

(SECOND CANOE RETURNS)

SAIPAN, JULY 18 (MNS) ⁷⁴---THE SECOND SATAWALESE CANOE, THE ALINGALA, WHICH DRIFTED AROUND GUAM FOR SEVERAL DAYS AFTER ENCOUNTERING HEAVY SEAS AND STRONG WINDS, RETURNED TO SAIPAN LATE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (JULY 17). ALL CREWMEN WERE IN GOOD CONDITION, ACCORDING TO A KJOR RADIO REPORT. 11

THE OTHER CANOE, THE PACIFICA, SAILED INTO SAIPAN A DAY EARLIER THIS WEEK.

CAPTAIN TOLIG OF THE ALINGALA STATED THAT HE COULD HAVE CONTINUED ON HIS JOURNEY TO SATAWAL HAD THEY NOT RAN OUT OF WATER. HE ADDED THAT THE WIND CALMED DOWN AND FOR A TIME THEY DID NOT MAKE ANY PROGRESS AT ALL. THEY RAN OUT OF WATER DURING THEIR FOURTH DAY AT SEA DRIFTING NEAR GUAM.

THE SATAWALESE ARE PRESENTLY RESIDING AT THE CHALAN KANJA CAROLINIAN COMMUNITY MEETING HALL, AWAITING FAVORABLE SIGNS FOR ANOTHER ATTEMPT AT THE RETURN, 500 MILE VOYAGE TO SATAWAL.

(NEW MARIANAS ATTORNEY)

SAIPAN, JULY 18 (MNS)---MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF ALLAN NICHOLSON AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, EFFECTIVE JULY 12. NICHOLSON REPLACES BILL AMSBARY, WHO IS RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES.

IN MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT, DISTAD ADA SAID: "MR. NICHOLSON IS NOT ONLY AN EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY, HAVING PRACTICED IN CALIFORNIA FOR MORE THAN 13 YEARS AS A CRIMINAL PROSECUTOR AND A PRIVATE PRACTITIONER, BUT...IS ALSO WELL-ACQUAINTED WITH THE TRUST TERRITORY THROUGH HIS WORK AS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF TRUK DISTRICT OVER THE PAST 16 MONTHS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT MR. NICHOLSON WILL BE A VALUABLE ASSET TO THE MARIANAS DISTRICT, BOTH ITS ADMINISTRATION AND PEOPLE," HE SAID.

THE DISTAD ALSO EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO OUTGOING DISTRICT ATTORNEY AMSBARY FOR HIS CONSCIENTIOUS AND EXCELLENT SERVICES DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS.

(COCONUT COMMUNITY MEETING)

SAIPAN, JULY 18 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF OF THE AGRICULTURE DIVISION, BERMIN F. WEILBACHER, IS LEAVING THIS WEEK TO ATTEND AS AN OBSERVER THE TENTH SESSION OF THE ASIAN COCONUT COMMUNITY, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE PROGRAM IS SPONSORED BY THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. IT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN JULY 23 AND WILL RUN THROUGH THE 27TH AT APIA, WESTERN SAMOA.

THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETING INCLUDES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REPORT OF THE ACC PERMANENT PANEL, STATUS OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROPOSALS FOR COCONUT INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT WITH RESPECT TO A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON INTEGRATED PROCESSING OF COCONUT PRODUCTS AND A PILOT PLANT FOR COCONUT CREAM MILK PRODUCTION.

TT PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE WAS INITIATED DURING THE 30TH SESSION OF ECAFE, TO WHICH THE TT WAS RECENTLY ADMITTED AS A MEMBER. THE SPOKESMAN INDICATED THAT THIS WILL BE PART OF THE FOLLOW-UP PHASE OF OBTAINING ECAFE ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE ASIAN COCONUT COMMUNITY.

(SPECIAL ED TEACHER TRAINERS)

SAIPAN, JULY 18 (MNS)---TWO SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER TRAINERS HAVE BEEN HIRED ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS TO ASSIST THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS TRAINING EFFORTS IN PONAPE AND PALAU DISTRICTS DURING THE SUMMER.

MS. ALICE MILES AND MS. PAT MCCORMACK, ASSIGNED TO PONAPE AND PALAU RESPECTIVELY, WILL TEACH TWO SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSES IN ADDITION TO WORKING WITH THE DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFFS ON SPECIAL EDUCATION RELATED PROBLEMS. THEY WILL REMAIN IN THE DISTRICTS FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN WEEKS.

