

(KUSAIE PLANNING FOR DISTRICT STATUS)

SAIPAN, MAY 1 (MNS)---THE PEOPLE OF KUSAIE ARE PREPARING FOR THE SEPARATE DISTRICT STATUS THAT WAS ASSURED THEM EARLY THIS YEAR BY ACTION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THEY HAVE NAMED A "POLITICAL STATUS COMMITTEE" OF 38 MEMBERS WHICH IS CHARGED WITH SETTING UP THE GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE OF THE NEW DISTRICT; PLANS ARE MOVING AHEAD ON A NUMBER OF MAJOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS THAT WILL BE COMPLETED, OR NEARLY SO, BY THE TIME DISTRICT STATUS BECOMES A REALITY; AND KUSAIE RESIDENTS HAVE VOLUNTARILY DONATED NEARLY \$6,000 DOLLARS TO SEND A DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO MEET WITH INTERIOR SECRETARY ROGERS C. B. MORTON.

DR. HIROSI ISMAEL, ONE OF KUSAIE'S MOST PROMINENT LEADERS AND A FORMER MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, WAS ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK CONFERRING WITH OFFICIALS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ON THE KUSAIE PROJECTS. HE SAID THE PEOPLE OF KUSAIE WERE "EXTREMELY HAPPY AND GRATIFIED" WHEN THEY LEARNED LAST MONTH THAT DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN HAD SIGNED THE KUSAIE DISTRICT BILL (SB 298) INTO LAW.

"THEY WERE HAPPY THAT THEY HAVE FINALLY GOT WHAT THEY'VE WANTED FOR SO LONG," SAID DR. ISMAEL. "THEIR ONLY QUESTION WAS, WHY WAIT UNTIL 1977?" THE BILL PROVIDES THAT THE TRANSFER OF THE ISLAND FROM PONAPE DISTRICT TO SEPARATE DISTRICT STATUS WILL TAKE PLACE OFFICIALLY ON JANUARY 1, 1977.

"I EXPLAINED THAT THE MECHANICS OF BUDGETING, OF SETTING UP THE INTERNAL GOVERNMENT, AND OF BUILDING UP OUR INFRASTRUCTURE WILL TAKE THAT LONG," DR. ISMAEL STATED.

AMONG THE MAJOR PROJECTS EITHER UNDER WAY OR IN THE PLANNING STAGES ARE NEW HOSPITAL FOR KUSAIE, AN AIRSTRIP, IMPROVED DOCK FACILITIES, A HIGH SCHOOL AND SEVERAL SMALLER PROJECTS. KUSAIE PRESENTLY DOES NOT HAVE ANY AIRFIELD AT ALL, AND CAN ONLY BE REACHED BY SHIP FROM EITHER PONAPE OR THE MARSHALLS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT OPENING THE ISLAND UP TO AIR TRAVEL COMBINED WITH THE SEPARATE DISTRICT STATUS MIGHT ENCOURAGE MANY KUSAIENS WHO HAVE MOVED TO OTHER AREAS OF MICRONESIA TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME ISLAND. KUSAIE HAS A RESIDENT POPULATION NOW OF JUST UNDER 4,000.

DR. ISMAEL EXPLAINED THAT THE VOLUNTARY FUND-RAISING BEGAN AFTER HE AND CHIEF MAGISTRATE NORMAN SKILLING JOINED CONGRESSMAN JOAB SIGRAH IN VISITING EACH VILLAGE ON THE ISLAND TO DISCUSS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SEPARATE DISTRICT LEGISLATION WITH THE PEOPLE. WHEN INFORMED THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE NEW LAW CHANGES WOULD BE NECESSARY IN THE SECRETARIAL ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEW DISTRICT, AND THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAD ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ASKING THE INTERIOR SECRETARY TO EFFECT THOSE CHANGES, THE PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGES DECIDED IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO SEND A DELEGATION FROM KUSAIE TO WASHINGTON.

SELECTED TO MAKE SUCH A TRIP WERE DR. ISMAEL, CHIEF SKILLING, CONGRESSMAN SIGRAH, DEPUTY DISTRICT REP JACOB NENA, THURSTON SIPA AND YOSIMO GEORGE. DR. ISMAEL SAID IT IS NOT YET KNOWN WHETHER THE DELEGATION WILL ACTUALLY MAKE THE TRIP, HOWEVER, SINCE HE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT IT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY.

