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SAIPAN MARCH 15 (MNS)---BECAUSE OF CONTINUED WEAKENING IN THE WORLD MARKET PRICE OF COPRA, THE TRUST TERRITORY COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD HAS ANNOUNCED ANOTHER PRICE REDUCTION.

IT WILL BE THE SECOND CUT IN PRICES THIS YEAR.

BOARD CHAIRMAN EUSEBIO RECHUCHER HAS ANNOUNCED THAT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 2, THE PRICE PER TON PAID TO TT COPRA PRO-

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DUCERS WILL BE REDUCED BY TWENTY DOLLARS. THIS IS BEING DONE,
HE SAID, BECAUSE THE WORLD MARKET IS "EXCEEDINGLY WEAK," AND
THERE IS "NO INDICATION OF ANY RISE" IN THE MARKET PRICE IN
THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE NEW PRICE PER TON FOR COPRA DELIVERED TO THE DISTRICT CENTER WAREHOUSES WILL BE \$102.50 FOR GRADE ONE, \$92.50 FOR GRADE TWO, AND \$85.50 FOR GRADE THREE. FOR COPRA PICKED UP BY FIELD TRIP VESSEL THE PRICE WILL BE \$90 FOR GRADE ONE, \$80 FOR GRADE TWO, AND \$70 FOR GRADE THREE.

COPRA PRICES WERE REDUCED BY TEN DOLLARS A TON IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, MAKING A TOTAL REDUCTION OF \$30 PER TON FOR PRODUCERS SINCE JANUARY 1. COPRA IS STILL THE LARGEST SINGLE EXPORT COMMODITY IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, ALTHOUGH ITS VALUE HAS DROPPED STEADILY FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE BULK OF THE TT COPRA OUTPUT IS PRODUCED IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. ALL COPRA PRODUCED IN THE TT IS SOLD TO THE STABILIZATION BOARD, WHICH MARKETS THE PRODUCT AND STRIVES TO MAINTAIN A STABLE PRICE FOR PRODUCERS. AT PRESENT THE ENTIRE TRUST TERRITORY COPRA OUTPUT IS SOLD TO JAPAN.

(ASPINALL IN MICRONESIA)

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SAIPAN MARCH 15 (MNS) --- UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN WAYNE ASPINALL OF COLORADO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, ARRIVED ON SAIPAN WEDNESDAY (MARCH 15) FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT.

THE CONGRESSMAN IS PART OF A GROUP OF U.S. OFFICIALS AND NEWSMEN WHO ARE THE GUESTS OF CONTINENTAL/AIR MICRONESIA



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ON AN INAUGURAL FLIGHT MARKING THE AIRLINE'S RECENT AWARD OF A PERMANENT OPERATING CERTIFICATE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE GROUP FIRST VISITED GUAM, AND AFTER THEIR STAY ON SAIPAN ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEND SOME TIME IN TRUK BEFORE RETURNING TO HONOLULU.

TRUST TERRITORY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN MET REPRESENTATIVE ASPINALL AND HIS WIFE AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP AT THE SAIPAN AIRPORT WEDNESDAY MORNING. THERE WAS A SPECIAL LUNCHEON AT THE ROYAL TAGA HOTEL, WHICH INCLUDED AS SLIDE PRESENTATION ON MICRONESIA AND TALKS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. AN EVENING RECEPTION FOR THE GROUP WAS ALSO PLANNED. (COOPERATING TEACHERS CERTIFIED)

SAIPAN MARCH 15 (MNS) --- THE TRUST TERRITORY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS ANNOUNCED THE CERTIFICATION OF SIX NEW COOPERATING

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TEACHERS AND FIVE COOPERATIVE TEACHER SUPERVISORS. THE ANNOUNCE-MENT WAS MADE BY RAY SMITH, HEADQUARTERS COORDINATOR FOR TEACHER EDUCATION.

ACCORDING TO SMITH, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA AND THE DISTRICT TEACHER EDUCATION CENTERS HAVE STUDENT TEACHER TRAINING AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THEIR PROGRAMS. THE QUALITY OF THESE PROGRAMS: HE SAID, IS DEPENDENT ON TRAINED COOPERATING TEACHERS AND SUPERVISORS. A COOPERATING TEACHER IS ONE WHO ACCEPTS A STUDENT TEACHER INTO HIS CLASSROOM, AND AGREES TO ASSIST HIM AS HE ACQUIRES BETTER TEACHING SKILLS. PHASE ONE OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM TAKES PLACE AT CCM IN PONAPE. PHASE TWO IS UNDERTAKEN IN THE HOME DISTRICT, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DISTRICT TEACHER EDUCATION STAFF.

RECENTLY CERTIFIED AS COOPERATING TEACHERS WERE: MAX OLOPAI AND PREPEDIGNA KILELEMAN OF THE MARIANAS; AND TRIDELL ELEDOK, PENDURA ANDREAS, HOLDEN JACK AND PALIKUN SHREW OF PONAPE. CERTIFIED AS SUPVERVISORS OF COOPERATING TEACHER/STUDENT TEACHER TEAMS WERE: IKENEUO NETH OF TRUK; HIROSHI KOSHIBA OF PALAU; ROSENDO ROLAND AND JUDAH SIGRAH OF PONAPE; JOMA ROBERT OF THE MARSHALLS.

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(INCENTIVE AWARDS)

SAIPAN MARCH 15 (MNS)---TWO EMPLOYEES OF THE TRUST TER-RITORY GOVERNMENT WERE PRESENTED INCENTIVE AWARDS WEDNESDAY (MARCH 15) BY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN. THE AWARDS WENT TO MARIA Q. QUERRERO, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OF THE HEADQUARTERS PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION, AND EMMETT E. BLANKENFELD, MARIANAS DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

A LETTER OF COMMENDATION AND A CASH AWARD WERE PRESENTED TO MISS GUERRERO IN RECOGNITION OF HER LONG AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION. THE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER SAID HER PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN "ABOVE AVERAGE," AND SHOULD SERVE AS A "INSPIRATION TO OTHER EMPLOYEES IN STRIVING TO ACCOMPLISH THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBLITITES ASSIGNED TO THEM IN AN OUTSTANDING MANNER."

BLANKENFELD'S LETTER OF COMMENDATION CITED HIS LONG YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN MICRONESIA, AND SPECIFICALLY CITED HIM FOR HIS WORK IN SUPERVISING THE REMOVAL OF A BEACHED SHIP FROM THE AREA OF THE MAJURO DOCK TWO YEARS AGO. BLANKENFELD, DUE TO RETIRE FROM TT GOVERNMENT SERVICE NEXT SUMMER, ALSO RECEIVED A CASH AWARD.

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THE AWARD RECIPIENTS ARE CHOSEN BY THE GOVERNMENT'S INCENTIVE AWARDS COMMITTEE, WHICH IS HEADED BY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC AFFAIRS STRIK YOMA.
(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THERE WILL BE NO MNS.
RADIO WIRE WITH TODAY'S DISPATCH.)

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