

(FIRST INDUSTRIAL PERMIT ISSUED)

SAIPAN, JULY 11 (MNS) ~~11~~ THE MICRONESIAN INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION HAS BECOME THE FIRST COMPANY TO BE ISSUED A FOREIGN INVESTMENT BUSINESS PERMIT BY THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT FOR AN INDUSTRIAL TYPE OF BUSINESS. DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN SIGNED THE PERMIT THURSDAY (JULY 11). ALL PREVIOUS FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMITS HAVE BEEN FOR SERVICE-RELATED COMPANIES OR CONSTRUCTION FIRMS.

THE CORPORATION WILL PRODUCE AND SELL COCONUT OIL. IT WILL ALSO MARKET COCONUT PRODUCTS AND ENGAGE IN OTHER RELATED BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AS MAY BE PERMITTED UNDER TRUST TERRITORY LAW. THE COCONUT PROCESSING PLANT WILL COST \$2.5 MILLION.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY IS GUY A. LUTTRELL, WHO SAID A COCONUT OIL MILL WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON KOROR, PALAU. BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY IN GETTING FINANCING FOR THE PROJECTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY DUE TO RESTRICTIONS ON NON-CITIZEN OWNERSHIP OF LAND, THE NEW COMPANY "HAS TAKEN COLLATERAL FROM AREAS OUTSIDE THE TRUST TERRITORY AND PLEDGE IT TO SECURE FINANCING TO CONSTRUCT THIS PROJECT," LUTTRELL POINTED OUT. "WE FEEL THAT POSSIBLY IN THE FUTURE THIS IS WHAT OTHER CORPORATIONS WILL HAVE TO DO TO DEVELOP IN THE TRUST TERRITORY," HE ADDED.

THE COCONUT MILL WILL HAVE THE CAPACITY TO HANDLE 140 TONS OF COPRA PER DAY. "THIS IS IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT OF QUANTITIES AVAILABLE TO US IN THE TRUST TERRITORY," LUTTRELL DECLARED. HE SAID THAT UNTIL THE PRODUCTION OF COPRA IN THE TRUST TERRITORY INCREASES, COPRA WILL BE IMPORTED FROM THE PHILIPPINES OR INDONESIA.

"WE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT BECAUSE WE'RE ABLE TO PAY THE WORLD MARKET PRICE DIRECTLY TO THE GROWER OR THE PRODUCER, THAT THIS WILL BE A STIMULUS TO INCREASED PRODUCTION IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. BEFORE TOO LONG, WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GET ALL OF OUR COPRA NEEDS WITHIN THE TRUST TERRITORY," LUTTRELL SAID.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY IS ONE OF THE BEST COCONUT GROWING AREAS IN THE WORLD. "CERTAINLY, THIS WOULD STIMULATE FURTHER PLANNING AND INCREASE PRODUCTION BY CREATING A MARKET FOR TRUST TERRITORY COPRA FOR A MUCH HIGHER PRICE RIGHT WITHIN THE TRUST TERRITORY," HE DECLARED.

THE MICRONESIAN INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION HAS CONTRACTED WITH THE MARWOOD COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO, ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST COMPANIES SELLING EDIBLE OILS TO MARKET ALL THEIR PRODUCTS.

THE PRICE OF COCONUT OIL HAS NOW STABILIZED, LUTTRELL TOLD MNS. BECAUSE THE DEMAND IS GREATER THAN THE WORLD SUPPLY, HE SAID, THE PRICE WILL NOT GO DOWN.

"ONE OF THE CONTRIBUTING FACTORS," LUTTRELL SAID, "IS THAT MANY SOAP COMPANIES WHICH WERE USING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN THEIR MANUFACTURING HAVE NOW REVERTED BACK TO THE USE OF COCONUT OIL. COCONUT OIL IS NOW COMPARABLE IN PRICE TO PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. HOWEVER, IT IS MUCH BETTER THAN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS."

THE COMPANY HOPES TO BE IN OPERATION WITHIN 14 MONTHS. FORTY-SEVEN MICRONESIANS WILL BE INITIALLY EMPLOYED.