"IF WE DON'T SEND THE DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON," HE TOLD MNS, "THE FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTED MAY BE USED TO HIRE A LEGAL ADVISOR TO THE STATUS COMMITTEE INSTEAD, OR THE MONEY MAY BE USED FOR SOME OTHER LOCAL PROJECTS."

THE STATUS COMMITTEE HAS SET UP THREE SUB-COMMITTEES, ONE DEALING WITH FOREIGN INVESTMENT POLICIES; ANOTHER CHARGED WITH LOOKING INTO KUSAIE'S TOURISM POTENTIAL AND ESTABLISHING POLICIES IN THAT AREA; AND THE THIRD GROUP IS FORMULATING POSITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF KUSAIE'S TWO DELEGATES TO THE UPCOMING MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, WHO WILL BE ELECTED ON JUNE 4.

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KUSAIE WILL BE THE SEVENTH ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, AND WILL BE THE SMALLEST IN POPULATION.

(TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL SET)

SAIPAN, MAY 1 (MNS)---THE FORTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WILL CONVENE IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN NEW YORK ON MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1974, ACCORDING TO WORD RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS. ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR, THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE HEARINGS BY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE U.S. DELEGATION. CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATOR WILFRED KENDALL OF THE MARSHALLS AND REPRESENTATIVE JOAB SIGRAH OF KUSAIE, PONAPE DISTRICT, WILL BE PRESENT AS SPECIAL ADVISORS TO THE U.S. DELEGATIONS. PRINCIPLE U.S. DELEGATE TO THE COUNCIL IS AMBASSADOR BARBARA WHITE, WHO TOURED SEVERAL DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY RECENTLY.

THE PRESIDENCY OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IS HELD BY MEMBER NATION REPRESENTATIVES ON A ROTATING BASIS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT SIR LAURANCE MCINTYRE OF AUSTRALIA WILL ASSUME THE PRESIDENCY THIS YEAR AND PRESIDE OVER THE COUNCIL SESSION. COUNCIL MEMBERS--REPRESENTING FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE SOVIET UNION, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES--WILL ALSO HEAR REPRESENTATIONS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AS THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY OVER THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, WHICH RECENTLY ASSUMED FULL SELF-GOVERNING STATUS. THE PACIFIC TRUST TERRITORY PRESENTATION ON ACTIVITIES IN MICRONESIA OVER THE PAST YEAR IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE AUSTRALIAN REPORT ON THIS YEAR'S AGENDA.

IN ADDITION TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IT IS EXPECTED THAT TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR JUAN SABLAN, PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR STRIK YOMA AND CHIEF OF PUBLIC INFORMATION JIM MANKE WILL ATTEND THE HEARINGS. ALSO, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE ATTORNEY MICHAEL WHITE AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS LIAISON BRIAN FARLEY.

(OPEN HEART OPERATION IN TRUK)

SAIPAN, MAY 1ST (MNS)---A SUCCESSFUL OPEN HEART OPERATION WAS PERFORMED LAST MONTH IN TRUK ON A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS STABBED IN THE HEART, A REPORT FROM DISTAD TRUK INDICATED THIS WEEK.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT DR. CHARLES JONES, WITH THE HELP OF KALISTO THOMAS, AN ANESTHETIST AND SEVERAL OTHER HOSPITAL PERSONNEL, OPERATED ON THE HEART OF 26-YEAR OLD MISAEL MARTIN WHO HAD BEEN STABBED IN A FIGHT IN THE EARLY MORNING OF APRIL 19.

"THE DOCTORS IN THE UNITED STATES WOULDN'T BELIEVE THIS," EXCLAIMED DR. JONES, NOTING THAT NOT ONE OF THE ASSISTANTS HAS ANY DEGREE: BUT THE OPERATION WENT WELL. DR. JONES GAVE THE ANESTHETIST, THOMAS, A LOT OF CREDIT FOR THE SUCCESSFUL SURGERY. THOMAS INSERTED AN ENDOTRACHEA TUBE INTO THE TRACHEA AND "BREATHED" FOR MARTIN DURING THE ONE-HOUR OPERATION. ACCORDING TO DR. JONES, THOMAS IS A GRADUATE NURSE FROM THE TT NURSING SCHOOL ON SAIPAN AND HAS RECEIVED SIX-MONTHS OF TRAINING IN ANESTHESIA IN NEW ZEALAND.

