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SECSTATE PASS TO DEPT INT/SEC INTERIOR/DASTA/OSN  
(MORTON TELEGRAM)

SAIPAN, FEB. 18, (MNS)---HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON ANNOUNCED FRIDAY (FEB. 18) THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CABLE FROM INTERIOR SECRETARY ROGERS C.B. MORTON RELATIVE TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S BRIEF LAYOVER ON GUAM ENROUTE TO MAINLAND CHINA.

THE CABLE FROM SECRETARY MORTON WAS IN FACT A MESSAGE

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FROM PRESIDENT NIXON TO "ALL CITIZENS OF MICRONESIA," AND WAS ALSO ADDRESSED TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

IN HIS MESSAGE TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, SECRETARY MORTON SAID: "PRESIDENT NIXON WILL ARRIVE ON GUAM SUNDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 20, FOR AN OVERNIGHT STOP BEFORE CONTINUING TO PEKING. HE WILL BE HAPPY TO GREET ALL CITIZENS OF MICRONESIA WHO MAY MEET HIM ON HIS ARRIVAL AT GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND TRUSTS YOU WILL PUBLICIZE THIS INTENTION. HE (PRESIDENT NIXON) REGRETS HE WILL BE UNABLE TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH SMALLER GROUPS OF GOVERNMENT OR COMMUNITY LEADERS."

HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON SAID HE HOPES THAT AS MANY MICRONESIANS AS POSSIBLE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION FOR THE HISTORIC OCCASION. JOHNSTON WILL BE AMONG THE OFFICIAL CONTINGENT GREETING PRESIDENT NIXON'S PARTY.

PRESIDENT NIXON WILL STAY OVERNIGHT ON GUAM SUNDAY AND DEPART EARLY MONDAY ON A DIRECT FLIGHT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. HE WILL BE THE FIRST U.S. PRESIDENT TO VISIT THAT COUNTRY.

SOON AFTER THE GUAM TRIP THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WILL BE GOING

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TO PALAU WHERE HE WILL OBSERVE THE FINAL DAYS OF THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

(BILL SIGNED INTO LAW)

SAIPAN, FEB. 18, (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS APPROVED AND SIGNED INTO LAW HOUSE BILL 9 ON THURSDAY, (FEB. 17).

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THE APPROVED MEASURE IS NOW PUBLIC LAW 4C-26 AND ADDS NEW SECTIONS TO TITLE 43, CHAPTER 1 OF THE TT-CODE AND PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR INTIMIDATING OR BRIBING A VOTER, AND PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR PHYSICALLY INTIMIDATING A CANDIDATE SO AS TO CAUSE OR ATTEMPT TO CAUSE WITHDRAWAL.

ACCORDING TO THE NEW PUBLIC LAW EVERY PERSON WHO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN ANY MANNER, INTIMIDATES OR THREATENS A VOTER IN ORDER TO INDUCE OR COMPEL HIM TO VOTE OR REFRAIN FROM VOTING AT ANY ELECTION, OR TO VOTE OR REFRAIN FROM VOTING FOR ANY PARTICULAR PERSON AT ANY ELECTION OR, BRIBE OR ATTEMPT TO BRIBE ANY VOTER IN GIVING HIS VOTE, OR DETER HIM FROM GIVING IT, WILL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR IMPRISONED FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR, OR BOTH. UNDER THE LAW, EACH INTIMIDATION, THREAT OR BRIBE IS CONSIDERED A SEPARATE OFFENSE.

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THE LAW FURTHER STATES THAT ANY PERSON WHO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, PHYSICALLY THREATENS OR INTIMIDATES ANY CANDIDATE SO AS TO CAUSE OR ATTEMPT TO CAUSE THE CANDIDATE TO WITHDRAW FROM AN ELECTION WILL UPON CONVICTION BE FINED NOT MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS OR IMPRISONED FOR NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS, OR BOTH.

