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COMTWELVE FOR AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS  
SECSTATE PASS TO DEPT INT/SEC INTERIOR/DASTA OSN  
(OIL TO BE REMOVED FROM SHIP)

GUAM, JUNE 13, (MNS)---THE U.S. COAST GUARD IS MAKING  
ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE THE OIL AND FUEL REMOVED FROM THE TANKS  
OF THE MXV SOLAR TRADER. THE SHIP HAS BEEN GROUND ON THE  
REEF AT WEST FAYU ATOLL IN YAP DISTRICT SINCE LAST DECEMBER.  
THE DEFUELING OPERATION IS AIMED AT PREVENTING A POTENTIALLY  
SERIOUS OIL SPILL.

GUAM PORT CAPTAIN JAMES R. MEEKER SAID TUESDAY (JUNE 13)

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THE OWNERS OF THE SOLAR TRADER HAVE INDICATED THEY WOULD LIKE  
THE COAST GUARD TO ARRANGE FOR THE DEFUELING OF THE SHIP, SINCE  
THEY LACK THE EQUIPMENT TO UNDERTAKE SUCH AN OPERATION. THE  
COAST GUARD WILL CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE COMPANY FOR THE JOB, AND  
THEN BILL THE SHIP OWNERS.

MEEKER SAID MARIANAS MARITIME COMPANY OF GUAM HAS AGREED TO  
DO THE WORK, USING EQUIPMENT TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE PHILIPPINES.  
A U.S. NAVY AMPHIBIAN WILL FLY THE SALVAGE MASTER OF THE COMPANY,  
EBELIO B. VILLENNA, TO WEST FAYU ON WEDNESDAY TO INSPECT THE  
GROUNDED FREIGHTER. BY THE END OF THIS WEEK, SAID MEEKER, A  
CONTRACT WILL BE LET AND THE COAST GUARD WILL HAVE SOME IDEA  
HOW LONG THE OPERATION WILL TAKE.

HE ADDED THAT THE COAST GUARD IS ONLY INTERESTED IN THE  
REMOVAL OF THE OIL, AND NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO SALVAGE ANY  
OF THE REMAINING CARGO ON BOARD THE SOLAR TRADER. SHE HAD A  
LOAD OF JAPANESE AUTOMOBILES DESTINED FOR AUSTRALIA WHEN SHE WENT  
AGROUND.

A COAST GUARD PLANE FLEW OVER THE SHIP LAST WEEK, AND MEEKER  
SAID THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS SO FAR OF ANY SERIOUS OIL POLLUTION.  
HE SAID WHILE SOME OIL HAS ALREADY LEAKED OUT OF THE SHIP, IT IS

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ONLY A "LIGHT AMOUNT," AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF OIL ON THE  
BEACHES OF WEST FAYU.

SAIPAN, JUNE 13, (MNS)---THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARIANAS  
TERRITORIAL PARTY, JESUS P. MAFNAS, HAS FILED A FORMAL PROTEST

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WITH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA, CHALLENGING THE VALIDITY OF SUNDAY'S MUNICIPAL ELECTION. THE STAGE IS THUS SET FOR A MAJOR BATTLE OVER THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION, WITH THE TERRITORIAL PARTY AND ITS DEFEATED CANDIDATES ON THE ONE HAND CHARGING FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS OF THE ELECTION LAWS, AND THE POPULAR PARTY, WHICH SWEEPED THE ELECTION, UPHOLDING THE RESULTS.

MAFNAS SAID TUESDAY (JUNE 13) THAT THE TERRITORIAL PARTY IS PREPARED TO GO TO COURT, IF NECESSARY, TO GET THE ELECTION DECLARED NULL AND VOID. HE HAS ASKED DISTAD ADA TO RESPOND TO THE PROTEST BY WEDNESDAY. FOR PURPOSES OF REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS, THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR IS ALSO THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER. HE TOLD MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE THIS WEEK, HOWEVER, THAT HE DOUBTS HE HAS THE POWER TO DECLARE AN ELECTION NULL AND VOID. A COURT BATTLE MAY THEREFORE BE NECESSARY.

IN ITS PROTEST, THE TERRITORIAL PARTY CHARGES THAT REGISTRATION

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INFORMATION WHICH WAS BROADCAST PRIOR TO THE ELECTION FAILED TO STATE THAT ALL VOTERS WOULD HAVE TO RE-REGISTER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY HAD VOTED IN PREVIOUS ELECTIONS. THE PROTEST ALSO CHARGES THAT IN TWO DISTRICTS, TANAPAG AND SUSUPE, NUMEROUS NON-REGISTERED VOTERS WERE ALLOWED TO VOTE. (VOTES IN TANAPAG WERE NOT COUNTED, PENDING AN EXAMINATION OF ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES.)

THE PROTEST DETAILS OTHER REPORTED VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING THAT THE BALLOT WAS NOT PREPARED ACCORDING TO LAW, AND THAT IN ONE INSTANCE A UNITED STATES CITIZEN WAS ALLOWED TO VOTE. MAFNAS SAYS EVEN HE WAS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE, DESPITE THE FACT HE IS, HE CLAIMS, PROPERLY REGISTERED.

