

(KABUA NAMED STATUS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN)

SAIPAN, MAY 23 (UPI) -- MARSHALL'S CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATOR AMATA KABUA HAS BEEN ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM MAJURO THIS WEEK. TONY DEBRUM, DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS HAS BEEN ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE EIGHT-MEMBER COMMISSION. (974)

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS WAS HELD LAST WEEK IN AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING. THE COMMISSION WILL BE MAKING VISITS TO THE OUTER ISLANDS IN THE MARSHALLS AS WELL AS MEETING IN THE DISTRICT CENTER AND EBeye TO ASCERTAIN THE VIEWS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALLS WITH REGARD TO POLITICAL STATUS, ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN KABUA TO HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON. 11

THE MARSHALLS STATUS COMMISSION WAS FORMED LAST YEAR WITH THE SIGNING OF DISTRICT LAW 23-34. THE ORIGINAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMISSION WAS 18, BUT IN ITS LAST SESSION, THE NITIJELA AMENDED THE NUMBER TO EIGHT, FOUR NAMED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE NITIJELA, TWO BY THE DISTAD, AND TWO SELECTED FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DELEGATION.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE: IROIJ KABUA KABUA, IROIJ NAMO HERMIOS, IROIJ ALBERT LOEAK AND NITIJELA REPRESENTATIVE JINA LAVIN, ALL APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER; CHAIRMAN KABUA AND REPRESENTATIVE BALOS FROM THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION; AND KINJA ANDRIKE, MARSHALLS DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND VICE-CHAIRMAN TONY DEBRUM, APPOINTED BY DISTAD OSCAR DEBRUM.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(LAW OF SEA MEETINGS HELD)

SAIPAN, MAY 28 (CONGRESS RELEASE) --- A SIX-MEMBER U.S. TASK FORCE COMPLETED A TWO-DAY MEETING ON SAIPAN, LAST WEEK WITH THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON LAW OF THE SEA (LOS).

ACCORDING TO CONGRESS STAFF ATTORNEY FREDERICK RAMP, THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING, WHICH FINALLY ENDED AT 1 A.M., THURSDAY MORNING, WAS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON COMPLICATED LEGAL QUESTIONS INCLUDING ECONOMIC ZONES, TRANSIT ISSUES, FISHING RIGHTS, PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS, AND THE "ARCHIPELAGO THEORY" OF TERRITORIAL WATER OWNERSHIP WHICH THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ADOPTED EARLIER THIS YEAR AS ITS OFFICIAL POSITION TO TAKE TO THE INTERNATIONAL LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH IN SOUTH AMERICA.

THE CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED FOR CARACAS, VENEZUELA AND SPONSORED BY THE UNITED NATIONS, WILL BE THE LARGEST INTERNATIONAL MEETING EVER HELD. OVER 2,300 DELEGATES FROM 150 NATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND OTHER ISLAND NATIONS.

RAMP SAID THE CONFERENCE WILL HAVE SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR MICRONESIA, SINCE ITS LAND RESOURCES ARE LIMITED. MAKING THE SEA AND ITS RESOURCES SURROUNDING THE ISLANDS EXTREMELY VALUABLE AS THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME IN THE FUTURE.

MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION THAT MET ON SAIPAN INCLUDED THE HONORABLE HOWARD POLLACK, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON MICRONESIA OF THE U.S. LAW OF THE SEA TASK FORCE; BERNARD OXTAN, STATE DEPARTMENT LEGAL ADVISOR; MORRIS BUSBY AND ROBERT IVERSON, FISHERIES CONSULTANTS; PAUL AKE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE; AND MYRON NORDQUIST OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT. 03280

MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS' JOINT COMMITTEE THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING INCLUDED SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH OF TRUK, CHAIRMAN; REPRESENTATIVES MASAO NAYAYAMA OF TRUK AND HERMAN Q. GUERPERO OF THE MARIANAS; AND LEGAL COUNSELS FREDERICK S. WYLE, KALEB UDUI, AND FREDERICK RAMP.

