

(TAIWAN POACHERS ARRESTED)

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PALAU, JUNE 7 (MNS) --- TWELVE TAIWAN FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY A TRUST TERRITORY FIELD TRIP SHIP AT REMOTE HELEN REEF IN SOUTHWESTERN PALAU DISTRICT, AFTER THEY WERE OBSERVED ALLEGEDLY POACHING TURTLES, SHELLS, BIRDS AND EGGS FROM THE REEF.

A RADIO REPORT FROM THE M/V Hafa Adai SAID THE MEN HAD GONE ASHORE IN A SMALL DORY, WHILE THEIR "MOTHER SHIP" REMAINED OUTSIDE THE REEF. WHEN THE LARGER VESSEL SIGHTED THE Hafa Adai ENTERING THE LAGOON IT LEFT THE SCENE, LEAVING THE TWELVE MEN STRANDED.

THEY HAVE BEEN TAKEN ABOARD THE Hafa Adai, WHICH IS PROCEEDING TO KOROR. THE MEN WILL BE CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY TAKING MARINE RESOURCES FROM THE REEF. CONFISCATED WERE DIVING GEAR, NINE HAWKSBILL TURTLES, NINE BAGS OF TROCHUS, TWO BIRDS AND MANY BIRD EGGS, THREE CLAMS AND OTHER ITEMS, THE REPORT FROM THE FIELD TRIP VESSEL SAID. THE SHIP WAS ON A ROUTINE TRIP TO THE SOUTHWESTERN ISLANDS. HELEN REEF IS ABOUT 300 MILES SOUTHWEST OF THE PALAU DISTRICT CENTER.

A PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM THE PALAU DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE INDICATES THAT THE SHIP INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT IS THE NCP TEI SHENG GEN NUMBER 6, THE SAME VESSEL THAT WAS RECENTLY RELEASED FROM CUSTODY AFTER ITS OWNERS PAID SUBSTANTIAL FINES FOR POACHING ON HELEN REEF A FEW WEEKS AGO. THE SHIP APPARENTLY WENT DIRECTLY BACK TO HELEN REEF AFTER LEAVING KOROR MAY 28. THE SHIP HAS NOT BEEN SEEN SINCE LEAVING THE TWELVE MEN ON THE REEF JUNE 4.

THE Hafa Adai IS EXPECTED TO REACH KOROR WITH THE ARRESTED SAILORS SOMETIME THIS WEEKEND.

(APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 7 (CONGRESS RELEASE) --- THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS HAS CONFIRMED THREE NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON LAST MONTH FOR THREE KEY POSITIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

AFTER COMPLETING THREE DAYS OF HEARINGS THURSDAY, JUNE 6, THE JOINT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF PHILIP CHAMBERLAIN AS TERRITORIAL PLANNER, CARL HEINE AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND HILARY TACHELIOL FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF YAP.

DURING THE JOINT COMMITTEE'S HEARINGS, CHAIRED BY SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH OF TRUK, PARTICULAR INTEREST WAS GIVEN TO THE NEW POSITION OF TERRITORIAL PLANNER, WHICH WAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER UNDER PUBLIC LAW 5-78. CHAMBERLAIN HAD HEADED THE FORMER IT PLANNING DIVISION WHICH WAS ABOLISHED UNDER THE NEW LAW. THE NEW POSITION WAS ESTABLISHED SO THAT A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM STATEMENT COULD BE DEVELOPED WHICH WOULD OUTLINE GOALS, POLICIES, PRIORITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY IN YEARS TO COME.

CONCERNING THE NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, THE COMMITTEE SAID THEY FOUND CARL HEINE "EMINENTLY QUALIFIED" FOR THE POSITION. HEINE, A MARSHALLESE BY BIRTH, FORMERLY SERVED AS DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF YAP, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR THE CONGRESS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, AND IS PRESENTLY TAKING POST-GRADUATE STUDIES AT THE EAST-WEST CENTER IN HONOLULU. HE ALSO AUTHORED THE BOOK, "MICRONESIA AT THE CROSSROADS," A RECENTLY PUBLISHED ANALYSIS OF MICRONESIA'S POLITICAL DILEMMA.

