

(MORTON DISAPPROVES MARITIME BILL)

SAIPAN, JUNE 19 (MNS) --- SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ROGERS C.B. MORTON HAS DISAPPROVED THE ADMIRALTY AND MARITIME BILL, WHICH WOULD HAVE MADE MICRONESIA A PORT OF REGISTRY FOR SHIPS, (SB 94). THE MEASURE WAS VETOED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER LAST YEAR, BUT WAS REPASSED THIS YEAR BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. 718
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IN A LETTER TO TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, SECRETARY MORTON STATED: "I DEEPLY REGRET I MUST TAKE THIS ACTION BECAUSE THERE IS OBVIOUS MERIT TO SUCH LEGISLATION FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY. HOWEVER, THE BILL AS ENACTED IS NOT FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS RELATING TO SHIPPING AND, THEREFORE, AS WRITTEN, EXCEEDS THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CONGRESS. I DO NOT MEAN BY MY ACTION, HOWEVER, TO DISCOURAGE THE FUTURE ENACTMENT OF SUCH LEGISLATION, AND TO THIS END, WE IN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ARE PREPARED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO DEVELOP MARITIME LAWS FOR MICRONESIA WHICH, WHILE PROVIDING SUITABLE LEGISLATION TO GOVERN TRUST TERRITORY SHIPPING, WILL ALSO COMPLY WITH THE MANY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS RELATING TO SAFETY, POLLUTION CONTROL, FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, POSSIBLE LABOR STANDARDS, AND THE LIKE. 11

"I TRUST THAT YOU WILL CONVEY TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA," THE SECRETARY'S LETTER CONTINUED, "THE SENSE OF MY REGRET IN TAKING THIS ACTION AND OUR SINCERE DESIRE TO ASSIST THEM IN DEVELOPING AT AN EARLY DATE A WORKABLE LAW, SHOULD THE CONGRESS WISH TO PURSUE NEW LEGISLATION IN THE ADMIRALTY AND MARITIME AREA."

SECRETARY MORTON'S ACTION ON THE BILL IS FINAL. THERE CAN BE NO FURTHER REVIEW OF THIS PARTICULAR PIECE OF LEGISLATION BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. IT IS THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY FIVE YEARS THAT A PIECE OF LEGISLATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR ACTION, AND ONLY THE SECOND TIME SINCE THE CONGRESS WAS FORMED IN 1965.

(MISSING BOAT IS LOCATED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 19 (MNS) --- SEARCH AIRCRAFT FROM GUAM LOCATED A 22-FOOT CABIN CRUISER LATE TUESDAY AFTERNOON (JUNE 18), AFTER THE BOAT WITH SEVEN PEOPLE ABOARD HAD BEEN MISSING SINCE SUNDAY EVENING.

THE BOAT WAS ON A HUNTING TRIP FROM SAIPAN TO ANATAHAN. INITIAL REPORTS INDICATED THAT THE MEN RAN OUT OF GAN ON THE RETURN TRIP, AND DRIFTED UNTIL THEY WERE LOCATED.

TRUST TERRITORY MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER LT. CMDR. ALAN PENDLETON SAID THE COAST GUARD BUOY TENDER BASSWOOD, WHICH WAS IN PORT AT SAIPAN, WENT TO THE AID OF THE STRICKEN BOAT AND RETURNED HER AND HER PASSENGERS SAFELY TO SAIPAN EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING. NAMES OF THE PEOPLE ON BOARD THE CABIN CRUISER WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(CONGRESSMEN TO CARACAS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 19 (CONGRESS RELEASE) --- MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON LAW OF THE SEA OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAVE LEFT THE TRUST TERRITORY FOR CARACAS, VENEZUELA IN SOUTH AMERICA TO ATTEND THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA, (LOS).

THE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS THE LARGEST INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN HISTORY AND IS EXPECTED TO RUN FOR ABOUT TEN-WEEKS. ITS AIM IS TO HARMONIZE CENTURIES-OLD SEA LAWS WITH RECENT INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS TO THE ENORMOUS BIOLOGICAL AND MINERAL WEALTH OF THE SEAS AND THE THREAT OF WIDESPREAD POLLUTION. 0-137

IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT A THIRD GROUP OF NATIONS,

COMPOSED OF LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES AND THOSE WITH NARROW COASTLINES WILL PROPOSE AN INTERMEDIATE POSITION BETWEEN THE 12 MILES OF THE MAJOR POWERS AND THE 200 MILES OF THE DEVELOPING STATES, IN HOPES OF GREATER BENEFITS FROM A PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL SEA.

