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FOR POL SECTION. CONTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS.
(CONGRESS COMMITTEE RETURNS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 18, (MNS)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT WAS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO SAIPAN THURSDAY AFTERNOON (NOV. 18) FOLLOWING NEARLY TWO MONTHS OF HEARINGS IN THE DISTRICTS ON THE TRUST TERRITORY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THE COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY REPRESENTATIVE SASAUD HARUO OF TRUK.

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IN THE TT. THE COMMITTEE HELD AN EARLIER SERIES OF HEARINGS ON SAIPAN AND ROTA WHICH HEARD WITNESSES FROM THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, AND THIS LAST SERIES OF HEARINGS WILL BE DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS AT THE HEADQUARTERS LEVEL. THE COMMITTEE INTENDS TO FORMULATE A REPORT AND MAKE SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONGRESS WHEN IT MEETS IN PALAU IN JANUARY.

DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS, THE COMMITTEE WAS ON MAJURO AND KWAJALEIN, AND ON KUSAIE IN PONAPE DISTRICT, HOLDING ITS PUBLIC HEARINGS, FOLLOWING THE HEADQUARTERS HEARINGS THE MEMBERS WILL BE RETURNING TO THEIR HOME DISTRICTS, COMPLETING TWO MONTHS OF WORK AND ONE OF THE LONGEST SERIES OF HEARINGS EVER CONDUCTED BY A COMMITTEE.

IN ADDITION TO CHAIRMAN HARUO, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE: HENRY SAMUEL OF THE MARSHALLS; HEINRICH IRIARTE OF PONAPE; CARLOS SHODA OF THE MARIANAS; JOHN RUGULIMAR OF YAP; AND POLYCARP BASILIUS OF PALAU.

(MARIANAS LEADERS TO ATTEND PALAU SESSION)

SAIPAN, NOV. 18, (MNS)---THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE IS PLANNING TO ACCOMPANY THE MARIANAS DELEGATION TO PALAU WHEN THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONGRESS

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OF MICRONESIA CONVENES JANUARY 10, 1972.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY VICENTE N. SANTOS, PRESIDENT OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS, ON GUAM.

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SANTOS SAID ON SAIPAN THAT HE AND SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE ALONG WITH MEMBERS OF THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, PLAN TO MAKE COURTESY CALLS ON THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS, DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE REGULAR SESSION, THE FIRST EVER HELD AWAY FROM SAIPAN.

MEANWHILE, THE MARIANAS MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN AND REPRESENTATIVE HERMAN GUERRERO, HAVE SUPPORTED THE CONGRESS POSITION FOR "FREE ASSOCIATION" WITH THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, OBSERVERS FEEL THE MARIANAS DELEGATES EXPECT IN RETURN, A MANDATE FROM THE CONGRESS PERMITTING THE MARIANAS DISTRICT TO NEGOTIATE SEPARATELY WITH THE UNITED STATES FOR A DIFFERENT FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS ARRANGEMENT.

BOTH MARIANAS JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE MATTER.
(PALAUAN COMPLETES ASSIGNMENT)

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SAIPAN, NOV. 18, (MNS)---ARTHUR NGIRAKLSONG, A FRESHMAN LAW STUDENT AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY IN NEW JERSEY, RECENTLY COMPLETED A YEAR OF STAFF SERVICE WITH THE PEACE CORPS IN THE MAINLAND UNITED STATES. NGIRAKLSONG IS FROM PALAU DISTRICT IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

NGIRAKLSONG WAS SELECTED AS ONE OF TWENTY-FOUR HOST COUNTRY RECRUITERS IN JUNE OF 1970 TO WORK FOR A YEAR IN THE NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES AS A RECRUITER OF VOLUNTEERS. FOLLOWING HIS ASSIGNMENT HE TRAVELED ACROSS THE UNITED STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE SELECTION OF OVER 170 NEW PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS FOR TWO YEARS OF SERVICE IN MICRONESIA. HIS FINAL ASSIGNMENT, PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF LAW STUDIES IN SEPTEMBER, INVOLVED THREE MONTHS OF SERVICE AS CROSS CULTURAL COORDINATOR ON THE PEACE CORPS TRAINING STAFF AT HILO, HAWAII.

