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(SLIGHT DELAY IN TALKS)

SAIPAN, OCT. 26 (MNS)---THE FOLLOWING RELEASE WAS JOINTLY MADE ON FRIDAY (OCT. 26), BY SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, AND MS. MARY VANCE TRENT, REPRESENTING AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS:

THE OPENING OF THE SEVENTH ROUND OF STATUS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS HAS BEEN POSTPONED FROM NOVEMBER 10 TO NOVEMBER 13. THE POSTPONEMENT OF A FEW DAYS WAS AGREED TO BY AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS AND SENATOR

SALII AT THE REQUEST OF THE LATTER IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION FROM SAIPAN TO SAN FRANCISCO ON THE MORNING OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1973. THE POSTPONEMENT WILL GIVE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR CONSULTATION AMONG THEMSELVES AND WITH THEIR LEGAL CONSULTANTS.

(CREWMAN CHARGED)

SAIPAN, OCT. 26 (MNS)---A YOUNG SAIPANESE CREWMAN ABOARD THE M/S GUNNER'S KNOT HAS BEEN CHARGED BY AUTHORITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES WITH "HOMICIDE THROUGH RECKLESS IMPRUDENCE," ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED THIS WEEK BY OFFICIALS OF TRANSPACIFIC LINES ON SAIPAN AND REPORTED BY KJOR NEWS.

TRANSPAC GENERAL MANAGER WILLIAM PENROSE SAID HE WAS NOTIFIED OF THE FORMAL FILING OF A CHARGE AGAINST 20-YEAR-OLD LUIS O. KAPILEO IN A LETTER FROM HIS COMPANY'S AGENT IN MANILA, WHO IN TURN WAS INFORMED OF THE CHARGE BY WIRE FROM THE STATE'S ATTORNEY IN ILLIGAN, A SMALL TOWN ON THE ISLAND OF MINDANAO.

KAPILEO, OF TANAPAG VILLAGE ON SAIPAN, WAS TAKE INTO CUSTODY IN ILLIGAN LAST MONTH FOLLOWING THE APPARENTLY

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ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING DEATH OF A FELLOW CREWMAN, JOHN LEKKA OF PONAPE. THE INCIDENT OCCURED ON BOARD THE SHIP WHILE SHE WAS LOADING CEMENT IN THE PHILIPPINE PORT.

A TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL SAID FRIDAY (OCT. 26) THAT THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN MANILA IS WORKING THROUGH THE U.S. CONSULATE IN CEBU ON THE CASE. THEY HAVE CONTACTED KAPILEO, OFFERING HIM ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE, AND ARE WORKING WITH PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES TO OBTAIN HIS RELEASE.

(MAS MAULEG TO DRYDOCK)

SAIPAN, OCT. 26 (MNS)---TRANSPACIFIC LINES ANNOUNCED FRIDAY (OCT. 26) THAT ITS SHORT-RANCE CARGO VESSEL M/S MAS MAULEG WILL BE DUE FOR HER ANNUAL DRYDOCKING AND INSPECTION AT THE END OF OCTOBER. THE SHIP PRESENTLY SERVES THE TT PORTS OF PONAPE, KUSAIE, EBeye AND MAJURO PROVIDING BOTH CARGO AND PASSENGER SERVICE.

A LETTER NOTIFYING TRANSPAC OF THE NEED FOR DRYDOCKING CAME FROM THE BOARD OF MARINE INSPECTORS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT. IT SAID:

"SINCE THE CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION FOR MAS MAULEG HAS

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EXPIRED, THE VESSEL HAS TO BE INSPECTED AND THE CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION HAS TO BE RENEWED BEFORE SHE CAN CONTINUE OPERATING IN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE..."

TRANSPAC SAID CURRENT PLANS ARE TO WITHDRAW THE MAS MAULEG FROM ITS CURRENT SERVICE AT THE END OF THE CURRENT VOYAGE FROM MAJURO, EBeye, KUSIAE AND PONAPE AND SEND HER TO THE SHIPYARD. "AT THE SHIPYARD," SAID GENERAL MANAGER OF THE COMPANY WILLIAM PENROSE, "WE WILL EVALUATE THE PROSPECTS OF RETURNING THE SHIP TO ITS PRESENT TRADE ROUTE AFTER OVERHAUL IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXPENSES OF MAINTAINING THE MAS MAULEG AND THE REVENUES GENERATED BY HER."

