

(PALAUAN LEADERS REPORT)

SAIPAN, JUNE 27 (MNS) - ~~THE~~ PALAUAN LEADERS HAVE CALLED UPON HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON TO ISSUE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO "IMPLEMENT AND EFFECTUATE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT POLICY ON THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS WITH RESPECT TO THE PEOPLE OF PALAU."

IN A DECLARATION FROM THE THIRD PALAU MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, PALAU'S TRADITIONAL LEADERS AND ELECTED MAGISTRATES SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR FAILING TO PASS LEGISLATION DURING ITS LAST SESSION WHICH WOULD HAVE ALLOWED PUBLIC LANDS TO BE RETURNED TO MICRONESIANS.

THE CONGRESS, THE DECLARATION STATED, "FAILED TO PASS SAID LEGISLATION IN APPARENTLY WANTON DISREGARD OF THE REQUEST AND PETITION OF THE PEOPLE OF PALAU." THE PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE PASSED A SPECIAL RESOLUTION IN NOVEMBER, 1973, CALLING UPON THE CONGRESS TO PASS PUBLIC LANDS LEGISLATION. THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, THOMAS REMENGESAU, WAS ASKED "TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE DECLARATION."

ALTHOUGH THE PALAUAN LEADERS HELD THE CONFERENCE FROM MAY 13 THROUGH THE 17, THEIR DECLARATION AND REPORT WERE ONLY ISSUED RECENTLY.

IN ITS REPORT THE CONFERENCE ALSO URGED PALAUAN REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF "THE LOOSE FEDERATION THEORY" AS THE FORMAT FOR ANY FUTURE MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT.

CONCERN WAS ALSO EXPRESSED OVER "THE HIGH CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" AMONG PALAUAN YOUTH. CONFERENCE MEMBERS ASKED THE TT ADMINISTRATION TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF PALAU'S POLICE FORCE TO HELP CONTROL "RISING CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY" CAUSED BY HEAVY DRINKING.

THE DECLARATION CALLING FOR AN EXECUTIVE ORDER FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS SIGNED BY ALL OF PALAU'S TRADITIONAL LEADERS AND MAGISTRATES. HOWEVER, THE MAGISTRATES OF SONSOROL AND TOBI, PALAU'S MOST REMOTE ISLANDS, WERE UNABLE TO ADD THEIR SIGNATURES.

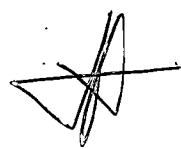
(KAPINGAMARANGI FARMING UPGRADED)

PONAPE, JUNE 27 (MNS) --- INCREASED EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE BY THE PONAPE DISTRICT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT TO UPGRADE AND DEVELOP KAPINGAMARANGI AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION. THE ISLAND'S FOOD SUPPLIES HAVE DECREASED RAPIDLY DUE TO A THREE YEAR DROUGHT ACCORDING TO HALVERSON JOHNNY, PONAPE RADIO STATION MANAGER. KAPINGAMARANGI IS THE SOUTHERN MOST ISLAND IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE DROUGHT HAS REDUCED THE ISLAND'S COPRA PRODUCTION AS WELL AS CASH AND SUBSISTENCE FARMING OUTPUT.

PONAPE AGRICULTURE EXTENSION AGENT TAKESY HADLEY WAS SENT TO KAPINGAMARANGI THREE MONTHS AGO TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO UPGRADE THE ATOLL'S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

WHILE THERE, HADLEY HELPED ORGANIZE AN AGRICULTURE WORK PROGRAM KNOWN AS "PRAMK", (AN ORGANIZATION CONCERNED WITH WAYS TO INCREASE AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION). THAT PROGRAM INVOLVES FOUR MAIN TEAMS: 1), A THINNING TEAM ASSISTING THOSE WITH LAND TO BE THINNED AND CLEANED; 2), A TEAM RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANTING CROPS SUCH AS BANANA, TARO, TAPIOCA, PAPAYA, COCONUT AND PANDANUS SEEDLINGS; 3), A SIXTY MAN TEAM TO PREPARE TARO PITS FOR PLANTING; AND 4), A TEAM DESIGNED TO BUILD WATER CATCHMENT TANKS NEEDED BY EVERY HOME.