IN THE ELECTION SAIPAN'S INCUMBENT MAYOR VICENTE D. SABLAN WAS RE-ELECTED OVERWHELMINGLY ON THE BASIS OF UNOFFICIAL RETURNS. HE COLLECTED 1,099 VOTES, TO 543 VOTES FOR CHALLENGER LUIS A. BENAVENTE. BENAVENTE WAS SUPPORTED BY THE TERRITORIAL PARTY, WHILE SABLAN RECEIVED THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE POPULAR PARTY. THE POPULAR PARTY ALSO SWEEPED ALL FIFTEEN SEATS IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, WITH EACH CANDIDATE ELECTED BY A VOTE MARGIN ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF MAYOR SABLAN.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR ADA SAID TUESDAY AFTERNOON THAT

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THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION ARE STILL BEING REVIEWED BY THE BOARD OF ELECTION JUDGES, AND HAVE NOT YET BEEN MADE OFFICIAL. HE SAID DISTRICT OFFICIALS WERE DOING THEIR BEST TO INVESTIGATE AND RESPOND TO THE COMPLAINTS MADE BY THE TERRITORIAL PARTY.

(COCA-COLA FIRE)

SAIPAN, JUNE 13, (MNS)---A MONDAY EVENING (JUNE 12) FIRE ON SAIPAN DESTROYED A LARGE WAREHOUSE AT THE COCA-COLA BOTTLING PLANT. SMOKE AND FLAMES FROM THE BLAZE COULD BE SEEN OVER MOST OF THE ISLAND.

FIREMEN SAID THE FIRE APPARENTLY CAUSED BY A SHORT-CIRCUIT IN THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, BROKE OUT ABOUT NINE P.M. FIREMEN HAD THE FLAMES UNDER CONTROL BY ABOUT 10:15, AND THE FIRE WAS COMPLETELY EXTINGUISHED SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT. WITNESSES SAID THE FIREMEN MANAGED TO KEEP THE FIRE FROM SPREADING TO THE BOTTLING PLANT ITSELF, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE WAREHOUSE.

A FIRE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE WAREHOUSE CONTAINED MOSTLY BOTTLES, BOTH EMPTY AND FULL. NO ESTIMATE OF DAMAGES WAS AVAILABLE. THE WAREHOUSE IS LOCATED IN THE LOWER BASE ARE OF SAIPAN.  
(REEFER BARGES)

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SAIPAN, JUNE 13, (MNS)--THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT HAS ACQUIRED TWO REFRIGERATED CARGO BARGES. THEY WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE PONAPE AND MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICTS, WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT ADDITIONAL BARGES MAY BE ACQUIRED IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR SOME OF THE OTHER DISTRICTS.

DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR WYMAN X. ZACHARY RETURNED ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK FROM SOUTH KOREA, WHERE HE NEGOTIATED THE TRANSFER OF THE BARGES FROM THE MILITARY TO

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THE TT, AND COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR DRYDOCKING AND REPAIR IN KOREA, AND THEIR DELIVERY TO MICRONESIA, HE SAID THE BARGES WILL BE TOWED TO PONAPE AND MAJURO BY THE M/V WANDANK IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE 1,050-TON BARGES ARE NON-PROPELLED REEFER VESSELS OF WELDED STEEL CONSTRUCTION, WITH A SHIP-FORMED BOW, STRAIGHT SIDES, SQUARE-RAKED STERN AND SUPERSTRUCTURE. THEY HAVE 24 INSULATED REEFER COMPARTMENTS, SIX FRESH WATER TANKS, CREW QUARTERS AND CARGO HANDLING GEAR AND WINCHES.

THE BARGES ARE 240 FEET LONG, WITH A 40 FOOT BEAM. TWO 100 KILOWATT GENERATORS AND FOUR DIESEL ENGINES POWER THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS OF THE VESSELS.

ZACHARY SAID THE ACQUISITION OF THE BARGES WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF THE TT LIAISON OFFICE ON OKINAWA, THE TT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY DISPOSAL OFFICE IN PUSAN, SOUTH KOREA. HE ADDED THAT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE BARGES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DISTRICTS TO WHICH THEY ARE ASSIGNED, AND THEY WILL HIRE THE TRAINED PERSONNEL NEEDED TO OPERATE THEM.

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IN ADDITION TO PONAPE AND THE MARSHALLS, REQUESTS FOR REFRIGERATED SHIPPING CAPABILITY HAVE COME FROM TRUK, AND POSSIBLY PALAU AND THE MARIANAS. ZACHARY SAID THREE ADDITIONAL BARGES ARE AVAILABLE, AND ARRANGEMENTS TO ACQUIRE THEM FOR THE TT ARE NOW UNDER WAY. THE COST OF THESE ACQUISITIONS IS NOMINAL,

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HE SAID, CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF THE DRY-DOCKING AND TOWING EXPENSES. IN EXCHANGE, THE TT GOVERNMENT OBTAINS SOME MUCH NEEDED REFRIGERATION FACILITIES FOR THE SHIPMENT AND STORAGE OF SUCH THINGS AS FISH, PRODUCE AND MEAT.

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