

(BOAT MISSING IN MARSHALLS)

SAIPAN, APRIL 26 (MNS)---A 22-FOOT MOTOR BOAT WITH NINE PEOPLE ON BOARD IS REPORTED MISSING IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. THE BOAT WAS ENROUTE TO EBEYE FROM LIB ISLAND, ACCORDING TO THE MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER LT. COM. ALAN R. PENDLETON. 11
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THE BOAT WAS REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT LIB ISLAND ON MONDAY (APRIL 22) AT AROUND 4 P.M. AND WOULD NORMALLY TAKE SIX HOURS TO REACH EBEYE. PENDLETON SAID THE MISSING BOAT WAS NOT REPORTED OVERDUE UNTIL THURSDAY (APRIL 25) THREE DAYS AFTER IT LEFT LIB.

PRELIMINARY SEARCH BY A MILITARY AIRCRAFT OUT OF KWAJALEIN OVER THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF KWAJALEIN ATOLL DIDN'T TURN UP ANY TRACE OF THE MISSING BOAT. THE BOAT IS OWNED BY THE COMMUNITY OF LIB ISLAND, WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF JUST UNDER 100 PEOPLE.

ACCORDING TO PENDLETON THE BOAT CARRIED A LITTLE WATER, SOME GREEN BREADFRUIT AND SOME COCONUTS. THE BOAT HAS NO RADIO, RAFT OR DINGHY AND IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER SHE IS CARRYING FLASHLIGHTS OR LIFE JACKETS ON BOARD, HE SAID. SEARCH EFFORTS WERE TO CONTINUE FRIDAY.

(SCUBA DIVER DIES)

TRUK, APRIL 26 (MNS)---A SCUBA DIVER DIED FRIDAY (APRIL 26) WHILE DIVING IN THE TRUK LAGOON. HE WAS IDENTIFIED AS BOB RILEY, FROM KWAJALEIN, AGE NOT KNOWN EXCEPT THAT HE WAS SAID TO BE "IN HIS FORTIES."

PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATED THAT RILEY WAS DIVING WITH SIX OTHERS FROM KWAJALEIN ON ONE OF THE SUNKEN SHIPS IN THE DUBLON CHANNEL BETWEEN MOEN AND DUBLON ISLANDS. MOEN IS THE TRUK DISTRICT CENTER. DETAILS OF THE ACCIDENT WERE NOT AVAILABLE LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON, EXCEPT THE EMERGENCY MOUTH-TO-MOUTH RESUSCITATION AND HEART MASSAGE WERE ADMINISTERED AT THE SCENE, AND WHILE RILEY WAS BEING RUSHED TO TRUK HOSPITAL ON MOEN, BUT THAT THE MAN WAS DEAD ON ARRIVAL AT THE HOSPITAL. TRUK AUTHORITIES ARE INVESTIGATING THE INCIDENT.

TRUST TERRITORY DIVING OFFICER JOHN OAKES, WHO WAS NOTIFIED OF THE ACCIDENT ON SAIPAN, SAID RILEY WAS REPORTED TO BE AN "EXPERIENCED DIVER" WHO HAD BEEN CERTIFIED LAST SPRING IN KWAJALEIN.

(STATUS TALKS TO BE HELD ON SAIPAN)

SAIPAN, APRIL 26 (MNS)---THE FOURTH-ROUND OF STATUS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE HELD ON SAIPAN BEGINNING ON MAY 15, ACCORDING TO MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRMAN VICENTE N. SANTOS. AN EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE TALKS HAD INDICATED THE SITE WOULD BE EITHER SAIPAN OR HONOLULU

THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION IS HEADED BY SENATOR EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN WHILE THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT NIXON'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.

ACCORDING TO VICE-CHAIRMAN SANTOS, THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PRELIMINARY MEETING FROM MAY 6 TO THE 14TH. ALL WORKING AND FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BUILDING IN CHALAN KANOA, HE STATED.

THE LAST ROUND OF MARIANAS TALKS WAS HELD IN DECEMBER 1973 ON SAIPAN.

(IT TO ECAFE TRADE CONFERENCE)

SAIPAN, APRIL 26 (MNS)---A DELEGATION FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS WILL TAKE PART IN AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN JUNE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE CONFERENCE IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST (ECAFE) AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN THE U.S.

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EUSEBIO RECHUCHER, DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE TT GOVERNMENT, WILL HEAD THE DELEGATION. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY G. DUDLEY DAMBACHER, CHIEF OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, AND BY CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DOMNICK OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

THE CONFERENCE WILL ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE IN THREE LOCATIONS. DELEGATES WILL FIRST MEET ON JUNE 5 AT THE EAST WEST CENTER OF THE UNIVERSITY HAWAII, WHERE THEY WILL STAY FOR THREE DAYS OF MEETINGS AND TOURS WITH THE STAFF AND FELLOWS OF THE CENTER. EMPHASIS WILL BE ON TROPICAL FOOD GROWING AND PROCESSING.

