

(PIDC RECEIVES TUNA GRANT)

WASHINGTON, JULY 1 (GANNET NEWS SERVICE) ~~74~~ ⁷⁴ THE PACIFIC ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (PIDC), WHOSE MEMBERS INCLUDE THE GOVERNORS OF HAWAII, GUAM AND AMERICAN SAMOA AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, HAS RECEIVED A \$375,000 GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB) IN WASHINGTON TO ADVANCE A LONG AWAITED PROGRAM FOR CATCHING MORE TUNA IN THE PACIFIC, ACCORDING TO A NEWS ACCOUNT IN THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS. Haw
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THE MONEY WILL ENCOURAGE THE FISHERIES SERVICE TO SEEK A SHARE FOR USE IN PACIFIC TUNA DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. THE PIDC WILL USE THE \$375,000 (WITH MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE U.S. TUNA INDUSTRY), ITS WORK CREWS AND THE PIDC ITSELF TO CONDUCT EXPLORATORY AND EXPERIMENTAL EFFORTS IN BRINGING IN MORE TUNA, THE DAILY NEWS STORY STATED.

ROBERT W. SCHONING, DIRECTOR OF THE FISHERIES SERVICE, TOLD HAWAII SENATOR HUPAM FONG IN A LETTER THAT WITH THE FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM THE OMB, "I AM HOPEFUL THAT THIS WORK CAN BEGIN IN JULY 1974, AS CONTEMPLATED IN THE PLAN." EARLY STEPS WOULD INCLUDE APPOINTING DIRECTORS TO THE NONPROFIT PACIFIC TUNA DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, CHARTERED IN HONOLULU, AND HIRING A CONTRACTOR TO MANAGE THE PROGRAM.

SPECIFIC FISHING TECHNIQUES IN WHICH THE MONEY WILL BE INVESTED INCLUDE THE "PURSE SEINE" METHOD AS ADAPTED TO THE TEMPERATURES AND CONDITIONS IN THE TROPICAL WATERS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN PACIFIC, THE USE OF MODERN TROLLING METHODS IN ISLAND WATERS; THE TRANSPORTATION OF LIVE BAIT FISH FROM THE MAINLAND; AND EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF FISH RAISED IN THE ISLAND AREAS FOR TUNA AND SHIPJACK BAIT.

THE ACTION BY OMB MARKS THE FIRST FEDERAL MONEY

ACTUALLY SPENT FOR PIDC EFFORT. SENATOR FONG INITIATED LEGISLATION TO LAUNCH THE TUNA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR HAWAII AND OTHER U.S. ISLANDS IN NOVEMBER 1969. THIS WEEK'S ACTION RESULTED FROM PRODDING BY FONG AND LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA, HIS LEGISLATIVE AIDE.

"ALL OF US HOPE THAT THIS TUNA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WHICH HAS NOW RECEIVED ITS FIRST SOLID FINANCIAL BACKING WILL, IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS, LAY A GROUNDWORK OF TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERIENCE FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL GROWTH IN THE ISLANDS AND NEW SOURCES OF TUNA FOR THE AMERICAN MARKET," FONG SAID.

(TT RECEIVES EDUCATION GRANT)

SAIPAN, JULY 1 (MNS)---A GRANT OF THIRTY NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO TRAIN MICRONESIAN BI-LINGUAL TEACHERS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THIS WEEK ON SAIPAN.

ACCORDING TO MARCELLINO UMWECH, ENGLISH PROGRAM SUPERVISOR FOR THE TT, THE MONEY WILL BE USED TO SEND ABOUT 30 BI-LINGUAL TEACHERS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FOR ABOUT A YEAR, SO AS TO "IMPROVE THEIR COMPETENCY IN TEACHING IN THE AREA OF BI-LINGUAL EDUCATION IN MICRONESIA." HE INDICATED THAT "MORE EMPHASIS WILL BE PUT ON THE READING ASPECT" OF THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM, BRINGING THE TEACHERS UP-TO-DATE ON METHODS AND TECHNIQUES IN THE SUBJECT MATTER.

THE GRANT FUNDS WERE APPROVED LAST MONTH, AND PREPARATIONS ARE NOW UNDERWAY TO RECRUIT STAFF MEMBERS FOR THIS PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO UMWECH, THE BI-LINGUAL TEACHERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN HAWAII IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR TO BEGIN THE PROGRAM.

THIS MONEY IS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE TT THROUGH THE EDUCATION PROFESSIONS DEVELOPMENT ACT, OR PUBLIC LAW 90-35 IN WHICH THE TT IS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING UNDER TITLE 5 OF THE LAW.

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(MARSHALLESE WILL APPEAL LAND RULING)

SAIPAN, JULY 1 (MNS)---THE MARSHALLESE DEFENDENTS HAVE ANNOUNCED THEY WILL APPEAL A RULING BY ASSOCIATE JUSTICE D. KELLEY TURNER IN A LEGAL BATTLE AGAINST THE TT GOVERNMENT OVER THE "OLD AIRPORT" LAND ON DALAP ISLAND IN THE MAJURO ATOLL, ACCORDING TO THE SUNDAY (JUNE 30) ISSUE OF THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

THE ARTICLE SAID SOME 68 ACRES OF THE ISLAND HAVE BEEN CONTROLLED BY THE GOVERNMENT SINCE 1944 WHEN THE U.S. NAVY OCCUPIED THE LAND, CUT DOWN TREES AND BUILT AN AIRSTRIP. IT WAS REPORTED THAT AFTER THE NEW MAJURO AIRPORT WAS COMPLETED, DEFENDENT MICHAEL KONELIOS, BELIEVING THE GOVERNMENT WAS THROUGH WITH "HIS" LAND, BEGAN BUILDING HIS HOUSE ON THE "OLD AIRPORT" LAND.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS THAT THE 99-YEAR LEASE SIGNED ON FEB. 9, 1964, BY IROIJ AISEIA DAVID AT KWAJALEIN IS IN EFFECT, THEREBY PREVENTING THE DEFENDENTS FROM BUILDING ON THE LAND. THE DEFENDENTS, REPRESENTED BY MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES, INSIST THE LEASE IS NOT VALID BECAUSE ONLY AISEIA DAVID SIGNED IT AND CUSTOMARY LAW REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION FROM OTHER LANDOWNERS WHICH, THEY CLAIM, WAS NOT GIVEN.

THE ARTICLE SAID THE GOVERNMENT CONTENDS AISEIA DAVID WAS "AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MARSHALLESE CUSTOM TO ACT FOR THE OWNERS. THE ARTICLE POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS THE LEASE GIVES THE GOVERNMENT SOLE RIGHT TO USE THE LAND UP THROUGH THE YEAR 2243.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT WHILE THE GOVERNMENT BEGAN THE

LAWSUIT TO STOP KONELIOS FROM BUILDING HIS HOUSE ON THE OLD AIRPORT LAND HE SAYS IS HIS, KONELIOS AND THE OTHER NAMED DEFENDENTS FILED A COUNTERCLAIM TO PREVENT THE GOVERNMENT FROM PROCEEDING WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS ON ANOTHER PART OF THE AIRSTRIP.

JUDGE TURNER HAS RULED THAT THE MARSHALLESE DEFENDENTS ARE BARRED BY THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FROM CONTESTING THE VALIDITY OF THE LEASE OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT TO RECOVER THE LAND, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE. "THE DEFENDENTS HAVE CONTENDED THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS CANNOT HAVE RUN OUT BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT HAS CONTINUALLY ADMITTED THAT THE MARSHALLESE ARE THE TRUE OWNERS OF THE LAND," THE ARTICLE NOTED.

"THE DEFENDENTS ARGUE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS GOVERNMENTAL ADMISSION OF MARSHALLESE OWNERSHIP PREVENTS THE GOVERNMENT FROM NOW ASSERTING THAT THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS HAS RUN," IT WAS REPORTED. IN ADDITION, THE REPORT POINTED OUT THAT THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS BARRING RECOVERY OF LAND PROVIDES FOR A 20-YEAR PERIOD. SINCE THE LEASE WAS EXECUTED ONLY 13 YEARS AGO, THE LIMITATION PERIOD HAS NOT EXPIRED, THE ARTICLE NOTED.

THE ARTICLE SAID THAT WHILE THE APPEAL IS PENDING, THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOL ON THE LAND THE DEFENDENTS CLAIM IS THEIRS.

(TRUK DISTAD SDM)

TRUK, JULY 1 (MNS)---IN HIS ANNUAL "STATE OF THE DISTRICT MESSAGE" TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR JUAN A. SABLAN CONGRATULATED NEWLY ELECTED SPEAKER OF THE TRUK LEGISLATURE KOICHI SANA AND PRAISED FORMER SPEAKER HERMES KATSURA LAST WEEK, ACCORDING TO TRUK PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER NOHA RUBEN.

IN HIS MESSAGE BEFORE THE LAWMAKERS, DISTAD SABLAN CITED VAST IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN THE AREAS OF HEALTH CARE, EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, THE TOURIST INDUSTRY, CONSTRUCTION AND MANY OTHERS. HE ADDED THAT "ALL OF THESE ACHIEVEMENTS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATURE AND ITS STANDING COMMITTEES."

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THE TRUK DISTAD NOTED THE NEED FOR MORE IMPROVEMENT IN ALL AREAS OF THE GOVERNMENT. "I WISH TO NOTE AND REAFFIRM THE URGENT NEED FOR US TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER," HE SAID. SABLAN DELIVERED HIS REMARKS TO THE 24TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE DURING ITS LAST WEEK OF MEETING. THE SESSION CONCLUDED ON SATURDAY (JUNE 29).

(TRENT LEAVING TT)

SAIPAN, JULY 1 (MIS)---THE STATE DEPARTMENT LIAISON OFFICER, MARY VANCE TRENT, IS COMPLETING HER TWO YEAR TOUR OF DUTY IN MICRONESIA.

"I HAVE TRULY LOVED MY TIME IN MICRONESIA," SHE SAID. "IT HAS HAD CHALLENGES, IT HAS HAD GREAT REWARDS, AND IT HAS BEEN A SHORT TWO YEARS."

MISS TRENT, A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER WITH WORLD WIDE EXPERIENCE, HAS CONCENTRATED HER ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS ON THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATION DISCUSSIONS. IN HER OFFICIAL CAPACITY, SHE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

"ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE EVENTS OF MY SERVICE IN MICRONESIA," MISS TRENT SAID, "WAS THE EXPERIENCE OF WATCHING THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AT WORK. IT WAS AN INSPIRATION TO SEE MICRONESIA'S ELECTED LEADERS WORKING IN A LANGUAGE WHICH IS NOT THEIR OWN BUT WHICH THEY HAVE MASTERED FOR THE COMPLEX PURPOSES OF THE CONGRESS, AND SEEING THE CULTURAL AND POLITICAL BACKGROUNDS OF THE INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS REFLECTED IN THE WORK OF THE CONGRESS."

AT A MORE PERSONAL LEVEL, MISS TRENT SAID THAT SHE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE WARMTH AND KINDNESS OF MICRONESIA. "THE HOSPITALITY AND CHARM OF THESE ISLANDS REALLY DEFY COMMENT," SHE SAID. "MICRONESIA HAS GIVEN ME A GIFT OF BEAUTY THAT I SHALL ALWAYS TREASURE."

LOOKING TO MICRONESIA'S FUTURE, MISS TRENT SAID "I HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE A VIABLE AND FRUITFUL ASSOCIATION WHICH WILL HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT HARMONIOUSLY WITH THE UNITED STATES.

"IT IS ALSO MY HOPE," SHE CONTINUED, "THAT WITH INCREASED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, MICRONESIA'S YOUNG LEADERS WILL HAVE A GREATER OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS WITH SOME PERSPECTIVE. I KNOW THAT IS VERY HARD FOR ANYONE TO DO," MISS TRENT SAID, "BUT I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT. A SENSE OF PERSPECTIVE WILL HELP DEVELOP A REALISTIC SET OF EXPECTATIONS REGARDING THE FUTURE."

AS THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESS, MISS TRENT NOTED, "I WISH FOR MICRONESIA AND ALL MICRONESIANS THE BEST POSSIBLE SOLUTION FOR THEIR FUTURE."

MISS TRENT, WHO WILL RETIRE FROM THE FOREIGN SERVICE AFTER HER MICRONESIAN TOUR, HAS SERVED IN AMERICAN EMBASSIES IN LONDON, OSLO, PRAGUE, PARIS, DJAKARTA, AND WELLINGTON. SHE HAS ALSO SEEN SERVICE AS THE OFFICER FOR CAMBODIAN AFFAIRS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND SERVED ON THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, BOTH IN NEW YORK AND LONDON.