(MEMORIAL PARK PLAN)

SAIPAN, MAY 28 (MNS)---PLANS FOR AN AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK IN THE MICRO BEACH AREA OF SAIPAN WERE UNVEILED MONDAY (MAY 27) AT A PRESS CONFERENCE BY U.S. AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND SEN. EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS JOINED OTHER U.S. AND MARIANA ISLANDS OFFICIALS IN LAYING WREATHS AT TWO WORLD WAR TWO MEMORIALS. THE MONUMENTS ARE LOCATED AT SAN JOSE VILLAGE ON SAIPAN.

THE FOLLOWING IS A PRESS RELEASE OUTLINING THE PLANS FOR THE AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK:

"IN THE CURRENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THE UNITED STATES, AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS HAS ELABORATED ON PRELIMINARY PLANS BY THE UNITED STATES FOR AN AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK IN THE MICRO BEACH AREA OF SAIPAN. THIS AREA, FROM MICRO BEACH ROAD NORTHWARD TO "A" DOCK AND EXTENDING WESTWARD TO WALLACE HIGHWAY, IS PART OF AN AREA REQUIRED BY THE UNITED STATES FOR CONTINGENCY PURPOSES. SINCE THERE ARE NO PRESENT MILITARY USE REQUIREMENTS, AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS LAST DECEMBER PROPOSED A LARGE LIVING MEMORIAL PARK FOR THE AREA HONORING BOTH AMERICANS, AND CHARORROS AND CAROLINIANS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS IN WORLD WAR II.

AT A MEETING LAST MARCH WITH SENATOR EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN AND LEGISLATURE PRESIDENT VICENTE SANTOS, CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO ADA, AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS PRESENTED A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF THE PARK. THE PLAN CALLED FOR EXTENSIVE LANDSCAPING OF THE AREA AND INCLUDED FAMILY PICNIC SITES, WOODED TRAILS, A SMALL BOAT MARINA, AND AN ARBORETUM AND BOTANICAL GARDEN. ALSO PROPOSED WERE AREAS FOR SPORTS AND RECREATION, INCLUDING A SWIMMING POOL, TENNIS AND BASKETBALL COURTS AND FIELD GAMES. A REVISED PLAN, PRESENTED LAST WEEK, ALSO INCLUDES A PUBLIC AMPHITHEATRE WHICH WAS SUGGESTED BY THE MARIANAS LEADERSHIP LAST MARCH AS A POSSIBLE MEMORIAL TO PEOPLE OF THESE ISLANDS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN WORLD WAR II.

IN HIS MOST RECENT COMMENTS, AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS REEMPHASIZED THAT THE PARK WOULD BE "A LIVING MEMORIAL TO OUR LOVED ONES TO BE USED AND ENJOYED BY ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS." BOTH DELEGATIONS TO THE NEGOTIATIONS AGREED THE PARK WOULD BE A MAJOR STEP FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE MICRO BEACH AND MARINA AREA.

IN MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO THIS SESSION OF STATUS TALKS, THE HEADS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND INTERIOR, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS MET TO DISCUSS THE AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK AND COMMISSIONED INTERIOR'S BUREAU OF OUTDOOR RECREATION TO SUBMIT A PHASED DEVELOPMENT PLAN. THIS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MARIANAS LEADERSHIP FOR ADDITIONAL INPUT AND SUGGESTIONS. SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES, ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE PARK COULD BEGIN AS SOON AS THE POLITICAL STATUS QUESTION FOR THE MARIANAS IS SETTLED BUT IT IS HOPED THAT THE LAND CLEARING PHASE CAN BEGIN SOONER.

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(THREE FROM TT TO ATTEND SPC CONFERENCE)

SAIPAN, MAY 28 (MNS)---THREE PERSONS FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY LEFT LAST WEEK TO ATTEND THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE SPC COMMISSION'S PLANNING COMMITTEE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE

MAY 27 TO THE 31ST IN NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA.

REPRESENTING THE TT AT THE CONFERENCE ARE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT EUSEBIO RECHUCHER, CLARENCE TAKENCHI, ASSISTANT SPECIAL CONSULTANT, AND ASTERIO TAKESY, HOUSE CLERK OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. TAKESY IS ATTENDING THE MEETING IN PLACE OF CONGRESSMAN LUKE TMAN, WHO COULD NOT ATTEND THE SPC MEETING BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA ON BEHALF OF THE YAP DELEGATION. THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT CARACAS, VENEZUELA NEXT MONTH.