FROM HAWAII, THE DELEGATES WILL FLY TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, WHERE THEY WILL MEET FROM JUNE 8 TO 12 AT THE BATTELLE. SEATTLE RESEARCH CENTER ADJOINING THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON CAMPUS. A MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF THE CENTER IS THE ADVANCEMENT AND USE OF SCIENCE FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND THROUGH TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION, AND MEETINGS WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS OF RAW MATERIALS USES, TECHNOLOGICAL FORECASTING, THE ROLE OF MATHEMATICAL MODELING IN TRADE PLANNING, IMPORT-EXPORT RELATED SUBJECTS AND NUMEROUS OTHER TOPICS.

ON JUNE 13, CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WILL FLY TO SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, THE STATE'S SECOND-LARGEST CITY, FOR A VISIT TO THE "EXPO-74" WORLD'S FAIR THAT IS BEING HELD THERE THIS SUMMER. THE THEME OF THE FAIR RELATES TO DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT, AND THE DELEGATES WILL TAKE PART IN ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSIONS WHILE THERE. A SPECIAL "UNITED NATIONS-ECAFE DAY" HAS BEEN DECLARED IN THEIR HONOR.

FROM SPOKANE THE DELEGATES WILL JOURNEY BACK TO SEATTLE BY BUS, FOR A FINAL FOUR DAYS OF MEETINGS AND DISCUSSION ON THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE. WASHINGTON GOVERNOR DANIEL EVANS WILL HOST THE PARTICIPANTS AT A SPECIAL BANQUET ON JUNE 20 TO CONCLUDE THE CONFERENCE.

THE TRUST TERRITORY RECENTLY BECAME AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF ECAFE, ATTENDING ITS FIRST MEETING IN LATE MARCH AND EARLY APRIL IN COLOMBO, SRI LANKA (SEE FOLLOWING STORY). AT THAT MEETING, A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP) WAS ADOPTED. THE ORGANIZATION IS DEVOTED TO THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL AID AND ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING NATIONS.

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)

(TT DELEGATION REPORTS ON ECAFE MEET)

SAIPAN, APRIL 26 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---IN 1ST FIRST APPEARANCE AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER, THE TRUST TERRITORY DELEGATION TO THE 30TH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST (ECAFE) SUGGESTED CHANGES IN THAT ORGANIZATION AND ALSO SUPPORTED A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO HAVE ECAFE'S NAME CHANGED.

WHILE THE TT DELEGATION, HEADED BY SENATOR AMATA KABUA OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, MAINTAINED A LOW-PROFILE, IT MADE AN EFFECTIVE MAIDEN SPEECH WHICH DREW MUCH ATTENTION. THE TT ALSO JOINED WITH THE PHILIPPINES AND THE COOK ISLANDS TO PUSH THROUGH A RESOLUTION WHICH RENAMED ECAFE THE "ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP) ACCORDING TO SPECIAL CONSULTANT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER DWIGHT HEINE, WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING.

SENATOR KABUA, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S OFFICE OF THE CONGRESS, NOTED IN HIS OPENING SPEECH THAT MICRONESIA WAS "ONE OF THE SMALLEST," AND YET "ONE OF THE LARGEST" MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE COMMISSION, AND PROCEEDED TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY IN RELATION TO THOSE OF OTHER ASIAN AND PACIFIC COUNTRIES.

THE MARSHALLS SENATOR DELIVERED HIS REMARKS ON MARCH 30 DURING THE SECOND DAY OF DEBATE AND REVIEW OF THE SOCIAL AND

ECONOMIC SITUATIONS IN THE COMMISSION'S REGION. THE ECAFE MEETING, WHICH WAS HELD FROM MARCH 27 TO APRIL 5 IN COLOMBO, REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA (FORMERLY CEYLON) WAS ATTENDED BY NATIONS RANGING FROM THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO FIJI AND THE COOK ISLANDS.

MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION ALSO INCLUDED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY OF PONAPE AS ALTERNATE, SPECIAL CONSULTANT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER DWIGHT HEINE AS DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE, AND CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL KALEB UDUI AND TT AGRICULTURE CHIEF BERMIN WEILBACHER AS ADVISORS.

IN HIS PREPARED REMARKS SENATOR KABUA ADMITTED THAT AS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, THE TRUST TERRITORY HAS YET TO "LEARN MUCH ABOUT THE INNER WORKINGS AND FULL CAPACITY" OF THE COMMISSION IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES UNDER ECAFE. HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT CERTAIN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND SOCIAL SKILLS FACED BY LARGER COUNTRIES OF THE COMMISSION ARE SIMILAR IN NATURE TO PROBLEMS OF ISLAND NATIONS IN THE PACIFIC SUCH AS THE TRUST TERRITORY.

