

(FOREIGN BUSINESS ACTIVITY)

SAIPAN, DEC. 4, (MNS)---BUSINESS PERMIT ACTION INVOLVING THREE FOREIGN COMPANIES WAS ANNOUNCED TUESDAY (DEC. 4) BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT. INCLUDED IS THE GRANTING OF ONE PERMIT, THE RENEWAL OF ANOTHER, AND THE PERMANENT REVOCATION OF A THIRD.

GRANTED TO THE BANK OF AMERICA WAS A PERMIT FOR THE OPERATION OF A COMMERCIAL BANKING BUSINESS IN MAJURO, THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT CENTER. SINCE THE COMPANY HAS BEEN IN OPERATION THERE FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THE PERMIT WAS SIMPLY TO BRING THE BANK INTO COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT TT FOREIGN BUSINESS REGULATIONS. IN GRANTING THE PERMIT, HOWEVER, THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD SPECIFIED AS A CONDITION OF THE PERMIT THAT BANK OF AMERICA MUST "MAKE EVERY EFFORT" TO EXTEND COMMERCIAL BANKING SERVICES TO THE ISLAND OF EBeye, IN KWAJALEIN ATOLL, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE MARIANAS DISTRICT BOARD RECOMMENDED, AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS NOW APPROVED, THE RENEWAL OF A FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT FOR DILLINGHAM CORPORATION OF MICRONESIA. THE FIRM ENGAGES IN THE PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF AGGREGATE AND AGGREGATE BY-PRODUCTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. C.W. WHITE IS PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO LAST WEEK NOTIFIED GUNTHER W. MOTHES OF ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, WHO HEADED A COMPANY THAT HAD HOPED TO GO INTO THE COMMERCIAL FISHING BUSINESS IN YAP DISTRICT, THAT HIS FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY REVOKE. THE ACTION ACTUALLY WAS TAKEN BY THE YAP DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN MAY OF THIS YEAR, AND LAST WEEK'S LETTER TO MOTHES DIMPLY INFORMED HIM THAT THE PERIOD OF TIME DURING WHICH HE MIGHT HAVE APPEALED THE DECISION HAD EXPIRED, AND THE REVOCATION IS NOW PERMANENT.

THERE WERE NO NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMITS RECEIVED BY THE DIVISION DURING THE PAST WEEK.
(RULL RECEIVES CHARTER)

YAP, DEC. 4, (MNS)---RULL MUNICIPALITY IN YAP DISTRICT, WITH OVER ONE THOUSAND RESIDENTS, RECEIVED A MUNICIPAL CHARTER FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NOVEMBER 30, 1973. RULL IS THE FIRST MUNICIPALITY IN YAP DISTRICT TO BE CHARTERED. THERE ARE NOW 46 SUCH CHARTERED MUNICIPALITIES OUT OF THE TOTAL OF 115 MUNICIPALITIES THROUGHOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY, ACCORDING TO A REPORT THIS WEEK FROM THE CIVIC AFFAIRS DIVISION OF THE TT PUELIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

A MUNICIPAL CHARTER, IN THIS CASE, IS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT WHICH LEGALLY AND FORMALLY ESTABLISHES THE AUTHORITY OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT TO EXCERCISE CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS AUTHORIZED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY.

THE PROCEDURE FOR THE GRANTING OF A MUNICIPAL CHARTER STARTS WITH THE REQUEST BY RESIDENTS OF A COMMUNITY OR MUNICIPALITY FORMALLY TO RECOGNIZE THE COMMUNITY'S LEGAL EXISTENCE AND GIVE IT CERTAIN POLITICAL RIGHTS TO CONDUCT ITS OWN LOCAL AFFAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS CHARTER AND OTHER LAWS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY WITHIN ITS POLITICAL JURISDICTION. A CHARTERED MUNICIPALITY HAS ONLY SUCH POWERS AS ARE GRANTED OR ARE FAIRLY IMPLIED FROM THOSE GRANTED. SUCH POWERS ARE SUBJECT TO ALL TERRITORY-WIDE LAWS AND ALL LAWS OF THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY IS LOCATED.

