

(RUSSIAN SHIP TO VISIT IT)

SAIPAN, JULY 5 (MNS) ~~74~~ A SOVIET CRUISE SHIP CARRYING 700 JAPANESE TOURIST PLANS TO VISIT MICRONESIA DURING AUGUST. THE S.S. FEDOR SHALAYAPIN WILL BE CHARTERED BY THE LEISURE DEVELOPMENT CENTER OF JAPAN TO EXPLORE POTENTIAL PACIFIC RESORT AREAS. File
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DAVID SCHIELE, DEPUTY STATUS LIAISON OFFICER, INDICATED THAT THERE IS NO OPPOSITION WITHIN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT TO THE PROPOSED VISIT. FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE VOYAGE WILL DEPEND UPON REVIEW OF FORMAL APPLICATION FOR AN ENTRY PERMIT WHEN IT IS RECEIVED FROM THE CENTER.

THE 700 TOURISTS, MOSTLY JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN, WILL ALSO BE ACTING AS "FLOATING GUINEA PIGS" ON THE 16 DAY VOYAGE. ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN JAPAN'S INDUSTRIAL-ECONOMIC NEWS, "THE REAL AIM OF THIS STUDY IS TO GATHER THE RESPONDING PROCESS OF THE JAPANESE DURING THE LONG OCEAN VOYAGE."

THE COMPILED INFORMATION FROM THE CRUISE WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE NEEDS OF SEA GOING JAPANESE TOURISTS. THE 21,000 TON CRUISE SHIP WILL OFFER CULTURAL WORKSHOPS, GOLF LESSONS, AND EXERCISE CLASSES AS PART OF A REGIMENTED VACATION PROGRAM.

THE SHIP, ALMOST 560 FEET LONG, HAS A SWIMMING POOL, A DANCE FLOOR, SUN ROOMS AND A SUN DECK, A THEATER AND A LIBRARY ON BOARD. IT WILL BE STAFFED BY A CREW OF 380.

THE TENTATIVE TOUR SCHEDULE WILL TAKE THE SHIP FROM YOKOHAMA, JAPAN; TO GUAM; RABAU, NEW GUINEA; AND THEN ON TO TRUK AND SAIPAN. THE TOUR SHIP WILL ARRIVE AT TRUK ON AUGUST 22 FOR ONE DAY. IT WILL REACH SAIPAN ON THE 25TH AND LEAVE THE NEXT DAY FOR YOKOHAMA.

(STATUS MEETING)

SAIPAN, JULY 5 (MNS) ---THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS SAID FRIDAY (JULY 5) THAT HE WILL MEET INFORMALLY WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS ON GUAM MONDAY.

SENATOR LAZARUS SALII AND CO-CHAIRMAN EKPAP SILK OF THE MARSHALLS WILL MEET WITH AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS FOR A WEEK. SALII SAID THAT THE DATE OF THE NEXT FORMAL ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE GUAM MEETING.

OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO WILL ATTEND ARE SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA AND SENATE FLOOR LEADER AMBILOS IEHSI.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(EDUCATION PROBLEMS DISCUSSED)

SAIPAN, JULY 3 (CONGRESS RELEASE) ---REPRESENTATIVE TARKONG PEDRO PASSED THROUGH SAIPAN THIS WEEK ON HIS WAY BACK TO PALAU WITH NEWS CONCERNING MICRONESIAN STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOLS IN HAWAII.

CONGRESSMAN PEDRO, WHO IS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND SOCIAL MATTERS, JOINED CHAIRMAN JOAB SIGRAH UPON HIS RETURN FROM THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW YORK IN HAWAII TO VISIT SEVERAL SCHOOLS IN WHICH MICRONESIAN STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED.

THE SCHOOLS INCLUDED THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, HAWAII PACIFIC COLLEGE, MAUI COLLEGE AND MAUNAOLU. ACCOMPANYING THEM ON THEIR VISIT WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION JOSEPH OAKY AND HONOLULU STUDENT COORDINATOR IGNACIO VILLANUEVA.

