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FISCAL YEAR 1974 TT BUDGET. THE AMOUNT INCLUDES 750,000 DOLLARS TO COVER ADDITIONAL COSTS ON THE PONAPE REFERRAL HOSPITAL, AND AN EQUAL AMOUNT TO PAY FOR SHARPLY INDREASED FUEL COSTS DURING THE YEAR.

ACCORDING TO WORD RECEIVED ON SALPAN FROM WASHINGTON THURSDAY (MAY 9), BOTH THE SENATE AND HOUSE HAVE NOW COMPLETED ACTION ON THE BILL, BUT BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES IN SOME ITEMS AFFECTING OTHER AGENCIES THE MEASURE HUST BE CONSIDERED BY A

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JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE BEFORE IT 28 SENT TO PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON FOR HIS SIGNATURE, THE AMOUNT APPROVED FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY IS THE SAME BY BOTH HOUSES, HOWEVER, AND THUS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE CONFERENCE.

TRUST TERRITORY AND CONGRESS OF MICEUNESIA PROGRAM AND BUDGET OFFICIALS TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON IN LATE MARCH AND EARLY APRIL TO TESTIFY BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REGUEST, AS WELL AS ON THEPFY 1975 BUDGET, WHICH STILL IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE CONGRESS.

THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAD ASKED THAT MONEY FOR ANOTHER New TT FIELD TRIP SHIP ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL FOR FY 1974, BUT THIS WAS NOT DONE.

(COMMITTEE HEARINGS)

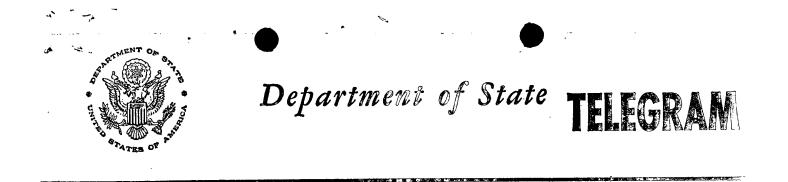
SAIPAN, MAY 9 (MNS)===HEARINGS ON NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY PERSONNEL BOARD, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND FOR THE PUSITION OF TERRITORIAL PLANNER BEGAN ON SAIPAN THURSDAY (APRIL 9) BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS.

HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS SUBMITTED THE Nomination of Phillip N. Chamberlain to the Position of

PAGE 04 RUHGSAA0129 UNCLAS TERRITORIAL PLANNER, CHAMBERLAIN HAS BEEN THE TRUST TERRITORY'S CHIEF OF THE PLANNING DIVISION, A DIVISION WHICH WAS ABOLISHED BY THE CONGRESS IN PASSING A BILL CREATING A TERRITORIAL PLANNING OFFICE WIHTIN THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. THE BILL IS NOW PUBLIC LAW 5-78.

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OTHER NOMINATIONS BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ARE MRS, KIYOKO RENGIIL OF PALAU FOR THE TT PERSONNEL DUAHD, AND HILARY CONHAD OF PONAPE AND MRS, CARMEN MILNER DIGLER OF THE MARSHALLS TO THE TT BOARD OF EDUCATION,

MRS, RENGIIL IS A NURSE WORKING IN PALAU HEALTH SERVICE, MRS, BIGLER IS WORKING WITH THE ADULT EDUCATION DIVISION IN THE Marshalls, while conrad is an employee at continental air Microneisa in Ponape,

THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS IS CHAIRED BY SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH OF TRUK, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ATTENDING THE HEARINGS ARE SENS. WILFRED KENDALL OF THE MARSHALLS, OLYMPIO BORJA OF THE MARIANAS, THE PETRUS TUN OF YAR, AND REPRESENTATIVES TARKONG PEDRO OF PALAU AND SUNGINO HADLEY OF PONAPE.

(HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER APPOINTED)

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SAIPAN, MAY 9 (MNS) ----CHIEF OF THE HEADQUARTERS LAND RESOURCES BRANCH GEORGE V. STATES HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON TO THE POSITION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK BY DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT EUSEBIO RECHUCHER.

