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(FUNERAL SERVICES FOR IBEDUL)

PALAU, SEPTEMBER 29 (MNS)---THE BODY OF THE LATE
HIGH CHIEF IBEDUL OF PALAU IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN
PALAU FROM JAPAN VIA GUAM ONSSATURDAY (SEPT. 30),
FOLLOWING SEVERAL DELAYS. THE DELAYS HAVE BEEN
DISAPPOINTING TO THE PEOPLE OF PALAU WHO HAVE BEEN

WAITING FOR CHIEF IBEDUL'S FUNERAL
SERVICES FOR THE LATE HIGH CHIEF WILL BEGIN AS

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SOON AS THE PLANE BEARING HIS BODY LANDS AT KOROR. AN
HONOR GUARD OF PALAUAN POLICE WILL BE AT THE PLANESIDE,
AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE EXPECTING A LARGE CROWD.

TEN BLASTS OF SIREN ON THE AIRAI BARGE WILL SIGNAL
THE PEOPLE OF KOROG THAT THE BODY OF THEIR HIGH CHIEF
IS APPROACHING. THE FUNERAL PROCESSION WILL PROCEED
DIRECTLY TO THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE BUILDING FOR AN
OFFICIAL CEREMONY WHERE LOCAL LEADERS, RESIDENTS OF
PALAU AND OTHER DIGNITARIES WHO HAVE COME TO PALAU FOR
THE FUNERAL SERVICES WILL PAY THEIR LAST RESPECTS TO HIGH
CHIEF IBEDUL.

REPRESENTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AT THE FUNERAL IS
J. BOYD MACKENZIE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS
AND A FORMER PALAU DISTAD. U.S. NAVY CAPTAIN ANTHONY J.
KODIS WILL REPRESENT THE COMMANDER, NAVAL FORCES MARIANAS.
DISTAD THOMAS REMENGESAU AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF, AND
DISTRICT LEGISLATURE SPEAKER ITEL BANG LUII WILL ALSO BE AMONG
THOSE GIVING EULOGIES AND PAYING THEIR LAST RESPECTS. THE
PRIMARY EULOGY WILL BE DELIVERED BY THE DISTAD.

SATURDAY EVENING, FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC SERVICE, CHIEF

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IBEDUL'S BODY WILL BE TAKEN TO HIS RESIDENCE WHERE HE WILL RECEIVE A TRADITIONAL FAMILY CEREMONY. ORIGINALLY, THIS WAS PLANNED TO BE A TWO-DAY CEREMONY, BUT THE FAMILY HAS AGREED THAT BECAUSE OF THE DELAY IN ARRIVAL OF THE BODY THE TRADITIONAL SERVICES WILL BE SHORTENED TO ONE DAY AND BURIAL WILL TAKE PLACE SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

FLAGS THROUGHOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL REMAIN AT HALF-STAFF UNTIL SUNDOWN SUNDAY IN HONOR OF THE LATE CHIEF IBEDUL.

ACCORDING TO SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DISTAD BONIFACIO BASILIUS, THE PROCESS OF SELECTING A SUCCESSOR TO CHIEF IBEDUL MAY TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS. THUS FAR, NO SUCCESSOR HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY THE CLAN. FORMER ASSISTANT DISTAD TAKEO YANO IS SERVING AS ACTING CHIEF DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTAD'S OFFICE SAID FRIDAY.
(RONGELAP-UTIRIK SURVEY COMPLETED)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 29, (CONGRESS NEWS RELEASE)---THE ANNUAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION BY THE BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY TEAM OF THE PEOPLE OF RONGELAP AND UTIRIK ATOLLS IN THE MARSHALLS WAS COMPLETED THIS WEEK IN MAJURO WITH SOME NEW FINDINGS.

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THE TEAM, WHICH WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON RONGELAP AND UTIRIK AND THEIR MEDICAL CONSULTANTS, COMPLETED THE 1972 ANNUAL SURVEY WHICH WAS STOPPED IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR WHEN THE PEOPLE REFUSED TO SUBMIT TO EXAMINATION.

IT WAS DISCLOSED WHILE IN MAJURO THAT AT THE END OF THE SURVEY THERE TWO PERSONS FROM RONGELAP WERE EXAMINED WHO, IT IS SUSPECTED, HAVE ABNORMAL THYROID CONDITIONS AND WHO WILL BE SENT TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION AND POSSIBLE TREATMENT. ALSO DISCOVERED WAS ONE EXPOSED PERSON FROM RONGELAP WHO HAD A SIGNIFICANTLY LOW WHITE BLOOD CELL COUNT WHO WILL BE REFERRED TO A HOSPITAL IN HONOLULU FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION.

