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(MARIANAS LAND USE TALKS)

SAIPAN, JULY 17 (MNS) ^{At} THE JOINT LAND COMMITTEE FOR THE MARIANAS AND THE UNITED STATES BEGAN DELIBERATIONS MONDAY (JULY 15) OVER U.S. LAND NEEDS IN THE MARIANAS.

THE NEGOTIATORS ARE MEETING TO DETERMINE, AMONG OTHER ISSUES, THE METHOD OF ACQUISITION, PRICE, AND THE JOINT USES OF LAND THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED IT NEEDS IN THE MARIANAS. THE TALKS WILL CONTINUE DURING THE WEEK.

THE RESULTS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR FINAL ACTION TO THE TWO STATUS DELEGATIONS DURING THE NEXT ROUND OF MARIANAS STATUS TALKS. THAT WILL TAKE PLACE LATER THIS YEAR.

THE CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMITTEE ARE PEDRO A. TENORIO AND JAMES M. WILSON, JR. MARIANAS COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE JOSE CRUZ AND BEN MANGLONA. AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDE EMMETT M. RICE, ROY MARKON AND BERNARD DOVE. THE LATTER TWO ARE CURRENTLY BEING REPRESENTED BY JOSEPH SMARITANO AND LT. COLONEL WALTER APPELLE.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE OPENING SESSION INCLUDED EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMITTEE, VICE-CHAIRMAN VICENTE SANTOS, COMMITTEE MEMBER DANIEL MUNA, JAMES E. WHITE, LEGAL COUNSEL AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE STATUS COMMITTEE, AND DAVID SCHIELE, STATE DEPARTMENT STATUS LIAISON OFFICER.

(SATAWALESE CANOE RETURNS)

SAIPAN, JULY 17 (MNS)---ONE OF THE TWO SATAWALESE CANOES WHICH LEFT SAIPAN LAST WEEK FOR SATAWAL, THE PACIFICA, HAS RETURNED TO SAIPAN AFTER ENCOUNTERING BAD WEATHER NEAR GUAM, KJQR RADIO REPORTS. THE OTHER CANOE, THE ALINGALA WITH SEVEN PERSONS ABOARD IS BELIEVED TO BE DRIFTING NEAR GUAM AFTER SHE LOST CONTACT WITH PACIFICA.

THE CANOES ARE RETURNING TO SATAWAL AFTER A PROLONGED VISIT TO SAIPAN EARLY LAST MONTH. THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO REACH THE ISLAND OF PIKELOT LAST FRIDAY (JULY 12).

THE PACIFICA IS UNDER THE COMMAND OF CAPTAIN PAILUG WHILE THE ALINGALA IS MASTERED BY CAPTAIN TOLIG. BOTH ARE USING TRADITIONAL NAVIGATION TECHNIQUES TO CHART THE COURSE.

CAPTAIN PAILUG, THE REPORT STATED, SAID THE CANOES ENCOUNTERED STRONG WINDS AND HEAVY SEAS FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE DAYS SHORTLY AFTER THEIR DEPARTURE FROM SAIPAN LAST WEEK. HE SAID THEY WERE DRIFTING WITHIN THE VICINITY OF GUAM FOR FOUR DAYS WITH NO PROGRESS. HE ADDED THAT HE CONTACTED CAPTAIN TOLIG THROUGH A WALKIE TALKIE AND TRIED TO CONVINCE HIM AND THE GROUP TO RETURN TO SAIPAN SINCE THEIR FOOD AND WATER SUPPLIES WERE GETTING LOW.

LAST SATURDAY, (JULY 13), PAILUG SPOKE WITH TOLIG THROUGH HIS WALKIE TALKIE. TOLIG, PAILUG SAID, ALTERED HIS COURSE AND WAS RETURNING TO SAIPAN WHEN THE WIND CHANGED DIRECTION. TOLIG RESUMED HIS COURSE TO SATAWAL PROBABLY THINKING THAT THE WEATHER WOULD IMPROVE.

THE CAPTAIN AND HIS CREWMEN ARE NOW STAYING AT THE CAROLINIAN COMMUNITY MEETING HALL IN CHALAN KANOA. THEY ARE WAITING FOR BETTER WEATHER CONDITIONS WHEN ONCE AGAIN THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO MAKE THE 500 MILE JOURNEY BACK HOME.

TRUST TERRITORY MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER LT. CDR. ALAN R. PENDLETON SAID THE OTHER CANOE HAS NOT YET BEEN DECLARED LOST. ALL AIRCRAFT COMING TO GUAM FROM HONOLULU HAVE BEEN

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ALERTED TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE CANOE, HOWEVER. THE BOAT IS BELIEVED DRIFTING AIMLESSLY SOMEWHERE NEAR GUAM, ACCORDING TO PENDLETON.

