

(BOAT MISSING IN MARIANAS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 18 (MNS)---AN AERIAL SEARCH WAS CONTINUING TUESDAY FOR A 22-FOOT CABIN CRUISER, MISSING SINCE SUNDAY ON A TRIP FROM SAIPAN TO ANATAHAN AND BACK WITH SEVEN PEOPLE ON BOARD.

REPORTS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR INDICATED THAT THE BOAT LEFT SAIPAN SATURDAY ON A HUNTING TRIP TO ANATAHAN, LOCATED ABOUT 78 MILES NORTH OF SAIPAN. IT WAS DUE TO RETURN TO SAIPAN SUNDAY EVENING. THE OWNER, GONZALO PANGELINAN, REPORTED THE BOAT OVERDUE MONDAY MORNING. HE WAS NOT ABLE TO IDENTIFY THOSE ON BOARD.

AIRCRAFT FROM THE SEA AND AIR RESCUE COORDINATING CENTER ON GUAM SEARCHED THE WATERS AROUND ANATAHAN MONDAY WITHOUT TURNING UP ANY TRACE OF THE MISSING BOAT. A NAVY P-3 WAS IN THE AIR AGAIN TUESDAY FLYING A SEARCH PATTERN, BUT BY MID-AFTERNOON HAD STILL NOT LOCATED THE BOAT. A SECOND AIRCRAFT JOINED THE SEARCH TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

AUTHORITIES SAID THE BOAT CARRIED TEN LIFE JACKETS, AND A LITTLE FOOD AND WATER, BUT HAD NO RADIO ON BOARD AND CARRIED NO SIGNALLING DEVICE TO ASSIST THE SEARCHERS.

(MARINES TO DO CIVIC WORK)

SAIPAN, JUNE 18 (MNS)---TT MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER LT. COMMANDER ALAN PENDLETON ANNOUNCED TUESDAY (JUNE 18) THAT THE UPCOMING MARINE MANEUVERS ON TINIAN WILL INCLUDE CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS AS WELL AS MILITARY OPERATIONS.

THE MARINE EXERCISES, SCHEDULED TO LAST FROM JUNE 21 TO 26, WILL INCLUDE ROAD REPAIR WORK, WORK ON TINIAN'S NEW CIVIC CENTER, AND THE PAINTING OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS. OTHER MARINES WILL CLEAN THE TINIAN PORT AREA.

"THESE PROJECTS," PENDLETON SAID, "WERE REQUESTED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS ON TINIAN. WE TOLD THEM WE HAD LIMITED EQUIPMENT BUT LOST OF MANPOWER."

THE CIVIC ACTION TEAMS WILL COME ASHORE ON JUNE 21 AND THE 22ND IN AMPHIBIOUS LANDING CRAFT. THE USS MONTICELLO IS ACTING AS THE BASE FOR ALL OF THE OPERATIONS.

PENDLETON ALSO SAID THAT MARINE UNITS WILL HOLD A REHEARSAL FOR THEIR WEDNESDAY INVASION ON SUNDAY AT UNIA LAN LAN BEACH ON NORTHWEST TINIAN. HE INDICATED THAT THE LOCAL RESIDENTS OF TINIAN HAVE BEEN INVITED TO OBSERVE THE LANDING FROM A SAFE DISTANCE. MILITARY OFFICIALS WILL BE PROVIDED TO EXPLAIN THE OPERATION IF THEY ARE REQUESTED, PENDLETON SAID.

THE ACTUAL LANDING EXERCISE WILL OCCUR BEFORE DAWN ON THE 26TH WHEN ABOUT 200 SOLDIERS CARRYING SMALL ARMS WILL GO ASHORE ACCOMPANIED BY SIMULATED NAVAL GUNFIRE. FOUR MARINE A-6 JETS WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE MANEUVERS.

"IT SHOULD BE NOTED," PENDLETON SAID, "THAT THE LANDINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ONLY ON MILITARY RETENTION LAND."

(PONAPE SELECTS DELEGATES)

SAIPAN, JUNE 18 (MNS)---PONAPE HAS BECOME THE FIRST DISTRICT TO SELECT ITS TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP DELEGATES FOR THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

UNDER TERMS OF THE CONVENTION LAW, TWO NON-VOTING DELEGATES ARE TO BE SELECTED BY TRADITIONAL LEADERS IN EACH OF MICRONESIA'S SIX DISTRICTS. IN THE MARIANAS, WHERE THERE IS NO TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP, ONE DELEGATE WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND ONE BY THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE.

MEETING MONDAY (JUNE 17) IN KOLONIA, THE PONAPE TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP SELECTED MAX IRIARTE, NANMWARKI OF NET MUNICIPALITY, AND HAINRICK STEPHEN, NANOKEN OF KITTI

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MUNICIPALITY, AS THEIR DELEGATES. SELECTED AS ALTERNATES IN THE EVENT EITHER OF THESE MEN IS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONVENTION WERE IOANIS ARTUI, NANWARKI OF SOKEHS, AND ALBERT DIOPULOS, NAMEKEN OF PINGELAP.