THE BILL IS THE TWELVETH BILL SIGNED INTO LAW BY HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON FROM THE CURRENT SESSION OF CONGRESS IN PALAU DISTRICT.

(BILLS RECEIVED FROM PALAU)

SAIPAN, FEB. 18, (MNS)---THE OFFICE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON RECEIVED FIVE MORE BILLS FRIDAY (FEB. 18) ON SAIPAN.

THE BILLS RECEIVED ARE SENATE BILL 135 WHICH WOULD AMEND SECTION 8 OF TITLE 49 OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF RESIDENT WORKERS AND WOULD ALSO SPECIFY CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR PUBLICIZING EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES; SENATE BILL 137 WOULD CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC LAW 3C-44, THE PROTECTION OF RESIDENT WORKERS ACT TO EMPLOYEES OF THE TT GOVERNMENT WHO ARE ALSO EMPLOYED BY EMPLOYERS OTHER THAN THE TT GOVERNMENT.

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THREE HOUSE BILLS WERE ALSO RECEIVED FRIDAY AFTERNOON ON SAIPAN. THEY ARE HOUSE BILL 62 WHICH WOULD MAKE CORRECTIONS OF PRINTING ERRORS IN THE THIRD REVISION OF THE TT CODE; HOUSE BILL 69 WOULD CREATE A BANK OF MICRONESIA, PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND POWERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE; HOUSE BILL 28 WOULD AMEND TITLE I OF THE TT CODE RELATING TO RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.

HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON HAS UNTIL THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 TO ACT ON THE FIVE BILLS RECEIVED FRIDAY.

BILLS RECEIVED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WHILE THE CONGRESS IS IN SESSION MUST BE ACTED UPON WITHIN TEN DAYS BY THE HICOM, UNLESS THEY ARE RECEIVED LESS THAN TEN DAYS BEFORE ADJOURNMENT OR AFTER THE CONGRESS ADJOURNS. ANY BILL RECEIVED LESS THAN TEN DAYS BEFORE ADJOURNMENT OR AFTER ADJOURNMENT, CAN WAIT AS THIRTY DAYS FOR THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S ACTION.

THIS WILL MEAN THAT ANY BILL RECEIVED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AFTER FRIDAY (FEB. 18) CAN WAIT AS LONG AS THIRTY DAYS FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON'S ACTION. (YAP DAY CELEBRATION)

YAP, FEB. 18, (MNS)---THE YAP ISLANDS COUNCIL HAS DECIDED

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THAT THIS YEAR'S YAP DAY CELEBRATION WILL BE A LITTLE QUIETER  
THAN LAST YEAR'S OBSERVANCE. YAP DAY HAS BEEN SET ASIDE EACH  
YEAR ON MARCH 1 AS A DAY WHEN THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT EM-  
PHASIZE THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE WITH EVENTS SUCH AS TRADITIONAL  
YAPSE DANCES. LAST YEAR, EACH OF THE TEN MUNICIPALITIES OF  
YAP PRESENTED A PROGRAM OF DANCES FOR YAP DAY.  
THIS YEAR'S YAP DAY OBSERVANCE HAS BEEN SHIFTED TO SATURDAY

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MARCH 4 SO THAT MORE PEOPLE CAN TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAM ON THE  
WEEKEND. BUT THE DANCE PROGRAM HAS BEEN CANCELLED THIS YEAR  
FOR TWO REASONS, ACCORDING TO CHIEF ANDREW J. ROBOMAN, CHAIRMAN  
OF THE YAP ISLANDS COUNCIL.

CHIEF ROBOMAN SAYS THAT THE VILLAGES HAVE NOT HAD SUFFICIENT  
TIME TO PRACTICE THEIR DANCES. ALSO, SINCE YAP DAY THIS YEAR  
FALLS WITHIN THE LENTEN SEASON OF THE CHURCH CALENDAR, TRADI-  
TIONALLY A TIME OF FASTING FOR CHRISTIANS, IT WAS THOUGHT BET-  
TER FOR YAP'S PREDOMINANTLY CATHOLIC POPULATION TO FORGO ANY  
LARGE SCALE CELEBRATION.

