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MAJURO MARCH 17 (MNS) -- THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, THE NITIUELA, WHIH IS CURRENTLY MEETING IN MAJURO, HAS BEFORE I 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 RECET SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

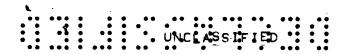
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IN PALAU. DURING THE FINAL DAYS OF THAT SESSION, REPRESENTATIVE
CHARLES
DOMNICK OF THEMARSHALLSINTRODUCED A RESOLUTION THAT
WOULD HAVE SANCTIONED THE EDEA OF SEPARATE STATUS TALKS WITH
THE UNIED STATESBY EACH DISTRICT. ALTHOUGH THE RESOLUTION
NEVER CAME UP FOR A VOTE, IT WAS WIDELY INTERPRETED AS AN INDICATION
THATHE MARSHALL ISLANDS MAY GO ITS OWN WAY ON THE
STATUS QUESTION.

THE BILL CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY THE NIIJELA WAS INTRODUCED BY LEGISLATOR ALEE ALIK, WHO INTRODUCED THE MEASURE "BY REQUES." THIS PHRASESIMPLY MEANS THAT THE INTRODUCER WAS NOT THE AUTHOROF THE MEASURE, BUTIS INTRODUCING IT AT THE REQUEST OF SOMEONE

WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE ITIJELA. THE BILL WOULD APPROPRIATE SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ESABLISH AND FUND A SPECIAL COMMITTEETO 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 THEFROME MARSHALLS DELEGATION TOTHE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, MEMBERS OF THE MARSHALLS DISTRICTLEGISLATURE, AND MEMBERS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE SPEAKER OF THE NITIJELA WOULD SELECT THE PRIVATE

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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 FRÎDAY (MARCH 17). PUB-LICATION OF THE PAPER HAS BEEN DELAYED ONE DAY BY SOME MINOR DIFFICULTIES WITH THE PRÎNTINGPRESS.

IN A FRONT PAGE ARTICLE, THE PAPER IS DESCRIBED AS "A UNIQUE IDEA IN MASS COMMUNICATIONS IN MICRONESIA. IT IS A PEOPLES 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. CERTAÎN 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

PAGE FIVE DE RUHGSAA4631 UNCLAS MICRONESIA STAR, WHICH CEASED PUBLICATION ON

FEBRUARY 19.

THE ARTICLES
POINTED OUT THAT ALL OUTSTANDING SUBSCRIPTIONS 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 PUBLICATION CONTINUES TO OP-ERATE IN THE SAME OFFICE IN CHALAN KA-

DA, 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 THEDOLLAR WILL HAVETHE EFFECTOF RAISING PRICES ON JAPANESE PRODUCTS.

IN THE ARTICLE SCREEN PREDICTS THATTHE GUAM PORT IN-CREASES "WILL PROBABLY RESULT IN THE ELIMINATION OF GUAM AS A

PAGE SIX DE RUHGSAA4631 UNCLAS 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 STARTHAT READERS OF THE NEW PAPER ARE SURE TO APPRECIATE. THE NEWSTAND PRICE HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF, TO FIVE CENTS A COPY.

(MAGISTRATES CONFERENCE)

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

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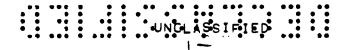
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AND TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENTS. WHILE IN MAJURO. THE MAGISTRATES WILL TOUR EACH DEPARTMENT AND ACTIVITY WITHIN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

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

PAGE THREE DE RUHGSAA4632 UNCLAS 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 MÉCHANICS. 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 EXCELLENTJOB UPON THEIR RETURN TO HE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE TWO MEN ENEREDTHEIR COURSES IN NOVEMBER, 1971, AND COMPLETED THE TWELVE-WEEKS OF TRAINING LATE IN FEBRUARY. SER-ERAL OTHERMICRONESIANS ARE ALSO PRESENTLY ATTENDING THE CALIF-ORNIA SCHOOL.

(MNS RADIO WIRE)

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

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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 THROUGHOUTTHE MARSHALLS, WHO WILLOBSERVE ALL PHASES OF THE DISTRIC GOVERNMENT OPERATION.

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SAIPAN MARCH 17 (MNS)=-TWO MICRONESIANS, SANTURO

WENEIYENG OF TRUK AND FRANCISCO S BORJA OF SAIPAN, HAVE COMPLETED SPECIALIZED TRAINING AT THE U.S. NAVY SCHOOLS OF CONSTRUCTION IN POR HUENEME, CALIFORNIA. THE MENTOOK TWELVE-WEEK
COURSES IN CONSTRUCTION AND MECHANICS. SEVERAL OTHER

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