IN ADDITION TO THE TWO NON-VOTING DELEGATES, PONAPE WILL ALSO BE REPRESENTED BY NINE VOTING DELEGATES CHOSEN IN THE RECENT ELECTION, AND ONE VOTING DELEGATE TO BE SELECTED FROM THE DISTRICT'S CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DELEGATION.

THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD SOMETIME NEXT YEAR ON SAIPAN.

(COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST TT)

SAIPAN, JUNE 18 (HNS)---A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT WAS FILED IN THE TT HIGH COURT MONDAY (JUNE 17) BY JUAN TENORIO AND ASSOCIATES, INC., A SAIPAN SURVEYING FIRM. THE COMPLAINT ASKED THE HIGH COURT TO ISSUE AN ENJOINING ORDER TO PREVENT THE TRUST TERRITORY FROM SIGNING A CONTRACT TO SURVEY MICRONESIAN PUBLIC LANDS WITH EITHER ASIA MAPPING, INC., OR HAWAII ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS, INC., THE TWO OTHER SURVEY TEAMS THAT SUBMITTED BIDS FOR THE CONTRACT.

TENORIO CONTENDS THAT HIS COMPANY'S BID WAS THE LOWEST. HOWEVER, THE TT LANDS AND SURVEYS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT HAS STATED THAT ASIA MAPPING'S BID WAS THE BEST. THE FACTORS USED IN DETERMINING A CONTRACT AWARD IN SUCH A CASE ARE THE ACTUAL BID, A FIRM'S RESPONSIBILITY, ITS EXPERIENCE, THE EQUIPMENT IT HAS AVAILABLE, THE QUALITY OF ITS PERSONNEL, AND THE STRENGTH OF ITS FINANCIAL BACKING, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

OF THE THREE COMPETING FIRMS, ONLY TENORIO IS BASED IN MICRONESIA. ASIA MAPPING AND HAWAII ARCHITECTS, HOWEVER, ARE LICENSED TO OPERATE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

ALLAN NICHOLSON, REPRESENTING THE TRUST TERRITORY, FILED A MOTION TO HAVE THE HIGH COURT DISMISS THE CASE. NICHOLSON CITED TITLE 6, SECTION 252, SUBSECTION 2 OF THE TT CODE AS THE GROUNDS FOR THE DISMISSAL. THAT SECTION OF THE CODE STATES THAT THE HIGH COURT DOES NOT HAVE JURISDICTION OVER "ANY CLAIM BASED...UPON THE EXERCISE OR PERFORMANCE OR THE FAILURE TO EXERCISE OR PERFORM A DISCRETIONARY FUNCTION OR DUTY ON THE PART OF ANY AGENCY OR EMPLOYEE OF THE GOVERNMENT, WHETHER OR NOT THE DISCRETION INVOLVED BE ABUSED."

TT CHIEF JUSTICE HAROLD W. BURNETT DENIED THE MOTION.

TENORIO IS REPRESENTED BY JAMES BROOKS OF GUAM. SENATOR EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN OF SAIPAN IS AN ASSOCIATE COUNSEL.

THE CASE ARISES OUT OF THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS TO MICRONESIAN CONTROL BY THE UNITED STATES. THERE HAVE BEEN DIFFICULTIES IN MANY DISTRICTS IN DETERMINING EXACTLY WHO OWNS CERTAIN LAND HOLDINGS. THE SURVEY PROJECT, FUNDED BY A U.S. GOVERNMENT SPECIAL APPROPRIATION, IS AN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THE EXACT BOUNDARIES OF THE LAND PARCELS.

ACCORDING TO NICHOLSON, ONE OF THE TT'S CONCERNS IS THAT A PORTION OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE PROJECT MUST BE OBLIGATED BEFORE JUNE 30, THE END OF THE 1974 FISCAL YEAR.

THE LANDS AND SURVEY DIVISION HAS DIVIDED THE TRUST TERRITORY INTO FOUR SURVEY AREAS: THE MARIANAS; PALAU AND YAP DISTRICTS; PONAPE; AND TRUK AND THE MARSHALLS. ACCORDING TO THE PRELIMINARY AWARD, ASIA MAPPING RECEIVED THE CONTRACT FOR ALL AREAS EXCEPT PALAU AND YAP, WHICH WAS AWARDED TO HAWAII ARCHITECTS.

THE TT INFORMED ASIA MAPPING AND HAWAII ARCHITECTS THAT THEY HAD BEEN AWARDED CONTRACTS AND WAS IN THE PROCESS OF DRAWING UP THE DETAILS OF THE CONTRACTS WHEN THE TENORIO COMPANY FILED ITS COMPLAINT.

THE CASE WILL RECONVENE ON WEDNESDAY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT JUSTICE BURNETT WILL ISSUE A RULING AT THAT TIME.

(CATTLE TO PALAU)

SAIPAN, JUNE 18 (MNS)---FOUR PUREBRED SANTA GERTRUDIS CATTLE WERE FLOWN TO PALAU SATURDAY (JUNE 15) ON AN AIR FORCE PLANE. THE BULL AND THREE HEIFERS WILL BE USED TO IMPROVE THE PALAU CATTLE STOCK.

