

(FHA OFFICIALS TO ATTEND TT HOUSING WORKSHOP).

SAIPAN, JULY 2 (MNS) ~~74~~ FOUR OFFICIALS REPRESENTING THE FEDERAL HOUSING AUTHORITY ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND A TRUST TERRITORY HOUSING WORKSHOP NEXT WEEK ON PONAPE, ACCORDING TO SPOKESMAN FOR THE TT DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

THE WORKSHOP WILL BEGIN (JULY 8) AND RUN THROUGH THE 18TH AT THE PONAPE AGRICULTURAL AND TRADE SCHOOL.

ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP WILL BE ALVIN KH. PANG, DIRECTOR, INSURING OFFICE OF FHA IN HONOLULU; DONALD PHILLIPS, CHIEF UNDERWRITER; GARRY KAHN AND M. SHRODER, MEMBERS OF FHA.

THE FOUR OFFICIALS WILL INSTRUCT PARTICIPANTS AT THE WORKSHOP ON THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR APPLYING FOR FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TT HOUSING COMMISSION, WILLIAM ALLEN, STAFF AND LEGAL ADVISOR STEPS NECESSARY TO LEAD THE TT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LEASED HOUSING PROGRAM, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

(AUSTRALIAN HICOM TO NAURU TO VISIT TT)

SAIPAN, JULY 2 (MNS)---THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NAURU, L.G. SELLARS, IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE TRUST TERRITORY THIS MONTH, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN OF THE STATUS LIAISON OFFICE AT HEADQUARTERS ON SAIPAN.

SELLARS WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO YAP DISTRICT ON JULY 15TH WHERE HE WILL SPEND SEVERAL DAYS. FROM YAP, HE WILL GO TO PALAU ON THE 17TH FOR THREE DAYS.

AFTER THE PALAU VISIT, HICOM SELLARS WILL COME TO SAIPAN TO MEET WITH TT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT.

SELLARS HAS PREVIOUSLY VISITED THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE TT. HE IS REQUESTING THAT TT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARRANGE A SIMILAR TRIP FOR HIS SECRETARY, JEFF HART SO HART CAN VISIT TRUK, PONAPE AND THE MARSHALL DISTRICTS IN EARLY AUGUST, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TT GOVERNMENT.

(BUSINESS APPLICATIONS RECEIVED)

SAIPAN, JULY 2 (MNS)---TWO MORE FIRMS HAVE APPLIED FOR TRUST TERRITORY FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMITS, ACCORDING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.

MID-PAC MICRONESIA, INC., HAS APPLIED TO OFFER HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND PARTS SERVICING TO ALL SIX TT DISTRICTS. THEY HOPED TO BE BASED ON SAIPAN. THE FIRM INDICATED THAT IT WOULD LIKE TO START AN AIR FREIGHT SERVICE, TOO. EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN IS LISTED AS LOCAL AGENT.

DEAK & COMPANY, INC., OF GUAM HAS APPLIED TO OFFER FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE SERVICES IN MICRONESIA. THEIR PROPOSED TT FIRM, DEAK & CO. OF MICRONESIA, WOULD ALSO SELL FOREIGN AND AMERICAN TRAVELERS CHEQUES, SELL GOLD COINS AND SILVER BULLION, AND ARRANGE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.

THEIR APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE PROPER DISTRICT ECONOMIC BOARDS FOR THEIR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION.

(FARMERS TOUR MARIANAS)

SAIPAN, JULY 2 (MNS)---THREE OF TRUK'S BEST FARMERS ENDED A 10 DAY INSPECTION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN THE MARIANAS TUESDAY (JULY 2).

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STUDIED FARMING METHODS USED ON ROTA, TINIAN, AND SAIPAN UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL INPUT INCENTIVE PROGRAM. ACCORDING TO BERMIN WEILBACHER, CHIEF OF THE AGRICULTURE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, THE PROGRAM "SELECTS THE BEST FARMERS IN A DISTRICT AND SENDS THEM TO OTHER AREAS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY TO OBSERVE DIFFERENT FARMING METHODS."

THIS IS THE SECOND GROUP FROM TRUK TO TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAM. THE THREE WERE CHOSEN DURING THE ANNUAL TRUK FARMERS AND FISHERMAN'S FAIR HELD LAST MONTH.

THE GROUP WAS LED BY DAVID IVRA, AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SUPERVISOR FOR TRUK.

THE FOUR RECEIVED EXCELLENT ASSISTANCE FROM THE PEOPLE IN THE MARIANAS AGRICULTURE STAFF, WEILBACHER SAID. "THE FARMERS WERE SO IMPRESSED BY THE SIZE AND FLATNESS OF SAIPAN'S FARMING LAND," HE COMMENTED, "THEY SAID THEY WANTED TO TAKE BACK THE FLAT LAND."

WEILBACHER SAID THAT FARMERS FROM YAP OR PALAU, OR PERHAPS ONE FROM EACH DISTRICT, WOULD BE SELECTED FOR THE NEXT EXCHANGE.

"IF I CAN FIND THE MONEY," WEILBACHER SAID, "I'D LIKE TO SEND A FARMER TO ANOTHER COUNTRY, PERHAPS TAIWAN, TO OBSERVE THEIR AGRICULTURAL METHODS."

(MORE BABIES WANTED)

SAIPAN, JULY 2 (MNS)---JAMES MANGAFEL WANTS MORE BABIES.

MANGAFEL, MEMBER OF YAP'S DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION DURING ITS PRESENT SESSION CALLING UPON "ALL PARENTS, BOYS AND GIRLS OF CHILD-BEARING AGE IN (YAP)...TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR POWER AND ABILITY TO INCREASE THE POPULATION OF YAP."

HIS RESOLUTION EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER YAP'S SMALL POPULATION IN RELATION TO THE OTHER FIVE TRUST TERRITORY DISTRICTS. "OUR SMALL POPULATION," THE RESOLUTION STATED, "HAS RENDERED US SOMEWHAT POLITICALLY IMPOTENT AND INEFFECTUAL IN OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR SISTER DISTRICTS ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO OUR LOBBYING EFFORTS IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA."

THE POPULATION OF YAP DISTRICT IS ALMOST 8,000. TRUK'S POPULATION, IN COMPARISON, IS OVER 31,000. THE POPULATION OF THE MARIANA'S IS JUST OVER 13,000.

MANGAFEL'S RESOLUTION SAID THAT A YAPESE POPULATION BOOM WOULD "ENHANCE OUR POLITICAL POWER AND INFLUENCE IN MICRONESIA AND INCREASE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CAPACITY OF THIS DISTRICT FOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT."

COPIES OF THE RESOLUTION, MANGAFEL SAID, SHOULD BE SENT TO ALL YAPESE VILLAGE CHIEFS, HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS, AND MINISTERS OF ALL RELIGIOUS SECTS, AMONG OTHERS.