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(SAIPAN MAYOR REELECTED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 12, (MNS)---SAIPAN MAYOR VICENTE DE. SABLAN WAS REELECTED SUNDAY (JUNE 11) IN AN ISLAND-WIDE ELECTION THAT ALSO SAW THE POPULAR PARTY SWEEP ALL FIFTEEN SEATS IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

THE ELECTION IS ALREADY BEING CONTESTED BY THE DEFEATED MAYORAL CANDIDATE, LUIS A. BENAVENTE, WHO CHARGES NUMEROUS IRREGULARITIES. BENAVENTE WAS EXPECTED TO FILE A FORMAL PROTEST WITH DISTRICT

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ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA LATE MONDAY AFTERNOON.

WHETHER THE PROTEST WILL AFFECT THE OUTCOME, HOWEVER, IS DOUBTFUL. SABLAN, THE INCUMBENT, PILED UP A TOTAL OF 1,099 VOTES, TO BENAVENTE'S 543, MEANING SEVERAL HUNDRED VOTES WOULD HAVE TO BE SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGED IN ORDER FOR THE RESULT TO CHANGE. SABLAN HAS BEEN MAYOR OF SAIPAN SINCE 1963. SABLAN WAS THE CANDIDATE OF THE POPULAR PARTY, WHILE BENAVENTE, WHO CLAIMED HE WAS RUNNING AS AN INDEPENDENT, WAS AT LEAST NOMINALLY SUPPORTED BY THE TERRITORIAL PARTY.

IN SWEEPING THE SEATS IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, THE POPULAR PARTY AGAIN DEMONSTRATED CONCLUSIVELY ITS STRENGTH ON THE ISLAND OF SAIPAN. THE PARTY ALSO HELD ALL OF THE SEATS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION.

LATE MONDAY AFTERNOON, VOTE TOTALS IN THE ELECTION WERE STILL BEING DESCRIBED AS "UNOFFICIAL," AND COULD CHANGE SOMEWHAT. THE VOTES OF ONE PRECINCT, THAT OF TANAPAG VILLAGE, HAD NOT BEEN COUNTED AS THE BOARD OF ELECTION JUDGES REVIEWED SEVERAL REPORTED IRREGULARITIES THERE. THE TOTAL VOTING POPULATION OF THE PRECINCT IS ONLY ABOUT 200, THOUGH, MEANING THE RESULTS IN THAT VILLAGE COULD NOT CHANGE THE OUTCOME OF THE MAYOR'S RACE.

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(WEATHER TECHNICIANS COMPLETE TRAINING)

HONOLULU, JUNE 12, (MNS)---TWO MICRONESIAN TECHNICIANS WITH THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HAVE BEEN AWARDED CERTIFICATES ON COMPLETION OF NINE MONTHS OF ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION AT KAPIOLANI COMMUNITY

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COLLEGE IN HONOLULU. THEY ARE BERNARD M. ATEN OF THE TRUK WEATHER STATION, AND OSCAR MILNE OF THE MAJURO STATION. BOTH MEN ARE AR SUPERVISORY METEOROLOGICAL TECHNICIANS.

AS PART OF THEIR TRAINING, BOTH MEN ALSO WERE DETAILED TO THE WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE IN HILO, HAWAII AND THE WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST OFFICE AT THE HONOLULU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEFORE THEY RETURNED TO THEIR DISTRICTS LAST WEEK.

THE MICRONESIAN TRAINING PROGRAM IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AND THE EAST-WEST CENTER, AND IS DESIGNED TO OFFER MICRONESIAN EMPLOYEES OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY SKILLS.

BERNARD ATEN ENTERED THE WEATHER SERVICE IN OCTOBER, 1959. AT PONAPE, WHERE HE REMAINED FOR TWO YEARS BEFORE TRANSFERRING TO TRUK. HE IS A GRADUATE OF XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL IN TRUK.

MILNE, A GRADUATE OF PACIFIC ISLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL, BEGAN HIS WEATHER CAREER IN OCTOBER, 1955. EXCEPT FOR A YEAR OF OBSERVER

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TRAINING AT TRUK, HE HAS SPENT ALL OF HIS 16 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE WEATHER OFFICE IN MAJURO.

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(ISLEY FIELD HEARING)

SAIPAN, JUNE 12, (MNS)---A PUBLIC HEARING TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE PROPOSED ISLEY FIELD AIRPORT RENOVATION PROJECT WAS HELD SATURDAY (JUNE 10) ON SAIPAN. A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING THE AIRLINES, BUSINESS AND POLITICAL INTERESTS TESTIFIED ON THE PROJECT.

PERSONS WHO WERE UNABLE TO APPEAR IN PERSON AT THE HEARING WILL HAVE UNTIL JUNE 17 TO FILE WRITTEN TESTIMONY WITH THE OFFICE OF

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MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA. AFTER THAT TIME, ACCORDING TO TRUST TERRITORY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR GORDON BRADLEY, THE FINAL VERSION OF THE PROJECT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WILL BE FILED WITH THE U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. ALL OF THIS IS NECESSARY IF THE PROJECT IS TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL FUNDS.