ACCORDING TO DR. WILLIAM SMITH, TRUST TERRITORY VETERINARIAN, THIS IS THE SECOND TIME AN AIR FORCE TRAINING MISSION HAS BEEN ABLE TO TAKE ANIMALS FROM SAIPAN'S AGRICULTURAL STATION TO THE OTHER DISTRICTS. DR. SMITH IS AN AIR FORCE CAPTAIN ASSIGNED TO THE TT.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT HEIFERS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO PALAU. A COAST GUARD RESUPPLY MISSION LAST APRIL WAS ABLE TO TAKE CALVES TO YAP. THE ANIMALS HAVE BEEN BRED ON SAIPAN FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS.

"WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF THE AIR FORCE AND THE COAST GUARD," DR. SMITH SAID, "WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE ANIMALS TO THE DISTRICTS."

THE CREW OF THE AIR FORCE C-118 WAS ABLE TO REMAIN ON PALAU OVERNIGHT. TWENTY AIR FORCE PERSONNEL ON LEAVE ACCOMPANIED THE CREW.

THE TRUST TERRITORY HAS ALSO ASKED THE U.S. NAVY TO AIRLIFT SIX CATTLE TO PONAPE. THE NAVY HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL DO SO WHEN SPACE IS AVAILABLE ON A ROUTINE RESUPPLY FLIGHT TO ITS CIVIC ACTION TEAM, DR. SMITH SAID.

(FIJI AND U.S. DISAGREE ON AIR ROUTES)

SAIPAN, JUNE 18 (MNS)---THE GOVERNMENTS OF FIJI AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON AN EXCHANGE OF AIR ROUTES THAT COULD INVOLVE THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE AIR SERVICE DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE IN HONOLULU EARLY THIS MONTH, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF FIJI.

THE REPORT SAID THE TWO DELEGATIONS HAVE ACCEPTED THE TEXT OF AN AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, BUT FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON AN EXCHANGE OF ROUTES. THE FIJI DELEGATION OFFERED WORLDWIDE ROUTES THROUGH NADI TO U.S. AIRLINES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CERTAIN SECTORS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION OF INTEREST TO AIR PACIFIC, THE FIJI NATIONAL AIRLINE.

IN RETURN, HOWEVER, THE FIJI GOVERNMENT WANTS PERMISSION FROM THE U.S. FOR AIR PACIFIC TO SERVE GUAM AND MICRONESIA, AS WELL AS TAHITI THROUGH PAGO PAGO, AMERICAN SAMOA. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, HEADED BY J. S. MEADOWS, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF AVIATION OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, REFUSED THIS REQUEST.

ACCORDING TO FIJI'S DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, RATU SIR PENAIA GANILAU, WHO HEADED THE FIJI DELEGATION, "FIJI THEN OFFERED TO ALLOW PAN AMERICAN A CONTINUATION OF THEIR PRESENT SERVICES THROUGH NADI TO SYDNEY AND BEYOND IN RETURN FOR A ROUTE FOR AIR PACIFIC FROM FIJI VIA WESTERN SAMOA AND TONGA TO PAGO PAGO AND ON TO RAROTONGA AND TAHITI. DESPITE THE INSIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL VALUE OF THE FIJI REQUEST IN COMPARISON WITH THE VALUE OF PAN AMERICAN'S PRESENT RIGHTS THROUGH NADI, THE U.S. DELEGATION AGAIN REFUSED TO ACCEPT AN EXCHANGE ON THESE LINES."

RATU SIR PENAIA THEN COMMENTED: "THE FIJI DELEGATION MADE IT CLEAR THAT IN VIEW OF THE UNREASONABLENESS OF THE U.S. POSITION THEY WOULD CONSIDER, ON THEIR RETURN TO SUVA, THE FUTURE OF PAN AMERICAN'S SERVICES THROUGH NADI..." THE PAN AMERICAN AUTHORIZATION TO SERVE FIJI WAS DUE TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 14.

THE FIJI AIRLINE, WHICH HAS NO CONNECTION WITH THE SMALL, GUAM-BASED AIR PACIFIC THAT SERVES THE MARIANAS, HAS

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SOUGHT TO RECEIVE PERMISSION FOR SERVICE TO MAJURO AND OTHER POINTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY PREVIOUSLY, BUT HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

AIR MICRONESIA, THE CONTINENTAL AIRLINES SUBSIDIARY WHICH SERVES THE TT, HAS BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION BY THE U.S CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD TO PROVIDE A LINK TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC FROM MAJURO, VIA TARAWA AND FUNAFUTI TO PAGO PAGO. AIR PACIFIC ALSO SERVES TARAWA AND FUNAFUTI, WHICH ARE IN THE GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY, BRITISH PROTECTORATE. BI-LATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE U. S AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE AIR MICRONESIA SERVICE PROPOSAL HAVE NOT YET BEEN HELD.