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETS)

SAIPAN, JULY 17 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS BEGAN A SERIES OF MEETINGS ON SAIPAN WEDNESDAY (JULY 17) IN PREPARATION FOR THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FIFTH CONGRESS SCHEDULED TO CONVENE NEXT TUESDAY, JULY 23.

ACCORDING TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RAYMOND SETIK, THE COMMITTEE IS STUDYING AND PRE-SCREENING PROPOSED APPROPRIATION MEASURES THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE UPCOMING SESSION.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS INCLUDE REP. RAYMOND SETIK, OF TRUK, CHAIRMAN; REP. FELIPE O. ATALIG OF THE MARIANAS; HOUSE VICE-SPEAKER ENDY DOIS OF TRUK; REP. TIMOTHY OLKERIIL OF PALAU; REP. JOAB SIGRAH OF PONAPE; REP. LUKE TMAN OF YAP; AND REP. JOHN HEINE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

(UNDP OFFICE MOVES TO MANILA)

SAIPAN, JULY 17 (MNS)---THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED OF THE RELOCATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL OFFICE FROM WESTERN SAMOA TO MANILA, IN THE PHILIPPINES.

THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, RAYMOND E. FORT, SAID IN A LETTER TO THE HICOM THAT ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE IN APIA, THE CAPITAL OF WESTERN SAMOA, WOULD CEASE ON JULY 30. ASSISTANT REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE AHMED DAKKAR IS ALREADY IN MANILA, AND STAFF WILL BE MOVED TO MANILA ON A PHASED BASIS SO THAT THE FULL STAFF WILL BE IN OPERATION THERE ON AUGUST 1. FORT SAID.

LAST MONTH THE UNITED NATIONS WAS TOLD BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF WESTERN SAMOA THAT THE UNDP OFFICE WAS NO LONGER WELCOME IN HIS COUNTRY, AND MUST LEAVE. NO OFFICIAL REASON WAS GIVEN FOR THE DECISION, ALTHOUGH NEWSPAPERS IN SAMOA REPORTED THAT IT WAS DUE TO THE FAILURE OF THE UN TO RENEW THE CONTRACT OF FORT'S PREDECESSOR, WHOM THE PRIME MINISTER HAD SUPPORTED.

THE UNDP REGIONAL OFFICE HAS BEEN IN APIA FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS.

"IT IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME HOW LONG THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL OFFICE WILL REMAIN IN MANILA," FORT TOLD THE HICOM. "NEEDLESS TO SAY, IT WILL BE RATHER MORE DIFFICULT TO CARRY OUT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND ORGANIZATIONAL TASKS PERFORMED BY THE REGIONAL OFFICE, AND WE SOLICIT YOUR PATIENCE AND CONSIDERATION. IT IS OUR DESIRE TO MAINTAIN PROGRAMME LEVELS IN ALL COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES SERVICED BY THE UNDP REGIONAL OFFICE, WESTERN PACIFIC....WE EXPECT WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL STAFF TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE REGION FROM MANILA, BUT THE TRAVEL COSTS AND DIFFICULTIES PRECLUDE THE CLOSE CONTACT THAT WE HAVE ENJOYED FROM WESTERN SAMOA," FORT SAID.

THE TRUST TERRITORY BECAME ELIGIBLE FOR UNDP PROGRAMS LAST MONTH.

(ARNETT RESIGNATION ASKED)

WASHINGTON, JULY 17 (FROM THE AP)---THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTED WEDNESDAY (JULY 17) THAT PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON HAS

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ASKED FOR THE RESIGNATION OF ALVIN ARNETT, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY (OEO).

"THEY HAVE ASKED FOR A RESIGNATION; I WILL DELIVER IT TUESDAY," ARNETT IS QUOTED AS SAYING. THE OEO IS DESCRIBED BY THE AP AS THE "BESIEGED COMMAND POST" OF THE REMNANTS OF PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON'S WAR ON POVERTY.

ARNETT'S NAME WAS IN THE NEWS IN MICRONESIA LATE LAST YEAR, WHEN HE PERSONALLY TOOK ACTION TO OVERRIDE THE VETO OF A RE-FUNDING GRANT FOR THE MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM BY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAD DISAPPROVED THE BUDGET FOR THE OEO SPONSORED PROGRAM IN A LETTER TO ARNETT, AN ACTION WHICH DEVELOPED INTO A CONTROVERSY INVOLVING SEVERAL MEMBERS OF BOTH THE MICRONESIAN AND U.S. CONGRESSES. ARNETT FINALLY REVERSED THE HICOM'S DECISION LATE IN NOVEMBER, 1973, ASSURING THE LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM IN MICRONESIA OF FUNDING FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR.

