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SAIPAN, JUNE 29, (MNS)---A DECISION ON THE BEST METHOD

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OF DISPOSAL FOR THE DETERIORATING DEPTH CHARGES IN THE TRUK LAGOON IS STILL PENDING, ACCORDING TO TRUST TERRITORY PUBLIC SAFETY SUPERINTENDENT CARL LINDH.

THE CHARGES WERE DISCOVERED RECENTLY ON BOARD A SUNKEN JAPANESE FREIGHTER IN THE LAGOON. THEY CONTAIN DANGEROUS PICRIC ACID, AND HAVE CORRODED TO THE POINT WHERE THEY ARE

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BEGINNING TO LEAK, POSING A THREAT TO MARINE AND PLANT LIFE IN THE AREA.

"THERE IS A SHIP THERE AND WE'VE GOT TO GET IT CLEANED OUT," LINDH SAID THURSDAY (JUNE 29) ON SAIPAN. "IF IT CAN POSSIBLY BE AVOIDED, WE WILL NOT BLOW THE SHIP," HE SAID, "BUT IT IS GOING TO BE DANGEROUS TO REMOVE THE CHARGES."

LINDH SAID FIRE PROTECTION SPECIALIST TOM BRENNAN IS PRESENTLY INVESTIGATING THE SITUATION TO DETERMINE THE BEST POSSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION. HE SAID BRENNAN IS LOOKING INTO ALL CONCEIVABLE WAYS OF REMOVING THE ORDNANCE. THE TRUST TERRITORY'S DEMOLITION EXPERT, STEVE AIKEN, HAS ALSO INVESTIGATED THE SITUATION AND INDICATED THAT REMOVAL OF THE CHARGES IS A REALISTIC OPTION. IF A REMOVAL OPERATION IS UNDERTAKEN, IT WOULD BE COORDINATED BY LINDH'S DEPARTMENT.

THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE IS TO BLOW UP THE SHIP, BUT THIS WOULD DESTROY A VALUABLE ARTIFACT AS WELL AS DOING SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE SURROUNDING REEF. MARINE RESOURCES CHIEF PETER T. WILSON, WHO RECENTLY DOVE ON THE SHIP HIMSELF FOR A FIRSTHAND INSPECTION, SAYS THE SHIP IS A "DIVER'S DELIGHT," WELL-POSITIONED FOR PHOTOGRAPHS AND AT A FAVORABLE DEPTH FOR DIVING. IN ADDITION, IT IS, SAYS

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WILSON, ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING SHIPS IN THE TRUK LAGOON.

AT PRESENT THE SHIP IS OFF LIMITS TO DIVERS, HOWEVER, AND IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF THE DEPTH CHARGES, ACCORDING TO WILSON. BUT HE SAID HIS AGENCY HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE SHIP BE PRESERVED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

PUBLIC SAFETY SUPERINTENDENT LINDH SAID THURSDAY THAT ONE

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PRESENT PROBLEM IS FUNDING FOR A REMOVAL OPERATION, WHICH WOULD BE "VERY EXPENSIVE." BUT HE EXPRESSED THE FEELING THAT THIS AND OTHER PROBLEMS WILL BE WORKED OUT, AND THE REMOVAL OF THE DEPTH CHARGES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN.

"WE WANT TO SAVE THE SHIP, IF WE CAN," LINDH SAID, "BUT WE WANT TO DO IT SAFELY."

(TAX CONFERENCE)

SAIPAN, JUNE 29, (MNS)---THE FIRST ANNUAL TRUST TERRITORY TAX CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE ON SAIPAN DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 19 TO 23RD. THE CONFERENCE WAS CONDUCTED BY THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FOR THE TAX OFFICERS FROM EACH DISTRICT.

THE MAIN TOPIC OF THE CONFERENCE WAS ADMINISTRATIVE WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING TAX LAWS, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES.

