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WASHINGTON,---THE U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION'S REPORT OF RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY OF ENEWETAK ATOLL IS BEING DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEK TO OFFICIALS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AND TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ENEWETAK PEOPLE.

A TECHNICAL STUDY OF THE RADIOLOGICAL CONDITIONS EXISTING ON THE ATOLL, THE 3-VOLUME REPORT ALSO HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY; PROGRAM MANAGER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR "CLEANUP" OPERATIONS ON THE ATOLL, AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WHICH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR REHABILITATION OF THE ATOLL.

WHILE CONTAINING NO RECOMMENDATIONS ON RADIOLOGICAL CLEANUP LEVELS OR CRITERIA FOR CLEANUP, THE AEC STUDY WILL INFLUENCE FINAL CLEANUP AND REHABILITATION PLANS. THE AEC STAFF IS NOW STUDYING THE REPORT TO DEVELOP CLEANUP RECOMMENDATIONS.

THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, WHEN COMPLETED, ALONG WITH ENGINEER SURVEY REPORTS AND MASTER PLANS FOR RESETTLEMENT OF ENEWETAK ATOLL, WILL DETERMINE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ACTIONS NECESSARY TO READY THE ATOLL FOR RETURN OF THE ENEWETAK PEOPLE.

THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY, WHICH WILL DIRECT THE CLEANUP OPERATION, MUST PREPARE A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR PUBLICATION IN MID-MAY. ONLY AFTER APPROVAL OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT CAN DNA, WORKING WITH DOI AND AEC, FINALIZE PLANS FOR THE ACTUAL CLEANUP AND REHABILITATION OF THE ATOLL. ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IS NOT EXPECTED UNTIL LATE FALL.

DUE TO THE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE AEC RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY, TWO AEC OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED TO EXPLAIN THIS INFORMATION TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY AND ENEWETAK PEOPLE. MR. ROGER RAY, ASSISTANT MANAGER OF THE AEC'S NEVADA OPERATIONS OFFICE, WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE SURVEY, AND DR. WALTER NERVIK OF THE AEC'S LAWRENCE LIVERMORE LABORATORY, WHO SERVED AS TECHNICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE SURVEY, ARE CURRENTLY IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. THEY MET WEDNESDAY (APRIL 10) WITH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN AND OTHER STAFF MEMBERS, AND WERE TO LEAVE THURSDAY MORNING FOR MAJURO.

COPIES OF THE ENEWETAK RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY, NVO-140, ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT THE AEC'S PUBLIC DOCUMENT ROOM, 1717 H STREET NW, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND AT AEC OFFICES IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, AND HONOLULU, HAWAII, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, SAIPAN, TTPI, AND THE DISTAD'S OFFICE IN MAJURO, MARSHALL ISLANDS:

(TRANSPAC RECEIVER FILES SUIT)

SAIPAN, APRIL 10 (MNS)---THE TRANSPACIFIC LINES RECEIVER CLAIMED TUESDAY (APRIL 9) ON SAIPAN THAT A PHILIPPINE BARGE WHICH SANK OFF TRUK SATURDAY WITH 76 CONTAINERS OF PONAPE-BOUND CARGO ABOARD WAS UNSEAWORTHY AND THAT ITS TUG CREW WAS NEGLIGENT, ACCORDING TO A REPORT PUBLISHED IN WEDNESDAY'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

THE CHARGE WAS CONTAINED IN A COMPLAINT FILE IN TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COURT TO RECOVER DAMAGES FOR THE LOSS, BEING ESTIMATED AT \$2.5 MILLION TO \$3 MILLION. THIS INCLUDES THE VALUE OF THE CONTAINERIZED CARGO AND PREPAID FREIGHT CHARGES. A FULL ACCOUNTING OF THE LOSS IS NOT YET AVAILABLE, THE DAILY NEWS SAID.

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THE COMPLAINT, SIGNED BY TRANSPAC RECEIVER JOHN E. MEADOWS, NAMES THE LUZON STEVEDORING CORP., OWNER OF THE BARGE, ITS AGENT, MARIANAS MARITIME CORP., AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED AGENTS. ALSO CITED IS LUZON'S TUGBOAT CHALLENGER, WHICH TOWED THE BARGE ON ITS VOYAGE FROM GUAM MARCH 31. THE TUGBOAT RETURNED IMMEDIATELY TO THE PHILIPPINES AFTER THE BARGE BROKE PART AND SANK.

AMONG THE LOST GOODS WERE THIRTY-FOUR CONTAINERS FULL OF "MIXED CARGO" WHICH WOULD INCLUDE FOOD AND OTHER GENERAL ITEMS, THIRTEEN CONTAINERS FULL OF BEVERAGES AND LIQUOR, ONE CONTAINER FULL OF UNSPECIFIED POISONS, FOURTEEN CONTAINERS FULL OF RICE, ONE CONTAINER OF GROCERY ITEMS, ONE CONTAINER OF SOAP, ANOTHER LOADED WITH FLOUR AND ONE CONTAINER FULL OF U.S. MAIL. ALSO THERE WERE A TOTAL OF NINE CONTAINERS FULL OF CHICKEN FEED WHICH HAD BEEN PUT ON THE BARGE AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF TRUST TERRITORY AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT LOW SUPPLY OF SUCH FEED IN PONAPE.