THE JOINT COMMITTEE ALSO RECEIVED FAVORABLE TESTIMONY FROM VARIOUS DISTRICTS CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF HILARY

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TACHELIOL OF YAP AND FOUND HIM QUALIFIED FOR THE POST. HE HAS SERVED AS DISTAD REPRESENTATIVE ULITHI, OUTER ISLANDS, AND AS ACTING YAP DEPUTY DISTAD SINCE MARCH 19723.

MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE HEARINGS INCLUDED, SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH OF TRUK, CHAIRMAN; SENATOR PETRUS TUN OF YAP; REPRESENTATIVES RESIO MOSES OF PONAPE; REPRESENTATIVE TARKONG PEDRO OF PALAU; AND SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA OF THE MARIANAS.

✓ (ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(GUERRERO STATEMENT)

SAIPAN, JUNE 7 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---WHILE THE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COURT STUDIES THE CASE OF ROGER ST. PIERRE THIS WEEKEND, MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN HERMAN Q. GUERRERO ISSUED A STATEMENT FRIDAY INDICATING THAT THE PEOPLE OF SAIPAN ARE THANKFUL THE LOCAL COURT HAS INTERVENED IN THE CASE OF THE FORMER CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER.

"THE PEOPLE OF SAIPAN WERE DEEPLY PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE HIGH COURT HAS ISSUED AN ORDER STOPPING THE GOVERNMENT'S REMOVAL OF ST. PIERRE," GUERRERO SAID. "EVEN THOUGH THE ORDER IS ONLY TEMPORARY, IT IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND WILL ALLOW ST. PIERRE MORE TIME TO APPEAL HIS CASE."

TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF JUSTICE HAROLD W. BURNETT ISSUED A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER LAST THURSDAY, MAY 30, ORDERING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER NOT TO REMOVE THE 12-YEAR VETERAN PUBLIC DEFENDER FROM THE TT PAYROLL OR FROM HIS GOVERNMENT HOUSE PENDING FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT. A HEARING WAS HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 6, TO DETERMINE IF THE HIGH COURT HAS PROPER JURISDICTION IN THE CASE. THAT DECISION IS EXPECTED TUESDAY, JUNE 11.

IN HIS STATEMENT, GUERRERO SAID THE MAJORITY OF SAIPAN RESIDENTS ARE "DEEPLY CONCERNED" OVER THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S DECISION TO FIRE ST. PIERRE WHILE THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR HAD RECOMMENDED A 90-DAY SUSPENSION. ST. PIERRE WAS CHARGED WITH ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM A MARSHALLESE WOMAN IN A PROBATE CASE IN 1969.

LAST WEEK, AFTER THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCED HIS DECISION, GUERRERO WROTE JOHNSTON THAT HIS DECISION TO IGNORE THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS WAS "CLEARLY A MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE OF THE WORST SORT."

"SUCH ACTIONS ADVERSELY REFLECT UPON THE INTEGRITY OF THE UNITED STATES IN MICRONESIA," SAID GUERRERO. "MR. ST. PIERRE REMAINS AMONG THE MOST HIGHLY RESPECTED PUBLIC SERVANTS THE UNITED STATES HAS EVER SENT TO MICRONESIA."

✓ (SURVEY TEAM TO TINIAN)

SAIPAN, JUNE 7 (MNS)---ANOTHER TEAM OF SPECIALISTS WILL VISIT TINIAN THIS MONTH TO CONTINUE WORKING ON THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT CONCERNING U.S. PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A JOINT-USE MILITARY BASE ON THE ISLAND.

THE VISIT IS IN LINE WITH AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND MARIANA ISLANDS STATUS NEGOTIATING DELEGATIONS THAT SUCH STUDIES COULD BE UNDERTAKEN EVEN THOUGH NO FINAL AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN REACHED CONCERNING U.S. LAND NEEDS ON TINIAN.