ACCORDING TO A NEWS RELEASE FROM THE SPC, THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE SPC COMMISSION WILL BRING TOGETHER TOP-LEVEL PLANNERS FROM MOST COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S ZONE OF ACTION. THE PLANNERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECOMMENDING "A THREE-YEAR PLAN OF WORK" TO THE FOURTEENTH SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE AND THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION, WHICH WILL CONVENE LATER THIS YEAR IN THE COOK ISLANDS.

OBSERVERS FROM PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS OF THE COMMISSION AND FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS INTERESTED IN THE REGION WERE ALSO EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE MEETING. THEY INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR INDIA IN FIJI; REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AT LAE; AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC BUREAU OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION; THE UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS; THE UN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION; THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT, LONDON; THE FOUNDATION FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC; THE EAST-WEST CENTER; THE UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM; AND THE UN DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY TEAM FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

THE REPORT NOTES THAT THE THIRTEENTH SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE AND THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION, MEETING ON GUAM LAST YEAR, INSTRUCTED THE SPC SECRETARIAT TO UNDERTAKE A NUMBER OF LONG-TERM PROJECTS, WHOSE INCEPTION WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY GENEROUS VOLUNTARY FINANCING FROM AUSTRALIA, FRANCE AND NEW ZEALAND. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL BE CONSIDERING THE PROGRESS OF THESE PROJECTS, AND MAKING PLANS FOR THEIR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

THE REPORT STATES THAT MANY OF THE PROJECTS ARE GEARED TO THE REGION'S REQUIREMENTS FOR MORE AND BETTER FOOD, ADDING THAT PART OF A LARGE-SCALE PROJECT ON NUTRITION, DETAILED DIETARY, PEDIATRIC, SOCIOLOGICAL AND DENTAL STUDIES ARE TO BE UNDERTAKEN.

(EXPIRATION OF TT BUSINESS LICENSES)

SAIPAN, MAY 28 (MNS)---ALL BUSINESS LICENSES ISSUED UNDER SECTION 3, TITLE 77 OF THE TT CODE FOR DISCAL YEAR 1974 WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 1974, ACCORDING TO JESUS P. MAFNAS, CHIEF OF THE TT REVENUE DIVISION.

MAFNAS EXPLAINED THAT ANY PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF IMPORTING, EXPORTING, SELLING OF SECURITIES, BANKING, INSURANCE, OR CONDUCTING OR OPERATING PUBLIC UTILITIES, MUST AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO ENGAGING OR CONTINUING IN SUCH BUSINESS OBTAIN FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE TT, THROUGH THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, A LICENSE TO ENGAGE IN SUCH A BUSINESS.

ACCORDING TO MAFNAS, THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL LICENSE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND ON OR BEFORE THE THIRTIETH OF JUNE. 08732

THEY ARE: IMPORT LICENSE, \$100; EXPORT, TEN DOLLARS; BANK, \$250; SECURITIES DEALERS; \$250; INSURANCE COMPANIES, \$200; INSURANCE BROKERS, \$75; PUBLIC UTILITIES, \$250.

MAFNAS STATED THAT ANY PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION WHICH OPERATES OR CONDUCTS BUSINESSES IN TWO OR MORE LOCATIONS IN THE TT WHICH CONSIST OF A COMBINATION OF TWO

MORE OF THE CLASSES OF BUSINESSES MUST OBTAIN A SEPARATE LICENSE FOR EACH LOCATION AND CLASS OF BUSINESS. MAFNAS SAID APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS LICENSES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM EACH OF THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICES AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

(DISTAD'S CONFERENCE ENDS)

TRUK, MAY 28 (MNS)---THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRUST TERRITORY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS CONCLUDED LAST WEEK ON TRUK. THE CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM TRUK DISTRICT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER NOHA RUBEN. OPENING REMARKS WERE MADE BY MOEN. MAYOR FUJITA BOSSY, FORMER LEGISLATURE SPEAKER HERMES KATSURA AND TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR JUAN SABLAN.