THE RECEIVERSHIP'S COMPLAINT ASK THE COURT TO AWARD IT ALL DAMAGES, INCLUDING PREPARED FREIGHT, LOST PROFITS, INTERESTS AND COST.

THE RECEIVERSHIP GIVES SEVERAL REASONS IN ITS COMPLAINT FOR THE BREAKUP AND SINKING OF THE BARGE: ITS CARGO FITTINGS AND DECK WERE ALLEGEDLY NOT OF SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO ALLOW A CRAWLER CRANE AND CONTAINERS TO BE SECURED TO THE DECKS; THE BARGE ALLEGEDLY DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE AND FUNCTIONING FLOODING ALARMS AND PUMPS; THE TUG CREW WAS ALLEGEDLY INCOMPETENT; THE BARGE WAS ALLEGEDLY ABANDONED BY THE TUG; THE BARGE WAS TOWED AT AN "EXCESSIVE SPEED"; AND IT WAS ALLOWED TO BROACH-TO "IN THE NORMAL SEAS FOR THIS PARTICULAR TIME OF THE YEAR," THE DAILY NEWS REPORTS.

THE LOSS OF THE CARGO, ASSERTS THE COMPLAINT, "WAS IN NO WAY DUE TO PLAINTIFF'S FAULT."

THE RECEIVERSHIP CHARTERED A NUMBER OF TUGS AND BARGES FROM THE MARIANAS MARITIME MARCH 6 TO DECREASE THE BACKLOG OF CONTAINERS STRANDED AT THE GUAM COMMERCIAL PORT WHEN THE TT SHIPPING LINE WAS DECLARED TO BE IN A STATE OF INSOLVENCY AND THE RECEIVERSHIP WAS ESTABLISHED.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE STILL WERE TRYING TO DETERMINE IF AN EMERGENCY FOOD SITUATION EXISTS IN PONAPE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS SAID IT WILL ARRANGE TO SHIP REPLACEMENTS FOR THE LOST CARGO IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY.

(TRADITIONAL LEADERS CONFERENCE OPENS ON PONAPE)

PONAPE, APRIL 10 (MNS)---A CONFERENCE OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS OPENED IN PONAPE TUESDAY (APRIL 9), ACCORDING TO HALVORSEN JOHNNY, MANAGER OF PONAPE'S RADIO BROADCAST STATION. HOWEVER FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, ONLY LEADERS FROM PONAPE AND TRUK DISTRICTS ARE ATTENDING THE MEETING.

WELCOMING REMARKS WERE GIVEN BY SAMUEL HADLEY, THE PARAMOUNT CHIEF OF PONAPE, WHO ALSO DISCUSSED THE TOPIC OF "UNITY IN MICRONESIA." THE CHIEF SAID THE CONFERENCE IS IMPORTANT FOR THREE REASONS: FIRST, IT WILL LEAD TO MUTUAL ACQUAINTANCE AMONG THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS IN MICRONESIA; SECONDLY, IT CAN INITIATE THE BEGINNING OF "GENUINE UNITY"; AND THIRDLY, IT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PONAPEANS WHO ARE WORKING IN THE OTHER DISTRICTS WITH OTHER MICRONESIANS.

HADLEY NOTED THAT IT IS HARD TO REALLY UNITE MICRONESIA BECAUSE OF THE DIVERSITY OF CULTURES, CUSTOMS AND LANGUAGES AS WELL AS THE DIVERGENCE OF OPINIONS AS TO WHAT THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE. HE BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT IF MICRONESIANS COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER IT CAN ACCOMPLISHED.

HE POINTED OUT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE IN MICRONESIA TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE A COMMON ENEMY, AND THIS ENEMY IS

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"SUPPRESSION OF MICRONESIANS UNDER FOREIGN DOMINATION." HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE BENEFICIAL THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE.

DISTAD OF PONAPE LEO A. FALCAM ALSO ADDRESSED THE GROUP OF PONAPEAN AND TRUK TRADITIONAL LEADERS ON BEHALF OF HIS ADMINISTRATION AND THAT OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AT THE HEADQUARTERS ON SAIPAN, WHO WAS NOT ABLE TO BE AT THE MEETING. IT WAS REPORTED THAT TRADITIONAL LEADERS FROM THE OTHER DISTRICTS WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE-- SOME, BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUNDS, AND SEVERAL DISTRICT LEGISLATURES ARE CURRENTLY IN SESSION.

