

AIRLINE HEARING INTO FOURTH WEEK

SAIPAN, APRIL 2 (MNS)---THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD (CAB) HEARING INTO THE SAIPAN/JAPAN AIRLINE ROUTE CASE MOVED INTO ITS FOURTH WEEK ON SAIPAN MONDAY (APRIL 1), WITH TESTIMONY CONTINUING TO BE OFFERED IN PHASE ONE OF THE PROCEEDING, WHICH IS AN INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE WRONGDOING BY THE AIRLINES IN ATTEMPTING TO WIN SUPPORT IN MICRONESIA FOR THEIR APPLICATIONS.

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CHRIS BROWNE, ATTORNEY FOR THE CAB'S BUREAU OF ENFORCEMENT, CONTINUED TO CALL WITNESSES AS THE WEEK BEGAN, WITH TOP OFFICIALS OF PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY DURING THE WEEK. ON MONDAY WILLIAM EVANS, PAN AM'S SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK CITY, TESTIFIED, FOLLOWED TUESDAY MORNING BY JOHN KRIMSKY, THE AIRLINE'S STAFF VICE-PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN NEW YORK. TOP OFFICIALS OF CONTINENTAL AIR MICRONESIA, INCLUDING PRESIDENT DON BECK AND GENERAL MANAGER BARRIE DUGGAN, HAVE ALREADY TESTIFIED.

OBSERVERS NOW EXPECT THAT PHASE ONE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF THIS WEEK, WITH PHASE TWO, EXAMINING THE QUESTION OF WHERE THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE REALLY STAND ON THE ROUTE AWARD, BEGINNING SOMETIME NEXT WEEK AND EXPECTED TO LAST TWO TO THREE WEEKS. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE GREER MURPHY IS HEARING BOTH PHASES OF THE CASE, AND THE MAJOR CONTENDERS FOR THE ROUTE, ALONG WITH NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES, ARE ALL REPRESENTED AT THE HEARING BY TOP LEGAL ADVISORS.

THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD ORDERED THE RE-OPENED PROCEEDING IN FEBRUARY AFTER DECIDING THAT IT WAS NOT ABLE TO MAKE UP ITS MIND ON THE CASE ON THE BASIS OF EVIDENCE PRESENTED THUS FAR. THE ROUTE CASE DATES BACK TO EARLY 1972, AND HAS ACTUALLY BEEN A TOPIC OF CONTROVERSY AND CONCERN IN MICRONESIA SINCE MID-1971. AT STAKE IS THE SELECTION OF AN AMERICAN FLAG AIRLINE TO JOIN JAPAN AIRLINES IN FLYING A DIRECT ROUTE BETWEEN TOKYO AND OSAKA IN JAPAN, AND SAIPAN IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS.

(PONAPE LEGISLATURE CONVENES)

KOLONIA, APRIL 2 (MNS)---THE THIRD PONAPE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, FIFTH REGULAR SESSION IS UNDERWAY IN KOLONIA, PONAPE. INCUMBENT LEGISLATURE SPEAKER ITCR HARRIS WAS RE-ELECTED TO HIS POSITION UNOPPOSED, AS WAS THE VICE-SPEAKER, KASIANO JOSEPH. HILARY CONRAD WAS ELECTED AS FLOOR LEADER. THE LEGISLATURE WILL MEET FOR 50-DAYS.

THE FIRST DAY OF THE SESSION WAS LARGELY CEREMONIAL WITH THE FORMING OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER ONE MEMBER IS STILL A LEGISLATOR. THE COMMITTEE, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR FOR PONAPE DISTRICT YADAO SIGRAH, ADOPTED A REPORT ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF LEGISLATOR CYRIL HELGENBERGER. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE POSITION VACATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF HELGENBERGER WILL BE CALLED. NO DATE FOR THAT ELECTION WAS GIVEN.

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATORS WERE APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FOUR STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE PONAPE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE: KASIANO JOSEPH, WAYS AND MEANS; JOANIS EDMUND, JUDICAIRY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS; LUTIK SANTOS, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; AND DONALD JONAH, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL MATERS.

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(CABLE TV FOR MARSHALLS APPROVED)

SAIPAN, APRIL 2 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN HAS APPROVED THE APPLICATION OF PACIFIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC., TO PROVIDE A CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE TO THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT, ACCORDING TO THE WEEKLY SUMMARY OF FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY FROM THE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.