ARNETT'S RESIGNATION IS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 31ST. HE TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT IT WAS REQUESTED IN A MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE MONDAY WITH PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR DEAN BURCH.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(KENDALL QUESTIONS MOBIL)

SAIPAN, JULY 17 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---IN A JULY 8 LETTER TO THE MOBIL OIL COMPANY MANAGER ON GUAM, SENATOR WILFRED KENDALL OF THE MARSHALLS HAS STATED CERTAIN CONCERNS ABOUT MOBIL'S OPERATIONS IN HIS DISTRICT.

AMONG THE CONCERNS MENTIONED TO MOBIL MANAGER BRIAN FRASER ARE THE POSSIBLE HAZARDS OF SERVICING MAJURO STORAGE TANKS THROUGH ONLY ONE DELIVERY PIPE, AND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID TO MOBIL DISTRICT CONTRACTORS FOR WAGES AND OPERATIONS.

WITH REGARD TO THE FUELING PROBLEM, KENDALL CHARGED THAT THERE WERE AN "APPRECIABLY HIGH RATE OF ACCIDENTS RESULTING FROM THE USE OF KEROSENE PROVIDED BY MOBIL.

"THIS MAY BE DUE TO THE FACT THAT MOBIL USES ONLY ONE PIPE TO DELIVER ITS PRODUCTS TO ITS STORAGE FACILITIES. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT MOST DISTRICTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY HAVE MORE THAN ONE PIPE TO PUMP VOLATILE FUELS TO THE STORAGE AREAS," HE STATED.

SENATOR KENDALL SAID THAT MAJURO RESIDENTS BURNED IN ACCIDENTS INVOLVING KEROSENE HAD USED THE FUEL FOR MANY YEARS AND THAT "ONLY IN RECENT YEARS HAVE WE EXPERIENCED THIS HIGH RATE OF ACCIDENTS."

THE MARSHALLS SENATOR ALSO BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF THE AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID TO THE CONTRACTOR FOR MOBIL IN EACH DISTRICT. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE FLAT LUMP SUM PAID ON A MONTHLY BASIS IS INDEQUATE TO PAY FOR THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES NEEDED.

FUTHERMORE, HE POINTED OUT THAT PREVIOUSLY MOBIL HAD A SEPARATE ARRANGEMENT WITH A PRIVATE MAJURO FIRM TO SERVICE CHARTER OR FERRY FLIGHTS TRANSITING THAT ISLAND, BUT THAT SINCE MOBIL HAD CANCELLED THE ARRANGEMENT, THE PRESENT CONTRACTOR HAS BEEN FORCED TO PERFORM THE WORK WITH NO ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FROM THE COMPANY.

WHILE POINTING OUT THESE PROBLEMS, SENATOR KENDALL ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THE WORK THAT MOBIL OIL MICRONESIA HAD DONE IN THE PAST AS RECOGNIZED BY THE CONGRESS OF

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MICRONESIA, SUCH AS TRAINING OF MICRONESIANS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, BUT WARNED, THAT THE COMPANY SHOULD AVOID THE TEMPTATION TO "REST ON (ITS) LAURELS."

SENATOR KENDALL' LETTER CLOSED BY STATING: "I TRUST THAT THERE ARE AMICABLE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM AREAS OUTLINED ABOVE, AND I AM EQUALLY CONFIDENT THAT MOBIL WILL REACT EXPEDITIOUSLY TO BRING TO A CLOSE WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN AN OVERSIGHT."

(NAURU HICOMS VISIT YAP)

YAP, JULY 17 (MNS)---THE YAP DISTRICT LEGISLATURE IS LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING FOREIGN AID FROM AUSTRALIA. THIS WAS DISCUSSED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WITH THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NAURU, L. G. SELLARS, DURING A SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN YAP THIS WEEK, ACCORDING TO WILFRED GORONFEL, YAP INFORMATION OFFICER.

HIGH COMMISSIONER SELLARS WAS ON YAP ON A FACT-FINDING TOUR OF THE TRUST TERRITORY. HE ARRIVED THERE MONDAY (JULY 15) AND WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY DISTAD LEONARD Q. AGUIGUI AND OTHER YAP DIGNATARIES, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE YAP DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AND THE YAP ISLAND COUNCIL.

SELLARS WAS BRIEFED BY THE ADMINISTRATIONS KEY STAFF MEMBERS ON PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES, AND SUBSEQUENTLY ENGAGED IN A SERIES OF MEETING WITH THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE LEGISLATURE, AND FINALLY THE YAP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE LAST MEETING WITH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INVOLVED DISCUSSION ON THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR REGARDING SHIPPING, PRICE CONTROL AND TRADE.

HIGH COMMISSIONER SELLARS, WAS HONORED AT A RECEPTION THERE GIVEN BY THE LEADERS OF YAP. HE IS LEAVING YAP TUESDAY (JULY 16) FOR PALAU DISTRICT WHERE HE WILL HAVE SIMILAR MEETINGS WITH THE PEOPLE OF PALAU.

