

(MARIANAS TALKS BEGIN)

SAIPAN, MAY 14 (MNS)---ANOTHER ROUND IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE MARIANA ISLANDS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION BEGINS WEDNESDAY (MAY 15) ON SAIPAN. UNLIKE PREVIOUS MEETINGS, THIS ROUND WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY WITH A WORKING SESSION, ELIMINATING THE USUAL OPENING PLENARY SESSION THAT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. 1979

WORKING SESSIONS WILL AGAIN TAKE PLACE IN THE CHAMBERS OF THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IN CHALAN KANOA. THE TALKS ARE EXPECTED TO LAST UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH. SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN HEADS THE MARIANAS DELEGATION, WHILE THE U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM IS AGAIN HEADED BY AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT NIXON'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. 11

AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS AND MOST MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION ARRIVED ON SAIPAN MONDAY. SENATOR PANGELINAN AND THE AMBASSADOR WERE TO MEET TUESDAY EVENING TO FINALIZE THE AGENDA AND OTHER PLANS FOR THIS ROUND OF TALKS.

IN ADDITION TO AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS. OTHERS IN THE U.S. DELEGATION INCLUDE HIS DEPUTY, JAMES WILSON, NAVY CAPTAIN RICHARD SCOTT OF OMSN, HEARON MARCUSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, SOLOMON SILVER OF THE OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS; JAMES BERG OF INTERIOR, ANDRE SORENA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, NAVY CAPTAIN ED WHALEN, AIR FORCE COLONEL WILLIAM KENTY, NAVY COMMANDER ROBERT WESTLAKE, EDWARD ARCHER OF OMSN, AIR FORCE LT. COL. DALE STRAIT, AND MARY VANCE TRENT, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION ARE: EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN: VICENTE N. SANTOS, VICE-CHAIRMAN: PEDRO A. TENORIO, FELIX RABAULIMAN, OLYMPIO T. BORJA, JOAQUIN PANGELINAN, JOSE R. CRUZ, BERNARD HOFNSNEIDER, DANIEL T. MUNA, FELIPE SALAS, FRANCISCO T. PALACIOS, HERMAN Q. GUERRERO, VICENTE CAMACHO, BENJAMIN MANGLONA AND JOANES TAIMANAO.

(BANK OF TOKYO APPLIES)

SAIPAN, MAY 14 (MNS)---THE BANK OF TOKYO OF CALIFORNIA, A U.S. SUBSIDIARY OF THE WORLD-WIDE JAPANESE BANK WHICH ALREADY HAS A BRANCH ON GUAM, HAS APPLIED FOR A PERMIT TO OPEN A COMMERCIAL BANK ON SAIPAN.

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SAID THE APPLICATION WAS THE ONLY ONE RECEIVED DURING THE PAST WEEK. THE ONLY OTHER FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY DURING THE WEEK INVOLVED THE REVOCATION OF A BUSINESS PERMIT FOR NON-COMPLIANCE.

THE BANK OF TOKYO APPLICATION SAYS THE FIRM HOPES TO ENGAGE IN GENERAL COMMERCIAL BANKING IN THE MARIANAS"... WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SERVICING AND FINANCING OF NEW INVESTMENT COMING INTO THE TRUST TERRITORY." THE COMPANY ALSO SAYS IT WILL PLACE ITS MAJOR EMPHASIS ON ARRANGING JOINT VENTURES BETWEEN MICRONESIANS AND FOREIGN INVESTORS.

INCLUDED WITH THE APPLICATION WAS AN ECONOMIC SURVEY AND FEASIBILITY STUDY.

THE APPLICATION WAS FORMALLY FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON SAIPAN BY A GROUP OF FOUR BANK OFFICIALS, HEADED BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GEORGE CURRAN, AND BY HIROTO OHTA, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BANK IN SAN FRANCISCO. THE GROUP ALSO INCLUDED TAKASHI TATSUNO, VICE PRESIDENT AND MANAGER OF THE GUAM BRANCH, AND GUAM ATTORNEY PAUL LACY.

THE APPLICATION FROM THE BANK OF TOKYO OF CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE MARIANAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION. 08670

THE BUSINESS PERMIT REVOKED LAST WEEK WAS THAT OF PALAU BROADCASTING CORPORATION, AN AFFILIATE OF MICRONESIAN BROADCASTING

CORPORATION, OPERATOR OF SAIPAN'S WSZE-TV, AND OF PACIFIC BROADCASTING OF GUAM, WHICH OPERATES KUAM. THE COMPANY WAS ISSUED A PERMIT IN 1972 TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A TELEVISION STATION IN PALAU. HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON NOTIFIED SCOTT KILLGORE, PRESIDENT OF THE FIRM, LAST WEEK THAT UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE PALAU DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR THE PERMIT WAS BEING REVOKED FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS. ESSENTIALLY THE COMPANY WAS REQUIRED TO BEGIN ITS OPERATIONS WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME AND HAS FAILED TO DO SO.

ANOTHER OF KILLGORE'S COMPANIES, TRUK BROADCASTING CORPORATION. RECENTLY LOST ITS FREQUENCY ASSIGNMENT FOR FAILER TO COMMENCE OPERATIONS IN TRUK, AND REVOCATION OF THAT BUSINESS PERMIT IS ALSO EXPECTED.

(R & D HEARING CONCLUDE IN PONAPE)

PONAPE, MAY 14 (MNS)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT HAS COMPLETED HEARINGS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE FISHING AUTHORITY AND FISHERY COOPERATIVES IN PONAPE, ACCORDING TO CHAIRMAN REPRESENTATIVE SASAUO HARUO (TRUK).