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AS A RESULT OF THE PROGRAM, FOUR HUNDRED COCONUTS, SIX HUNDRED PANDANUS, TEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWELVE TARO (WETLAND), THREE HUNDRED TEN DRYLAND TARO, TWO HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT BANANAS, AND ONE HUNDRED EIGHT PAPAYAS WERE PLANTED ON THE ATOLL.

UNDER THE VEGETABLE PLANTATION PROGRAM, EIGHTY SEVEN CUCUMBERS, SEVENTY ONE WATERMELONS, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY PUMPKINS, AND FIFTY-EIGHT TAPIOCAS WERE PLANTED DURING THE THREE MONTH PERIOD.

IN OTHER ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT, OF A TOTAL OF ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED COCONUT SEEDNUTS BROUGHT FROM NGATIK ATOLL FOR PLANTING ON KAPINGAMARANGI, OVER SEVEN HUNDRED WERE PLANTED IN THE NURSERY. THESE SHOULD BE READY IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR. THE OTHER FOUR HUNDRED NINETY SEENUTS WERE CONSUMED BY THE KAPINGAMARANGI RESIDENTS.

TARO, THE ATOLL'S MAIN SOURCE OF FOOD, IS BEGINNING TO GROW BETTER. SOME OF THE VEGETABLE CROPS PLANTED DURING THE PROGRAM ARE BEING HARVESTED FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES WERE HELD DURING THE PROGRAM. THE COURSES COVERED THE CARE AND MANAGEMENT OF DIFFERENT CROPS, PLANTING TECHNIQUES, DISEASE AND PEST CONTROL, AND HARVESTING PROCEDURES. A ONE HOUR CLASS ON THE SAME SUBJECTS WAS ALSO GIVEN TO EIGHT GRADE STUDENTS. ALL WERE CONDUCTED BY HADLEY.

A NEW AGRICULTURE EXTENSION AGENT, IDOSI ALPET, HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO WORK ON THE ISLAND. HE WILL CONTINUE TO UPGRADE HADLEY'S PROGRAM.

#### (SPC SEMINAR ON SAIPAN)

SAIPAN, JUNE 27 (MNS)---THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION WILL SPONSOR A FOOD HANDLING SEMINAR ON SAIPAN. ACCORDING TO OMER ROLLER, TT SANITARY ENGINEER, THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 1 TO THE 14 AT SAIPAN'S CONTINENTAL HOTEL.

SIX TRUST TERRITORY PERSONNEL, A GUAMANIAN, AND A STUDENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA WILL ATTEND THE SPC SUBREGIONAL TRAINING COURSE IN FOOD HYGENE. ROLLER SAID THAT ALL OF THE TT PARTICIPANTS HAVE NOT BEEN SELECTED YET.

GEORGE CHAU, OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, WILL DIRECT THE COURSE. MR. LUIS FLORES, A SANITARY ENGINEER FROM GUAM, WILL ASSIST HIM.

"THE PURPOSE OF THIS COURSE," ROLLER SAID, "IS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF FOOD HANDLING SERVICES IN THE PACIFIC." HE INDICATED THAT FOOD HANDLERS FROM SAIPAN HOTELS WILL BE INVITED TO JOIN THE SEMINAR.

ROLLER ALSO SAID THAT TWO SPC OFFICIALS WILL ALSO BE ATTENDING THE COURSE. DR. CLAUDE JARDIN AND MR. ERIC DUNN ARRIVED ON SAIPAN THURSDAY (JUNE 27) TO ASSIST THE CONFERENCE MEMBERS IN DRAFTING FOOD LEGISLATION FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY. JARDIN AND DUNN ARE COMPLETING A PACIFIC WIDE SURVEY TO ASSIST GOVERNMENTS PREPARING FOOD LEGISLATION COMPATIBLE WITH LOCAL CONDITIONS.