LUTTRELL SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE HE RECEIVED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY "PARTICULARLY FROM SALVATOR ONGRUNG AND ISIDORO RUDIMCH ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN PALAU. WITHOUT THEIR HELP AND GUIDANCE, WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT THIS TOGETHER," LUTTRELL STATED.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

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ARE MARTIN A. SCOTT, TREASURER; ATTORNEY KARL G. KANTARJIAN, SECRETARY; AND ROBERT K. SHOECRAFT, VICE-PRESIDENT AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY. THE COMPANY'S LOCAL AGENT IN PALAU IS JONAS W. OLKERIIL.

(TREATMENT PLANT FUNDS OKAYED)

SAIPAN, JULY 11 (MNS)---THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY HAS GRANTED OVER A MILLION DOLLARS TO THE TRUST TERRITORY TO ASSIST IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN PALAU. THE PLANT, FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF KOROR, WILL BE LOCATED AT THE SOUTH END OF MALAKAL ISLAND. IT WAS DESIGNED BY THE ENGINEERING FIRM OF AUSTIN, SMITH AND ASSOCIATES OF HONOLULU AND GUAM, AND HAS A DESIGN CAPACITY OF ONE MILLION GALLONS OF WASTEWATER A DAY.

TRUST TERRITORY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, KOICHI WONG, IN ANNOUNCING THE FEDERAL GRANT, POINTED OUT THAT THE PLANT WILL BE A SECONDARY TREATMENT WORKS, UTILIZING A TRICKLING FILTER FOR BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT. THIS IS A CIRCULAR TANK SEVENTY FEET IN DIAMETER AND FILLED WITH STONES TO A DEPTH OF THREE FEET. SEWAGE IS SPRAYED OVER THESE STONES AND IS PURIFIED AS IT FLOWS DOWNWARD THROUGH THE BED. CHLORINATION WILL BE USED TO KILL ANY DISEASE GERMS REMAINING BEFORE THE PURIFIED WASTEWATER IS DISCHARGED TO THE OCEAN.

WONG SAYS THE PLANT WILL TAKE AT LEAST TWO YEARS FOR COMPLETION. WHEN READY FOR OPERATION IT WILL SERVE MOST OF KOROR AND MALAKAL ISLANDS.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(BORJA SUPPORTS ST. PIERRE)

SAIPAN, JULY 11 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---MARIANAS SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA HAS WRITTEN THE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. CONGRESS SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRITORIAL AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIP BURTON, URGING HIS OFFICE TO DO "EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO SEEK A JUST AND FAVORABLE RESOLUTION" TO THE CASE OF ROGER ST. PIERRE, MICRONESIA'S CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS.

THE MARIANAS SENATOR WROTE BURTON QUESTIONING THE VALIDITY OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT'S DECISION RECENTLY TO FIRE ST. PIERRE, DESPITE RECOMMENDATIONS OF A DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE THAT HE ONLY BE SUSPENDED FOR 90-DAYS FOR ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM A CLIENT FIVE YEARS AGO. BURTON'S OFFICE HAS GONE ON RECORD URGING ST. PIERRE'S REINSTATEMENT.

IN HIS LETTER, SENATOR BORJA INFORMED BURTON OF REPEATED ATTEMPTS BY THE TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION TO KEEP THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE UNDER EXECUTIVE CONTROL, INCLUDING VETOING LEGISLATION, ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS, DESIGNED TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE.

BORJA WROTE: "MR. ST. PIERRE'S ALL-TOO-SUCCESSFUL TENURE AS AN AGGRESSIVE PUBLIC DEFENDER OBVIOUSLY HAS NOT SET WELL WITH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS AND PERHAPS MR. ST. PIERRE'S SUCCESSFUL DEFENSE OF A SAIPAN YOUTH CHARGED WITH SETTING FIRE TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE SEVERAL YEARS AGO SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WITH REGARD TO THE IMPARTIALITY OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S DECISION." HE SAID BECAUSE OF THE INCIDENT, MORE CONSIDERATION SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN AS TO WHO WOULD MAKE THE FINAL DECISION BY DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. JOHNSTON'S DECISION WAS REPORTEDLY UPHELD BY STANLEY S. CARPENTER, DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR.

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SENATOR BORJA ALSO QUESTIONED EXPLANATIONS GIVEN TO BURTON BY CARPENTER CONCERNING ST. PIERRE'S DISMISSAL, WHERE CARPENTER HAD ASSURED HIM THAT ST. PIERRE WOULD RECEIVE "CAREFUL, INDEPENDENT CONSIDERATION" DURING THE APPEAL PROCESS.

SENATOR BORJA WROTE BURTON THAT HE WAS "AMAZED" AT SUCH COMMENTS. POINTING TO THE FACT THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAD SOUGHT IN COURT TO REQUIRE THAT A \$100,000 BOND BE POSTED BY ST. PIERRE TO COVER HIS SALARY IN CASE HE LOST HIS APPEAL, BORJA DECLARED SUCH TACTICS BY THE GOVERNMENT CLEARLY REFLECT THE TYPE OF "CAREFUL AND INDEPENDENT CONSIDERATION" CARPENTER SPOKE OF IN HIS LETTER TO BURTON.

BORJA, WHO HAS BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF ST. PIERRE SINCE HIS DISMISSAL OVER A YEAR AGO, SAID HE SYMPATHIZED WITH HIGH COURT CHIEF JUSTICE HAROLD BURNETT'S ATTEMPTS TO DISQUALIFY HIMSELF FROM PRESIDING OVER THE CASE.

BORJA WROTE: "THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA AT THE PRESENT TIME CONTINUE TO SPECULATE ON WHAT PRESSURES WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON CHIEF JUSTICE BURNETT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR IF HE SHOULD HAPPEN TO RULE IN ST. PIERRE'S FAVOR."

THE MARIANAS SENATOR SAID THESE EVENTS MIGHT HAVE EFFECTS ON FUTURE LEGISLATION ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, INCLUDING LEGISLATION TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER AND AN INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY. BORJA DECLARED THAT AS LONG AS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, AND THE HIGH COURT CHIEF JUSTICE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO THE SAME OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, AND AS LONG AS THESE SAME OFFICIALS HAVE VETO CONTROL OVER THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, "...THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA MIGHT AS WELL BE RULED BY ONE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT."

"MICRONESIA NEEDS ST. PIERRE. AND MICRONESIA DOES NOT NEED PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHOSE ACTIONS LOWER THE IMAGE OF AMERICA IN THE TRUST TERRITORY," CONCLUDED BORJA: "I FOR ONE WILL NOT BE SATISFIED UNTIL THE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AFFECTING ST. PIERRE BECOMES A PERMANENT INJUNCTION." THE ORDER PREVENTS THE TT GOVERNMENT FROM REMOVING ST. PIERRE PENDING JUDICIAL REVIEW.

(NEWS ASSOCIATION FORMED)

FIJI, JULY 11 (MNS)---MEETING IN SUVA, FIJI LAST MONTH, NEWSPAPER AND BROADCAST JOURNALISTS FROM TEN PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES VOTED TO FORM THE PACIFIC ISLANDS NEWS ASSOCIATION (PINA).

THE ASSOCIATION WILL AIM TO "...PROMOTE AND PROTECT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN THE ASSOCIATION AREA" AND "...FOSTER RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN PACIFIC NEWS MEDIA," ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE WEEK-LONG MEETING.

AMONG THE PRINCIPLE FUNCTIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE THE SPONSORSHIP AND COORDINATION OF TRAINING AT ALL LEVELS FOR PRINT, BROADCAST AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION PEOPLE, TO PREPARE TRAINING MANUALS, TO PROVIDE AN EXCHANGE OF NEWS AND INFORMATION WITHIN THE REGION, TO ASSIST IN LEGAL MATTERS WHEN NECESSARY, TO GIVE ADVICE ON TECHNICAL MATTERS AND MANAGEMENT OF SMALL NEWSPAPERS AND BROADCASTING STATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE A CENSUS OF INFORMATION MEDIA IN THE ASSOCIATION AREA.