PENROSE SAID THAT IN THE MEANTIME SERVICE TO KUSAIE AND EBeye WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE OTHER SHIPS OF THE TRANSPAC FLEET, PARTICULARLY THE NEWLY ACQUIRED M/S HERKIMER AND M/S MUSKINGUM.

(PALAU LEGISLATURE ENDS SESSION)

PALAU, OCT. 26 (MNS)---THE FIFTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTH PALAU LEGISLATURE OFFICIALLY CAME TO A

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CLOSE LAST WEEK AFTER ALMOST THREE WEEKS OF MEETINGS IN KOROR. THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, THOMAS REMENGESAU, AND SPEAKER OF THE PALAU LEGISLATURE ITELBANG LUII DELIVERED SHORT REMARKS IN CLOSING THE SESSION, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM DISTRICT INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRMIDOL.

THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR INFORMED THE LEADERS OF PALAU THAT THE BIDS FOR THE RENRAK BRIDGE WENT OVER THE EXPECTED FIGURE BY ABOUT TWO MILLION DOLLARS. HOWEVER, EVEN THOUGH THIS HAS CAUSED DELAY IN THE BUILDING OF THE BRIDGE, THE DISTAD ASSURED THE LEGISLATORS THAT THE BRIDGE WILL BE BUILT. HE WENT ON TO COMMENT ON THE NICE JOB DONE BY THE PALAU LEGISLATURE FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS, AND SAID HE WILL CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE MEASURES THAT WILL BE SENT TO HIS OFFICE. BUT, HE SAID, SOME OF HIS ACTIONS MAY NOT SATISFY EVERYBODY. IN CONCLUDING HIS REMARKS, HE ASKED EVERYBODY TO THINK AND PRAY FOR THE TWO HIGH CHIEFS, IBEDUL AND REKLAI, THREE LEGISLATORS AND STAFF OF THE PALAU LEGISLATURE WHO ARE ATTENDING THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF LEGISLATORS IN SAMOA, SO THAT UPON THEIR SAFE RETURN, THE PALAUAN PEOPLE WILL BENEFIT FROM THEIR EXPERIENCE.

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THE SPEAKER URGED HIS COLLEAGUES AND OTHER LEADERS OF PALAU TO COOPERATE AND WORK JOINTLY TOWARD THE FUTURE OF PALAU. HE FURTHER SAID THAT PALAU IS IN A STAGE WHERE WE MUST WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF ALL OF US. "IT IS IN THIS ERA OF DEVELOPMENT," THE SPEAKER CONTINUED, "THAT WE MUST PUT OUR EFFORTS TOGETHER IN ORDER TO REACH OUR ULTIMATE POLITICAL DESTINY."

A TOTAL OF 59 MEASURES WERE INTRODUCED DURING THE SESSION, OF THESE 33 WERE RESOLUTIONS, AND 21 WERE ADOPTED. TWENTY-NINE

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(SICARD NAMED FISHING COORDINATOR)

SAIPAN, OCT. 26, (MNS)---ACTING DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, EUSEBIO RECHUCHER ANNOUNCED FRIDAY (OCT. 26) THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS APPOINTED COOPERATIVE/CREDIT UNION ADVISER CHARLES M. SICARD AS COORDINATOR FOR ALL MATTERS HAVING TO DO WITH DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITY AFFAIRS AS FOUND IN PUBLIC LAW 5-21. IT WILL BE HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO COORDINATE AND FOLLOW-UP ALL AFFAIRS RELATED TO THE FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1973 ON BEHALF OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AT HEADQUARTERS.

SICARD STATED THAT THE FISHING AUTHORITIES IN TRUK AND PONAPE DISTRICTS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT FISHERIES SPECIALIST, ARE WELL UNDERWAY TO BEING OPERATIONAL INASMUCH AS THOSE TWO DISTRICT LEGISLATURES HAVE PASSED THE NECESSARY RESOLUTIONS ALLOWING FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS TO CALL IN THOSE DISTRICTS.