ACCORDING TO REP. PEDRO THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT WAS TO VISIT THE MAUNAOLU CAMPUS OF UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN MAUI, HAWAII, WHERE IT WAS REPORTED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF MICRONESIAN STUDENTS STILL 02185

OWED MONEY, DESPITE A CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA APPROPRIATION IN 1973.

"THE PROBLEM OF FINANCE NOW SEEMS TO BE PRETTY MUCH RESOLVED," SAID PEDRO, MAINLY THROUGH THE EFFORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF MAUNAOLU, DR. KING, AND THE PEOPLE AT MAUNAOLU." ACCORDING TO THE CONGRESSMAN, THE SCHOOL ARRANGED FOR EITHER FEDERAL FUNDS OR FOR REDUCTIONS IN SCHOOL TUITIONS WHICH WOULD GIVE PRACTICALLY ALL MICRONESIAN STUDENTS A ZERO BALANCE.

HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT "THE PROBLEM OF MAUNAOLU'S LACK OF ACCREDITATION IS STILL NOT SOLVED AND THEY WILL BE WORKING ON THAT FOR SOME TIME TO COME. ANY MICRONESIAN STUDENT WHO IS CONSIDERING GOING TO MAUNAOLU, OR RETURNING TO MAUNAOLU, SHOULD BE AWARE OF THIS FACT," HE SAID.

"ANOTHER SERIOUS PROBLEM WE FOUND--ESPECIALLY AT MAUNAOLU, WAS THAT OF MISBEHAVIOR AND MISCONDUCT BY MICRONESIAN STUDENTS, MUCH OF IT RELATED TO DRINKING OFF-CAMPUS, AND THEN RETURNING TO CAUSE TROUBLE ON CAMPUS."

RELATED TO THIS, HE NOTED THAT IT WAS THEIR IMPRESSION THAT MORE AND BETTER ORIENTATION NEEDED TO BE GIVEN TO MICRONESIAN STUDENTS INTENDING TO ENROLL IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OUTSIDE OF MICRONESIA.

"STUDENTS AT BOTH MAUNAOLU AND AT HAWAII PACIFIC COLLEGE SAID BETTER ORIENTATION WAS NEEDED SO STUDENTS WOULD BE BETTER PREPARED TO ADJUST TO LIFE IN THE U.S.," HE SAID.

ONE INTERESTING FACT REVEALED BY THEIR VISIT, ACCORDING TO REP. PEDRO, WAS THAT MICRONESIAN STUDENTS WERE NOT WELL INFORMED OR AWARE OF U.S. FEDERAL FUNDS WHICH WERE AVAILABLE TO HELP THEM THROUGH BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

"MICRONESIAN STUDENTS ARE FORTUNATE," PEDRO SAID, "BECAUSE NOT ONLY ARE THEY ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY, BUT THEY ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR WORK/STUDY, ASSISTANCE GRANTS, AND STUDENT LOANS FUNDED BY U. S. FEDERAL PROGRAMS."

CONGRESSMAN PEDRO SAID THAT THE HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES DEALING WITH EDUCATION WOULD BE CONSIDERING THE INFORMATION THEY HAVE GATHERED SO FAR CONCERNING THESE PROBLEMS AND WOULD PROBABLY SUBMIT A REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

(PALAU WELCOMES PCV'S)

PALAU, JULY 5 (MNS)---TWENTY-SEVEN NEW PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER TRAINEES RECEIVED A WARM WELCOME UPON THEIR ARRIVAL ON PALAU LAST WEEK.

ACCORDING TO DAVID NGIRNIDOL, DISTRICT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, THE NEW VOLUNTEERS WERE GREETED BY PALAU'S TRADITIONAL, ELECTED, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

"I AM VERY HAPPY TO SEE ONCE AGAIN NEW PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN PALAU," SAID HIGH CHIEF REKLAI. "I AM ESPECIALLY HAPPY BECAUSE THE SECOND PHASE OF THIS TRAINING PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE IN MELEKEOK, AND I AM VERY SURE MY PEOPLE OF MELEKEOK WILL DO EVERYTHING TO ASSIST THE PROGRAM."