THE JOINT COMMITTEE VISITED OR MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES IN ALL DISTRICTS DURING RECENT WEEKS, LOOKING INTO COPRA HANDLING, UNITED MICRONESIA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (UMDA) BUSINESS ACTIVITIES, AND FISHERIES. CHAIRMAN HARUO POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN GREATLY AIDED IN ITS WORK BY HAVING DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT EUSEBIO RECHUCHER WITH THEM AT THE HEARINGS.

ALSO CURRENTLY TRAVELING WITH THE COMMITTEE IN CLINTON ATKINSON, A FISHERIES CONSULTANT TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, ALONG WITH CHARLES M. SICARD FROM THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT STAFF, AND DAVID WEISBROT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE GATHERING OF ALL THE NEEDED IN INFORMATION.

THUS FAR THE COMMITTEE HAS FOUND, ACCORDING TO CHAIRMAN HARUO, THAT "...THE DOCUMENTS AND CONTRACTS EXECUTED IN 1966 BETWEEN THE COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD AND UMDA NEED TO BE REVIEWED FOR POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO REFLECT THE CURRENT ECONOMIC ESCALATION.

"THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO FOUND," HE CONTINUED, "THAT ONE OF THE BASIC FUNCTIONS OF UMDA, ACCORDING TO ITS CHARTER, WAS TO PULL IN SUPPLIES PURCHASED AT A BULK RATE AND DISTRIBUTE THEM TO THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE. IN ADDITION, THE COPRA BAG PRICE, AS THE COMMITTEE HAS OBSERVED, HAS BEEN DIFFERENT IN ALL THE DISTRICTS, AS AGAINST UMDA ADVICE."

REGARDING FISHERIES, CONGRESSMAN HARUO RELATED THAT "...BASED ON CONSULTANT RECOMMENDATIONS, THE JOINT COMMITTEE HAS PAID SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS, NEEDS AND POTENTIAL OF THE OUTER ISLANDS. TOO MUCH EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED ON DEVELOPING THE DISTRICT CENTERS. WE HAVE TO START CONCENTRATING ON, AND HELPING TO DEVELOP, THE OUTER ISLANDS AS WELL."

THE COMMITTEE EXPECTS TO HOLD HEARINGS IN THE COMING WEEKS IN KUSAIE, THE HALL ISLANDS, NAMONUITO ATOLL, SAIPAN, TINIAN AND ROTA, TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT.

(COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD MEETING)

SAIPAN, MAY 14 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD WAS TO MEET TUESDAY AFTERNOON (MAY 14) AT THE HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCE ROOM ON SAIPAN, ACCORDING TO BOARD CHAIRMAN EUSEBIO RECHUCHER.

THE TWO-DAY MEETING WAS CALLED TO REVIEW THE REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE COPRA WAREHOUSE PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICTS. THE PROJECT IS FUNDED BY THE COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD FUND, RECHUCHER TOLD MNS. OTHER MAJOR TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE TWO-DAY MEETING INCLUDE THE COPRA TAX IN YAP DISTRICT, COPRA PRICES ON THE WORLD MARKET, AND THE COPRA CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED MICRONESIA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS OF THE COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD ARE: JOHN MOTE, MARSHALLS; KASIONA JOSEPH, PONAPE; SHIRO ALBERT, TRUK; JOHN CHIYEG, YAP; PETE

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TENORIO, MARIANAS; AND JACOB SAWAICHI, FROM PALAU. OTHER MEMBERS REPRESENTING HEADQUARTERS IN ADDITIONT RECHUCHER ARE: JACK BEEMAN.

TEACHERS: JOE PEABLES, DUDLEY DAUBACHER, AND BERTIN WEILBACHER, ALL MEMBERS.

(HOUSING WORKSHOP IN HAWAII)

SAIPAN, MAY 14 (MNS)---THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMMISSION, WILLIAM ALLEN, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE HEADQUARTERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, RECENTLY CONDUCTED A ONE WEEK WORKSHOP IN HONOLULU, HAWAII FOR THE TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMMISSIONERS AND DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICIALS.

THE WORKSHOP, WHICH WAS FUNDED BY A TRAINING GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, FOCUSSED ON THE OPERATIONS OF HOUSING COMMISSIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOW-COST HOUSING PROGRAMS. ITS SPECIFIC PURPOSE WAS TO FAMILIARIZE MICRONESIAN HOUSING OFFICIALS WITH VARIOUS FEDERAL AND LOCAL HOUSING PROGRAMS, AND TO ENABLE THEM TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY AS COMMISSIONERS AND HOUSING AUTHORITY DIRECTORS.

AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN THE TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR MICRONESIANS INLCUDED THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, THE HONOLULU REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, THE HAWAII HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE COUNTY OF HONOLULU COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, AND THE HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

TURST TERRITORY PARTICIPANTS WERE THE TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMMISSIONERS: ALLEN, JESUS LIZAMA OF THE MARIANAS, FRANCIS DEFINGIN OF YAP, WILHELM RENGILL OF PALAU, SACHUO BULICHE OF TRUK, SANTIAGO JOAB OF PONAPE, AND HENRY SAMUEL OF THE MARSHALLS. DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITY PARTICIPANTS WHO ATTENDED WERE: PEDRO TENORIO, CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS HOUSING AUTHORITY; MASUO KYOTA, MANAGER, PALAU HOUSING AUTHORITY; BERNELL EDWARD, REPRESENTING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PONAPE HOUSING AUTHORITY; NAMO HERMIOS, VICE-CHAIRMAN, MARSHALL ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY; AND ERMES SIALES, CAHIRMAN, TRUK HOUSING AUTHORITY.

THE JOINT COORDINATORS FOR THE WORKSHOP WERE: WILLIAM JACKSON, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION AND ROBERT NUI, PROGRAM MANAGER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN HONOLULU.

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