WHILE DEVELOPING NATIONS ARE FAR MORE INTERESTED IN THE PROTECTION OF THEIR SEA RESOURCES, THE MAJOR POWERS OF THE WORLD ARE MORE INTERESTED IN THE GUARANTEE OF FREEDOM OF INNOCENT PASSAGE OF THEIR FREIGHTERS AND TANKERS AND IN THE ELIMINATION OF ANY OBSTACLES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF THEIR WARSHIPS.

NATIONS WITH NO COASTLINES OR VERY NARROW CONTINENTAL PLATFORMS WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE RESOURCES OF THE SEAS COME UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL, WHILE COASTAL AND ISLAND COUNTRIES SUCH AS MICRONESIA, FAVOR A 200 MILE LIMIT.. WHICH WOULD PROTECT THE OCEAN'S RESOURCES FROM EXPLOITATION BY MAJOR POWERS OF THE WORLD.

THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S STATED POSITION HAS BEEN TO CLAIM CONTROL OVER ALL WATERS WITHIN STRAIGHT LINES CONNECTING MICRONESIA'S OUTERMOST ISLANDS, OR OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "ARCHIPELAGO THEORY." IT ALSO FEELS THAT MICRONESIA'S JURISDICTION APPLIES TO A SECOND ZONE 12 MILES OUTWARD FROM THE FIRST ZONE, BUT WOULD RESPECT THE RIGHT OF "INNOCENT PASSAGE" WHERE VESSELS COULD PASS FREELY.

MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON LOS ARE: SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH, CHAIRMAN; REPRESENTATIVE HERMAN Q. GUERRERO, VICE CHAIRMAN; REPRESENTATIVE LUKE TMAN; AND REPRESENTATIVE MASAO NAKAYAMA. THE COMMITTEE IS ACCOMPANIED BY CONGRESS' LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL KALEB UDUI, STAFF-ATTORNEY FRED RAMP, AND LAW OF THE SEA CONSULTANT FREDERICK S. WYLE.

(FISHING PERMIT GRANTED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 19 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN HAS APPROVED THE GRANTING OF A FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT TO THE TRUK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

THE COMPANY PROPOSES TO ENGAGE IN SKIPJACK TUNA FISHING AND THE PROCESSING OF MARINE PRODUCTS IN TRUK, ACCORDING TO THE WEEKLY REPORT OF FOREIGN BUSINESS ACTIVITY FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE TRUK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD, IN RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION, STATED THAT THE COMPANY WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMMENCE ITS OPERATIONS WITHIN SEVEN MONTHS, AND THAT IF IT FAILS TO DO SO THE PERMIT WILL BE SUBJECT TO REVOCATION. THE BOARD ALSO REQUIRED, AND THE COMPANY AGREED, THAT FISH CAUGHT BY THE COMPANY WILL BE SOLD LOCALLY, AND ONLY AFTER LOCAL NEEDS HAVE BEEN MET WILL THE SURPLUS BE EXPORTED.

TRUK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WILL HAVE ITS PRINCIPLE PLACE OF BUSINESS ON THE ISLAND OF UMAN, IN THE TRUK LAGOON. MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE FIRM IS KENNETH J. ROBINSON OF TOKYO, JAPAN, WHO IS ALSO AN OFFICER OF KENDEL CORPORATION, A U. S. COMPANY. MICRONESIAN EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY ARE ROBERT NARRUHM AND ENIS NEDELIC OF TRUK. TRUK DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION INITIALLY PLANS TO OPERATE FIVE SKIPJACK FISHING BOATS. THEY FORESEE A MINIMUM CATCH PER YEAR OF 7,000 TONS OF FISH.

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(JAPANESE WAR DEAD MISSION)

SAIPAN, JUNE 19 (MNS)---TWO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARRIVED ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK TO OPEN TALKS ON A PROPOSED PLAN TO ALLOW THE JAPANESE TO SALVAGE THE REMAINS OF THEIR WAR DEAD

BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN BURIED IN A "MASS GRAVE" AT THE TANAPAG MATANZA AREA ADJACENT TO THE MARPI PLAIN, ACCORDING TO SAIPAN RADIO BROADCAST STATION, KJQR.

THE TWO ARE KAZUO MARUYAMA, MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, AND SUEKAZU HAMANAKA OF THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE UNMARKED GRAVE HAS BEEN THE TOMB OF SOME 2,000 SOLDIERS OF THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE WANING DAYS OF THE LAST BATTLE ON SAIPAN.

THE TWO OFFICIALS WILL MAKE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS IN TRYING TO LOCATE THE GRAVE SITE, BUT THE ACTUAL SALVAGE MISSION OF THE BONES IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE SOMETIME IN THE FALL.

THE TWO OFFICIALS WILL MEET WITH TT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT THE HEADQUARTERS AND MARIANAS DEPUTY DISTAD DAN AKIMOTO TO WORK OUT A MORE DETAILED PLAN FOR THE SALVAGE AND CREMATION OPERATION WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER.