THE TEN-MAN TEAM IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON SAIPAN JUNE 15 FOR FOUR DAYS OF BRIEFINGS BY TRUST TERRITORY AND MARIANAS DISTRICT OFFICIALS. FROM JUNE 19 TO JUNE 25 THE TEAM WILL UNDERTAKE ITS FIELD WORK ON TINIAN.

THE AMERICAN MILITARY HAS CONTRACTED WITH THE RESEARCH CORPORATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO PREPARE AN EXPANDED SOCIO-ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, EMPHASIZING THE EXPANSION AND RESULTANT DEVELOPMENT OF TINIAN'S ANTICIPATED ECONOMIC AND POPULATION GROWTH THAT WILL RESULT

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FROM THE BASE. THE SURVEY TEAM IS MADE UP OF PROFESSORS AND CONSULTANTS WITH SPECIFIC EXPERTISE IN FIELD RESEARCH, ANALYSIS AND REPORTING IN THE AREAS OF ECONOMICS, AGRICULTURE, SOCIOLOGY AND EDUCATION, A REPORT FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE PACIFIC AIR FORCE AT HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE IN HAWAII STATED.

THREE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE PACIFIC AIR FORCE WILL ACCOMPANY THE UNIVERSITY CONSULTANTS.

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(MOSES SPEAKS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 7 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---MICRONESIANS MUST WORK TOGETHER "TO PREVENT ANY SEPARATION OF MICRONESIA OR TO MAINTAIN IT AT A BARE MINIMUM," ACCORDING TO REPRESENTATIVES RESIO MOSES, WHO WAS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT A GRADUATION EXERCISE HELD JUNE 1ST FOR THE CLASS OF 1974 AT XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL IN TRUK.

REPRESENTATIVE MOSES ADDRESSED HIS REMARKS TO ONE OF MICRONESIA'S MOST CRUCIAL ISSUES, MICRONESIAN UNITY. HE SAID CURRENT POLITICAL EVENTS IN MICRONESIA MAKE IT CLEAR "THAT THE PROSPECT OF A UNITED STATES OF MICRONESIA APPEARS TO BE DIMINING."

CONGRESSMAN MOSES OUTLINED SOME DETERRING FACTORS TO MICRONESIA'S UNITY SUCH AS THE NORTHERN MARIANAS CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES; THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION; AND, PALAU'S SCHEME OF A LOOSE FEDERATION, A WELL CONSTRUCTED POSITION PAPER PRESENTED TO THE SECOND CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DURING ITS PREVIOUS SESSION AND WHICH WAS RECENTLY PASSED BY ITS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE.

THE CONGRESSMAN SAID: "IT APPEARS THAT IF THESE DISTRICTS ARE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR SECESSIONIST OR SEMISECESSIONIST MOVES THE LOGICAL CONCLUSION WOULD BE SAD AND UNFORTUNATE FOR US. IF ALL GOES WELL FOR THESE MOVEMENTS WE WOULD THEN HAVE A STATE CONSISTING OF ONLY TRUK, YAP AND PONAPE."

MOSES OFFERED SOME THOUGHT AS TO WHY A "UNITED MICRONESIAN STATE WOULD BE A MORE RATIONAL CHOICE...ALL CONCERNED MUST TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY IN MAINTAINING A SINGLE MICRONESIA, RATHER THAN MAKING SIX MINUTE MICRONESIANS." HE SAID DESPITE ALL THAT HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT DIVERSITIES AMONGST MICRONESIANS IN TERMS OF CULTURE, TRADITIONS, LANGUAGE, ETC., UNITY MUST BE VIEWED ON A MORE OPTIMISTIC BASIS. THE FACT THAT WE HAVE DIFFERENCES MUST BE ADMITTED, BUT IT MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN THAT UNITY IS POSSIBLE IN DIVERSITY...IN CERTAIN INSTANCES IN LIFE, DIVERSITY IS A PREREQUISITE OF UNITY AS IN THE CASE OF A MAN AND HIS WIFE."

