

(DISTADS TO HOLD SPECIAL CONFERENCE)

SAIPAN, JUNE 25 (MNS)---A SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS WILL BE HELD ON PONAPE FROM JULY 1ST THROUGH THE 3RD. ACCORDING TO J. BOYD MACKENZIE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS, THE SPECIAL SESSION "WILL COVER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE LAW BILL."

THE TRUST TERRITORY DISTADS HELD A PREVIOUS CONFERENCE IN MAY, BUT DECIDED AT THAT TIME TO DEVOTE A SEPARATE MEETING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW PROCEDURES.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES BILL, WHICH BECAME LAW DURING THE LAST SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, IS THE FIRST ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A TRUST TERRITORY WIDE CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE. PREVIOUSLY, THE TT GOVERNMENT OPERATED UNDER THREE SEPARATE ADMINISTRATIVE MANUALS AS WELL AS MANY "UNWRITTEN" PRACTICES.

THE NEW LAW IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL AREAS OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE NOT PRESENTLY COVERED BY STATUTORY LAWS. NEW ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY TERRITORIAL REGISTER.

EACH DISTRICT ATTORNEY, MACKENZIE SAID, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT AT THE DISTAD'S CONFERENCE.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE BUREAU CHIEF JON ANDERSON IS IN SUVA, FIJI, FOR INITIAL MEETINGS OF THE PACIFIC NEWS ASSOCIATION, A NEW ORGANIZATION ABOUT WHICH HE WILL REPORT MORE NEXT WEEK. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, ANDERSON RELAYED THE FOLLOWING STORY TO SAIPAN BY PEACESAT SATELLITE TUESDAY, BECAUSE IT HAS PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.)

SUVA, FIJI, JUNE 25 (MNS)---THE NEWSPAPER FIJI TIMES HAS REPORTED AN UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT RELATING TO THE WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS ONLY RECENTLY BECAME ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN UNDP PROGRAM, AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE PRINCIPLE CONTACT WITH UNDP WOULD BE THROUGH THE REGIONAL OFFICE IN APIA, WESTERN SAMOA. IN LIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT, HOWEVER, THAT APPARENTLY WILL NOT BE THE CASE. HERE IS THE STORY FROM THE FIJI TIMES:

WESTERN SAMOA PRIME MINISTER FIAME NATAAFA HAS ORDERED ALL UNITED NATIONS STAFF OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM HEADQUARTERED IN NEW YORK HAS TOLD THE APIA STAFF HALF OF THEM HAVE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY BY JULY 30TH. "WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO ABIDE BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S DECISION BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS RESPECTED AND OBEYED HIS DECISION," THE ACTING UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE MR. FORT TOLD THE SAMOAN TIMES, THE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN APIA.

IN A PREPARED STATEMENT, MR. FORT SAID THAT ON BEHALF OF THE UNDP AND THE UNITED NATIONS, HE WISHED TO THANK THE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA FOR COOPERATION AND HOSPITALITY EXTENDED DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS THE UNDP REGIONAL OFFICE HAS BEEN LOCATED IN WESTERN SAMOA.

"THERE MAY HAVE BEEN DIFFICULTIES AND MISUNDERSTANDING IN THE PAST," FORT SAID, "BUT WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO SOLVE THEM. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THE LOCAL STAFF, THE SAMOAN STAFF WITH THE UNDP REGIONAL OFFICE, MANY OF WHOM HAVE SERVED FOR YEARS AND HAVE ALWAYS GIVEN THEIR DEVOTION AND CONFIDENCE."

MR. FORT SAID THE UNDP OFFICE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION WOULD BE TEMPORARILY BASED IN MANILA, WHERE "WE HAVE BEEN VERY WELCOME." "WE HAVE HOPES THAT ANOTHER MORE PERMANENT LOCATION WOULD BE FOUND IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION," HE SAID. UN OFFICE STAFF, EXCEPT FOR UN EXPERTS ALREADY SERVING ON

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PROJECTS, ARE EXPECTED TO LEAVE WESTERN SAMOA BY JULY 30TH.