BRADLEY SAID THERE WAS BASICALLY NO OPPOSITION TO THE AIRPORT RENOVATION EXPRESSED AT THE HEARING, AT LEAST IN TERMS OF THE IMPACT OF THE PROJECT ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. THERE WAS SOME CONCERN EXPRESSED, HOWEVER, OVER THE IMPACT ON THE "HUMAN" ENVIRONMENT THAT AN INCREASE IN TOURISM WILL HAVE. IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE RENOVATION OF ISLEY FIELD WILL BRING WITH IT INCREASED AIR TRAFFIC TO SAIPAN, AND THUS MORE VISITORS.

BRADLEY SAID SOME WITNESSES INDICATED CONCERN OVER WHETHER THERE WILL ENOUGH MICRONESIANS TO FILL THE JOBS THAT WILL BE THUS CREATED, AND OVER WHETHER ONLY THE LOWER PAYING, MENIAL JOBS WILL GO TO MICRONESIANS. THERE WAS ALSO SOME CONCERN OVER WHETHER SAIPAN CAN PHYSICALLY HANDLE ANY LARGE INCREASE IN TOURISM.

MOST WITNESSES WERE IN FAVOR OF THE RENOVATION PROJECT, HOWEVER, THEY INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH AIR MICRONESIA AND PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS; THE SAIPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL

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LEADERS.

FOLLOWING THE HEARING, BRADLEY SAID THE GOVERNMENT HOPES TO LET OUT THE INITIAL BIDS ON THE PROJECT BY SOMETIME IN JULY. HE SAID

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WORK COULD PROCEED AS SOON AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED, WHICH COULD BE SOMETIME IN MID-SEPTEMBER, AND IF ALL GOES ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE THE FIELD BE READY FOR TEMPORARY USE BY THE END OF 1973. UNDER THE PLAN, ONE RUNWAY AT ISLEY WOULD BE TEMPORARILY MADE USABLE WHILE THE OTHER IS READIED FOR PERMANENT USE. WHEN ISLEY IS READY TO ACCEPT AIR TRAFFIC, THE PROPOSAL IS TO ABANDON THE PRESENT KOBLER FIELD IN FAVOR OF THE LARGER FACILITY.

A JOINT-USE AGREEMENT FOR ISLEY, SIGNED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR THE MILITARY, AND THE TT GOVERNMENT, WENT INTO EFFECT LAST MAY 10. THE OLD B-29 FIELD HAS BEEN UNUSED SINCE 1949, BUT HAS REMAINED IN MILITARY RETENTION LAND. THE RUNWAYS ARE IN FAIRLY GOOD SHAPE DESPITE THE LONG PERIOD WITHOUT ANY USE OR MAINTENANCE. (MARSHALL ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY)

MAJURO, JUNE 12, (FROM THE MICRONITOR)---A NEW AND FAR-REACHING ORGANIZATION IS DUE TO BEGIN OPERATING IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT JULY 1.

THE NAME OF THE NEW ORGANIZATION IS THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DEVELOP-

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MENT AUTHORITY (MIDA). ACCORDING TO MIDA CHAIRMAN REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES DOMNICK, THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

"WE WILL BE CONCERNED WITH EVERYTHING FROM PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS TO THE PROBLEMS OF KIDS DRINKING IN THE BARS," DOMNICK TOLD THE MAJURO NEWSPAPER "MICRONITOR" IN DESCRIBING THE ROLE OF MIDA. THE MIDA BOARD WILL HAVE REPRESENTATION FROM THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, AND FROM OTHER SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY, ACCORDING TO DOMNICK. THE NEW ORGANIZATION IS A CREATION OF THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, THE NITIJELA.

DOMNICK TOLD THE NEWSPAPER THAT MIDA IS A "REFINEMENT" OF AN EARLIER ORGANIZATION CALLED MARSHALL ISLANDS CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. THAT ORGANIZATION, SAID DOMNICK, "DID NOT WORK OUT SO WELL." HE ADDED THAT "MIDA WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE ISLANDS, AND WILL HAVE CONTROL OF ENOUGH MONEY TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS RESPONSIBILITY CAN BE CARRIED OUT."

MIDA, CONSISTING OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WILL FUNCTION AS AN ADVISORY BOARD TO THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, ACCORDING TO DOMNICK AND "WILL BE FREE TO DO ANYTHING AS LONG AS IT IS IN LINE WITH THE GOALS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT." THE FUNDS, HE SAID, WILL COME FROM

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THE NITIJELA, AND FROM MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR GENERAL USE TO THE MARSHALLS BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WILL SERVE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, DOMNICK SAID.

THE "MICRONITOR" VIEWS MIDA AS HAVING VERY BROAD POWERS, AND SAYS IN ITS STORY THAT THE ORGANIZATION "COULD BE THE BASIS FOR A NEW GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT." HOWEVER, THE PAPER RESERVES JUDGEMENT ON THE ORGANIZATION UNTIL AFTER IT HAS HAD A CHANCE TO OPERATE FOR AWHILE.

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