

(KUSAIE FISHERMAN FOUND)

SAIPAN, NOV. 29 (MNS)---A 42-YEAR-OLD FISHERMAN FROM KUSAIE ISLAND, PONAPE DISTRICT, REPORTED LOST AT SEA SINCE SEPTEMBER 27, WAS FOUND BY A JAPANESE FISHING BOAT 45 MILES SOUTH OF MOEN ISLAND, TRUK DISTRICT. JOSEPH TULENA FROM UTWE VILLAGE WAS RESCUED ON NOVEMBER 22, THANKSGIVING DAY, DRIFTING IN THE OPEN WATER BY THE JAPANESE FISHING BOAT M/V MIYOJIN MARU NUMBER 88 AND WAS BROUGHT TO TRUK'S DISTRICT CENTER OF MOEN.

ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY REPORTS FROM TRUK, THE 13 YEAR-OLD BOY HOSIA OTIS WHO ACCOMPANIED TULENA ON HIS FISHING TRIP IS MISSING AND IS PRESUMED LOST AT SEA. TULENA IS IN THE HOSPITAL WHERE HE IS REPORTED WEAK BUT GENERALLY IN GOOD CONDITION. HE IS STILL AT THE HOSPITAL UNDERGOING EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT.

THE 16 FOOT OUTBOARD MOTOR BOAT WAS THE SUBJECT OF A WIDESPREAD SEARCH INVOLVING THE U.S. NAVY'S HU 16 AMPHIBIOUS AIRCRAFT FOR TWO DAYS, SEARCHING THE AREA WHERE THE MEN WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE DISAPPEARED BUT WERE UNABLE TO FIND ANY SIGN OF THE MISSING BOAT.

(MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION HEARINGS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 29 (MNS)---MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION ARE HAVING A PRE-CONFERENCE ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK TO REVIEW THE LEGAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES MADE BY THE CONSULTANTS OF THE COMMISSION. SENATOR EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION TOLD MNS ON SAIPAN THAT LEGAL CONSULTANT HOWARD P. WILLENS FROM THE WASHINGTON LAW FIRM OF WILMER, CUTLER AND PICKERING AND JAMES R. LEONARD, AN ECONOMIC CONSULTANT, ALSO BASED IN WASHINGTON ARE REVIEWING AND STUDIES TOGETHER WITH THE COMMISSION. THE MEETING IS BEING HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BUILDING.

MEANWHILE, THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION WILL CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETINGS ON SAIPAN, TINIAN AND ROTA TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC ON WHAT THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN DOING AND WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THAT HEARING IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK.

THE STATUS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE THIRD ROUND IN THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE MARIANAS GROUP AND THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WILL BEGIN ON DECEMBER SIXTH AND CONTINUE THROUGH DECEMBER NINETEENTH ON SAIPAN. THE PLENARY SESSION WILL BE HELD AT THE ROYAL TASA HOTEL WHILE THE WORKING SESSION IS TO BE CONDUCTED AT THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BUILDING.

THERE ARE TWO NEWS FACES ON THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION WHO WILL ATTEND THE MEETINGS FOR THE FIRST TIME. THEY ARE FORMER TINIAN MAYOR JOSE R. CRUZ, ONE OF THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM TINIAN WHO REPLACES HERMAN MANGLONA WHO RESIGNED, AND PEDRO A. TENORIO FROM SAIPAN, REPRESENTING THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF SAIPAN WHO REPLACES JOSE C. TENORIO (JOETEN) WHO ALSO RESIGNED.

(PALAU DISTRICT ACTED ON BILLS)

PALAU, NOV. 29 (MNS)---PALAU ACTING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR HARUO I. REMELIUK TOOK ACTIONS ON ALL MEASURES PASSED BY THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED FIFTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTH PALAU LEGISLATURE WEDNESDAY, (NOV. 27). THIRTEEN OF THE FOURTEEN BILLS WERE SIGNED INTO LAW. ONE WAS VETOED. MOST OF THE BILLS SIGNED WERE APPROPRIATION MEASURES.

THE LARGEST AMOUNT SIGNED WAS A 24,000 APPROPRIATION TO PAY THE SALARIES OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COOKS. MOST ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN PALAU DISTRICT HAVE STARTED LUNCH PROGRAMS. OTHER

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MAJOR APPROPRIATIONS SIGNED WERE A BILL APPROPRIATING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE 1973 ANNUAL PALAU FAIR; 4,200 TO PURCHASE DESKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS; 1,431 TO RENOVATE THE ROOF OF KAYANGEL ABAI; 1,033 TO IMPROVE AND REPAIR A BRIDGE IN NGECHESAR MUNICIPALITY; 1,000 TO REPAIR MEYUNS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN KOROR MUNICIPALITY. THERE WAS A MEASURE RECOGNIZING THE PALAU MUSEUM AND PROVIDING FOR A CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LEGISLATURE AND MAKING FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ITS OPERATIONS.

OTHER BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW WERE A MEASURE TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING THE COST FOR TRANSPORTING CHILDREN FROM NGEKELAU HAMLET TO SCHOOL IN ULMANG IN NGARAARD MUNICIPALITY DURING HIGH TIDE, AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO TRANSPORT SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM NGESSUUL AND NGERULIANG TO NGECHESAR, NGECHESAR MUNICIPALITY AND A BILL TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO TRANSPORT SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM MEDORM AND NGECHEMIYANGEL TO MONGAMI IN AIMELIIK MUNICIPALITY.

THE BILL VETOED BY THE ACTING DISTAD WAS ONE CALLING FOR AN AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE CHARTER.

(PALAU SPECIAL SESSION)

PALAU, NOV. 29 (MNS)---PALAU DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR THOMAS O. REMENGESAU HAS ISSUED A CALL FOR A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE TO BE HELD FOR TWO DAYS ON NOVEMBER 29 AND 30TH. ACCORDING TO PALAU DISTRICT INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRMIKIDOL, THE SPECIAL SESSION WAS CALLED TO HEAR, REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE PALAU DELEGATION ON THE RESULTS AND OUTCOME OF THE SEVENTH ROUND OF STATUS NEGOTIATIONS RECENTLY CONCLUDED IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS RELATIVE TO THE FUTURE STATUS OF MICRONESIA.

AMONG THE DIGNITARIES WHO ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND ARE PALAU'S MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS SENATORS ROMAN TMETUHL AND LAZARUS SALII, AND MAGISTRATES OF PALAU'S MUNICIPALITIES.

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