THE PONAPE CONGRESSMAN CONTINUED: "AS WE LOOK AROUND IN OUR CONTEMPORARY WORLD, WE FIND STATES THAT EXIST, AND EXIST WELL, IN SPITE OF THEIR CULTURALLY DIVERSE POPULATIONS. A GOOD CASE IN POINT WOULD BE THE UNITED STATES, AND A YET CLOSER EXAMPLE IS OUR PACIFIC NEIGHBOR: THE STATE OF HAWAII." HE NOTED IF UNITY IS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE CULTURALLY DIVERSE POLITY OF THE UNITED STATES, THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE SAME IS POSSIBLE IN MICRONESIA.

MOSES NOTED THE INEXISTENCE OF A FEELING FOR MICRONESIAN NATIONALISM AND SAID THIS IS "BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE A REAL POLITICAL ENTITY TO WHICH WE FEEL WE SHOULD PLEDGE OUR LOYALTY." HE SAID "WE CAN CREATE MICRONESIAN NATIONALISM IF IT IS NEEDED FOR SURVIVAL OF A MICRONESIAN UNITY...IF IT IS A NEEDED COMMODITY, MICRONESIA HAS EVERY REASON TO EMPLOY ANY CONCEIVABLE TECHNIQUE TO BRING IT ABOUT"--EVEN IF WE HAVE TO RESORT TO MACHIAVELLIAN SCHEMES."

CONGRESSMAN MOSES ALSO NOTED THAT "PROPER RECOGNITION MUST BE GIVEN TO THE FACT THAT OUR DISTRICTS AND ISLANDS ARE MORE UNITED NOW THAN THEY EVER WERE. THERE ARE INNUMERABLE EVIDENCES SHOWING THAT WE ARE MORE CONCERNED AND MORE INTERESTED IN ONE ANOTHER, THAT WE WANT TO LEARN ABOUT EACH OTHER, AND THAT WE WANT TO STAY TIED TOGETHER."

"IN TALKING ABOUT UNITY," MOSES CONTINUED, "EITHER PESSIMISTICALLY OR ON A MORE OPTIMISTIC BASIS, ONE FACT OF REALITY MUST BE CLEAR TO US...REGARDLESS OF THE TYPE OR TYPES OF POLITICAL FORM TO BE INSTITUTED IN MICRONESIA, THESE ISLANDS WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE SOME FORM OF POLITICAL, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS." HE POINTED OUT THAT "THE PROXIMITY OF GEOGRAPHY, CULTURE AND WAY OF LIFE, AND HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE MAKE DEPENDENCY AMONG AND BETWEEN US UNAVOIDABLE."

REPRESENTATIVE MOSES EMPHASIZED TO BOTH SPECTATORS AND GRADUATES THAT MICRONESIANS HAVE MORE TO GAIN IN UNITY THAN IN DIVISIONS. HE SAID UNITY MUST BE VIEWED AS A SERIOUS TASK WHICH "ALL OF US MUST WORK TO ATTAIN...STRIVE TO MAINTAIN A MICRONESIA...UNITED IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH AND BY ONE COMMON GOVERNMENT, RATHER THAN MAKING SIX INSIGNIFICANT AND SMALL ISLAND NATIONS".

THE CONGRESSMAN QUOTED A STATEMENT MADE BY SENATOR PETRUS TUN OF YAP REGARDING THE SECESSIONIST MOVES OF SEVERAL DISTRICTS. HE SAID IN EFFECT THAT YAP WILL NEVER LEAVE THE REST OF MICRONESIA UNTIL ALL OTHER DISTRICTS HAVE LEFT. THE CONGRESSMAN ACKNOWLEDGED: "THIS IS A STATEMENT WHICH CARRIES A SPIRIT THAT SHOULD STAY WITH BOTH THE GOVERNORS AND THE GOVERNED IN MICRONESIA."

MOSES CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS TO THE GRADUATES BY SAYING: "FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE GRADUATING TODAY, THE CERTIFICATE WHICH YOU WILL RECEIVE ENTITLES YOUR ENTRANCE INTO THE WORLD OF WORK OR AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL VENTURE INTO ACADEMIA...WHEREVER EACH OF US FINDS OURSELVES, WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT MICRONESIA EXPECTS US TO CONTRIBUTE AND ASSIST IN HER QUEST FOR UNITY AND IN HER SEARCH FOR A VIABLE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT."

(NEW PALAU PLANNING OFFICER)

SAIPAN, JUNE 7 (MNS)---A FORMER PEACE CORPS PLANNING OFFICER IS THE NEW PLANNING OFFICER FOR PALAU DISTRICT. ACCORDING TO PHILIP CHAMBERLAIN, TT TERRITORIAL PLANNING OFFICER, JAMES F. HENDRICKS HAS REPLACED HAL HALLONQUIST, THE FORMER PALAU PLANNING OFFICER.

HENDRICKS, 29, WAS A PEACE CORPS PLANNER IN CIBU CITY, SARAWAK, MALAYSIA BEFORE TAKING HIS PRESENT POSITION. A NATIVE OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN, HENDRICKS RECEIVED HIS DEGREE IN CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY. HE HAS ALSO TAKEN GRADUATE COURSES AT WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY.

HENDRICKS WAS A FORMER PARTNER IN VILICAN-LEMAN AND ASSOC., A DETROIT PLANNING FIRM. HE AND HIS WIFE ARRIVED IN PALAU ON JUNE 7TH.

(PLANNING CONFERENCE TO BE HELD)

SAIPAN, JUNE 7 (MNS)---THE ANNUAL MICRONESIAN PLANNING CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON SAIPAN FROM JUNE 24 THRU THE 28TH. ACCORDING TO PHILIP CHAMBERLAIN, TERRITORIAL PLANNING OFFICER, THIS YEARS SESSION WILL COVER A WIDE RANGE OF CONCERN.

ALL DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICERS, AND THEIR TRAINEES, WILL DISCUSS ISSUES AS DIVERSE AS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW FIELD TRIP SHIPS, THE USE OF A NEW MICROFILM SYSTEM, 04087

AND THE POSSIBILITY OF USING INTERNATIONAL ROAD SIGNS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE CONFERENCE MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXAMINE DISTRICT PLANNING LEGISLATION AND THE NEW TT EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

"THESE MEETINGS ARE VERY IMPORTANT," CHAMBERLAIN SAID, "BECAUSE THEY ALLOW ALL OF US TO GET TOGETHER AND EXAMINE OUR COMMON CONCERNS."

THE CONFERENCE WILL CONCLUDE WITH PRESENTATIONS BY CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, COVERING THE PROGRESS OF THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, AND SAIPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT DAVID SABLAN.

(MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM SET)

SAIPAN, JUNE 7 (MNS)---IN COORDINATION WITH THE TRAINING DIVISION, TT DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL, THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA WILL GIVE ANOTHER MASTER'S DEGREE ADVANCED PROGRAMS SEMINAR ON SAIPAN BEGINNING AUGUST 5 THROUGH THE 10TH, ACCORDING TO PEDRO HARRIS, CHIEF OF THE TRAINING DIVISION.

DR. W. NELSON PEACH, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, WILL CONDUCT THE SEMINAR. THE COURSE WILL DISCUSS "ECONOMICS OF NATURAL RESOURCES" AND OTHER RELATED SUBJECTS.

HARRIS SAID ALL INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD CONTACT THE TRAINING DIVISION, LOWER BASE ON SAIPAN FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COSTS, COURSE DESCRIPTION, AND QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS SEMINAR.

HE ADDED THAT IT IS ADVISABLE TO SIGN UP NOW FOR THE COURSE SINCE THE TEXT BOOKS FOR THE COURSE HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE ANTICIPATES RECEIVING ANOTHER REPORT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK SATURDAY, JUNE 8. WE ALSO EXPECT TO HAVE COMPLETE, OR NEARLY COMPLETE RESULTS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ELECTION BY THEN. THUS THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MNS DISPATCH FOR SATURDAY, AND COMMUNICATIONS STATIONS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO NOTIFY BROADCAST STATIONS WHEN THIS WEEKEND DISPATCH IS RECEIVED).