MAYOR RUBASCH FRITZ, SPEAKING FOR CHIEF AIBEDUL, SAID THAT HE WAS PLEASED WITH PAST PEACE CORP ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE ON KOROR. HE PROMISED THE NEW VOLUNTEERS THE FULL SUPPORT OF HIS OFFICE.

IN A LENGTHY ADDRESS, PALAU SENATOR ROMAN TMETUHL SAID THAT THE GREATEST PROBLEM FACING THE PALAUAN PEOPLE IS THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS. HE URGED THE VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH THEIR STUDENTS HOW TO LEARN. THIS IS MORE IMPORTANT, HE SAID, THAN TEACHING JUST MATH OF ENGLISH.

THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK FACING THE NEW VOLUNTEERS, THE SENATOR SAID, WAS TEACHING PALAUAN STUDENTS TO ACCEPT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FUTURE.

SPEAKING FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR THOMAS REMENGESAU, DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MITSUO SOLANG, SAID THAT PALAU HAS GONE THROUGH SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS WITH PEACE CORPS ASSISTANCE. THE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, HE SAID, HAVE DONE MORE FOR THE WELL BEING OF THE PALAUAN PEOPLE THAN SOME OTHER GROUPS HAVE.

OF THE 27 NEW VOLUNTEERS, FIVE WILL WORK IN THE SOUTHWEST ISLANDS, THREE ON KOROR, AND THE REST WILL TEACH ON BABELTHUAP.

"JUST COME AS YOU ARE," SAID MARIANO CARLOS. REPRESENTING THE CHIEFS OF TOBI, SONSOROL AND PULLO ANNA, HE SAID, "WE WILL FIND OUT WHAT HELP WE CAN GIVE YOU, AND WHAT HELP YOU CAN GIVE US."

(JOINT WHO/SPC SEMINAR)

WESTERN SAMOA, JULY 5 (WHO PRESS RELEASE)--AN ASSESSMENT OF FILARIASIS CONTROL PROGRAMS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC IS CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED AT THE FOURTH JOINT WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION/SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION SEMINAR ON FILARIASIS AND VECTOR CONTROL IN APIA, WESTERN SAMOA.

DR. ANTHONY POLLOI, A MEDICAL OFFICER AT MACDONALD'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN KOROR, PALAU, IS REPRESENTING THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE TWO WEEK MEETING BEGAN THIS WEEK ON MONDAY (JULY 1).

EIGHTEEN OTHER HEALTH OFFICIALS FROM 13 SOUTH PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES ARE ATTENDING THE SEMINAR WHICH IS ALSO CONSIDERING NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND EPIDEMIOLOGY OF FILARIASIS. THE SEMINAR WILL ALSO REVIEW THE REPORTS ON MASS DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR FILARIASIS CONTROL IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

DRAMATIC DECLINE IN THE RATE OF FILARIA PARASITE INFECTION OF THE POPULATION HAS BEEN REPORTED IN WESTERN SAMOA WHERE THE FIRST MASS DRUG DISTRIBUTION WAS CONDUCTED IN 1965-66, THE RELEASE STATED. SIMILAR DRUG ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS HAVE PROVED SUCCESSFUL IN PALAU DISTRICT IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

FILARIASIS IS TRANSMITTED THROUGH MOSQUITO BITES. EFFECTS OF CONTROL WORK MAY BE SEEN ALSO IN THE REDUCTION OF INFECTED MOSQUITOS AFTER MASS DRUG ADMINISTRATION IN THESE ISLAND GROUPS.

SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS ARE FROM AMERICAN SAMOA, BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS, COOK ISLANDS, FIJI, FRENCH POLYNESIA, GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS, GUAM, NEW HERBRIDES, NIUE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, TONGA, WESTERN SAMOA AND THE TRUST TERRITORY.

ACTING AS CONSULTANTS TO THE SEMINAR ARE: DR. LARRY ASH, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PARASITOLOGY, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; AND PROFESSOR J.B. EDESON, PROFESSOR OF TROPICAL HEALTH, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT, BEIRUT, LEBANON.