THE REPORT FROM TRUK INDICATED THAT BOTH DR. JONES AND DR. STEVE ZUCHERMAN, AN INTERNIST AT THE HOSPITAL, ARE NOW SURE THAT MARTIN IS WELL ON THE WAY TO RECOVERY. DR. ZUCHERMAN SAID THAT THERE WERE SOME COMPLICATIONS IN THE OPERATION, THUS IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME FOR MARTIN TO RECOVER COMPLETELY; BUT NOW HE IS DOING QUITE WELL. IT WAS REPORTED THAT MARTIN HIMSELF IS READY TO GET OUT OF BET FOR HE IS TIRED OF BEING IN THE HOSPITAL.

DR. JONES IS UNDERSTANDABLY PROUD OF HIS SURGERY, BUT HE IS A MODEST MAN WHO CLAIMS THAT "IF THIS HAD HAPPENED IN ANY OTHER DISTRICT, ANY OF THE DOCTORS COULD HAVE DONE THE JOB. IT JUST HAPPENED IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME SO THAT I THOUGHT I COULD SAVE HIM," HE SAID.

"THE MAIN THING IS THAT YOU CAN GO UP AND SEE HIM NOW AND HE'S ALL RIGHT," DR. JONES ADDED.

THE SURGEON HAD 21 YEARS OF PRACTICE IN THE U.S. BEFORE COMING TO TRUK. "I JUST GOT FET UP WITH ALL THE GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE IN MEDICINE, AND I WAS TOO YOUNG TO RETIRE SO I LOOKED AROUND FOR PLACE TO GO," HE SAID. DR. JONES FOUND THAT TRUK WAS BUILDING A NEW HOSPITAL AND INQUIRED IF THEY WOULD NEED A SURGEON. WITHIN 72 HOURS HE RECEIVED A CABLE ASKING HIM TO COME TO TRUK. HE RECALLED THAT IT WAS NOT UNTIL TWO YEARS LATER, AFTER TYPHOON AMY, THAT THE NEW HOSPITAL WAS PUT INTO USE. BEFORE THAT DR. JONES OPERATED IN THE OLD HOSPITAL--SEVERAL QUONSET HUTS--IN AN AIR CONDITIONED ROOM. DR. JONES SAID THAT THE OPEN SURGERY PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN A SUCCESS IN THE OLD HOSPITAL. HE RECALLED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANY ANESTHETIST AT THAT TIME, NOR COULD THE OPERATING ROOM HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED IN TIME TO SAVE MARTIN'S LIFE. ZBUT YOU CAN OPERATE ANYWHERE," SAID DR. JONES. "DURING THE WAR I OPERATED IN TENTS."

TRUK, MICRONESIA, IN 1974, IS A LONG WAY FROM OPERATING IN A TENT DURING THE WAR. THE SUCCESSFUL OPEN HEART OPERATION SHOWS HOW FAR MODERN MEDICINE HAS COME IN MICRONESIA.

(LAW DAY AWARD)

SAIPAN, MAY 1 (MNS)---LAW DAY WAS RECOGNIZED THROUGHOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY WEDNESDAY (MAY 1). THE OBSERVANCE, WHICH COINCIDES WITH LAW DAY IN THE UNITED STATES, WAS PROCLAIMED BY TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON WITH THE THEME--"YOUNG MICRONESIA--LEAD THE WAY." SPECIAL CEREMONIES MARKING THE OCCASSION WERE HELD IN SEVERAL DISTRICTS.

IN TRUK, DURING A SPECIAL CEREMONY AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, TRUK PRESIDING JUDGE SOUKICHI FRITZ WAS PRESENTED WITH THE 1974 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S AWARD FOR HIS "OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY." FRITZ WAS APPOINTED PRESIDING JUDGE OF TRUK IN 1964. HE WAS A HOUSE MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FROM 1965-'66, A CLERK OF COURTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE, AND IS A MEMBER OF VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN TRUK DISTRICT.

ACCORDING TO DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL MAMORO NAKAMURA, TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR JUAN SABLAN MADE THE PRESENTATION ALONG WITH TRUK DISTRICT ATTORNEY ALLAN NICHOLSON.

IN THE HIGH COURT ROOM ON SAIPAN, SEVERAL SPEECHES WERE GIVEN BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKING PART IN THE EVENT. MARIANAS DISTRICT PRESIDING JUDGE IGNACIO BENEVENTE; LEGISLATURE VICE-SPEAKER JUAN CABRERA; SPEAKER OF THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL VICENTE CAMACHO AND SEVERAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ALL GAVE SPEECHES. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ALSO ATTENDED THE OCCASSION. POLICE SERGEANT JOSE SABLAN WAS THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES.