

(MARSHALLS ELECTION CONTESTED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 28 (MNS)---A COMPLAINT WAS FILED WEDNESDAY (JUNE 26) IN THE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COURT ASKING THAT JAMES MILNE BE REINSTATED AS A MARSHALL ISLANDS MAGISTRATE.

MILNE, WHO HAS SERVED AS THE MAGISTRATE FROM EBON ATOLL FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, WAS RE-ELECTED TO THE POSITION IN JANUARY, BUT WAS TOLD THAT HE COULD NOT SERVE BECAUSE HE IS NOT A TRUST TERRITORY CITIZEN. THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE LIASON OFFICER, SHIRO RIKLON, ORDERED A NEW ELECTION AFTER THE RESULTS WERE SENT TO MAJURO. MILNE, RUNNING AGAINST TWO OTHER CANDIDATES, RECEIVED 180 OUT OF A TOTAL OF 270 VOTES CAST.

THE COMPLAINT LISTS RIKLON AND MARSHALLS DISTRICT OSCAR DEBRUM AS DEFENDANTS IN THE CASE.

ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER BENJAMIN ABRAMS, REPRESENTING MILNE, SAID THAT THERE ARE NO TRUST TERRITORY LAWS THAT DEMAND THAT AN ELECTED MAGISTRATE BE A TT CITIZEN. "THIS CASE," ABRAMS SAID, "IS A CLEARCUT VIOLATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT AND A CLEARCUT VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS."

MILNE, THE COMPLAINT STATES, "HAS BEEN UNLAWFULLY DENIED HIS RIGHT TO FULFILL HIS ELECTORAL MANDATE...ALL BECAUSE OF THE RANDOM, ARBITRARY, CAPRICIOUS, AND ILLEGAL ACTION TAKEN BY DEFENDENTS (DEBRUM AND RIKLON)."

MILNE WAS BORN IN THE GILBERT ISLANDS. ABRAMS, HOWEVER, CITED RECORDS OF HIS ADOPTION IN THE MARSHALLS DURING THE JAPANESE ADMINISTRATION, AND THE FACT THAT HE HOLDS LAND IN THE DISTRICT. "BUT," ABRAMS SAID, "THERE ARE NO TRUST TERRITORY LAWS THAT SAY A MAGISTRATE HAS TO BE A MICRONESIAN CITIZEN."

DEBRUM AND RIKLON HAVE BEEN GIVEN 20 DAYS TO ANSWER THE CHARGES SET FORTH IN MILNE'S COMPLAINT.

(TT HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING)

KOROR, JUNE 28 (MNS)---"SLASHES IN HEALTH FUNDING SERIOUSLY IMPAIR MICRONESIAN MEDICAL SERVICES," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY HEALTH COUNCIL STATED AT THE WEEKLONG SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN KOROR PALAU THIS WEEK. AT THAT MEETING, THE HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL EXPRESSED ITS GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 1975 BUDGET CUTS THAT WILL MEAN A DRASTIC REDUCTION IN VITAL HEALTH SERVICES PERSONNEL IN EACH DISTRICT.

ACCORDING TO A NEWS RELEASE ISSUED IN KOROR BY HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL PRESIDENT DR. ANTONIO GOLBUN OF YAP, MEDICAL PERSONNEL, RANGING FROM PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES AND HEALTH ASSISTANTS TO ESSENTIAL SUPPORTIVE PERSONNEL, WILL BE TERMINATED NEXT YEAR.

SUCH DISMISSALS, THE REPORT SAYS, WILL SERIOUSLY CURTAIL GENERAL MEDICAL CARE IN EACH DISTRICT HOSPITAL AS WELL AS PREVENTING EVEN MINIMALLY ADEQUATE COVERAGE IN THE OUTLYING MEDICAL DISPENSARIES, MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED ONLY RECENTLY.

THE HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL HAS CALLED UPON THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, THE TT ADMINISTRATION, AND THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA FOR ASSISTANCE IN RESTORING THE MEDICAL FUNDS. THE COUNCIL LEADERSHIP EXPRESSED DISTRESS THAT THE GREAT PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES WILL BE SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZED.