THE PRACTICE OF HIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER TRAINING SPECIALISTS ON A SHORT TERM BASIS WAS STARTED LAST YEAR AS PART OF AN EFFORT TO EXPOSE TRUST TERRITORY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS TO THE NEEDS OF THE HANDICAPPED, AND TO PROVIDE THESE TEACHERS WITH THE BASIC SKILLS ESSENTIAL FOR WORKING WITH HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN THE REGULAR CLASSROOM SETTING.

THE PROGRAM WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE NORTHWEST REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, EUGENE, OREGON, WHICH ASSISTED THE TRUST TERRITORY SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION AND THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION WITH THE RECRUITMENT AND FUNDS.

(GIDDINGS APPOINTED)

SAIPAN, JULY 18 (MNS)---DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES DR. MASAO KUMANGAI HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. JEAN GIDDINGS TO THE STAFF OF HEALTH SERVICES HEADQUARTERS, DIVISION OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH, CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S SERVICES, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION AND FAMILY PLANNING.

MS. GIDDINGS WILL ASSIST THE CHIEF OF THE DIVISION WITH ONGOING PROGRAMS AND WILL ALSO WORK WITH THE CHIEF OF NURSING TO HELP ESTABLISH NURSING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES.

SHE IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING AND MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH.

PRIOR TO HER ARRIVAL IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, MS. GIDDINGS HELD POSITIONS AS HEAD NURSE, HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL; PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE ADVISOR IN SAIGON AND HEALTH COORDINATOR OF THE OAHU HEAD START PROGRAM.

(LECTURE SERIES BY SATELLITE)

SAIPAN, JULY 18 (MNS)---A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY WILL COME TO MICRONESIA OVER THE NEXT TEN WEEKS TO LISTEN TO, AND PARTICIPATE IN A SERIES OF SCIENTIFIC LECTURES FOR NON-SCIENTISTS KNOWN AS "EARTH 20-20 - VISIONS FOR OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN."

THE TEN-LECTURE SERIES IS BEING GIVEN AT FIVE WEST COAST CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN HONOLULU. INTERESTED PERSONS IN SAIPAN; AND AT TEN OTHER LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC, EXTENDING FROM HONOLULU TO WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND, WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS VIA PEACESAT, A PACIFIC-WIDE EDUCATION, HEALTH AND COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM BY SATELLITE.

THE LECTURE SERIES, SPONSORS OF WHICH INCLUDE THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, THE COMMISSION ON THE YEAR 2000 OF THE STATE OF HAWAII AND NASA (NATIONAL AERONAUTICAL AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION)/AMES RESEARCH CENTER, WAS CONCEIVED IN RESPONSE TO WHAT THEY DESCRIBE AS A PLAINLY VISIBLE NEED. SOCIETY, THEY FEEL, IS FACED WITH A STAGGERING

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ARRAY OF PROBLEMS WHOSE PARTIAL SOLUTIONS ARE NOW APPEARING IN THE FORM OF LAND USE, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, AGRICULTURAL AND URBAN GROWTH POLICIES. THE SPONSORS BELIEVE THE SOLUTIONS WILL BE PARTIAL ONLY AS LONG AS MAN'S EFFORTS AND PLANNING ARE LIMITED TO ISOLATED FIELDS; THAT ALL AREAS OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE AND ACTIVITY MUST BE ORCHESTRATED IF THE WORLD OF 2020 IS TO OFFER A SUITABLE QUALITY OF LIFE.

IN SELECTING SPEAKERS FOR THE SERIES, THE SPONSORS SAY THEY HAVE TRIED TO BRING TO THE PLATFORM AND MICROPHONE NOT DOOMSYERS, BUT SOME OF THE MOST ABLE MINDS IN THE WORLD TO PUT MAN'S IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS IN A PROPER PERSPECTIVE AND TO SUGGEST POSITIVE APPROACHES FOR THE SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS.