AMONG MANY OTHER THINGS, A MUNICIPAL CHARTER SUCH AS THE ONE GRANTED TO THE RULL MUNICIPALITY PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THREE BRANCHES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SIMILAR TO THE DISTRICT AND THE TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT. IT PROVIDES FOR A MUNICIPAL COUNCIL TO MAKE MUNICIPAL LAWS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES; AN OFFICE OF MAGISTRATE OR MAYOR TO ENFORCE LAWS MADE BY THE COUNCIL, OR DISTRICT

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LEGISLATURE OR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA; AND A COMMUNITY COURT. THE CHARTER ALSO EXPLAINS HOW MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE MAGISTRATE OR MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN, SHOULD BE ELECTED OR REMOVED FROM THEIR OFFICES, HOW A MUNICIPAL BUDGET SHOULD BE PREPARED, AND HOW ALL MUNICIPAL FUNDS ARE TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT FOR THE WELFARE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

RULL IS THE FIRST MUNICIPALITY TO BE GRANTED A CHARTER IN THE TRUST TERRITORY IN EIGHT YEARS. THE LAST CHARTER REQUEST CAME FROM KOLONIA, PONAPE IN 1965, ACCORDING TO CIVIC AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF DAIZIRO NAKAMURA.

(IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE)

SAIPAN, DEC. 4, (MNS)---THE ANNUAL TRUST TERRITORY IMMIGRATION OFFICERS CONFERENCE IS UNDERWAY ON SAIPAN AT THE HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCE ROOM.

AMONG THE TOPICS BEING DISCUSSED AT THE WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE ARE: THE OVERALL FUNCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE TT IMMIGRATION SERVICE; CONDITIONS GOVERNING ENTRY INTO THE TT; REVISED APPLICATION OF ENTRY FORMS; THE RESIDENT WORKERS ACT (PL 3C-44); NATIONALITY AND NATURALIZATION; U.S. COUNSELOR SERVICES, AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF IMMIGRATION OFFICES.

QUIRINO MENDIOLA, TT CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICER, IS PRESIDING OVER THE CONFERENCE. ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE ARE: FRANK CASTRO, MARIANAS; LEPTY LEVITICUS, MARSHALLS; LAURENCE IERAGO, PALAU; FRANCISCO SHAM, PONAPE; MOTARO HELTARD, TRUK; JESSE BAYLUY, YAP, AND ASSISTANT CHIEF CHARLES CALVO.

THE CONFEREES WILL OBSERVE THE IMMIGRATION OPERATION AT SAIPAN'S KOBLER FIELD WEDNESDAY, AND WILL ALSO GET INVOLVED IN PROCESSING THE SS ORIENTAL PRESIDENT, A PASSENGER SHIP SCHEDULED TO CALL AT SAIPAN'S CHARLIE DOCK ON SATURDAY.

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(EDUCATION COMMITTEE TRAVELS)

SAIPAN, DECEMBER 4 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND SOCIAL MATTERS IS CURRENTLY TRAVELING TO THE EASTERN DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA TO HOLD A SERIES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON A NUMBER OF EDUCATION-RELATED MATTERS.

THE COMMITTEE, HEADED BY ACTING CHAIRMAN TARKONG PEDRO OF PALAU, WILL SOLICIT THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICTS ON THE FOLLOWING PENDING LEGISLATION: HB 44, EMPLOYMENT OF NONRESIDENT WORKERS; HB 46, RELATING TO THE MICOM'S VETO MESSAGE ON A SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM; HB 118, RELATING TO AN UNEMPLOYMENT PROGRAM; HB 121, ESTABLISHING A MICRONESIAN RESEARCH CENTER ATTACHED TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA; HB 154, RELATING TO THE STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO IN THE TT; HB 168, APPROPRIATING \$145,000 FOR A NEW DORMITORY AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA; HB 184, RELATING TO HISTORIC SITES, ANTIQUITIES AND PARKS; AND HB 204, REGARDING THE IMPORTATION OF NONRESIDENT WORKERS.

ASIDE FROM THESE MEASURES, THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO GET THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICTS CONCERNING TITLE 41 OF THE TT-CODE RELATING TO EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY THE AREA REQUIRING THE CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS AND THE DIFFERENCES IN FUNCTION OF THE TT-WIDE BOARD OF EDUCATION VERSUS THE DISTRICT BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS WITH DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS EDUCATIONAL MATTERS MENTIONED IN LETTERS SENT TO THEM EARLIER BY THE COMMITTEE. DISCUSSION WILL ALSO INCLUDE A LOOK INTO CERTAIN ASPECTS OF OUR CURRENT EDUCATIONAL

SYSTEM, INCLUDING CURRICULUM, SUGGESTED TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE SENATE PRESIDENT AND THE HOUSE SPEAKER.

LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICTS ASKING VARIOUS AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS AND BOARDS TO SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS ON THESE MATTERS. THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS WITH THE PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE JOINT TASK FORCE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE AND DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

THE COMMITTEE BEGINS HEARINGS IN THE MARSHALLS TUESDAY (DEC. 4), AND WILL TRAVEL FROM THERE TO PONAPE ON THE 7TH. HEARINGS IN TRUK DISTRICT ARE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 10TH. THE COMMITTEE EXPECTS TO COMPLETE ITS WORK BY DECEMBER 15TH.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ASIDE FROM ACTING CHAIRMAN TARKONG PEDRO OF PALAU ARE: JOAB SIGRAH OF PONAPE, CHAIRMAN; PEDRO P. TENORIO OF THE MARIANAS; JOHN RUGULIMAR OF YAP; ENDY DOIS OF TRUK; AND, JOHN HEINE OF THE MARSHALLS. THE COMMITTEE IS ACCOMPANIED BY STAFF ATTORNEY JOHN YUNG AND ASSISTANT HOUSE CLERK SINGKICHY GEORGE.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR HAS ISSUED A LENGTHY NEWS RELEASE SUMMARIZING THE FINDINGS OF A JOINT HEW/INTERIOR TASK FORCE THAT STUDIED MICRONESIA'S NEEDS IN SEVERAL KEY AREAS. SINCE THE NEWS RELEASE IS VERY LONG, WE WILL RUN IT IN FOUR PARTS IN MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE THIS WEEK. PART ONE FOLLOWS. FOR EACH OF THE OTHER THREE PARTS WE WILL PROVIDE AN INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH, SO THAT EACH PART CAN BE UTILIZED SEPARATELY AS PART OF DAILY NEWSCASTS WITH THE PROPER EXPLANATORY CONTEXT.)

(JOINT TASK FORCE REPORTS ON MICRONESIA)

WASHINGTON, DEC. 4, (INTERIOR DEPARTMENT RELEASE)---A JOINT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE-DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TASK FORCE HAS IDENTIFIED PRIORITY PROBLEMS IN HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN MICRONESIA AND RECOMMENDED STEPS TO IMPROVE HEW PROGRAMS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC.

THE TASK FORCE BEGAN ITS STUDY IN SEPTEMBER 1972 AND SUBMITTED ITS REPORT RECENTLY TO SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ROGERS C.B. MORTON AND SECRETARY OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE CASPER W. WEINBERGER.

STANLEY S. CARPENTER, DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, AND JESSE L. STEINFELD, FORMER SURGEON GENERAL, U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, CO-CHAIRLED THE JOINT TASK FORCE, WHICH WAS COMPRISED OF FOUR MICRONESIANS, FOUR OFFICIALS OF HEW, AND TWO FROM INTERIOR.

THE STUDY UNDERTOOK A REVIEW OF HEW PROGRAMS IN MICRONESIA TO DETERMINE WHETHER RESOURCES MEET THE NEEDS IN AREAS OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. IN ADDITION, A REPORT ON SANITATION FACILITIES IN MICRONESIA BY TWO HEW PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE EXPERTS WAS MADE PART OF THE TASK FORCE REPORT.

BECAUSE SERVICES TO MICRONESIANS MUST REACH 115,000 PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON 130 OF 2100 SMALL ISLANDS SPREAD OVER A THREE MILLION SQUARE MILE AREA, IT IS DIFFICULT AND EXPENSIVE TO PROVIDE FOR ALL THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE LIVING THERE, THE REPORT POINTS OUT.

FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE TASK FORCE. SUMMARIES OF OTHER PORTIONS OF THE REPORT WILL BE REPORTED ON IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

THE HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT STATED THAT THE GREATEST EMPHASIS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF THE OVERALL HEALTH PROGRAM; PROVIDING HEALTH EDUCATION TO CITIZENS OF MICRONESIA; PROVIDING SANITARY FACILITIES AND PURE WATER SUPPLIES, AND EXTENDING TRAINING FOR MICRONESIANS SO THEY CAN CARRY ON VARIOUS HEALTH PROGRAMS.