ACCORDING TO RECHUCHER, STATES DUTTES AND RESPONSIBILITIES WILL INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMS TO PRESERVE AND RESTORS SOME OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE, XT WAS NOTED THAT AN AMENDMENT LAST YEAR TO THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT OF 1966 MADE THE TT ELISIBLE FOR MATCHING GRANTS-IN-AID TO SURVEY HISTORIC SITES, PREPARE A TERRITORY-WIDE PRESERVATION PLAN AND EVENTUALLY FUND THE ACTUAL PROJECTS.

THE GRANT PROGRAM, ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL PARK Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior, IS Linked With The Nation Register of Historpe Places.

ACCORDING TO RECHUCHER, THE AMENDMENT TO THE PRESERVATION ACT OF 1966 ENABLED THE TT TO JOIN OTHER "NON#STATES" COVERED By the ACT such as guam, American Samoa, The Virgin Islands, Pufrto Rico and the district of Columbia. He noted that The

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HISTORICAL SITES PRESERVATION MOVEMENT FOR THE TT WAS STARTED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN 1967 WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HISTORICAL SITES COMMISSION, THE INITIAL PROGRAM, HOWEVER, HAS NEVER REALLY GOTTEN OFF THE GROUND ON ACCOUNT OF LACK OF FUNDS, HE SAID.

THE NEWLY APPOINTED IT HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SAID THIS WEEK THAT JERRY ROGERS, THE PROGRAM'S GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., WILL BE VISITING THE IT SOON AND TOURING THE DISTRICTS WITH STATES TO HELP GET THE PROGRAM UNDER WAY. THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE IT MUST BE FILED BY JUNE 30, ACCORDING TO STATES.

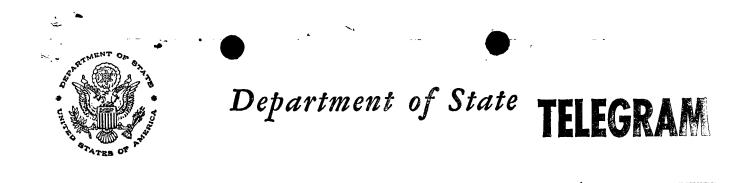
HE SIAD PRELIMINARY PLANNING STAGES WILL BE INITIATED BY AN "ACTION SURVEY", MAKING AN INVENTORY OF ALL THE HISTORICAL SITES FOR PRESERVATION IN MICRONESIA. "WE HAVE MANY IMPORTANT SITES IN THE TT, SUCH AS THE ROCK ISLANDS AND YAP STONE MONEY QUARRIES IN PALAU, STONE MONEY BANKS AND O'KEEFE'S ISLAND IN YAP; THE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF BAPOT AT LAU LAU BEACH ON SAIPAN; THE DE BRUM ANCESTRAL HOME AT LIKIEP AND THE GERMAN AND JAPANESE HEADQUARTERS ON JALUIT IN THE MARSHALLS; ATOMIC SITES IN THE MARSHALLS, AND MANY OTHER," HE SAID.

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STATES INDICATED HE FEELS THE SENSE OF A PEOPLE'S CULTURAL-IDENTITY ENFORCED BY A PRESERVATION PROGRAM IS NEEDED NOW AS MICRONESIANS POT FOR THEIR FUTURE PULITICAL STATUS. HE BELIEVES THAT THE POTENTIAL OF TOURISM WILL ALSO BE ENHANCED BY TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF A CULTURE, SINCE RAPID DEVELOPMENT TO ACCUMMODATE GROWTH CAN DESTROY UNPROTECTED HISTORICAL SITES. STATES NOTED THAT LEGISLATION TO EFFECT THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS FROM THE TT GOVERNMENT TO THE DISTRICTS IN PENDING BEFORE THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. HE ADDED THAT DISTRICT CONTROL AND LAND OWNERSHIP ARF ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PRESERVATION PROGRAM. STATES EMPHASIZED THAO THE IMPETUS FOR THE PROGRAM WILL COME FROM THE DISTRICTS.

WPTH THE FIRST FEDERAL FUNDING HE HOPES TO CONTRACT A PROFESSIONAL SURVEY TEAM TO FIND THE HISTORICAL INFORMATION NECESSARY TO FORM MICRONESIA'S PRESERVATION PLAN, THE

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HISTORICAL SITES COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WILL BE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM, A PROFESSIONAL REVIEW BOARD WILL ALSO BE APPOINTED TO APPROVE NOMINATIONS TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER. ACCORDING TO STATES, MEMBERS OF THE TT HISTORIC SITES

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