MICHAEL R. FOREMAN OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IS THE U.S. APPLICANT FOR THE BUSINESS LICENSE, REPRESENTED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY BY ANDREW R. BILIMON OF MAJURO. THE COMPANY PROPOSES TO PROVIDE CABLE TV TO MAJURO AND EBEBE INITIALLY. LATE LAST YEAR, THE MARSHALL ISLANDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD TURNED DOWN A CABLE TV APPLICATION FROM HOLMES MANAGEMENT COMPANY OF GUAM, IN FAVOR OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION WHICH INVOLVES THE PARTICIPATION OF A LOCAL MARSHALLESE PARTNER.

THE HOLMES COMPANY DID RECEIVE APPROVAL OF ITS APPLICATION TO DO BUSINESS IN THE MARIANAS, AND IS PRESENTLY NEGOTIATING POLE RENTAL COSTS WITH THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT ON SAIPAN, WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT INSTALLATION OF CABLES IN THE CHALAN KANOA AREA MAY BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR.

NO NEW APPLICATIONS FOR FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMITS WERE RECEIVED LAST WEEK, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION SAID, ADDING THAT NO APPLICATION FROM FOREIGN FIRMS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AS YET UNDER THE NEW INTERPRETATION OF THE "MOST FAVORED NATION CLAUSE" WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT APRIL 1.

(NOTE TO ADITORS: SINCE THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT STORY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, WE MIGHT REMIND YOU THAT THESE STORIES ARE RUN ONLY WHEN THERE IS SOMETHING TO REPORT. THUS IF THE "WEEKLY SUMMARY" SHOWS NO ACTIVITY, THERE IS NO STORY.)

(TT BOARD OF LICENSURE ESTABLISHED)

SAIPAN, APRIL 2 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF LICENSURE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND WILL SOON BE IN OPERATION, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR TT HEALTH SERVICES THIS WEEK.

THE BOARD WAS CREATED BY THE CODE OF PUBLIC REGULATION, WHICH WAS PROMULGATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND SIGNED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

THE FUNCTION OF THE TT LICENSURE BOARD, AS STIPULATED BY THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 154 OF TITLE 53 OF THE TT CODE, IS TO ADVISE AND ASSIST THE DIRECTR OF HEALTH SERVICES IN CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE BOARD WILL ESTABLISH STANDARDS, REVIEW QUALIFICATIONS, AND EXAMINE APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSING PERSONS WHO WISH TO PROVIDE MEDICINE, SURGERY, DENTISTRY, NURSING, MID-WIFERY, AND OTHER RELATED PARA-MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE TT.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO EXAMINE, STUDY, AND REVIEW REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF LICENSES OF THOSE PERSONS WHOSE LICENSES ARE SOUGHT TO BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED FOR VALID REASONS.

SEVEN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY THE HICOM TO SERVE ON THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED BOARD. THEY INCLUDE MRS. KIEKO SIGRAH, WHO IS A NURSE INSTRUCTOR AT THE TT SCHOOL OF NURSING ON SAIPAN; CARL DENNIS, AREA SANITARIAN FROM PONAPE; MRS. JEITA PETER, CHIEF OF DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE MARSHALLS; DR. HENARO SABINO, YAP CHIEF OF DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; AND DR. MINORU UEKI, PALAU DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES.

ALSO APPOINTED ARE DR. JOSE T. VILLAGONEZ, MEDICAL OFFICER AT DR. TORRES HOSPITAL ON SAIPAN; AND DR. CHARLES G. JONES, STAFF PHYSICIAN AT THE HOSPITAL IN TRUK DISTRICT.

THE BOARD WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING APRIL 16 TO DISCUSS ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD.

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(NOTE TO STATION MANAGERS: THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IS FOR USE AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF APRIL) (TAX FILING NOTICE)

SAIPAN, APRIL 2 (MNS)---ALL BUSINESSES, EMPLOYERS AND INDIVIDUALS ARE REMINDED THAT THE QUARTERLY MICRONESIAN INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1974 TO MARCH 31, 1974 ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30, 1974. FORMS FOR FILING AND INFORMATION REGARDING THE FILING OF THESE TAX RETURNS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT TAX OFFICE. EMPLOYERS WHO FILE AFTER THIS DEADLINE ARE SUBJECT TO A PENALTY ON EACH LATE WAGE AND TAX STATEMENT.

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