THE FORMATION OF PINA GREW OUT OF DISCUSSIONS BEGUN TWO YEARS AGO UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. JAMAES RICHSTAD OF THE EAST WEST CENTER'S COMMUNICATIONS INSTITUTE IN HAWAII.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION IS IN SUVA, AND DELEGATES ELECTED LEN G. USHER, FORMER EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF THE FIJI TIMES, TO BE THE FIRST ORGANIZING DIRECTOR. AN ORGANIZING

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COMMITTEE WAS ALSO CHOSEN, WITH LEOTA PITA ALAILIMA OF WESTERN SAMOA, EDITOR AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH SEA STAR, AS ITS CHAIRMAN.

THE TRUST TERRITORY WAS REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING BY JOSEPH MURPHY, EDITOR OF THE MICRONESIAN INDEPENDENT, AND BY JON A. ANDERSON, BUREAU CHIEF OF THE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE. ANDERSON WAS SELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL HAVE ITS FIRST MEETING, UTILIZING THE FACILITIES OF THE PEACESAT SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, ON JULY 19.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS NEWS ASSOCIATION IS OPEN TO ALL MEDIA UNITS IN THE AREA THAT PROVIDE NEWS FOR GENERAL CIRCULATION, SUCH AS NEWSPAPERS, PERIODICALS AND BROADCASTING SERVICES, WHETHER PRIVATE, STATUTORY OR GOVERNMENT. ASSOCIATE, NON-VOTING MEMBERSHIP IS AVAILABLE IN THREE CATEGORIES TO GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INFORMATION AGENCIES, NEWS ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE THE AREA, AND TO INDIVIDUALS. THE AREA COVERED BY THE ASSOCIATION IS THE SAME AS THAT COVERED BY THE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION.

IN ADDITION TO THE TRUST TERRITORY, REPRESENTATIVES AT THE MEETING CAME FROM FIJI, TONGA, WESTERN SAMOA, TAHITI, THE COOK ISLANDS, THE GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY, THE BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND NORFOLK ISLAND. OBSERVERS FROM HAWAII, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING.

(KUSAIE RECEIVES GRANT)

SAIPAN, JULY 11 (MNS)---A \$49,482 DOLLAR GRANT HAS BEEN AWARDED TO THE KUSAIE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE BY THE TRUST TERRITORY OFFICE ON AGING TO IMPLEMENT A CULTURAL EDUCATION AND GERIATRIC HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IS TO TEACH KUSAIEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE, HISTORY AND ITS TRADITIONAL ARTS AND CRAFTS. SKILLED ARTISANS WILL BE RECRUITED TO TEACH AND TRAIN YOUNGER PERSONS INTERESTED IN CANOE BUILDING, WEAVING, WOOD CARVING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRADITIONAL HOUSES.

KNOWLEDGEABLE ELDERS WILL SHARE MYTHS AND FOLKLORE TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN THE ARCHEOLOGICAL RUINS AND ARTIFACTS ON THE ISLAND, A SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE GERIATRIC HEALTH PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE DIRECT MEDICAL AID TO THE ELDERLY IN THEIR HOMES, AND REFER THEM TO APPROPRIATE HEALTH EDUCATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES

THE PROGRAM WILL COORDINATE ALL EFFORTS WITH HEALTH SERVICES, EDUCATION AND OTHER AGENCIES TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY OF KUSAIE.

(FAICHUK MUNICIPALITY GRANT)

SAIPAN, JULY 11 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN HAS APPROVED A \$25,000 GRANT-IN-AID TO FAICHUK MUNICIPALITY IN TRUK DISTRICT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEADQUARTERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION SAID THURSDAY (JULY 11).

THE EIGHT MUNICIPALITIES COMPRISING THE FAICHUK AREA REQUESTED GRANT-IN-AID ASSISTANCE TO CONSTRUCT STURDY, CONCRETE SEA WALLS THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGES IN ORDER TO PREVENT SALT WATER FROM SPILLING ONTO FARM LANDS.

THE PROJECT WILL BE FUNDED IN TWO INCREMENTS. FOR FISCAL YEAR 1974, THE MUNICIPALITY WILL RECEIVE \$12,209, AND IN THE 1975 FISCAL YEAR THE REMAINING \$12,791 WILL BE PROVIDED.

