERVER AT PONAPE IN FEBRUARY, 1963.

(TT SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE)

SAIPAN MAY 28 (MNS)---THE TT HEADQUARTERS SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE HAS RECEIVED A CHECK FOR \$350 FROM THE WOMEN'S CLUB AT THE GUAM NAVAL AIR STATION.

THE MONEY WAS RAISED BY THE CLUB FROM SALE OF GOODS AT WHAT IS CALLED THE "OPPORTUNITY SHOP," WHICH SELLS USED GOODS DONATED BY THE MANY MILITARY FAMILIES WHO ARE LEAVING THEIR ASSIGNMENTS ON GUAM FROM TIME TO TIME.

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THE MONEY IS TO BE ADDED TO THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFICES
GENERAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND.
(MERCHANT MARINE APPOINTMENTS)

SAIPAN MAY 28 (MNS)---SIX TRUST TERRITORY PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN ACCEPTED AT THE PHILIPPINE MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY. THE
PROGRAM IS A FOUR YEAR TRAINING COURSE TO PREPARE STUDENTS
FOR ALL PHASES OF MERCHANT MARINE CAREER ACTIVITIES.

THOSE ACCEPTED FOR STUDY WERE CHOSEN FROM AMONG 12 APPLI-
CANTS FROM ALL SIX TT DISTRICTS. THEY INCLUDE POLANDER BEN-
JAMIN AND DIEGO SAIMON, PONAPE; NINRUJ ABON, MARSHALLS; RHODAS
TECHECHUR, PALAU; AND EDMOND DEBRUM AND FLORENCIO GUERRERO,
MARIANAS.

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