

BUSINESS PERMITS ACTIVITY

SAIPAN-- Most business interest on the part of non-Micronesians continues to be centered in the Mariana Islands District, judging by the applications received during recent weeks at the Headquarters Division of Economic Development. However, applications were also received for Yap and the Marshalls, and one applicant hopes to enter his type of business territory-wide.

In the Marianas, applications included one from Dillingham Corporation of Micronesia for a contracting and construction permit. The company presently operates in the district, and the application is for renewal only.

An air taxi firm, to be called Pacific Air, Inc., wishes to incorporate in the Marianas. The company presently operates Pacific from Guam, and desires to move its base of operations from Guam to Saipan. F. Scott Kilgore heads the firm, which al-

so operates KHAM-AM-TV on Guam and WSZE-TV on Saipan.

Cable television in the Trust Territory is getting considerable attention these days. A company called Pacific Communications, Inc., has applied for a permit to provide the service to all six districts, with primary interest in the Marshall Islands. Michael R. Forman of Los Angeles, California is the applicant, represented in the TT by Andrew R. Billimon of Majuro. The company is the third one to apply for a cable television permit in the TT during recent months. Holmes Management of Guam has pending applications in five districts, and has already received the approval of the Marianas Economic Development Board to operate on Saipan. Micronesian Broadcasting Corporation also applied for Saipan, but later withdrew that request.

Turtle Tours, Micro, Tours, and Fish.

All of these applications have been received at Headquarters, but have not yet been considered by the economic development boards in the districts concerned. After the boards make their recommendations, the applications will come to the High Commissioner for final disposition.

Some recent final actions taken included the approval of a permit for First National City Bank to open a representative office--but not a full branch--on Saipan, and approval of Marianas Pacific Distributors to enter into the liquor wholesaling and distributing business on Saipan.

The Economic Development Office also announced this week that it has entered into a contract with the Dun and Bradstreet Company of Honolulu to provide credit references. It is hoped that this will speed up financial checks on various applications for foreign investors business permits.

Incorporated, headed by Earl Kloppenberg of Guam, has applied for a permit to enter into the hotel business on Saipan. The company is affiliated with Tony Guerrero of Saipan, who operates a restaurant known as the Chamorro Island Hut.

And finally in the Mariana Islands District, Juan C. Tenorio and Associates, a Guam company, has applied for a permit to enter into the land surveying, engineering and project management business in the district.

On the neighbor islands, J. Lawrence White, a certified public accountant, has applied for a business permit for an auditing and accounting service in the Marshalls. And a company called Frosty Fish has asked for permission to begin a lobster and fish exporting business in Yap District, centered on Ulithi. Frank Mateljan of California is the principal applicant for Frosty Fish.