AN ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE MADE BY DR. ROBERT U. CONARD DURING THE TEAM'S STAY ON RONGELAP WAS THE DETERMINATION THAT THE COCONUT CRABS ON RONGELAP AND ARBAR ISLANDS ARE NOW SAFE TO EAT AT THE RATE OF "ONE CRAB PER PERSON PER DAY." THIS CRAB, CALLED THE ROBBER CRAB, OR BIRGUS LATRO,

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IS A DELICACY IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, BUT EATING THEM HAS BEEN FORBIDDEN SINCE 1957 WHEN THE RONGELAPESE RETURNED TO

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THEIR ISLAND. BECAUSE OF ITS EATING HABITS, COCONUT CRABS HAVE KEPT A HIGH LEVEL OF RADIOACTIVITY IN THEIR BODIES. DR. CONARD SAID THEY WOULD TAKE BACK SAMPLES OF CRABS FROM ENIAETOK, IN THE RONGELAP ATOLL TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CRABS ON THAT ISLAND ARE ALSO SAFE TO EAT.

THE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE, ITS CONSULTANTS, AND THE BROOKHAVEN TEAM DEPARTED FROM KWAJALEIN ON SEPTEMBER NINTH AND VISITED RONGELAP, UTIRIK AND MAJURO. AT EACH OF THE ISLANDS THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE MET WITH THE MAGISTRATES, COUNCIL AND PEOPLE AND ASKED FOR THEIR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

"THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE ABLE TO RETURN TO RONGELAP AND UTIRIK IN DECEMBER AFTER IT HAS RECEIVED THE CONSULTANTS' REPORTS AND EXPLAIN TO THE PEOPLE THEIR FINDINGS," ACCORDING TO COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN HANS WILIANDER.

THE PEOPLE OF THE TWO ATOLLS WERE EXPOSED IN 1954 TO FALLOUT FROM AN H-BOMB TEST AT BIKINI ATOLL. THE PEOPLE OF RONGELAP WERE EXPOSED TO AN ESTIMATED 175 RADS OF WHOLE BODY RADIATION, WHILE IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT THE PEOPLE OF

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UTIRIK RECEIVED A LESSER AMOUNT OF 14 RADS. ALSO EXPOSED TO THE SAME FALLOUT AT THIS TIME WERE 23 FISHERMAN ON THE JAPANESE FISHING VESSEL "LUCKY DRAGON," AND 28 AMERICAN SERVICEMEN ON RONGERIK ATOLL 30 MILES EAST OF RONGELAP.

SINCE THAT TIME, EXTENSIVE ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT BY A MEDICAL TEAM HEADED BY DR. CONARD FROM THE BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY UNDER CONTRACT TO

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THE U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

THE CONGRESS COMMITTEE ON RONGELAP AND UTIRIK, CHAIRED BY MARIANAS SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA, WAS CREATED BY PUBLIC LAW 4C-33, INTRODUCED DURING THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO STUDY BOTH THE MEDICAL AND COMPENSATION ASPECTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TWO ATOLLS AND TO MAKE A FINAL REPORT TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DURING ITS REGULAR SESSION IN JANUARY, 1973.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO CONCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES HANS WILLIANDER OF TRUK, VICE CHAIRMAN; TIMOTHY OLKERIIL OF PALAU; AND ATAJI BALOS OF THE MARSHALLS AS INTERPRETER/INFORMANT. IN MAY THE COMMITTEE SUBMITTED AN INTERIM REPORT TO THE CONGRESS WHICH EXPRESSED CONCERN, SHARED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE 1972 MEDICAL SURVEY TO BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE BROOKHAVEN TEAM ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE THE ABORTED SURVEY, AND THAT THE TEAM BE ACCOMPANIED BY MEDICAL CONSULTANTS CHOSEN BY THE COMMITTEE. THE CONSULTANTS WERE: DR. E.E.

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POCHIN OF THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL, LONDON, ENGLAND;

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DR. HARUO EZAKI OF HIROSHIMA UNIVERSITY, DR. TOSHIYUKI KUMATORI OF THE JAPANESE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AND DR. WILLIAM S. COLE, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE BUREAU OF RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH.

THESE DOCTORS HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND WILL SUBMIT TO THE COMMITTEE WITHIN 50 DAYS INDIVIDUAL REPORTS EVALUATING THE EXAMINATION METHODS AND TREATMENT OF THE BROOKHAVEN TEAM.

ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, DOCTORS EZAKI AND KUMATORI ARRIVED ON SAIPAN TO VISIT WITH CHAIRMAN BORJA BRIEFLY BEFORE RETURNING TO JAPAN. THEY WERE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY SENATOR BORJA, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES DR. MASAO KUMANGAI AND DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL MAMORU NAKAMURA, WHO AS ACTING LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE CONGRESS HAD ACCOMPANIED THE COMMITTEE TO JAPAN IN JUNE.

SENATOR BORJA SAID THAT HE WAS "VERY PLEASED" BY THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE SURVEY AND AT THE INFORMATION GAINED BY THE COMMITTEE AND THAT "THE COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FORWARD WITH INTEREST TO THE REPORTS TO BE

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SUBMITTED BY ITS CONSULTANTS."