UNDER THE STANDARD AGREEMENT SIGNED ON JANUARY 20, 1962, BETWEEN THE UN AND WESTERN SAMOA, EITHER OF THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT SHOULD GIVE SIXTY DAYS NOTICE OF ITS INTENT TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT. THE AGREEMENT SET OUT THE UN AGENCIES COMMITMENT TO WESTERN SAMOA AND VICE VERSA.

THE SAMOAN TIMES REPORT CARRIED IN THE FIJI TIMES INDICATED THAT THEY WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN ATTEMPTING TO GET A COMMENT OR A PRESS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF WESTERN SAMOA CONCERNING THE REASON FOR THIS ACTION.

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(SEN. KENDALL VISITS U.S. LABOR DEPT.)

SAIPAN, JUNE 25 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON, D.C., SENATOR WILFRED KENDALL OF THE MARSHALLS MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. ARMY, AND THE DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR AND THE INTERIOR TO DISCUSS WAGES PAID TO MICRONESIAN CITIZENS WHO ARE WORKING ON KWAJELEIN.

IN A LETTER TO H.R. BRASWELL, CHIEF RANGE OPERATIONS OF THE KWAJELEIN MISSILE RANGE (KMR) WHO IS STATIONED IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, SENATOR KENDALL OUTLINED MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING THEIR WASHINGTON MEETING.

"IT WAS AGREED THAT THERE WERE INEQUITIES WITH REGARD TO THE WAGES PAID TO MICRONESIAN EMPLOYEES AT THE KWAJELEIN MISSILE RANGE," THE LETTER SAID. A LABOR DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE NOTED THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO CORRECT THESE PROBLEMS, ACCORDING TO THE LETTER.

KENDALL NOTED THAT MICRONESIAN EMPLOYEES AT KMR SHOULD RECEIVE EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK, AND THAT SENIORITY AND EXPERIENCE SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. HE SAID THE ARMY REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSED THAT THERE WILL BE NO DECREASES IN MICRONESIAN EMPLOYMENT. HE RECOMMENDED THAT BOTH THE ARMY AND THE CONTRACTOR CONSIDER INCREASING MICRONESIAN EMPLOYMENT AND POSSIBLY PROVIDING HOUSING FOR SUCH EMPLOYEES ON KWAJELEIN.

THE SENATOR'S WASHINGTON MEETING WAS A FOLLOW-UP OF A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 112 ADOPTED DURING THE LAST REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE RESOLUTION REQUESTS THE SECRETARIES OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR AND DEFENSE TO REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF ADEQUATE WAGES TO MICRONESIANS EMPLOYED AT THE KWAJELEIN MISSILE RANGE IN THE PRIMARY LOGISTICAL-SUPPORT CONTRACT TO BE AWARDED THIS YEAR.

KENDALL'S LETTER ALSO STATED THAT AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED DURING THE MEETING THAT ALL PARTIES WOULD BE CONSULTED CONCERNING THE PLANNING OF PROPOSALS REGARDING EMPLOYMENT, AND THAT ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY MICRONESIANS AND THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT WOULD BE INVITED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SELECTED CONTRACTOR. THE PRESENT CONTRACTOR AT THE KWAJELEIN MISSILE RANGE IS GLOBAL ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED.

(BUSINESS PERMIT APPLICATION RECEIVED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 25 (MNS)---A PHILIPPINES BASED ACCOUNTING FIRM HAS APPLIED FOR A TRUST TERRITORY FOREIGN INVESTORS BUSINESS PERMIT, ACCORDING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.

JOAQUIN CUNANAN AND COMPANY, OF MANILA, HAS APPLIED TO OFFER ACCOUNTING AND MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICES IN ALL SIX TT DISTRICTS. THE COMPANY IS ONE OF A NUMBER OF ACCOUNTING FIRMS WHICH HAVE APPLIED TO DO BUSINESS IN MICRONESIA.