THE UPGRADING OF GENERAL MEDICAL CARE, THE DELIVERY OF NEW INNOVATIVE SERVICES UNAVAILABLE IN MICRONESIA, AND MEETING THE INCREASED DEMANDS OF THE GROWING POPULATION ARE ALL AREAS THAT WILL BE ADVERSELY INFLUENCED BY THE LOSS OF THE MEDICAL FUNDS.

THE TRUST TERRITORY HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL IN A LETTER TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA REQUESTED THE RESTORATION OF THE LOST MONIES SO THAT RECENT ATTEMPTS TO

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IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY OF MEDICAL CARE FOR MICRONESIANS WILL BE CONTINUED.

(HARRIS RETURNS FROM STUDY-TOUR)

SAIPAN, JUNE 28 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF OF TRAINING, PEDRO HARRIS, RETURNED TO THE TT THIS WEEK FROM A STUDY-TOUR THAT TOOK HIM TO GUADALCANAL IN THE BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS AND TO THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

THE 18-DAY STUDY-TOUR WAS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION (SPC) AND THE TT GOVERNMENT.

IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, HARRIS OBSERVED THE VARIOUS TRAINING PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT THE HONIARA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF RECOMMENDING AFFILIATION BETWEEN THAT INSTITUTION AND OVERALL TT MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. "THEIR NEEDS ARE SIMILAR TO OUR NEEDS, AND SUCH A LINKAGE WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL TO US," HE NOTED.

"THE TRAINING PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ARE GEARED TO LOCAL NEEDS, GIVING THEM A VERY PERTINENT APPLICATION TO DEVELOPING PROGRAMS TO MEET TT NEEDS," HARRIS SAID.

IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA, HARRIS OBSERVED TRAINING PROGRAMS AT THE PNG ADMINISTRATIVE COLLEGE. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THEIR TRAINING PROGRAMS INCLUDE PARA-PROFESSIONAL LEVELS OF ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS OF LAW, LIBRARY SERVICES AND ARCHIVES, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

WHILE NOTING THAT THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE TT, HARRIS SAID SOME OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMS THEY HAVE COULD BE VERY USEFUL TO THE TT, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND LIBRARY SERVICES.

CONCLUDING, HARRIS SAID THE GEOGRAPHIC, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS WITHIN THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION COUNTRIES ARE SUFFICIENTLY ALIKE TO WARRANT A GREATER EMPHASIS IN DEVELOPING AREA WIDE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ARCHIPELAGOS WITHIN THE VICINITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION.

(COOPERATIVE EDUCATION SUMMER WORKSHOP)

SAIPAN, JUNE 28 (MNS)---A CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION SUMMER WORKSHOP WAS OPENED ON SAIPAN LAST WEEK AND IS EXPECTED TO RUN THROUGH JULY 11, ACCORDING TO BERT D. THOMPSON, A VOCATIONAL TEACHER AT THE MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL AND THE MAN IN CHARGE OF WORKSHOP.

THOMPSON SAID SIX PARTICIPANTS ARE ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP. THEY ARE: TOMMY SAKUMA OF PALAU DISTRICT; ALOYSIUS T. FAIMAU AND PEDRO YAMALMAY FROM YAP DISTRICT; VICTOR SONDON, MARSHALLS DISTRICT; EHSON JOHNSON, PONAPE DISTRICT AND YOKITARO A. RAKEN FROM TRUK.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE WORKSHOP IS DISCUSSING HOW TO SELECT CO-OPERATIVE TRAINER; COUNSELLING CO-OPERATIVE STUDENTS AND TRAINING INSTITUTE; SUPERVISING THE STUDENTS; AND SETTING UP A REPORTING SYSTEM. PARTICIPANTS ARE ALSO STUDYING THE MARIANAS CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION SYSTEM WHICH WAS THE FIRST ONE ESTABLISHED IN THE TT ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO.

SIMILAR PROGRAMS WERE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED IN THE OTHER DISTRICTS, ACCORDING TO THOMPSON.

THE CEW INSTRUCTOR INDICATED THAT HE WILL GO THE OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE TT TO IMPLEMENT MATERIALS PRODUCED AT THIS PARTICULAR WORKSHOP ON SAIPAN.

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