THIS YEAR'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS IS THEREFORE BEING LIMITED  
TO GATHERING AND DISPLAY OF YAMS AND TARO, WITH PRIZES FOR WIN-  
NING FARMERS. FISHERMEN WILL ALSO BE REWARDED FOR THE BEST  
AND BIGGEST CATCH, AND LOCAL HANDICRAFT ITEMS WILL ALSO BE ON  
DISPLAY. ALL ITEMS ON DISPLAY WILL BE SOLD TO THE GENERAL  
PUBLIC AT THE CLOSE OF THE YAP DAY EVENTS.

(MNS RADIO WIRE)

SAIPAN, FEB. 18, (MNS)---PRESIDENT NIXON HAS INDICATED,  
VIA A CABLE TO HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON'S OFFICE, THAT HE  
WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET ALL CITIZENS OF MICRONESIA WHO MAY

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MEET HIM ON HIS ARRIVAL AT GUAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SUNDAY,  
FEB. 20. THE TELEGRAM, DISPATCHED FROM INTERIOR SECRETARY  
MORTON'S WASHINGTON OFFICE, WAS ALSO ADDRESSED TO THE HOUSE  
AND SENATE CHIEFS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. PRESIDENT  
NIXON SAID THAT HE REGRETS HE WILL BE UNABLE TO MEET PRIVATELY  
WITH SMALLER GROUPS OF GOVERNMENT OR COMMUNITY LEADERS. HE

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TOLD THE HIGH COMMISSIONER THAT IT IS HIS HOPE THAT THE CITIZENS OF MICRONESIA ARE INFORMED OF HIS WISHES TO GREET THEM. HE WILL SPEND SUNDAY NIGHT ON GUAM, THEN DEPART EARLY MONDAY FOR PEKING.

SAIPAN, FEB. 18, (MNS)---HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON HAS APPROVED AND SIGNED INTO LAW HOUSE BILL 9 ON THURSDAY, (FEB. 19). THE APPROVED MEASURE IS NOT PUBLIC LAW 4C-26 AND ADDS NEW SECTIONS TO TITLE 43, CHAPTER 1 OF THE TT-CODE AND PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR INTIMIDATING OR BRIBING A VOTER, AND PROVIDES PENALTIES FOR PHYSICALLY INTIMIDATING A CANDIDATE SO AS TO CAUSE OR ATTEMPT TO CAUSE WITHDRAWAL. THE BILL IS THE TWELVETH BILL SIGNED INTO LAW BY HICOM JOHNSTON FROM THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS IN PALAU.

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THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 TO ACT ON THESE MEASURES. ANY BILL RECEIVED AFTER FRIDAY (FEB. 18) BY THE HICOM CAN WAIT AS LONG AS THIRTY DAYS FOR THE HICOM'S ACTION, ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARIAL ORDER.

YAP, FEB. 18, (MNS)---THE YAP ISLANDS COUNCIL HAS DECIDED THAT THIS YEAR'S YAP DAY CELEBRATION WILL BE A LITTLE QUIETER THAN LAST YEAR'S OBSERVANCE. YAP DAY HAS BEEN SET ASIDE EACH YEAR ON MARCH 1ST AS A DAY WHEN THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT EMPHASIZE THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE WITH EVENTS SUCH AS TRADITIONAL YAPESE DANCES. THE DANCE PROGRAM HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND THE REMAINDER OF THE YAP DAY OBSERVANCE HAS BEEN SHIFTED TO SATURDAY MARCH 4 SO THAT MORE PEOPLE CAN TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAM.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: BECAUSE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, IS A HOLIDAY, THERE WILL BE NO MNS FOR THAT DAY. THE NEXT MNS DISPATCH YOU RECEIVE WILL BE DATED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22).

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