FALCAM, IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE CHIEFS, STATED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WILL LEARN FROM THEIR TRADITIONAL LEADERS ABOUT THEIR OBLIGATIONS, RIGHTS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH APPLY TO THEIR WORK. HE NOTED THAT THE MEETING WILL BRING-UP IMPORTANT SUBJECTS WHICH REQUIRE THE ATTENTION OF THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS. FALCAM ADDED THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL ALSO DEMONSTRATE TO THE GOVERNMENT THE DESIRES, THOUGHTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS.

FALCAM URGED THE CHIEFS TO WORK TOGETHER AS GOOD CAPTAINS IN GUIDING THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA TO THE RIGHT DESTINY. "IN, FOR ONE, FEEL THAT OUR DISTRICT LEGISLATURES AND CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SHOULD HELP IN THE FINANCIAL ASPECT OF THIS CONFERENCE," HE SAID.

"MY FEELING DERIVES FROM THE FACT THAT ALL OF YOU ARE THE EYES, THE MOUTH, THE ARMS, THE HEART, AND THE LEGS OF OUR ISLANDS AND THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA," FALCAM ADDED. HE URGED THE CHIEFS TO DEVELOP A UNITED FRONT AND UNITE THEMSELVES WITH A STRONG FEELING OF UNITY THAT MAY "LAST SO LONG AS THERE IS A MICRONESIA AND ITS COMPONENTS." FALCAM NOTED THAT THE SEARCH FOR A NEW STATUS FOR MICRONESIA IS STILL GOING ON, A VERY DIFFICULT TASK FOR EVERYONE, BUT HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT IT CAN BE DONE.

"SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT THE DIFFICULT PART OF OUR SEARCH LIES IN THE FACT THAT WE ARE SO DISPERSED GEOGRAPHICALLY, ISOLATED BY A HUGE BODY OF WATER; BUT I HAVE A DIFFERENT OPINION--THAT THE SEA LINKS US TOGETHER, BECAUSE IT IS ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE IN COMMON," DISTAD FALCAM CONCLUDED.

(KAIPAN COMPLETES FELLOWSHIP)

SAIPAN, APRIL 10 (MNS)---DR. BENUSTO KAIPAN OF SAIPAN HAS COMPLETED SIX MONTHS OF POSTGRADUATE WORK IN ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY AT ROTORUA HOSPITAL IN NEW ZEALAND, ACCORDING TO TT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, DR. AROBATI HICKING. KAIPAT RETURNED TO THE MARIANAS DISTRICT SUNDAY (APRIL 7) WHERE HE IS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES. HIS TRAINING PROGRAM WAS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) AND THE TT GOVERNMENT.

HICKING SAID KAIPAT IS THE FIRST MICRONESIAN TO SPECIALIZE IN BONE SURGERY, AND HE WAS HIGHLY COMMENDED BY THE NEW ZEALAND HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR HIS PERFORMANCE DURING HIS WORK THERE. DR. KAIPAT NOW HAS A VERY GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF THE INTERNAL FIXATION OF THOSE FRACTURES WHICH ARE APPROPRIATELY TREATED IN THIS MANNER, HICKING SAID. HE ADDED THAT DR. KAIPAT IS ALSO COMPETENT TO RESUSCITATE SHOCK-PATIENTS, PREPARE THEM FOR OPERATION AND MANGE THEIR POST-OPERATIVE CARE.

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(MICRONESIAN MISSION)

SAIPAN, APRIL 10 (MNS)---A \$4,000 GRANT HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA TO A STUDENT PROJECT CALLED "MICRONESIAN MISSION" AT SOUMI COLLEGE, HANCOCK, MICHIGAN. THE GRANT WAS ANNOUNCED BY DR. RUTH C. WICK, OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE CHURCH'S DIVISION OF MISSION IN NORTH AMERICA. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DEAN DAVID J. STRANG;

MRS. ESTHER PEKKALA, SECRETARY TO THE PROJECT: AND HIDEO TERMETEET, A PALAUAN STUDENT AT SUOMI, BRING SERVICES TO THE 60 MICRONESIAN STUDENTS PRESENTLY AT SUOMI COLLEGE. THE GRANT WILL ENCOURAGE GREATER CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN STUDENTS FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY AND CHURCH CONSTITUENCIES IN THE AREA.

TERMETEET HAS BEEN NAMED COORDINATOR OF THE PROJECT. TERMETEET AND HIS WIFE SABINA, HAVE BEEN STUDENTS AT SUOMI COLLEGE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. HE HAS BEEN AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM: HE HAS BEEN ON THE DEAN'S LIST AND HAS BEEN ELECTED BY THE MICRONESIAN STUDENTS TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUOMI COLLEGE IN 1967, TERMETEET IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN. HIS FATHER, EUSEVIO, IS CHIEF OF POLICE IN PALAU DISTRICT. IN A LETTER TO DR. RUTH WICK, THE DEAN OF STUDENTS, DAVID STRANG SAID, "MR. TERMETEET HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESS OF THE MICRONESIAN PROJECT, AND HIS UNFAILING CONCERN FOR THE ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT OF ALL MICRONESIAN STUDENTS HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THEIR SUCCESS AT THE COLLEGE."