THE LECTURE SERIES WILL BE HEARD IN SAIPAN AT THE BROADCAST CENTER ON CAPITOL HILL EVERY MONDAY EVENING FROM 4 TO 6 P.M. BEGINNING NEXT MONDAY, JULY 22, WHEN THEODORE W. SCHULTS, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, WILL DISCUSS "THE FOOD REVOLUTION," AND HARRISON BROWN, PROFESSOR OF SCIENCE AND GOVERNMENT, CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, WILL SPEAK ON THE SUBJECT, "FOOD FOR OUR HUNGRY MACHINES." THE SPEAKERS WILL PAUSE FROM TIME TO TIME DURING THEIR DISCOURSE TO PERMIT QUESTIONS FROM PERSONS LISTENING VIA SATELLITE IN PAPUA-NEW GUINEA, RAROTONGA, FIJI, SAIPAN, OR ANY OF THE OTHER PEACESAT TERMINALS.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN LISTENING TO OR PARTICIPATING IN THESE DISCUSSIONS IS INVITED TO BE PRESENT. THEY SHOULD FIRST CALL THE BROADCAST CENTER AT 9308 SO THAT SEATING ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

IF PERMISSION CAN BE OBTAINED FOR RECORDING THE LECTURES FOR BROADCAST, AND IF THE QUALITY OF THE SATELLITE TRANSMISSION IS ADEQUATE, BROADCAST DIVISION PLANS TO MAKE THE SERIES AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE SIX DISTRICTS RADIO STATIONS.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THE FOLLOWING FEATURE STORY RELATES TO AN EVENT WHICH HAS GENERATED SOME INTEREST IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT AND IS BEING SENT TO YOU FOR USE AT YOUR DISCRETION.)

(POLITICAL ASYLUM REQUEST REJECTED -- AN MNS FEATURE)
SAIPAN, JULY 18 (MNS)---POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES IN ONE COUNTRY HAVE THE UNSETTLING ABILITY TO REACH ACROSS COUNTLESS MILES REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL BOUNDARIES OR GEOGRAPHICAL BARRIERS.

REYNALDO O. YANA KNOWS THIS. A FILIPINO CITIZEN WHO HAS LIVED ON SAIPAN FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, "RAY" YANA APPLIED MORE THAN A YEAR AGO FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES. LAST WEEK HE WAS INFORMED BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICE ON SAIPAN THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT ACCEPT HIS REQUEST.

ACCORDING TO YANA, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FELT THAT HE HAD NOT OFFERED CONVINCING EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT HIS APPLICATION. STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMEN ON SAIPAN INDICATED THAT THEY PREFERRED NOT COMMENT FURTHER ON THE CASE. YANA, 30, SPOKE ABOUT HIS REASONS FOR SEEKING POLITICAL ASYLUM.

"TODAY, THERE IS MARTIAL LAW IN THE PHILIPPINES," HE SAID. "TO ME, IT IS NOT JUST MARTIAL LAW, IT IS A DICTATORSHIP. MOST OF THE BASIC RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED," HE CONTINUED. "AS A RESULT, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT I COULD LIVE IN THAT COUNTRY AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT I SHOULD BE A SUBJECT OF THAT GOVERNMENT."

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YANA SAID THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE MARTIAL LAW WILL EVER BE LIFTED. "WE HEAR THAT MARCOS HAS SAID THAT HE WILL ONLY BE A DICTATOR FOR SEVEN YEARS," HE STATED. "BUT I KNOW MARCOS. I HEARD MANY YEARS AGO OF HIS PLAN TO HAVE HIS WIFE RUN FOR HIS OFFICE BECAUSE HIS TERM WAS GOING TO EXPIRE LAST DECEMBER. WE FOUND OUT THAT HE CAME UP WITH SOMETHING BETTER -- MARTIAL LAW. IF HE DECLARED MARTIAL LAW, THERE WOULD BE NO ELECTION.

"NOW WHAT IS THERE TO GUARANTEE," YANA CONTINUED, "THAT BEFORE THE SEVENTH YEAR ENDS MARCOS WILL NOT SAY, AHH, THERE IS A NEED FOR MARTIAL LAW BECAUSE THE COMMUNISTS ARE READY TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT, AND SO ON?

"MARTIAL LAW WILL GO ON AND ON AND ON. EACH TIME, MARCOS WILL COME UP WITH A FICTITIOUS REFERENDUM WHERE THE PEOPLE WILL BE FORCED TO VOTE. THESE REFERENDUMS," HE EMPHASIZED, "ARE NOT LEGAL. PEOPLE ARE MADE IN SOME CASES TO RAISE THEIR HANDS SURROUNDED BY SOLDIERS.