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(COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL)

SAIPAN, JULY 11 (MNS)---EIGHTEEN ELECTRONICS TECHNICIANS FROM FOUR DISTRICTS OFFICIALLY COMPLETED A FIVE-WEEK COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN COURSE AT THE KAGHAN RECEIVER-CONTROL STATION ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK. THE COURSE HANDLED ROUGHLY HALF OF THE GROUP FOR EACH OF TWO FIVE-WEEK TRAINING PROGRAMS UNDER INSTRUCTOR JOHN ONDERDONK.

CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED ON THURSDAY (JULY 11) INDICATING THAT THE COURSE COVERING MAINTENANCE OF TELETYPE AND SINGLE SIDEBAND RADIO RECEIVERS HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED BY THE FOLLOWING TECHNICIANS:

FROM THE MARIANAS AND HEADQUARTERS: BENJAMIN MISECH, JOHN SIGRAH, JOSEPH STEPHANUS, HENRY SAISKE, JAIME SASANOTO, JOSE TAITANO, JOSE REYES, JOAQUIN ARRIOLA, FRANCIS HICKING, VICENTE SALAS, JUAN AYUYU, FERNANDO ANTONIO, AND JAMES LEON GUERRERO; FROM PALAU, DAITARO MIRA AND FLORENCIO DELEONG; FROM PONAPE, ELIWET GALLEN; AND FROM THE MARSHALLS, RISKY IOSIA AND JUDAH HARRY.

THE COURSES WAS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF VIC BORJA, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION AT HEADQUARTERS.

(HICOM MESSAGE)

SAIPAN, JULY 11 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS DECLARED FRIDAY (JULY 12) "A DAY OF REST" TO HONOR THE FOUNDING OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

THE FOLLOWING IS HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON'S MICRONESIA DAY MESSAGE: "NINE YEARS AGO TODAY YOU, THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, THROUGH YOUR FREELY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, UNDERTOOK ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT STEPS IN YOUR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT WHEN THE FIRST CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CONVENED ON SAIPAN. THE MEMBERS OF THAT FIRST CONGRESS, WELL AWARE OF THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OCCASSION, DECLARED THAT DAY, JULY 12, A NATIONAL HOLIDAY FOR MICRONESIA TO BE OBSERVED WITH FITTING CEREMONIES THROUGHOUT THE ISLANDS.

"IT IS A PLEASURE AND AN HONOR FOR ME, AS YOUR HIGH COMMISSIONER, TO DECLARE THIS DAY A DAY OF REST FOR ALL MICRONESIANS SO THAT APPROPRIATE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CEREMONIES MAY BE OBSERVED IN HONOR OF THIS MOST SIGNIFICANT OCCASION IN YOUR HISTORY. IN BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF YOUR GOVERNMENT, I EXTEND TO EACH AND EVERY MICRONESIAN CITIZEN IN THE DISTRICT CENTERS AND THE NEIGHBORING ISLANDS OUR WARM GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR A PLEASANT HOLIDAY. FINALLY, MRS. JOHNSTON JOINS ME IN WISHING ALL THE CHILDREN OF MICRONESIA A VERY FINE DAY FOR SPORTS AND RECREATION AND WE HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WILL ENJOY THIS HOLIDAY IN HEALTH COMPETITION AND IN THE SPIRIT FOR WHICH IT WAS CREATED."

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THE TRUST TERRITORY IS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN A THREE-MONTH EXPERIMENTAL NEWS EXCHANGE WITH OTHER ISLANDS IN THE PACIFIC THROUGH THE PEACESAT SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM. A GROUND TERMINAL OF THE PEACESAT NETWORK IS LOCATED AT TT HEADQUARTERS ON SAIPAN. THE EXCHANGE, NOW IN ITS FOURTH WEEK, IS BEING COORDINATED BY IAN JOHNSTONE, SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION BROADCAST OFFICER, WHO IS BASED IN FIJI. BECAUSE MANY OF THE NEWS ITEMS ARE OF INTEREST TO MICRONESIA, WE ARE INCLUDING IN THIS MNS DISPATCH A ROUNDUP OF THE REPORTS WHICH HAVE PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO THIS AREA. MNS WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THESE ROUNDUPS EACH WEEK WHEN THE STORIES IN THE EXCHANGE WARRANT.)