DESPITE THIS, SENATOR KABUA, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, SAID THAT THEY FUND THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SENT BY ECAFE AGENCIES TO THE SECRETARIAT "TO HAVE LITTLE IF ANY DIRECT APPLICATION AND RELEVANCY TO OUR PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES."

CHIEF DELEGATE KABUA ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ONE AGENDA ITEM OF THE CONFERENCE LUMPED TOGETHER THE "PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS OF THE LAND LOCKED COUNTRIES (THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE SURROUNDED BY OTHER COUNTRIES AND HAVE NO ACCESS TO THE OCEAN) AND THOSE OF THE DEVELOPING PACIFIC STATES...FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION BY THIS COMMISSION."

SPEAKING FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY, HE PROPOSED THAT "ECAFE GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TOWARD ESTABLISHING WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT A SECTION, OR A DIVISION WHOSE SOLE PURPOSE AND PRIMARY FUNCTION SHALL BE TO MONITOR AND GIVE SURVEILLANCE TO DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS OF THE PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES."

KABUA THEN ASSERTED THAT THE IDEA OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AS PLACES WHERE "CARE-FREE ... ISLANDERS MERRILY LIVE FROM DAY TO DAY" WITHOUT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS WAS A FALSE ONE PROMOTED BY MOVIE-MAKERS AND TRAVEL WRITERS AND THAT THERE ARE "PROBLEMS IN OUR ISLAND PARADISE (WHICH) ARE INDEED UNIQUE AND REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION AND CONSIDERATION."

HE LISTED AS SOME OF THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY THOSE OF COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORTATION OVER GREAT DISTANCES, GROWING DISTRICT CENTER POPULATIONS, HOUSING, AND THE GAP BETWEEN SUBSISTENCE AND MONETARY ECONOMICS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT WHILE THE PACIFIC ISLAND AREAS HAD BEEN NEGATIVELY AFFECTED BY CERTAIN MODERN, JET-AGE INFLUENCE, SUCH TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES HAD YET TO SOLVE PROBLEMS OF FOOD AND FUEL COST INCREASES, POLLUTION, UNCONTROLLED EXPLOITATION OF MARINE RESOURCES AND OTHER PROBLEMS.

SENATOR KABUA THEN NOTED THAT ECAFE, WHICH HAS BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS AS MEMBERS COULD ASSIST IN ATTACKING SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS SINCE "THE TASK OF NATION BUILDING AND OF IMPROVING THE LIVELIHOOD OF OUR PEOPLE BOTH IN QUANTITY AND SUBSTANCE IS INDEED PROHIBITIVE WITHOUT TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES."

IN CONCLUDING HIS REMARKS, SENATOR KABUA SAID THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY DELEGATION SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL BY THE PHILIPPINES AND COOK ISLANDS TO CHANGE THE COMMISSION'S

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NAME FROM "ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST, (ECAFED)" TO THE "ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP)."

LATER IN THE COMMISSION'S DELIBERATIONS ON RESOLUTION NO. 12 TO CHANGE THE NAME, ADVISOR BERMIN WEILBACHER INDICATED SUPPORT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY DELEGATION FOR THIS MOVE, FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, HE SAID THAT USING THE WORD "PACIFIC" WILL SHOW THAT "THIS COMMISSION CONCERNS ITSELF NOT ONLY WITH DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS OF THE ASIAN COUNTRIES BUT ALSO THE NEEDS OF THE PACIFIC COUNTRIES." SECOND, HE NOTED THAT THE TERM "FAR EAST" IS A COLONIAL TERM.

"IN THIS DAY AND AGE, THERE IS TO US NO LONGER ANY PLACE CALLED THE "NEAR EAST" OR THE "FAR EAST." THERE IS ONLY ONE 'ASIA' AND THERE IS ONLY ONE 'PACIFIC OCEAN,'" WEILBACHER CONCLUDED.

SPEAKER HENRY AND SPECIAL CONSULTANT HEINE RETURNED TO THE TRUST TERRITORY SHORTLY AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE 30TH SESSION ON APRIL 5. SENATOR KAPU, UDUI, AND WEILBACHER THEN TRAVELED TO INDONESIA, SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA TO STUDY MATTERS RELATING TO SHIPPING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THEY WILL BE JOINED IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA BY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN FOR A MEETING OF THE ASIA DEVELOPMENT BANK FROM APRIL 25 TO APRIL 27TH BEFORE THEIR RETURN.