AS REQUIRED BY PUBLIC LAW 5-25, TERRITORY-WIDE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AUTHORITIES ARE IN FINAL FORM AND HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITIES FOR SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS; THESE BECOME EFFECTIVE 30 DAYS AFTER THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

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APPROVES THEM.

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(ATALIG SCORES AIR PACIFIC)

SAIPAN, OCT. 26 --- (CONGRESS RELEASE)---CONGRESSMAN FELIPE O. ATALIG OF THE MARIANAS RETURNED TO SAIPAN THIS WEEK FOLLOWING A SERIES OF HEARINGS ABOUT HEALTH PROBLEMS OF THE OUTER-ISLANDS OF THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT.

ATALIG SAID HIS EARLY RETURN HOME WAS PROMPTED BY HIS HEALTH AND NOTED THAT THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH MATTERS IS CONTINUING HEARINGS IN THE OUTER ISLANDS OF THE MARSHALLS AND WILL HOPEFULLY CONCLUDE ITS SURVEY ON HEALTH PROBLEMS BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. HE SAID HE INTENDS TO ISSUE A RELEASE ON THE OUTCOME OF HIS SUBCOMMITTEE'S TRIP EARLY NEXT WEEK.

MEANWHILE, ATALIG TOOK ISSUE WITH AIR PACIFIC'S REFUSAL LAST WEEK TO BRING A DYING PATIENT FROM TINIAN TO SAIPAN FOR MEDICAL CARE. HE SAID THE SITUATION WAS URGENT AND THAT AIR PACIFIC SHOULD NOT HAVE REFUSED IN ASSISTING IN SUCH EMERGENCY CASES. THE AIRLINE OPERATES SCHEDULED AIR TAXI SERVICE IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS.

THE MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN COMMENDED CONTINENTAL AIR

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MICRONESIA FOR ITS PROMPT RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION BY MAKING A SPECIAL LANDING ON TINIAN LAST WEEK TO DROP OFF CHIEF DISTRICT NURSE ENGRACIA JOHNSON WHO PROVIDED EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE FOR THE PATIENT. ATALIG SAID HE COULD ONLY EXPRESS HIS GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT OVER AIR PACIFIC'S REFUSAL TO RESPOND FAVORABLY IN SUCH CASES WHEN ITS SERVICES ARE MOST NEEDED.
(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH RETURNS)

SAIPAN, OCT. 26 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, CHAIRED BY SENATOR EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN OF THE MARIANAS, HAS RETURNED TO THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES, FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK INVESTIGATING THE FEASIBILITY OF REFERRING TRUST TERRITORY PATIENTS NEEDING SPECIALIZED MEDICAL TREATMENT OF PHILIPPINE HOSPITALS.

ACCORDING TO A SUBCOMMITTEE SPOKESMAN, MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH THE SECRETARIES OF HEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND LENGTHY INSPECTIONS WERE MADE OF SEVERAL MANILA AREA HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS.

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THE SUBCOMMITTEE SOLICITED BIDS FROM THE HOSPITALS ON ALL-INCLUSIVE, DAILY FLAT-RATES FOR TRUST TERRITORY PATIENTS. CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE IDEA WAS SHOWN BY PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BY MANILA HOSPITALS, AND SEVERAL OF THE LATTER HAVE AGREED TO SUBMIT BIDS.

SENATOR PANGELINAN EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT IT MAY NOW PROVE CHEAPER TO SEND TRUST TERRITORY PATIENTS TO PHILIPPINE HOSPITALS THAN TO U.S. MILITARY HOSPITALS IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE MILITARY HOSPITALS HAVE RECENTLY INCREASED THEIR RATES FOR CIVILIANS BY TWO-HUNDRED PERCENT.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONSISTED OF SENATOR ROMAN TMETUHL OF PALAU IN ADDITION TO CHAIRMAN PANGELINAN. THE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A TRUST TERRITORY HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION SPECIALIST AND BY A CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA STAFF ATTORNEY.

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