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SECSTATE PASS TO DEPT INT/SEC INTERIOR/DASTA/OSN (YAP REAFFIRMS FREE ASSOCIATION)

YAP, MARCH 2, (MNS) -- THE LEADERSHIP OF YAP DISTRICT HAS RAFFIRMED ITS POSITION IN SUPPORT OF FREE ASSOCIATION WITH THE U.S. FOR MICRONESIA. THIS CONCLUSION WAS REACHED DURING A RECENT JOINT MEETING OF TH YAP LEADERSHIP HELD IN COLONIA, HE YAP DISTRICT CENTER.

ACCORDING THE YAP PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER WILFRED

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GORONGFEL, THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BY SENATOR PETRUS TUN

OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, AND INVOLVED MEMBERS OF THE

YAP ISLANDS COUNCIL AND THE YAP DISTRICT LEGISLATURE. IN

PREPARATOR FOR THE UPCOMING ROUND OF STATUS REGOTIATIONS

WITH THE U.S. IN PALAU, SENATOR TUN DISCUSSED WITH THE LEAD.

ERS THE VARIOUS STATUS OPTIONS. GORONGFEL REPORTS THAT THE

LEADERS INDICATOR THEY STILL STRONGLY SUPPORT THE POSITION

OF FREE ASSOCIATION UNLESS THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA RECOM
MENDS OTHERWISE.

SENATOR TUN ALSO SPENT SOME TIMES DURING THE MEETING DIS-CUSSING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TH CONGRESS DURING ITS RECENT SESSION IN PALAU. SENATOR TUN AND REPRESENATIVE JOHN MANGEFEL ARE YAP'S TWO REPRESENTATIVES ON THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, WHICH WILL OPEN THE NEXT ROUND OF STATUS TALKS WITH THE U.S. IN PALAU ON APRIL 2. (BUDGET HEARINGS)

SAIPAN, MARCH 23, (MNS)---TWO MICRONESIAN CONGRESSMEN HAVE
ASKED A U.S. SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE TO SUPPORT A PROROSAL PERMITTING THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO DICIDE WHERE FEDERAL
FUNDS WILL BE SPENT IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE TWO CONGRESSMEN

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ARE CHAIRMAN RAYMOND SETIK AND CO-CHAIRMAN BAILEY OLTER OF THE JOINT
COMMITTEE ON-PROGRAM AND BUDGT PLANNING OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

ACCORDING TO THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS WASHINGTON BUREAU, HIGH COM-MISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON SUPPORTED THE REQUEST OF CONGRESSMEN



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SETIK AND OLTER. HICOM JOHNSTON ALSO NOTED THAT THE MICRONESIAN CON-GRESS AND THE JOINT BUDGET AND PLANNING COMMITTEE "HAVE DONE A HIGHLY

RESPONSIBLE JOB FOR THE PAST SEVRAL YEARS." THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW THAT THIS REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE.

CONGRESSMEN SETIK AND OLTER BOTH DECLARED: "WE FEEL THAT THE FINAL ALLOCATION OF DOLLARS TO SPECIFIC PROGRAM AREAS CAN BEST BE MAKE BY THOSE WHO ARE IN THE CLOSET CONTACT WITH THE PROGRAMS BEING FUNDED EURING THE BUDGT HEARINGS. HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON INDICATED HE EXPECTS GREAT CHANGES TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE TERRITORY IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND SAID THAT THE WOULD BE ASKING FOR A 70 MILLION DOLLARS BUDGET CEILING NEXT YEAR. JOHNSTON NOTED THE BUDGET WILL PROVIDE "SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL PROGRESS TOWARD A GOAL OF IMPROVING THE LEVEL OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA AND LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE TRUST TERRITORY."

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YAP, MARCH 23; (MNS) --- FOURTEEN YAP DISTRICT EMPLOYEES RE-CEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES EARLIER

THIS WEEK AFTER COMPLETING

APPROXIMATELY 200 HOURS OF ACADEMIC TRAINING IN BASIC ENGLISH AND MATH. THETRAINING WAS CONDUCTED UNDERTHE U.S. DEPART-MENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT ACT.

THE CERTIFICATES WER PRESENTED BY ACTING DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR LUKE TMAN, WHO WISHED THEM MUCH SUCCESS IN HE FUTURE, ALSO PRESNT WERE HARRIET WEINRICH, YAP DISTRICT PERSONNEL OFFICER AND IGNATIUS KEN, ASSISTANT PERSONNEL OFFICER. THIS WAS THE FIRST GROUP EVER TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATES UN-

THIS WAS THE FIRST GROUP EVER TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATES UNDER HIS PROGRAM IN YAP DISTRICT. ALL THE TRAINES IN THE PROGRAM CAME FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PURLIC WORKS AND THE DISTRICT POLICE FORCE.

THE FOUR

TEEN TRAINEES AHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE PROGRAM ARE: FRANK SIGRAH, FRANCIS TITHIN, EMMANUAL MIGIN, RAPHAEL CHOMED, GRANCE RIUNGEL, HESUS A. ILILAU, PHILIP LUBUEG, HENRY GARANGMAU, LOUIS MOONGOG, NIICHIG RUOT, THING, TORIBIUS BOMTAM, GATAMNGIN, AND MIKE GILINGCHAL.

ACCORDING TO MRS. WEINRICH'S PLANS ARE NOW UNDERWAY FOR A

CONTINUATION OF THE PROGRAM IN THE DISTRICT. S.E INDICATED THAT ETOT



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ANOTHER TRAINING SESSION IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SOMETIME IN AUGUST.

JAN MOORE WAS THE INSTRUCTOR FOR THE RECENTLY COMPLETED TRAINING.

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