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OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED WERE THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1973 FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE TAX OFFICES; 1971 MICRONESIAN INCOME TAX REFUNDS; IMPORT/EXPORT TAXES; AND THE PROPOSED TAX AMENDMENTS AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE EXISTING LAWS SHOULD THEY BE RECONSIDERED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD FOR TAX ADMINISTRATORS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING REVENUES FOR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BY THE END OF FY 1972, THE CONGRESS WILL REALIZE A REVENUE COLLECTED OF SOME FOUR MILLION DOLLARS.

THE FOLLOWING TAX OFFICERS PARTICIPATED IN THE CONFERENCE: EULOGIO INOS, HEADQUARTERS; ANTONIO R. SABLAN, MARIANAS; SEREMEA ARNOLD FROM TRUK; ABINMELEK LANG, FROM THE MARSHALLS; KYOSHI TELLEI, OF PALAU; AND ROBERT BEEGIN, FROM YAP.
(NEW VOLUNTEERS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 29, (MNS)---APPROXIMATELY 150 PEACE CORPS TRAINEES WILL ARRIVE IN MICRONESIA ON SATURDAY, JULY 1. SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN GUAM AT 4:35 A.M. FROM A ONE-WEEK STAGING PROGRAM AT SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY, THEY WILL

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DEPART FOR THEIR VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF ASSIGNMENT THE SAME

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DAY. THEY WILL BE SWORN IN AS PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS UPON COMPLETION OF AN EIGHT-WEEK IN-DISTRICT TRAINING PROGRAM.

THIS WILL BE THE THIRTEENTH GROUP OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ASSIGNED TO MICRONESIA, AND AS IN THE PAST, THE MAJORITY, ABOUT 80 PERCENT, WILL WORK IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AS TEACHERS AND TEACHER TRAINERS.

NON-EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS REPRESENT A WIDE VARIETY OF PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SKILLS SUCH AS, LAWYERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ECOLOGISTS, LABORATORY TECHNICIANS, NURSES, MARINE BIOLOGIST, CONSTRUCTION TRADES SPECIALIST, AND BUSINESS ADVISORS.

RECENT REQUEST FOR PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS HAVE REFLECTED NEW PRIORITIES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION, WITH MORE EMPHASIS NOW BEING PLACED ON TECHNICAL SKILLS AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND LESS ON THE PREVIOUS MAINSTAY OF PEACE CORPS INVOLVEMENT - TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (TESL).

PEACE CORPS TRAINEES WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE FOLLOWING DISTRICTS AS FOLLOWS: MARIANAS, 15; MARSHALLS, 25; PALAU, 20; YAP, 25; PONAPE, 25; AND TRUK, 40.

MORE THAN 1,500 PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS HAVE SERVED IN

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MICRONESIA SINCE 1966. THEY HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED AT EVERY LEVEL
OF GOVERNMENT AND IN ALMOST EVERY INHABITED LOCATION, FROM THE

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TRUST TERRITORY HEADQUARTERS TO THE REMOTEST ISLANDS IN EACH DISTRICT.

AS VOLUNTEERS THEY RECEIVE NO SALARY (ONLY A MODEST LIVING ALLOWANCE) FOR THE TWO YEAR PERIOD OF SERVICE IN MICRONESIA. (CHANNEL BLASTING PROJECTS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 29 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY DEMOLITION

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EXPERT STEVE AIKENS HEADS A FIVE MAN TEAM FOR A CHANNEL BLASTING PROJECT IN THE TRUST TERRITORY THAT BEGINS NEXT MONTH.

ACCORDING TO SAFETY OFFICER MIKE MARCUS, THE CHANNEL BLASTING PROJECT IS SLATED TO BEGIN IN TRUK DISTRICT. THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AT ITS LAST SESSION IN KOROR, PALAU, APPROPRIATED \$325,000 FOR THIS PROJECT, WHICH WILL INVOLVE CHANNEL BLASTING AND SMALL BOAT HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS IN ALL DISTRICTS.

TRUK DISTRICT RECEIVED \$80,000 WHILE PONAPE AND THE MARSHALLS EACH RECEIVED \$75,000; MARIANAS \$50,000; PALAU \$25,000; AND YAP DISTRICT, \$20,000.

