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(MARSHALL ISLANDS FUTURE STATUS)

MAJURO MARCH 17 (MNS)---THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, THE NITIJELA, WHICH IS CURRENTLY MEETING IN MAJURO, HAS BEFORE IT A BILL THAT WOULD CREATE A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

THE BILL MAY BE AN OUTGROWTH OF EXPRESSIONS OF DISCONTENT VOICED DURING THE RECENT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

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IN PALAU. DURING THE FINAL DAYS OF THAT SESSION, REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES

DOMNICK OF THE MARSHALLS INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION THAT WOULD HAVE SANCTIONED THE IDEA OF SEPARATE STATUS TALKS WITH THE UNITED STATES BY EACH DISTRICT. ALTHOUGH THE RESOLUTION NEVER CAME UP FOR A VOTE, IT WAS WIDELY INTERPRETED AS AN INDICATION

THAT THE MARSHALL ISLANDS MAY GO ITS OWN WAY ON THE STATUS QUESTION.

THE BILL CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY THE NITIJELA WAS INTRODUCED BY LEGISLATOR ALEE ALIK, WHO INTRODUCED THE MEASURE "BY REQUEST." THIS PHRASE SIMPLY MEANS THAT THE INTRODUCER WAS NOT THE AUTHOR OF THE MEASURE, BUT IS INTRODUCING IT AT THE REQUEST OF SOMEONE

WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE NITIJELA. THE BILL WOULD APPROPRIATE SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ESTABLISH AND FUND A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM WSZO RADIO NEWS IN MAJURO, THE BILL SAYS THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE MADE UP OF MEMBERS OF THE MARSHALLS DELEGATION TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, MEMBERS OF THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, AND MEMBERS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE SPEAKER OF THE NITIJELA WOULD SELECT THE PRIVATE

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CITIZENS TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE, BUT THEIR APPOINTMENT WOULD

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HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY A TWO-THIRDSVOTE OF THE NITIJELA.
THE BILL WASTO HAVE COME UP FOR FIRST READING ON WEDNESDAY
OF THIS WEEK. THE NITIJELA BEGAN ITS CURRENTSESSION ON MONDAY
(MARCH 14).

(MARIANAS VARIETY)

SAIPAN MARCH 17 (MNS)---THE FIRST ISSUE OF SAIPAN'S NEW
NEWSPAPER, MARIANAS VARIETY, APPEARED FRIDAY (MARCH 17). PUB-
LICATION OF THE PAPER HAS BEEN DELAYED ONE DAY BY SOME MINOR
DIFFICULTIES WITH THE PRINTINGPRESS.

IN A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE,THE PAPER IS DESCRIBED AS "A
UNIQUE IDEA IN MASS COMMUNICAIONS IN MICRONESIA. IT IS A PEO-
PLES NEWSPAPER, INTENDED AS AN INSTRUMENT
TO BE USED BY ANYONE
WHO CARES TO EXPRESS HIS OR HER VIEWS."

THE PAPER SAID IT WOULD CONCENTRATE ON EVENTS IN THE
MARIANAS DISTRICT, ALTHOUGH "MAJORSTORIES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE
ENTIRETRUST TERRITORY" WILL ALSO BE COVERED. CERTAIN ARTICLES
WILL ALSO BE TRANSLATED INTO CHAMORRO, THE LOCAL LANGUAGE, AS
SOON AS THE NEW OPERATION BECOMES ESTABLISHED,THE PAPER SAID.
THE ARTICLE DESERIBED MARIANAS VARIETY AS A "REDINEMEN" OF THE

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MICRONESIA STAR, WHICH CEASED PUBLICATION
ON

FEBRUARY 19.

THE ARTICLES
POINTED OUT THAT ALL OUTSTANDING SUB-
SCRIPTIONS TO THE OLD MICRONESIA STAR WOULD BE HONORED, WITH
SUBSCRIBERS CONTINUING TO RECEIVE
MARIANAS VARIETYAT THE SAME
RATE OF

\$13.00 PER YEAR.THE NEW PUBLICAION CONTINUES TO OP-
ERATE IN THE SAME OFFICE IN CHALAN KA-
OA, AND THE STAFF IS

BASICALLY HE SAME ASTHAT WHICH PUT OUTTHE MICRONESIA STAR,
WITH THE ADDITION OF THE STAFF OF A GRAPHIC ARTIST.

THE LEAD STORY
IN THE FIRST EDIION DEALS WITH THE EFFECT
ON PRICES IN HE TRUST TERRITORY OF HE RECENTLYANNOUNCED RATE
INCREASES AT THE COMMERCIAL PORT ON GUAM.TWO SAIPAN BUSINESS-

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MEN, ROB OMBLER OF TOWNHOUSE AND JOE SCREEN OF J.C. TENDRIO ENERPRISES, SAID THE INCREASES WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE EFFECT

ON PRICES, IN FACT MORE THAN DOUBLE THE EFFECTIVE INCREASE ON GUAM. THEY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT A RECENT CHANGE IN THE JAPAN TARIFF SCHEDULE BY TRANS PACIFIC LINES TO REFLECT A CHANGE IN THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF RAISING PRICES ON JAPANESE PRODUCTS.

