

(LCU CREW MEMBERS RESCUED)

SAIPAN, APRIL 24 (MNS)---THE NINE CREW MEMBERS OF A SINKING LCU BOAT IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS WERE RESCUED LATE TUESDAY EVENING (APRIL 23). THE MEN WERE PICKED UP BY A MILITARY CHARTERED VESSEL, THE M/V AMERICAN RACER. THE SHIP WAS DISPATCHED FROM KWAJALEIN, ACCORDING TO TT MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER LT. COMMANDER ALAN R. PENDLETON. THE MEN WERE REPORTED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION. LAST REPORT FROM MAJURO INDICATED THAT THE SHIP WAS ON ITS WAY TO ENIWETOK TO DROP OFF THE NINE CREW MEMBERS.

THE SINKING LCU, WAS AT FIRST THOUGHT TO BE GOVERNMENT OWNED, BUT LATER REPORTS INDICATED IT BELONGS TO A PRIVATE COMPANY IN THE MARSHALLS, THE ACME CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. THE LCU WAS PURCHASED FROM THE NAVY LAST YEAR ON GUAM.

EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON, A MILITARY C-130 AIRCRAFT OUT OF KWAJALEIN SPOTTED THE SINKING BOAT, AND AIRDROPPED FOOD, INFLATABLE RAFTS, AND SURVIVAL GEAR TO THE MEN ON THE LIFE RAFT. THE LCU WAS BOUND TO MAJURO LOADED WITH 100 TONS OF TNT TO BE USED IN CHANNEL BLASTING PROJECTS IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT. THE EXPLOSIVES WERE GIVING TO THE TRUST TERRITORY THEY BY THE MILITARY.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON THE CREWMEN TRIED "EVERYTHING THEY COULD" TO SAVE THE SHIP, ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE MARSHALLS, INCLUDING JETTISONING SOME OF THE CARGO. LAST REPORT RECEIVED ON SAIPAN INDICATED THAT THE LCU HAD CAPSIZED BUT WAS STILL FLOATING.

(TWO BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW)

SAIPAN, APRIL 24 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON SIGNED TWO MORE BILLS INTO LAW TUESDAY AFTERNOON (APRIL 23). THE BILLS ARE THE 32ND AND 33RD TO BE SIGNED SO FAR OUT OF THE FORTY-SIX PASSED DURING THE 1974 SESSION OF CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. EIGHT BILLS HAVE YET TO BE ACTED UPON, WHILE FIVE HAVE BEEN DISAPPROVED.

PUBLIC LAW 5-83 IS AN ACT APPROPRIATING 30,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUING AND EXPANDING CERTAIN VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS PREVIOUSLY FUNDED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, (HB 204).

PUBLIC LAW 5-84 PROVIDES ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE IMPORTATION OF NONRESIDENT WORKERS. AMONG THEM: A NONRESIDENT WORKER MUST BE AT LEAST 25 YEARS OLD; HAVE NEVER BEEN ARRESTED FOR A FELONY; AND, NO RESIDENT WORKER CAN BE EMPLOYED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY BY THE GOVERNMENT OR A PRIVATE EMPLOYER UNTIL ONE YEAR AFTER THE TERMINATION OF HIS INITIAL EMPLOYMENT (HB 211).

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS EXPECTED TO ACT ON SOME OF THE REMAINING BILLS WEDNESDAY.

(FIRST NON-U.S. BUSINESS APPLICATION RECEIVED)

SAIPAN, APRIL 24 (MNS)---THE FIRST APPLICATION TO DO BUSINESS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY FROM A FOREIGN APPLICANT OTHER THAN A UNITED STATE CITIZEN HAS BEEN RECEIVED, ACCORDING TO THE WEEKLY SUMMARY OF FOREIGN BUSINESS ACTIVITY FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.

THE APPLICANT IS JOHN H. ROBINSON, A BRITISH CITIZEN AND INSURANCE CLAIMS ADJUSTER, WHO IS PROPOSING TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN MICRONESIA PROFESSIONAL ADJUSTING SERVICES HANDLING ALL TYPES OF AVERAGE LOSS CLAIMS RESULTING FROM SHIPPING CARGO LOSSES. IN ADDITION, ROBINSON PROPOSES TO PROVIDE MARINE SURVEYING AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES WITHIN THE TT.

THE SCOPE OF HIS ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE THE WHOLE RANGE OF INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO VERIFY THE CAUSES AND MONETARY VALUES OF LOSSES. ADDITIONALLY, THIS WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE PREPARATION OF "AVETAGE STATEMENTS--BOTH PARTICULAR AND GENERAL--AND THE PERFORMANCE OF SURVEYS AND PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES ON MARINE MATTERS AS REQUIRED.