THE CHANNEL BLASTING PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS. THE PONAPE TRANSPORTATION BOARD HAS CONTRACTED THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT TO DO THE BLASTING PROJECT IN THAT DISTRICT WHILE THE PALAU PROJECT WILL BE DONE BY THE EOD FROM GUAM. MARCUS TOLD MICRONESIA NEWS SERVICE THAT THE PROJECT IN PALAU WAS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

THE PROJECT IN TRUK DISTRICT WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO MONTHS. MARSHALLS DISTRICT WILL BE THE SECOND DISTRICT TO BE STUDIED

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AND IS IT EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF. MARIANAS COMES NEXT THEN YAP.

THE FIVE MICRONESIANS THAT WILL BE ON THE TEAM, IN ADDITION TO AIKENS ARE: MARCUS; ANTONIO DUENAS AND PEDRO ALTOIS FROM THE MARIANAS; AND RAYMOND REBEN AND SAFNAT SAMUEL FROM TRUK. (ROSARIO JOINS MNS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 29, (MNS)---THE FORMER NEW DIRECTOR FOR RADIO STATION KJQR ON SAIPAN, FRANCISCO S. ROSARIO, HAS JOINED THE

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MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE AS A STAFF REPORTER AND WRITER. HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION WAS EFFECTIVE MONDAY, (JUNE 26).

HE SUCCEEDS JOHN S. ROSARIO IN THE POSITION. JOHN ROSARIO RESIGNED RECENTLY TO TAKE A POSITION WITH THE MARIANAS DELEGATION TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

FRANK ROSARIO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMPILING AND WRITING OF PORTIONS OF THE DAILY MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE REPORT, AND WILL ALSO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MNS RADIO WIRE, A SERVICE TO THE BROADCAST STATIONS. HE IS 22, MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN, AND MAKES HIS HOME IN CHALAN LAULAU, SAIPAN.
(MNS RADIO WIRE)

SAIPAN, JUNE 29 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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ARE STILL CONSIDERING THE BEST METHOD OF REMOVING THE DEPTH CHARGES RECENTLY DISCOVERED ON BOARD A SUNKEN JAPANESE FREIGHTER IN THE TRUK LAGOON. THE DEPTH CHARGES CONTAIN PICRIC ACID POSING A THREAT TO MARINE LIFE IN THE AREA. TRUST TERRITORY PUBLIC SAFETY SUPERINTENDENT CARL LINDH SAID THURSDAY ON SAIPAN THAT ALL POSSIBLE MEANS OF REMOVING THE CHARGES ARE BEING INVESTIGATED.

SAIPAN, JUNE 29 (MNS)---TAX OFFICERS FROM EACH DISTRICT MET ON SAIPAN LAST WEEK. THEY DISCUSSED EXISTING TAX LAWS, THE PROPOSED TAX AMENDMENTS, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES OF THE TAX LAWS, AS WELL AS THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1973. THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE CONDUCTED THE CONFERENCE.

SAIPAN, JUNE 29 (MNS)---A TOTAL OF 150 PEACE CORPS TRAINEES ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN MICRONESIA ON SATURDAY, JULY 1. MOST OF THE TRAINEES WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AT THE CONCLUSION OF EIGHT WEEKS OF IN-DISTRICT TRAINING. IN THE PAST SIX YEARS, MORE THAN 1500 VOLUNTEERS SERVED IN MICRONESIA FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

SAIPAN, JUNE 29, (MNS)---A CHANNEL BLASTING PROJECT IN THE

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TRUST TERRITORY BEGINS NEXT MONTH, ACCORDING TO SAFETY OFFICER MIKE MARCUS. THE FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT WERE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE

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CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. STEVE AIKENS, TT DEMOLITION EXPERT, WILL HEAD FIVE MAN TEAM ON THIS PROJECT, WHICH WILL START IN TRUK AND MOVE TO THE OTHER DISTRICTS.

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