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(MARIANAS REAFFIRMCS POSITION)

SAIPAN, APRIL 26, (MNS)---THE POLITICAL LEADERS OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT HAVE OFFICIALLY INFORMED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OF THEIR INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE STATUS.

THE NOTIFICATION CAME IN A LETTER TO AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN

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WILLIAMS, SIGNED BY NEARLY ALL OF THE TOP POLITICAL LEADERS OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT.

THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN FOLLOWING MEETINGS HELD LAST WEEK BETWEEN AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS AND THE POLITICAL LEADERS ON SAIPAN. THE LETTER INDICATES THAT THE LEADERSHIP HAS DETERMINED THROUGH A SERIES OF MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT THAT THE DESIRE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS TO UNITE WITH THE U.S. IS AS STRONG AS EVER. THE LETTER STATES:

"IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS ANY DOUBT THAT THIS STATEMENT OF POSITION IS SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT, WE, THE ELECTED LEADERS AND OFFICIALS OF OUR DISTRICT, WANT THE RECORD TO SHOW THAT THIS STATEMENT OF POSITION IS FULLY SUPPORTED AND ENDORSED BY US AND BY THE PEOPLE WHOM WE REPRESENT.

"IN THE SEVERAL MEETINGS HELD WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF VILLAGES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND DISTRICT, SUPPORT OF THE STATEMENT OF POSITION WAS UNANIMOUSLY REAFFIRMED, AS IT WAS IN THE PLEBISCITES THAT WERE HELD IN 1961, 1963, AND 1969. SO YOU CAN SEE THAT THE DESIRE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT TO BECOME A PERMANENT PART OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS FUNDAMENTAL AND HAS EXISTED OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS.

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"OUR EXPOSURE TO AMERICAN DEMOCRACY", THE LETTER CONTINUES, "SPANS OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY SINCE THE UNITED STATES ASSUMED ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AT THE CONCLUSION OF WORLD WAR II. DURING THIS TIME,

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WE HAVE GROWN TO APPRECIATE AND CHERISH THE IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY AND WANT TO JOIN THE AMERICAN POLITICAL FAMILY.

"WE PLEDGE TO YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT OUR LOYALTY AND DEDICATION TO THE PRINCIPLES FOR WHICH AMERICA STANDS, AND FURTHER, WE STAND READY TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FREEDOM THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA GUARANTEES AND DEFENDS.

"IT IS, THEREFORE, OUR FIRM AND IMMEDIATE INTENTION," SAID THE LETTER, "TO FORGE AHEAD IN CREATING A POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION WHICH WILL REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS IN MATTERS REGARDING A CHANGE OF STATUS. WHEN THOSE ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPLETED, WE WOULD LIKE TO OPEN FORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EFFECTING A CLOSE POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

"IN CLOSING, WE WISH AGAIN TO EXPRESS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT OUR DEEP AND SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR YOUR KIND UNDERSTANDING OF OUR POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS, AND WISH YOU TO KNOW THAT WE STAND READY TO DO

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ALL THAT IS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO ASSIST IN EXPEDITING THE CREATION OF A CLOSE AND ENDURING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

THE LETTER WAS SIGNED BY SENATORS EDWARD PANGELINAN, AND OLYMPIO T. BORJA; REPRESENTATIVES HERMAN Q. GUERRERO, CARLOS A. SHODA, AND FELIPE Q. ATALIG; PRESIDENT VICENTE N. SANTOS, MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE; LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY DANIEL T. MUNA; SAIPAN MUNICIPAL MAYOR VICENTE D. SABLAN; SPEAKER VICENTE T. CAMACHO, SAIPAN MUNICIPAL LEGISLATURE; FELIPE C. MENDIOLA, SPEAKER TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL; AND FERNANDO M. BENAVENTE, CHIEF OF DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS, MUNICIPALITY OF SAIPAN.