LOOKING BACK ON HER 27 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, MISS TRENT SAID THAT ONE OF HER MOST INTERESTING EXPERIENCES WAS SERVING IN INDONESIA AT THE TIME OF THE ATTEMPTED COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. "I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY," SHE SAID, "TO WATCH CLOSELY THE FORCES AT WORK WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT CHANGE IN THE WORLD'S FIFTH LARGEST COUNTRY."

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WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE, MISS TRENT REPLIED, "I HOPE THAT ALL APPLICANTS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR SEX, ARE COMPETENT AND SKILLED AS INDIVIDUALS. I THINK THAT THE OPENING OF GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IS A VERY GOOD THING FOR EVERYBODY," SHE CONTINUED. "LIBERATION MEANS FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL; NOT JUST FOR ONE GROUP AT THE EXCLUSION OF ANOTHER."

RECOUNTING THE TIME SHE HAS SPENT IN MICRONESIA, SHE SAID, "I HAVE VERY HAPPY RECOLLECTIONS OF MY TRAVEL EXPERIENCES THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA, ESPECIALLY THE BOAT TRIPS AND EXPEDITIONS WHICH HAVE ADDED TO THE INTEREST OF SERVING HERE. MOST RECENTLY," SHE CONTINUED, "I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF ATTENDING THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT THE ULITHI OUTER ISLANDS HIGH SCHOOL IN YAP. THAT WAS AN EVENT WHICH I HAD HOPED TO ATTEND FOR A LONG TIME."

MISS TRENT ANNOUNCED THAT SHE WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY ALF E. BERGESEN AS STATUS LIAISON OFFICER AND DAVID L. SCHIELE AS DEPUTY. BOTH ARE FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS. THEY ARRIVED ON SAIPAN LAST WEEK.

BERGESEN, A GRADUATE OF THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY, JOINED THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1953. AMONG OTHER POSTS, HE HAS SERVED IN RANGOON, AND PHNOM PENH. HE WAS ALSO THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THAILAND - BURMA AFFAIRS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT. SCHIELE, APPOINTED IN 1965, RECEIVED AN M.A. FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN AREA STUDIES. HIS LAST POST BEFORE COMING TO THE TRUST TERRITORY WAS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

MISS TRENT, WHO WILL LEAVE SAIPAN WEDNESDAY (JULY 3), SAID, "MY THANKS GO TO ALL OF THE MANY MICRONESIANS WHO HAVE SHOWN THEIR HOSPITALITY AND THEIR WARMTH TO ME. I REPEAT," SHE EMPHASIZED, "THAT I WISH THE BEST FOR MICRONESIA AND ALL MICRONESIANS."

(CARPENTER THANKS OYLER)

SAIPAN, JULY 1 (MNS)---FORMER TRUST TERRITORY PROGRAM AND BUDGET OFFICER WILLIAM OYLER HAS RECEIVED HIGH PRAISE FROM STANLEY S. CARPENTER, DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS.

IN A LETTER TO OYLER, CARPENTER SAID, "WE HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND AT BOTH THE WASHINGTON AND TRUST TERRITORY LEVEL, THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS YOU MAINTAINED, AND THE FINE WORK YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE CONTINUOUSLY TURNED OUT.

"IT HAS INDEED MADE OUR JOBS EASIER AND," CARPENTER CONTINUED, "MORE IMPORTANTLY, HAS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TOWARDS CONTINUED PROGRESS IN MICRONESIA THROUGH THE BUDGET PROCESS."

OYLER, AFTER FOUR YEARS IN MICRONESIA, WILL BECOME THE BUDGET OFFICER FOR THE BUREAU OF MINES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

(DR. KOREAN GRANTED LICENSE)

SAIPAN, JULY 1 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY BOARD OF LIENSURE HAS AWARDED DR. HASAO KOREAN, A DENTAL OFFICER AT DR. ARNER ISHODA HOSPITAL IN MAJURO, A LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN MICRONESIA, DR. AROBATHI HICKING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES SAID.

DR. KOREAN GRADUATED FROM THE FIJI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN DECEMBER, 1972. PRIOR TO HIS BOARD EXAMINATION, HE WAS DOING HIS INTERNSHIP AT ISHODA HOSPITAL. DR. KOREAN WILL BE ASSIGNED TO WORK AT THAT HOSPITAL.

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