(AGRICULTURE PROGRAM)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 29, (MNS)---AGRICULTURE DIVISION CHIEF, BERMIN F. WEILBACHER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, INVITES THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAM GEARED TOWARDS PROCESSING AND UTILIZING SEASONAL OR EXCESS LOCAL PRODUCTS SUCH AS BREADFRUIT, TARO, YAM, BANANA AND COCONUTS FOR DOMESTIC AND EXPORT TRADE.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN DETAILS OF SUCH A PROGRAM IS INVITED TO CONTACT THE CHIEF, DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE AT SAIPAN OR THE NEAREST DISTRICT AGRICULTURE OFFICE.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THIS PROGRAM IS OCTOBER 30, 1972.

(INCOME TAX REMINDER)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 29, (MNS)---THE HEADQUARTERS FINANCE OFFICE HAS ISSUED A REMINDER TO ALL BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYERS THAT THEIR MICRONESIAN INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, MUST BE FILED NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 20.

THIS INCLUDES THE RETURN FOR BUSINESS GROSS REVENUE TAX,

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THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN, AND THE RETURN FOR TAXES WITHHELD FROM THE EMPLOYEES' WAGES. THERE ARE PENALTIES

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PROVIDEDS FOR BY LAW FOR BUSINESSES OR EMPLOYERS WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT FOR FILING TAX RETURNS, OR WHO FAIL TO FILE THE RETURNS ON TIME.

IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE FILING OF THESE TAX RETURNS, CONTACT THE DISTRICT FINANCE OFFICE IN YOUR DISTRICT.

(PEACE MEMORIAL)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 29, (MNS FEATURETTE)---THE "SPIRIT OF PEACE" WAS PETITIONED THURSDAY (SEPT.29) TO OCCUPY THE MEMORIAL RAISED ON THE BRINK OF SAIPAN'S FAMED SUICIDE CLIFF ON THE ISLAND'S NORTHERN TIP.

THE MEMORIAL, SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE ERECTION OF A PEACE MEMORIAL STATUE IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, WAS BUILT EARLIER THIS YEAR AND DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE JAPANESE CIVILIANS AND SOLDIERS WHO PERISHED ON SAIPAN DURING WORLD WAR TWO.

THE GLEAMING WHITE MEMORIAL IS LOCATED ON A PLOT OF GROUND WHICH WAS PLACED UNDER PERMIT FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT TO THE ASSOCIATION. IT WAS DESIGNED BY NOTED TOKYO ARCHITECT NOBORI OYUMA, WHO WAS PRESENT FOR THE THURSDAY

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FIVE BEROBED, HIGH-RANKING BUDDHIST PRELATES CONDUCTED THE HOUR-LONG CEREMONIES IN A BRISK BREEZE UNDER BRILLIANT MICRONESIAN SKIES, THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS--A CARDINAL, TWO BISHOPS AND TWO MONSIGNORS OF THE NISHIRAN SECT--HAD TRAVELED TO SAIPAN FROM JAPAN ESPECIALLY FOR THE RITUAL.

THE MEMORIAL STATUE, WHICH IS THE EMBODIMENT OF THE SIX

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BUDDHIST SECTS, WAS THE FOCAL POINT OF THE SOMBER SUPPLICATIONS FROM ITS POSITION ATOP THE MEMORIAL COLUMN CENTERED ON A LARGE OVAL BASE. THE SERENE, DIMINUTIVE LIKENESS OF BUDDHA FACES NORTH OFF THE 852-FOOT PRECIPICE, WHERE THOUSANDS OF JAPANESE SOLDIERS MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE TO THEIR EMPEROR NATION IN THE WANING DAYS OF THE PACIFIC WAR.

AS THE SERVICE PROGRESSED, VIEWED BY A SMALL NUMBER OF INVITED GUESTS, A LOW CHANT GAINED VOLUME AS THE BUDDHISTS IMPLORING THE "SPIRIT OF PEACE" TO DWELL IN THE MEMORIAL FOR ALL TIME. THE RHYTHMIC INCANTATION WAS GIVEN POETIC MEASURE BY THE SOUNDS OF TINY BELLS AND THE STRIKING OF POLISHED WOODEN MALLETS AGAINST SMALL, WOODEN BOXES.

THE CHANT PERFORMED BY THE BUDDHIST ELDERS APPEALING AS A GROUP WAS OCCASIONALLY BROKEN FOR INDIVIDUAL ENTREATIES, TO RESUME THE TRADITIONAL TABLEAU FAMILIAR IN BUDDHIST CEREMONIES. THE FINAL PHASE OF THE RITE WAS CONDUCTED BY THE AGING CARDINAL, WHO READ FROM SCROLLS IN AN EVEN, CLEAR MONOTONE.

FOLLOWING THE APPEALS BY THE VISITING PRELATES, BRIGHT YELLOW CHRYSANTHEMUMS WERE PLACED IN LARGE MARBLE VASES

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WHICH ARE PERMANENT FIXTURES AT THE BASE OF THE MEMORIAL.

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GUESTS WERE INVITED TO ASSIST IN THIS OFFERING.

PARTICIPANTS AND VIEWERS WERE GUESTS AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HAFU ADAI HOTEL FOLLOWING THE CEREMONIES.

TOKUICHI KURIBAYASHI, TOKYO INDUSTRIALIST, IS CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION WHICH SPONSORED THE CEREMONIES.

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