(MICRONESIAN NAMED WEATHER CHIEF)

HONOLULU, APRIL 26, (MNS)--LASARO R. MAIPI, SUPERVISORY WEATHER OBSERVER AT THE NATIONAL WEATHER STATION IN TRUK, HAS BEEN NAMED THE FIRST MICRONESIAN OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF A TRUST TERRITORY WEATHER BUREAU, ACCORDING TO GUAM'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

A SHORT CEREMONY WAS HELD IN THE PACIFIC REGION HEADQUARTERS IN HONOLULU FRIDAY (APRIL 21) TO HIGHLIGHT THIS MILESTONE EVENT, THE CULMINATION OF A 20-YEAR PROGRAM TO REPLACE AMERICAN PERSONNEL WITH MICRONESIANS.

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AMONG THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS PRESENT FOR THE CEREMONY WERE DR. JOHN A. BROWNELL, DEPUTY CHANCELLOR OF THE EAST-WEST CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII; TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, JUAN A. SABLAN; AND TRUST TERRITORY HONOLULU LIAISON OFFICER, ROBERT LAW.

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE EAST-WEST CENTER INAUGURATED THE MICRONESIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN 1968 AS PART OF A PLAN TO REPLACE AMERICAN WEATHERMEN AND SUPERVISORS IN THE TT WITH MICRONESIANS.

FUTURE PLANS CALL FOR THE FILLING OF THE OIC POSITIONS AT THE FOUR OTHER WEATHER STATIONS WITH MICRONESIANS. THE STATIONS ARE AT KOROR, MAJURO, YAP AND PONAPE.

MAIPI BEGAN HIS WEATHER SERVICE CAREER IN DECEMBER 1953 FOLLOWING GRADUATION FROM THE PACIFIC ISLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL IN TRUK. HE COMPLETED THE WEATHER OBSERVER TRAINING COURSE IN TRUK AND WAS PROMOTED TO HIS SUPERVISORY POSITION IN FEBRUARY 1963.

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(NEW PARTY OFFICERS)

SAIPAN, APRIL 26, (MNS)---NEW OFFICERS WERE SELECTED RECENTLY TO PRESIDE OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MARIANAS POPULAR PARTY, ONE OF THE TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE MARIANAS.

CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA REPRESENTATIVE HERMAN Q. GUERRERO WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE PARTY, REPLACING MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGIS-

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LATURE PRESIDENT VICENTE N. SANTOS, WHO HAS SERVED FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS. OTHER NEW OFFICERS INCLUDE: DANIEL T. MUNA, VICE-PRESIDENT; REPRESENTATIVE CARLOS A. SHODA, SECRETARY; AND ANTONIO R. GUERRERO, TREASURER.

OUTGOING PRESIDENT SANTOS PLEDGE HIS SUPPORT TO THE NEW OFFICERS, AND INDICATED THAT HE IS CONFIDENT THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE YEARS AHEAD UNDER THE LEADERSHIP.

THE POPULAR PARTY PRESENTLY CONTROLS MOST OF THE MAJOR ELECTIVE OFFICES IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING FOUR OUT OF THE FIVE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA POSITIONS. THE OTHER MAJOR PARTY IS THE MARIANAS TERRITORIAL PARTY.

(EDUCATION NEWS)

SAIPAN, APRIL 26, (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION R. BURL YARBERRY HAS RECEIVED WORD FROM THE CHIEF OF THE BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS BRANCH OF THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THAT TWO PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

THE PROPOSALS CONCERN PLANS FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT AIRAI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BABELTHUAP, PALAU, AND ONE SCHOOL IN

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KITI, PONAPE. THE PROGRAMS, IF APPROVED, WILL BE FUNDED UNDER THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT, TITLE SEVEN.

MEANWHILE, THE THIRD ANNUAL DISTRICT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SUPERVISORS CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN PALAU LAST MONTH AT THE MICRONESIAN

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OCCUPATIONAL CENTER. DR. RAY LEHRMAN, COORDINATOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND MEMBERS, DISCUSSED EDUCATION FOR THE HANDICAPPED IN THE TT.

THE MAIN OUTCOME OF THAT CONFERENCE WAS A BOOKLET OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AREA POLICY STATEMENTS FOR TRUST TERRITORY-WIDE PROGRAMS.

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