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THE HEALTH REPORT ALSO STATED THAT THE BUILDING OF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS AND CONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES NOT ONLY CONSUME SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF RESOURCES, BUT TAKE A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME TO EFFECT. SIMILARLY, THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL-- PHYSICIANS, NURSES, PHARMACISTS, DENTISTS, PARAPROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGERS OF HEALTH FACILITIES, ALONG WITH TRAINED INDIVIDUALS TO MAINTAIN AND SERVICE SEWAGE AND WATER SYSTEMS--ALL TAKES TIME. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT PERSONNEL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS BE PLANNED TOGETHER SO THAT THE OVERALL PROGRAM WILL BE PROPERLY PHASED WITHIN THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE ABSENCE OF A SIGNIFICANT INDIGENOUS ECONOMY REQUIRES CAREFUL PLANNING TO ACHIEVE AN ADEQUATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO DEVELOP AND/OR MAINTAIN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

ANOTHER PROBLEM IS THAT IN 1973 THE MANAGEMENT AND MEDICAL EXPERTISE FOR FUNDING A HEALTH SYSTEM OF AN ISOLATED POPULATION OF 115,000 IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OR IN ALMOST ANY ISOLATED COMMUNITY WITHIN THE CONTINENTAL U.S., IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE. THE HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE WANTS TO INSURE THAT CERTAIN TYPES OF HEALTH TALENT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY ON A LONG-RANGE BASIS. THEREFORE IT RECOMMENDS AS ONE SOLUTION THE FORMULATION OF AN OUTSIDE ADVISORY GROUP ON A LONG-TERM BASIS TO MEET REGULARLY TO ADVISE THE TRUST TERRITORY ON HEALTH MATTERS. ANOTHER POSSIBLE SOLUTION IS A FORMAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII OR ONE OF THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITIES TO TRAIN MICRONESIAN MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND ALSO PROVIDE CONSULTATION ON A REGULAR BASIS, OR HAVE PARAPROFESSIONALS TRAINED AT THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FACILITIES, THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, OR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HOSPITALS.

THE HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT IDENTIFY IN DETAIL THE BUDGET FOR FACILITIES, PERSONNEL, AND PROGRAMS FOR HEALTH NEEDS, BUT IT RECOMMENDED THAT THESE BE DETERMINED. IT SUGGESTED THAT ANOTHER GROUP FROM HEW, THE TRUST TERRITORY, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, OR THE U.S. MAKE A DETAILED THREE TO SIX MONTHS ONSITE SURVEY TO DETERMINE IN DEPTH THE MEDICAL, DENTAL, HEALTH AND EDUCATION NEEDS; COST OF FACILITY CONSTRUCTION; PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION; SUPPLIES, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNICATION, AND COME UP WITH A TOTAL PROGRAM PLAN WITH EXPENDITURES NEEDED OVER A THREE TO FIVE OR SEVEN YEAR PERIOD, IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT AN APPROPRIATE HEALTH SYSTEM IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE STATED THAT SUCH A SURVEY COULD BE THE BASIS FOR A SPECIAL REVENUE SHARING PACKAGE; THE INCLUSION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY IN VARIOUS PIECES OF LEGISLATION WHERE IT IS NOT NEW INCLUDED, OR THE MODIFICATION OR CONTINUATION OF CATEGORICAL GRANT PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO HELP THE HEALTH SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT.

ALTHOUGH THE SUBCOMMITTEE DID NOT ADDRESS INSELF TO SPECIFIC PRIORITIES, THE SUBCOMMITTEE FELT THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR A NEW SYSTEM FOR HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY DRUG AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND CONTROL, AS WELL AS THE NEED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FORMAL MECHANISM FOR INVENTORY CONTROL AND DRUG DELIVERY, WHICH WOULD IMPROVE THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. THE REPORT SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE LOAN OF A PHARMACIST FROM THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE OF

THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE TO DEVELOP AND INSTITUTE BETTER DRUG DELIVERY AND CONTROL, AND EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR PURCHASING MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM PHS, THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, OR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AT CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS TO THE TRUST TERRITORY BUDGET. THE SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED OBTAINING A PERSON ON LOAN, POSSIBLY FROM PHS OR DOD, TO SOLVE THE LOGISTIC PROGRAMS OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, AND ALSO PERHAPS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH RESERVE TO HELP WITH SANITATION AND WATER SYSTEMS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

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