"I DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD REFUSE TO RAISE HIS HAND, KNOWING THAT THE SOLDIERS LOOKING AT HIM MIGHT THINK THAT HE IS AN ENEMY BECAUSE HE DID NOT RAISE HIS HAND AND VOTE YES."

THE UNCOMPLAINING ATTITUDES OF OTHER FILIPINOS IS AN ISSUE OF GREAT CONCERN TO YANA. "THEY ARE AFRAID OF PERSECUTION," HE SAID. "ARE THEY SILENT BECAUSE THEY ARE IN FAVOR OF MARCOS," HE ASKED, "OR ARE THEY SILENT BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID? I WOULDN'T KNOW."

YANA IS A TEACHER AT SAIPAN'S MT. CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL, AND IS ALSO A LAY MISSIONARY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. HE SAID THAT MANY PEOPLE HAVE NOTED THAT MARTIAL LAW HAS REDUCED CRIME IN THE PHILIPPINES.

"WELL, I AGREE. IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, TOO," YANA SAID, "CRIMES ARE NOT AS GREAT. A TOURIST IN THE PHILIPPINES DOES NOT HEAR OF ANY CRIMES BECAUSE NEWSPAPERS CANNOT PUBLISH SUCH INFORMATION. THE CRIME RATE IS LOWER," HE CONTINUED, "BECAUSE ALL THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO DO IS INCARCERATE ALL SUSPECTED CRIMINALS."

AS A PROTEST AGAINST CONDITIONS IN HIS HOME COUNTRY, YANA HAS REFUSED TO RENEW HIS PASSPORT. "I UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN ONE RENEWS HIS PASSPORT, HE RENEWS HIS ALLEGIANCE TO THE COUNTRY."

THIS ISSUE, SAID YANA, IS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. "MANY AMERICAN PATRIOTS HAVE SAID IN PRINCIPLE PEOPLE HAVE LIVED AND IN PRINCIPLE PEOPLE HAVE DIED," HE SAID.

YANA'S PARENTS STILL LIVE IN THE PHILIPPINES. "I AM REALLY WORRIED ABOUT THIS BECAUSE MARCOS MIGHT BECOME VERY ... WELL, KNOWING THAT I OPPOSE HIM, HE MAY HAVE VENGEANCE ON THEM."

ACCORDING TO YANA, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS ALSO PROTESTED THE IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW. "THE CHURCH HAS SENT LETTERS TO MARCOS," HE SAID, "SAYING THAT IT BELIEVES IN TAKING ALL THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN THE PHILIPPINES, BUT NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CITIZENS!"

THE FILIPINO NEWSPAPERS THAT ARE STILL IN OPERATION GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT ALL IS FINE IN THAT COUNTRY. IT IS BUSINESS AS USUAL FOR MOVIE THEATERS AND NIGHTCLUBS, AND THE CONTESTANTS IN THE MISS UNIVERSE PAGEANT NOW BEING HELD THERE ARE PICTURED SMILING AND DANCING IN SMALL VILLAGES.

BUT FOR REYNALDO YANA, THINGS ARE NOT SO CHEERFUL.

HE INDICATED THAT HE IS LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF RENOUNCING HIS CITIZENSHIP. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, HE SAID, ALSO TOLD HIM THAT HE MAY INTRODUCE NEW EVIDENCE IF HE WANTS TO RENEW HIS REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM.

WHEN HE WAS ASKED WHAT HE WOULD DO NOW THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ASYLUM, YANA QUIETLY REPLIED THAT THIS WAS A "MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH" FOR HIM. "THERE WAS A MOMENT LAST YEAR," HE SAID, "WHEN ONLY ONE THING CAME INTO MY MIND. THAT WAS, I WOULD RATHER JUMP INTO THE PACIFIC OCEAN. MAYBE I AM BEING IRRATIONAL," HE CONTINUED, "BUT I PREFER DEATH TO LIVING WITHOUT FREEDOM.

"PATRICK HENRY SAID, GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH." IN AN EVEN AND STEADY VOICE, YANA SAID, "I HAPPEN TO SHARE THE SAME FEELING."