#### (DISTAD'S CONFERENCE DELAYED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 27 (MNS)---THE SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED. J. BOYD MACKENZIE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS, SAID THE CONFERENCE WILL MEET ON JULY 11 AND 12, RATHER THAN THE 1ST THROUGH THE 3RD AS HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN PLANNED.

ACCORDING TO MACKENZIE, THE REASON FOR THE DELAY IS THAT PONAPE'S DISTAD, LEO FALCAM, WAS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE IN EARLY JULY.

WHEN THE DISTADS MEET IN PONAPE THEY WILL DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES LAW. THE LAW IS THE FIRST ATTEMPT TO FORMULATE A TRUST TERRITORY WIDE SET OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.  
(PALAU JOINS PCL)

SAIPAN, JUNE 27 (MNS)---THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF LEGISLATORS (PCL) HAS AGREED TO ALLOW THE PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE TO JOIN ITS ORGANIZATION, THE PCL HAS ANNOUNCED.

THE PALAU LEGISLATURE PASSED A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SEEKING MEMBERSHIP LAST APRIL. PALAU JOINS THE MARIANAS, YAP, AND TRUK AS MICRONESIAN MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE. THE MARSHALLS AND PONAPE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES HAVE NOT SOUGHT CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP.

THE PCL IS AN ORGANIZATION OF LEGISLATIVE BODIES FROM THE PACIFIC AREA. IT ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF MEMBER LEGISLATURES.

THE PALAU LEGISLATURE WILL ATTEND ITS FIRST PCL MEETING ON SAIPAN DURING NOVEMBER. THE CONFERENCE THEME WILL BE "INITIATIVES FOR ACTION." WORKSHOPS, A PCL STATEMENT SAID, WILL BE HELD TO HELP MEMBER LEGISLATURES PLAN "INNOVATIVE" LEGISLATION. THE CONFERENCE WILL RUN FROM NOVEMBER 19 THROUGH THE 24TH. THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE HAS BEEN HELD ON SAIPAN ONCE BEFORE, IN 1970.

(DCPA OFFICIALS VISITED SAIPAN)

SAIPAN, JUNE 27 (MNS)---TWO OFFICIALS OF THE DEFENSE CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AGENCY (DCPA), ARRIVED ON SAIPAN LAST WEEK AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT.

THEY ARE MRS. FRANCES K. DIAS, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, AND SHERB W. MORSE, FIELD SERVICES OFFICER, FROM THE REGION SEVEN OFFICE, LOCATED IN SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA. ACCORDING TO JONATHAN KOSHIBA, ACTING DISASTER CONTROL OFFICER, THE OFFICIALS ASSISTED THE HEADQUARTERS DISASTER CONTROL OFFICE STAFF IN REVIEWING AND UPDATING THE TRUST TERRITORY PLAN FOR DISASTER CONTROL, RECOVERY AND ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS.

DIAS MET WITH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN AND ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD MIYAMOTO AND BRIEFED THEM ON THE FUNCTIONS AND PROGRAMS OF THEIR AGENCY. AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED TO THE DEFENSE CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AGENCY, ARE PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLANS AND CAPABILITIES, AND SUPPORTING PROGRAMS INCLUDING TRAINING AND EDUCATION, DONATION OF FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR CIVIL PREPAREDNESS PURPOSES, AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WHICH INCLUDES MATCHING FUNDS WITH STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS UP TO 50 PERCENT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COST.

THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR LEFT SAIPAN MONDAY (JUNE 24). MORSE WILL BE ON SAIPAN FOR ABOUT THREE MORE WEEKS TO WORK ON THE PROJECT WITH DISASTER CONTROL OFFICE STAFF.