IN THE ARTICLE SCREEN PREDICTS THAT THE GUAM PORT INCREASES "WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN THE ELIMINATION OF GUAM AS A

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TRANSHIPMENT POINT TO THE TRUST TERRITORY." THE ARTICLE SAID LOCAL MERCHANTS ON SAIPAN ARE LOOKING FOR ALTERNATE METHODS OF MOVING CARGO TO BYPASS GUAM.

MARIANAS VARIETY IS TO BE PUBLISHED WEEKLY, ON THURSDAY'S, ON SAIPAN. ONE CHANGE FROM THE OLD MICRONESIA STAR THAT READERS OF THE NEW PAPER ARE SURE TO APPRECIATE. THE NEW STAND PRICE HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF, TO FIVE CENTS A COPY.

(MAGISTRATES CONFERENCE)

MAJURO MARCH 17 (REPORT FROM WSZO RADIO) --- THE FIRS MAGISTRATES'S WORKSHOP IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS OPENED TUESDAY (MARCH 14). MORE THAN TWENTY MAGISTRATES FROM THE VARIOUS ISLANDS AND MUNICIPALITIES THROUGHOUT THE MARSHALLS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE 14-DAY CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL MARCH 26.

DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE MARSHALL ISLANDS NITIJELA CHAMBERS, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OSCAR DEBRUM, NITIJELA SPEAKER ATLAN ANIEN, AND JUDGE KABUA KABUA WERE ON HAND TO GIVE WELCOMING SPEECHES.

THE WORKSHOP WILL GIVE THE MAGISTRATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE OPERATION OF BOTH THE DISTRICT

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AND TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENTS. WHILE IN MAJURO, THE MAGISTRATES WILL TOUR EACH DEPARTMENT AND ACTIVITY WITHIN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

THE HISTORIC CONFERENCE IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, WITH FUNDING APPROPRIATED BY THE NITIJELA. (NAVY TRAINING)

SAIPAN MARCH 17 (MNS)-- TWO MICRONESIANS HAVE COMPLETED A TRAINING PROGRAM AT THE U.S. NAVY'S SCHOOLS OF CONSTRUCTION

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IN PORT HUENEME (WHY-NEE-MEE), CALIFORNIA.

THE TWO ARE SANTURO WENEIYENG OF TRUK, WHOSE COURSE WAS IN CONSTRUCTION, AND FRANCISCO S BORJA OF SAIPAN, WHO TOOK A COURSE IN MECHANICS. BOTH STUDENTS DID VERY WELL IN THEIR COURSES, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM THE NAVYSCHOOL, AND BOTH SHOULD BE WELL QUALIFIED TO ENTER INTO THEIR FIELDS OF WORK AND DO AN EXCELLENT JOB UPON THEIR RETURN TO THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE TWO MEN ENERED THEIR COURSES IN NOVEMBER, 1971, AND COMPLETED THE TWELVE-WEEKS OF TRAINING LATE IN FEBRUARY. SEVERAL OTHER MICRONESIANS ARE ALSO PRESENTLY ATTENDING THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL.

(MNS RADIO WIRE)

MAJURO MARCH 17 (MNS)--THE MARSHALL ISLANDS NITIJELA IS CONSIDERING A BILL THAT WOULD ESTABLISH AND FUND A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MARSHALLS. THE BILL, INTRODUCED BY LEGISLATOR ALEE ALIK, MAY BE ANOTHER INDICATION THAT THE MARSHALLS ARE CONSIDERING GOING THEIR SEPARATE WAY ON THE STATUS QUESTION. THE NITIJELA IS IN THE FIRST WEEK OF ITS CURRENT SESSION IN MAJURO.

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SAIPAN MARCH 17 (MNS)--THE FIRST ISSUE OF MARIAAS VARIETY A NEW SAIPAN NEWSPAPER, WAS DISTRIBUTED FRIDAY (MARCH 17). THE PAPER IS A SUCCESSOR TO THE MICRONESIA STAR, WHICH CEASED PUB-

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LICATION IN FEBRUARY. PUBLISHERS OF THE PAPER HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT ALL OUTSTANDING SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE MICRONESIA STAR WILL BE FILLED WITH ISSUES OF MARIANAS VARIETY, WHICH WILL PUBLISH WEEKLY ON THURSDAYS.

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MAJURO MARCH 17 (MNS)--- THE FIRST MARSHALL ISLAND MAGIS-
TRAE'S WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD IN MAJURO. THE
TWO-WEEK MEETING INVOLVES MORE THAN TWENTY LOCAL MAGISTRATES
FROM THROUGHOUT THE MARSHALLS, WHO WILL OBSERVE ALL PHASES OF
THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OPERATION.

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