PEACE CORPS OFFICIALS ON SAIPAN AND IN WASHINGTON FEEL THAT THE INVOLVEMENT OF MICRONESIANS IN KEY STAFF POSITIONS, BOTH IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PEACE CORPS/MICRONESIA AND THE RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS IN THE UNITED STATES, PROVIDES A GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND THE SELECTION OF THE RIGHT PEOPLE FOR THE RIGHT PURPOSE.

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(PONAPE ELECTION CERTIFIED)

PONAPE, NGV. 18, (MNS)---PONAPE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR J. BOYD MACKENZIE ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT THE PONAPE ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY CERTIFIED. THE ELECTION WAS HELD OCTOBER 15.

THE PONAPE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE MEETS TWICE A YEAR--JANUARY AND AUGUST. ITS TOTAL MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF TWENTY-FOUR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TWELVE MUNICIPALITIES ON PONAPE.

THE NEWLY ELECTED DISTRICT LEGISLATORS WILL BE MEETING DURING THE EARLY PART OF JANUARY 1972. SOME OF THE ELECTED PONAPE DISTRICT LEADERS WILL BE SERVING THE LEGISLATURE FOR THE FIRST TIME, WHILE OTHERS ARE VETERANS OF THAT BODY. ONE OF THEM IS ITCR HARRIS WHO IS THE CURRENT SPEAKER OF THE PONAPE LEGISLATURE. HE WAS RE-ELECTED AT LAST MONTH'S ELECTION.

EACH MEMBER OF THE PONAPE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE SERVES A FOUR YEAR TERM.

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FOR POL SECTION. COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS.
(X-RAY TRAINING ENDS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 18, (MNS)---THIRTEEN MICRONESIANS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A THREE MONTH COURSE IN X-RAY TECHNOLOGY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THURSDAY (NOV. 18) BY ERNEST LIBBY, TRUST TERRITORY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT REPAIR SPECIALIST.

THE PROGRAM INVOLVED DISCUSSIONS AND LECTURES ON HUMAN ANATOMY, X-RAY PHYSICS AND ALL PHASES OF X-RAY TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS POSITIONING, CARE OF PATIENTS, USE OF OPAGUES AND DYES AND INSTRUCTIONS ON SPECIAL PROCEDURES IN X-RAY EXAMINATION.

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ACCORDING TO LIBBY, THE TRAINEES ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME DISTRICTS WHERE THEY WILL PUT THEIR TRAINING TO PRACTICAL USE. AFTER EIGHT MONTHS OF ON THE JOB TRAINING AT THEIR HOME DISTRICTS, THEY WILL RETURN TO SAIPAN FOR ANOTHER MONTH OF INTENSIVE TRAINING IN X-RAY TECHNOLOGY.

AFTER THAT TRAINING, THE TRAINEES WILL BE GIVEN AN EXAMINATION BY THE MICRONESIAN BOARD OF REGISTRY. LIBBY NOTED THAT THE TEST IS EQUIVALENT TO THAT GIVEN BY THE U.S. EXAMINATION BOARD.

THE CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION WERE PRESENTED TO THE TRAINEES AT A PARTY WEDNESDAY EVENING (NOV. 17) BY DOCTOR WILLIAM PECK, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES.

THE PARTICIPANTS WERE: CALMEN BETTERS, JASPER LANKE, JUNANG NIKOTO, JURELONG ZEDEKIAH (MARSHALLS); EDWARD EDWARD (PONAPE); JUAN QUITUGUA AND JESUS MATAGOLAI (MARIANAS); ALOYSIUS OIBAY, IGNATIUS MANGILMAI (YAP); MORI OLAP AND ROY PITIOL (TRUK); AND JOSEPH YANGANGACHI AND HARUZI NGIRAKED (PALAU).
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