MAYOR BOSSY WELCOMED THE DISTADS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MOEN, SAYING THAT THE PEOPLE OF MOEN HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT THE DISTADS ARE "THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS AND THE FUTURE OF MICRONESIA." HE MENTIONED THE FACT THAT ALL THE DISTADS ARE MICRONESIANS, AND AS MICRONESIANS, THEY BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CULTURE, CUSTOMS AND THE PROBLEMS IN MICRONESIA TODAY. HE POINTED OUT THAT MICRONESIAN UNITY WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED AT THE TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETING THAT WAS HELD IN PONAPE LAST MONTH. HE ADDED THAT THE TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP HAS A DESIRE FOR ANOTHER SUCH CONFERENCE IN THE FUTURE. "BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, HOWEVER," BOSSY SAID, "IT IS NOT DEFINITE IF SUCH A MEETING COULD BE HELD. HOWEVER, I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE AS I HAVE STATED EARLIER, THAT IF THE DISTADS ARE FULLY AWARE OF OUR PROBLEMS, OUR CUSTOMS AND CULTURES, THEN WE WON'T HAVE ANY FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE." CONCLUDING, THE MOEN MAYOR SAID, "LET'S UNITE AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER."

FORMER SPEAKER KATSURA THEN SPOKE TO THE DISTADS. HE MENTIONED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PROBLEMS WHICH, HE SAID, THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS "ARE MORE QUALIFIED THAN ANYBODY IN COPING WITH." POLITICAL EDUCATION, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS, BUDGETS, DECENTRALIZATION, TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH ARE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS THAT MICRONESIANS HAVE WHICH THE DISTADS SHOULD DEAL WITH, KATSURA SAID.

"I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE FIRST THE ISSUE OF DECENTRALIZATION," KATSURA SAID. "ALL OF US HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT DECENTRALIZATION IN OUR DISTRICT GOVERNMENTS AND GIVING MORE RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR DISTADS, WHO ARE AT THE BATTLE GROUND FACING THE DAILY PROBLEMS. BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THE FINAL DECISIONS HAVE TO BE MADE FAR AWAY AT HEADQUARTERS. WE SEE TODAY THAT THE AUTHORITY OR THAT RESPONSIBILITY HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO OUR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, AND I AM SURE THAT THIS IS A SIGN OF PROGRESS."

KATSURA SAID THE SUCCESS OF ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL POLICIES RESTS WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE.

TOUCHING BRIEFLY ON POLITICAL EDUCATION, KATSURA POINTED OUT, "WE ARE NOW FACING THE MOST CRITICAL STAGE IN FINDING THE BEST POLITICAL DESTINY THAT WOULD BE BEST FOR OUR PEOPLE. OUR PEOPLE HAVE NOT GRASPED EVEN THE BASIC ISSUES THAT WE ARE NOW FACING."

"YOU'LL ASK ANYBODY ON THE STREET HOW MUCH THEY KNOW ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OR WHATEVER POLITICAL ISSUE WE HAVE, AND YOU'LL RECEIVE NOTHING FROM THEM BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING," KATSURA DECLARED. "THEN

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HOW CAN WE REACH OUR PEOPLE? WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS IT TO REACH OUR PEOPLE? I THINK ALL OF US SHARE THAT RESPONSIBILITY. ..GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE PRIVATE SECTOR. WE CAN NO LONGER IGNORE OUR PEOPLE'S IGNORANCE."

CONCLUDING, KATSURA STATED, "IT IS UP TO YOU TO UNITE US OR TO SEPARATE US. SPEAKING OF OUR POLITICAL FUTURE, IF WE SEPARATE, I DON'T THINK WE HAVE A GOOD CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL. UNITED WE MUST STAND, UNITED WE MUST BE STRONG, UNITED WE CAN FACE ALL OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD."

THE DISTADS VISITED TRUK HOSPITAL, TRUK HIGH SCHOOL AND THE AJH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY SITE DURING THEIR CONFERENCE. A REPORT GIVEN BY IT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS STRIK YOMA ON PROGRESS OF THE EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS IN THE SIX DISTRICTS WAS HEARD. THE DISTADS ALSO TRAVELED TO UMAN AT THE INVITATION OF MAGISTRATE SOUMATAU.