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(PACIFIC NEWS EXCHANGE REVIEW)

SAIPAN, JULY 11 (MNS)---SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR TWO PACIFIC ISLANDS DOMINATED THE FOURTH PACIFIC NEWS EXCHANGE HELD WEDNESDAY (JULY 10).

ACCORDING TO A PAPUA NEW GUINEA REPORT, CHIEF MINISTER MICHAEL SOMARE HAS BOWED TO PRESSURE FROM PEOPLE'S PROGRESS PARTY MEMBERS OF HIS COALITION GOVERNMENT. THEY INSIST THAT A PAPUA NEW GUINEA CONSTITUTION MUST BE FORMED BEFORE INDEPENDENCE IS GRANTED. AUSTRALIA CURRENTLY ADMINISTERS PAPUA NEW GUINEA, THE ONLY OTHER UNITED NATIONS TRUST TERRITORY.

SOMARE, WHO HAS VISITED MICRONESIA, IS REPORTEDLY STILL CONFIDENT THAT PAPUA NEW GUINEA CAN ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE BY DECEMBER 1ST OF THIS YEAR.

NIUE ISLANDERS ARE ALSO HAVING DIFFICULTY PREPARING FOR THEIR AUGUST REFERENDUM ON SELF-GOVERNMENT. NEW ZEALAND HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF NIUE.

NIUE'S REPORT INDICATED THAT POLITICAL FACTIONS ON THE ISLAND ARE ISSUING CHARGES AND COUNTER CHARGES AT EACH OTHER OF TRYING TO "TRICK" VOTERS TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE SELF-GOVERNMENT. A SERIES OF MEETINGS BETWEEN THE OPPOSING SIDES IS CURRENTLY BEING HELD. ANOTHER SET OF DISCUSSIONS, NIUE'S REPORT SAID, HAVE BEEN POSTPONED. THEY WERE TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH A VISIT BY NEW ZEALAND'S PARLIMENTARY SELECTED COMMITTEE. NO NEW DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE VISIT.

NEW ZEALAND'S NEWS REPORT SAID THAT LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN THEIR PARLIMENT TO GIVE NIUE SELF-GOVERNMENT. UNDER THE NIUE CONSTITUTION BILL, THE REPORT SAID, THE ISLAND WILL BECOME FULLY SELF-GOVERNING EXCEPT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE WHICH WILL REMAIN NEW ZEALAND'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

A REPORT FROM FIJI SAID THAT A STUDY HAS SHOWN THAT "CONTROL BY NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA ON THE PACIFIC'S ECONOMY AND EDUCATION HAS NOT SHOWN ANY SIGNS OF WEAKENING." THE STUDY, CONDUCTED BY A MASSEY UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST, URGED THAT EXPATRIATE TEACHERS SHOULD BE REPLACED BY LOCAL TEACHERS AS SOON AS IT IS POSSIBLE.

ANOTHER FIJI NEWS REPORT SAID THAT PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF FIJI'S AIR PACIFIC ARE MEETING TO DISCUSS "THE POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION BY THE AMERICAN AIRLINE IN AIR PACIFIC." A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIJI AIRLINE, IT WAS REPORTED, DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER OR NOT PAN AM WAS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING SHARES IN AIR PACIFIC.

THE EAST-WEST CENTER, HAWAII'S REPORT SAID, MAY SOON SEPARATE ITSELF FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. THE REGENTS OF THE UH AND STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL TO MAKE THE CENTER A SEPARATE INSTITUTION.

ADVOCATES OF THE PROPOSAL, IT WAS REPORTED, SAY THAT SUCH A MOVE WILL ALLOW THE EAST-WEST CENTER TO RECEIVE MORE FUNDING AS WELL AS ENABLE IT TO BETTER CARRY OUT ITS INTENDED PURPOSE. THE CENTER WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1960 BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ASIAN AND PACIFIC PEOPLES AND AMERICA.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: BECAUSE FRIDAY IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY, THE NEXT MNS DISPATCH YOU RECEIVE WILL BE DATED MONDAY, JULY 15. HAPPY MICRONESIA DAY:)

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