THEIR APPLICATIONS HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO EACH OF THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS FOR THEIR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION. 0-242

(OAKES AND AIKENS LEAVE TT GOVERNMENT SERVICES)

SAIPAN, JUNE 25 (MNS)---DIVING OFFICER FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY, JOHN U. OAKES, ALONG WITH STEVE AIKEN, TT EXPLOSIVE AND DEMOLITION SUPERVISOR, HAVE COMPLETED THEIR CONTRACTS WITH THE TT GOVERNMENT AND BOTH MEN WERE TO LEAVE THIS WEEK FOR THE U.S. MAINLAND.

OAKES JOINED THE TT GOVERNMENT IN 1972 AND OFFERED HIS SERVICES AS THE DIVING OFFICER FOR THE TT. WHILE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION, OAKES WORKED ON VARIOUS DIVING PROJECTS IN THE TT, INCLUDING TWO MAJOR PROJECTS INVOLVING THE SALVAGE OF BONES FROM A SUNKEN JAPANESE SUBMARINE (I-69) AND THE DISPOSAL OF DEPTH CHARGES IN THE SANKISAN MARU. BOTH PROJECTS WERE IN THE TRUK LAGOON.

AIKEN ALSO PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THESE TWO PROJECTS, PARTICULARLY THE DISPOSAL OF DEPTH CHARGES FOUND IN THE SANKISAN MARU. AIKEN JOINED THE TT GOVERNMENT AFTER RETIRING FROM THE U.S. NAVY ON GUAM.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, AIKEN SUPERVISED A SPECIAL PROJECT INVOLVING THE DISPOSAL OF SOME 21,300 TONS OF EXPLOSIVES AND ORDNANCE IN THE MARPI AREA ON SAIPAN. AFTER COMPLETING THIS PROJECT, HE INITIATED A PROGRAM OF BLASTING CHANNELS IN THE MARSHALLS, MARIANAS AND TRUK DISTRICTS.

BOTH AIKEN AND OAKES AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE LEAVING THE TT THIS WEEK FOR THE U.S. MAINLAND. AIKEN TO SETTLE IN CALIFORNIA, AND OAKES IN OREGON.

(OWEN TO SPC CONFERENCE)

SAIPAN, JUNE 25 (MNS)---THE DIRECTOR OF THE PALAU MUSEUM WILL REPRESENT THE TRUST TERRITORY AT THE UPCOMING SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION WORKSHOP ON PACIFIC ARTS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TUESDAY (JUNE 25).

"MRS. HERA OWEN," SAID CLARENCE TAKEUCHI, ASSISTANT SPECIAL CONSULTANT, "IS ONE OF THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE AUTHORITIES ON MICRONESIA'S TRADITIONAL ARTS. SHE HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE FIELD, ESPECIALLY THE PERFORMING ARTS, FOR OVER 20 YEARS," HE SAID.

THE WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA, FROM AUGUST 26TH TO 30TH. THE WORKSHOP'S AGENDA WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF PREVIOUS ART FESTIVALS, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF FORMING ANOTHER PROGRAM IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

WHILE THE SPC WILL PAY FOR HALF OF HER EXPENSES, TAKEUCHI SAID, THE TRUST TERRITORY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL COVER THE TT'S SHARE. "THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT," SAID TAKEUCHI, "FEELS THAT MRS. OWEN'S PRESENCE AT THE WORKSHOP IS IN LINE WITH ITS POLICY OF FURTHERING THE STUDY OF MICRONESIAN CULTURE."

MRS. OWEN IS THE WIFE OF ROBERT OWEN, THE TRUST TERRITORY CONSERVATION OFFICER IN PALAU. THE OWEN'S HAVE LIVED IN MICRONESIA FOR OVER 20 YEARS.