AKIMOTO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO COORDINATE THIS PARTICULAR MISSION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND THE TRUST TERRITORY.

ONE OF THE TWO JAPANESE OFFICIALS, MARUYAMA, WAS THE HEAD OF A SIMILAR MISSION THAT CAME TO SAIPAN LAST YEAR TO SALVAGE THE REMAINS OF OTHER JAPANESE WAR DEAD.

THE FALL MISSION MISSION WILL ALSO TRAVEL TO TINIAN, ROTA AND POSSIBLY SOME OTHER ISLANDS IN MICRONESIA, IT WAS REPORTED.

(PALAU WOMAN JOINS MARICULTURE CENTER)

SAIPAN, JUNE 19 (MNS)---A 1974 GRADUATE OF CHAMINADE COLLEGE IN HAWAII WITH A MAJOR IN BIOLOGY HAS JOINED THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND BEEN ASSIGNED TO WORK WITH THE MARI-CULTURE CENTER IN PALAU DISTRICT.

SHE IS MISS VIRGINIA NANCY WONG OF KOROR, PALAU WHO SPECIALIZED IN "RAISING FRESH WATER SHRIMP" DURING HER LAST YEAR AT THE SCHOOL. MS. WOND COMPLETED HER EDUCATION WITH THE HELP OF A TT STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANT. A SPECIAL GRANT FROM THE JANSS FOUNDATION BASED IN HAWAII ENABLED MS. WONG TO COMPLETE HER LAST YEAR AT CHAMINADE COLLEGE.

ACCORDING TO MS. WONG, RAISING OF SHRIMP IN THE TT HAS A VERY GOOD PROSPECT OF BECOMING A COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE, FOR SHRIMP ARE IN GREAT DEMAND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD'S MARKET AND TT SHRIMP COULD READILY FIND RECEPTIVE PLACES THAT OFFER A GOOD PRICE FOR THE RIGHT SPECIES. SHE NOTED THAT IN HAWAII, A POUND OF FRESHWATER SHRIMP COSTS AS MUCH AS \$4.95.

MS. WONG EXPLAINED THAT AN ACRE OF SHRIMP FARM COULD YIELD ABOUT 3,000 POUNDS OF MARKETABLE SHRIMP IN A YEAR. SHE POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF PLACES IN MICRONESIA THAT CAN READILY BE CONVERTED TO SHRIMP FARMING ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS.

SHE ADDED THAT AT THIS STAGE, "ALL THAT IS NEEDED IS TO START A PROGRAM OF RAISING SHRIMP ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS AND THEN STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF EXTENDING IT TO THE REST OF THE DISTRICTS."

AND THIS IS WHAT MS. WONG IS GOING TO DO WHEN SHE GOES TO PALAU TO WORK WITH JIM MCVEY, CHIEF OF THE MICRONESIAN MARI-CULTURE DEMONSTRATION CENTER. SHE HOPES THAT SHRIMP FARMING WILL BECOME ONE OF MICRONESIA'S MARINE RESOURCES PROJECTS WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY DEVELOP INTO COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES.

(OYLER TO NEW POSITION)

SAIPAN, JUNE 19 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY'S PROGRAM AND BUDGET OFFICER FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS, WILLIAM D. OYLER, WILL LEAVE SAIPAN THURSDAY (JUNE 20) FOR WASHINGTON D.C. AND A NEW POSITION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

OYLER HAS ACCEPTED AN APPOINTMENT AS BUDGET OFFICER FOR THE BUREAU OF MINES, AN INTERIOR DEPARTMENT AGENCY.

DURING WEDNESDAY'S REGULAR MEETING OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S CABINET ON SAIPAN, OYLER WAS PRESENTED WITH A SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION BY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN.

CITING HIS "COMMENDABLE SERVICE," THE AWARD LAUDS OYLER " FOR PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES IN A MANNER AND TO A DEGREE WHICH EXCEEDED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR HIS POSITION AS PROGRAM AND BUDGET OFFICER. IN HIS FOUR-YEAR TENURE AS CHIEF BUDGET ADVISOR TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER," THE CERTIFICATE READS, " HE SUCCESSFULLY WEDDED THE SOPHISTICATED AND FORMALIZED BUDGETING PROCESS REQUIRED BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET IN WASHINGTON TO THE REALITIES OF BUDGETING IN A DEVELOPING AND DECENTRALIZED ISLANDS GOVERNMENT. HE GAINED THE RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE OF BOTH U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE ELECTED AND TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP OF MICRONESIA."

COLEMAN SAID FOLLOWING THE MEETING THAT NO REPLACEMENT HAS YET BEEN SELECTED FOR OYLER AS PROGRAM AND BUDGET OFFICER.