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"THIS NECESSARY SERVICES TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE WILL ASSIST IN THE PROMPT AND EQUITABLE SETTLEMENT OF LOSSES," STATED ROBINSON, "WHETHER INSURED OR NOT, RESULTING IN A SAVING OF CAPITAL UTILIZATION FOR THE BUSINESSMAN AND A STABILIZATION OF CLAIMS PRACTICES FOR THE UNDERWRITER." AT PRESENT THERE IS NO ONE OFFERING THESE SERVICES IN THIS PART PART OF THE PACIFIC, ACCORDING TO THE APPLICANT. ROBINSON, WHO CAME TO SAIPAN FROM NEW ZEALAND, WAS FORMERLY WITH TRANSPAC.

THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SIX DISTRICT ECONOMIC BOARDS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.

TWO ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED AND TWO WERE APPROVED FOR FOREIGN FIRMS TO DO BUSINESS IN THE TT DURING THE PAST WEEK.

APPROVED WAS THE APPLICATION FOR INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS OF THE PACIFIC, INC., WHOSE VICE-PRESIDENT IS ELPHIDA R. MUNA, A CITIZEN OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT. ALSO APPROVED WAS THE APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LTD., TO ENGAGE IN THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE, GARBAGE AND OTHER WASTE MATERIALS IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT. OWNERS OF THE BUSINESS ARE PETE A. TENORIO FROM SAIPAN AND FROILAN CH. TENORIO, A U.S. CITIZEN OF CHANORRO ANCESTRY, ALSO FROM SAIPAN.

APPLYING FOR PERMIT RENEWAL IS BLACK MICRO CORPORATION, WHOSE SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT IS W. R. NORWOOD, FORMER TT HIGH COMMISSIONER. THE CORPORATION IS ENGAGED IN GENERAL CONTRACTING, ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL, PAINTING, PLUMBING, AND SUB-CONTRACTING. IN ADDITION, THE COMPANY IS ALSO PROPOSING TO ENGAGE IN EQUIPMENT RENTAL.

A TOTALLY NEW APPLICATION IS FOR MICRONESIAN HOUSING CORPORATION, PROPOSING TO ENGAGE IN THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS IN ALL THE DISTRICTS OF THE TT. PRESIDENT OF THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IS CHUNG DHO AHN BASED IN HONOLULU WITH VICE-PRESIDENT BENJAMIN SKILAND AND SECRETARY-TREASURER BERNADITA C. REYES OF SAIPAN. THESE APPLICATIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION.

(HEW DOCTOR PRAISES TT HEALTH CARE)

SAIPAN, APRIL 24 (MNS)---A U.S. CONSULTANT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, DR. CYRIL ROSEMAN, SAID WEDNESDAY (APRIL 24) THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL IS DOING EXCELLENT WORK IN BRINGING THE VARIOUS PUBLIC ISSUES IN THE HEALTH FIELD TO THE POINT OF "CLEAR AVICE" TO DR. MASAO KUMANGAI, DIRECTOR OF TT HEALTH SERVICES.

DR. ROSEMAN ARRIVED ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. HE IS WITH THE HEALTH EDUCATION AND WELFARE "HEW" DEPARTMENT'S REGION NINE BASED IN CALIFORNIA.

IN DISCUSSING HEALTH PLANNING IN THE TT, DR. ROSEMAN SAID HE IS VERY "IMPRESSED WITH THE QUALITY OF WORK OF THE TT HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL AND ITS STAFF." HE ALSO SAID THAT THE VARIOUS DISTRICT HEALTH PLANNING COUNCILS ARE "DOING A GOOD JOB IN PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN REVIEWING HEALTH PLANNING AS WELL AS OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE OVER-ALL HEALTH PROGRAM IN THE TT."

DR. ROSEMAN NOTED THAT THE CHAIRMEN OF THE DISTRICT HEALTH PLANNING COUNCILS WHO ARE ALSO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONSUMERS ON THE TT-WIDE HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL, ARE PLAYING A STRONG LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANNING HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR THE TT. THEY ARE ALSO PROVIDING THE BASIC CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN TT HEADQUARTERS AND THE DISTRICTS, AS WELL AS BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND HEALTH PLANNERS.

DR. ROSEMAN WILL BE ON SAIPAN UNTIL FRIDAY (APRIL 26) WHEN HE WILL DEPART FOR A WEEK-END VISIT TO PONAPE. FROM PONAPE HE WILL LEAVE FOR AMERICAN SAMOA WHERE HE WILL MAKE A SIMILAR STUDY. HE ALSO PLANS

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TO GO TO OTHER ISLANDS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC AREA SOMETIME NEXT
MONTH FOR A STUDY AND OBSERVATION TOUR OF A SIMILAR NATURE.

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