(PHILLIPO COMPLETES TRAINING)

SAIPAN, JULY 17 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HEADQUARTERS PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMMING AND SCHEDULING OFFICER, TIPNE J. PHILLIPO, HAS RETURNED FROM SAN FRANCISCO WHERE HE COMPLETED TWO MANAGEMENT COURSES OFFERED BY THE U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK BY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JAMES R. WHEELER.

ACCORDING TO PHILLIPO, THE FIRST COURSE HELD LAST MONTH WAS AN INTENSIVE WEEK-LONG SEMINAR ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT, DISCUSSING SOME NEW IDEAS WHICH HE SAID "ARE VERY USEFUL TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPLEX CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF THE TT."

THE SECOND SEMINAR, PHILLIPO NOTED, DEALT WITH THE U. S. FEDERAL BUDGET PROCESS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF BUDGETS IN GENERAL. THIS COURSE WAS TAUGHT BY DR. ALLEN SCHICK WHO HAS BEEN, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A CONSULTANT TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET IN THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION.

COMMENTING ON PHILLIPO'S TRAINING, WHEELER SAID: "IT IS PART OF THE TT PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM TO PROMOTE MORE MICRONESIANS TO TOP LEVEL POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT," ADDING THAT, "IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR MICRONESIAN OFFICIALS TO UNDERSTAND THE INTRICACY OF THE U.S. BUDGET PROCESS SO THAT MICRONESIAN'S NEEDS CAN BE COMMUNICATED TO THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH."

WHILE IN CALIFORNIA PHILLIPO HELPED DEFINE THE DATA BASE FOR THE NEW CIP INFORMATION SYSTEM WHICH THE TT PUBLIC WORKS

DEPARTMENT IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING.

THE SPECIAL PROJECT INCLUDES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE FIRST DISTRIBUTION OF COMPUTER PRODUCED REPORTS ON CIP PROGRAMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPEDITING THE PROCESS OF PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT OF CIP PROJECTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. "REPORTS THAT USED TO TAKE WEEKS TO PRODUCE CAN NOW BE PRODUCED IN A MATTER OF HOURS WITH MUCH BETTER ACCURACY," WHEELER SAID.

HE ADDED: "WE ARE NOT USING A COMPUTER TO REPLACE PEOPLE, BUT RATHER WE ARE TRYING TO FREE PEOPLE FROM ROUTINE TASKS SO THEY CAN SPEND MORE TIME COMMUNICATING WITH THE DISTRICTS AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS ABOUT STATUSES OF PROJECTS." IN ADDITION, WHEELER SAID, "THE NEW SYSTEM WILL HELP US TO BETTER PLAN FOR FUTURE PROJECTS BY ALERTING US TO POTENTIAL BOTTLENECKS, AND ALSO BY PROVIDING FEEDBACK ABOUT HOW WELL WE ARE MEETING SCHEDULES AND COST RESTRICTIONS."

IN DESCRIBING THE SYSTEM, HE EXPLAINED THAT IT OPERATES BY UPDATING STORED INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATUS OF EACH CIP PROJECT, COMPILING DETAILED REPORTS OF THE STEPS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. IN THAT WAY, HE ADDED, DETAILED REPORTS CAN BE PRODUCED FOR THE CIP MANAGERS IN EACH DISTRICT, AND SUMMARIES OF GENERAL TRENDS AND NOTICES OF ACTIONS REQUIREMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR THE TOP TT GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL.

NOTING THAT AT PRESENT A LARGE VOLUME OF INFORMATION ABOUT EACH CIP PROJECT PASSES THROUGH THE DISTRICTS AND THE HEADQUARTERS OFFICES, WHEELER SAID THE NEW INFORMATION SYSTEM WILL ALSO HELP THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SEE THE GENERAL PATTERNS AND ALLOW FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION WILL AHEAD, BEFORE A PARTICULAR PROJECT CAN GET TOO FAR BEHIND SCHEDULE OR OVER BUDGET.

OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM IS DIRECTED BY PHILLIPO, PROGRAMMING AND SCHEDULING OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT. AT PRESENT THE COMPUTER IS LOCATED AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY, AND EVENTUALLY THE SYSTEM WILL BE MOVED TO GUAM, OR TO THE TRUST TERRITORY'S COMPUTER COMPLEX.

WHEELER SAID EVENTUALLY THE DISTRICTS OF THE TT WILL BE ABLE TO UTILIZE THE CIP INFORMATION SYSTEM DIRECTLY, BUT AT MOMENT SPECIAL REPORTS FOR THEM ARE PRODUCED AT THE HEADQUARTERS ON SAIPAN.