

(CONGRESS SPECIAL SESSION)

SAIPAN, JULY 19 (MNS) <sup>file</sup> THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FIFTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK ON TUESDAY, JULY 13. THE SESSION WILL RUN FOR NOT MORE THAN 15 CALENDER DAYS. ENDING ON OR BEFORE MIDNIGHT TUESDAY, AUGUST 6.

DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN, WHO SIGNED THE PROCLAMATION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL SESSION, NOTED THAT THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF LEGISLATION MAY BE CONSIDERED: //

1. --RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS:
2. --REAPPORTIONMENT:
3. --AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW 5-60, THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION LAW,
4. --CONGRESS REVEBUES AND PENDING APPROPRIATION BILLS;
5. --FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS;
6. --COMPENSATION FOR CONTRACT EMPLOYEES-LOCAL HIRE AND THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS; AND
7. --OTHER LEGISLATION WHICH MAY BE SPECIFIED IN A SPECIAL MESSAGE BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WHILE IN SPECIAL SESSION.

OF THE ITMES IN THE CALL, THE ONLY ITEM WHICH WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE LEADERSHIP'S REQUEST WAS NUMBER SIX, DEALING WITH COMPENSATION FOR CONTRACT EMPLOYEES. THIS IS A SPECIAL CONCERN OF THE ADMINISTRATION SINCE A NUMBER OF BADLY NEEDED CONTRACT EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING TEACHERS AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL, ARE BEING FORCED TO ACCEPT REDUCTIONS IN THEIR SALARIES UNDER THE PRESENT SALARY ACT.

L THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LAST MET IN SPECIA SESSION DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1972 IN PONAPE DISTRICT.

SECERAL MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS WERE ALREADY ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK FOR PRELIMINARY PLANNING PRIOR TO THE SESSION. MOST OF THE REST ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE OVER THE WEEKEND. THE OPENING SESSION, TUESDAY MORNING, WILL BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AS ARE ALL SESSION OF THE CONGRESS AND MOST HEARING ON LEGISLATION

(DOCK STRIKE BILL PASSED)

SAIPAN, JULY 19 (MNS)---THE UNITED STATES SENATE HAS PASSED A BILL TO PROTECT HAWAII AND AMERICAN TERRITORIES IN THE PACIFIC FROM THE EFFECTS OF WEST COAST DOCK STRIKES.

ACCORDING TO A GANNET NEWS SERVICE REPORT, THE SENATE PASSED 58 TO 39 THE "HAWAII AND U.S. PACIFIC ISLANDS SURFACE COMMERCE ACT."

THE DOCK STIRKE BILL EXEMPTS THE COVERED AREAS FROM THE FIRST 160 DAYS OF ANY DOCK OR SHIPPING STRIKE ORIGINATING ON THE WEST COAST, GANNET REPORTED. IT DOES NOT AFFECT STRIKES ORIGINATING IN THE ISLANDS THEMSELVES.

THE BILL, WHICH COVERS HAWAII, GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA AND THE TRUST TERRITORY, RECEIVED STIFF OPPOSITION FROM POWERFUL SENATORS AS WELL ORGANIZED LABOR, SHIPPING COMPANIES, AND THE U.S. LABOR DEPARTMENT.

A SIMILAR BILL HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE COMMITTEE. THE BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE NOW GOES TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR ITS CONSIDERATION. 04599

(PERSONNEL WORKSHOP SET)

SAIPAN, JULY 19 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY DISTRICT PERSONNEL OFFICERS' WORKSHOP IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN YAP BEGINNING JULY 22 AND ENDING ON THE 27TH, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK BY PODIS PEDRUS; DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE TT PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.

ADDRESSING THE GROUP WILL BE YAP'S SENATOR PETRUS TUN, WHO WILL DISCUSS "THE IMPACT OF CHANGES IN THE STATUS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY UPON THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE BY ARTHUR A. AKINA, DIRECTOR OF THE TT PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, WHILE WELCOMING REMARKS WILL BE GIVEN BY DISTAD OF YAP LEONARD AGUIGUI.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE KEY STAFF PERSONNEL AT THE HEADQUARTERS ON SAIPAN AND OTHER GUEST SPEAKERS WHO WILL DISCUSS THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.

THE MAIN TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND REVIEW ARE THE RECENTLY ADOPTED RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE OVERALL ADMINISTRATION OF THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT. AN IN DEPTH DISCUSSION ON THE "SELECTION DEVICES IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE DEVELOPING NATIONS" WILL BE LED BY L. SHOOK, DIRECTOR OF THE CONSOLIDATED INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OFFICE BASED ON GUAM. OTHER DISCUSSION LEADERS ARE PEDRUS, WHO WILL REVIEW THE OPERATIONS OF DISTRICT PERSONNEL OFFICES; PEDRO HARRIS, CHIEF OF THE TRAINING DIVISION, WHO WILL DISCUSS TRAINING PROGRAMS WITH SPECIFIC EMPHASIS ON PRIORITY AREAS, YOSIWO GEORGE, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE TT, WHO WILL TALK ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY AND OTHER EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS; AND A SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER, JOHN NORRIS, WHO IS THE PERSONNEL OFFICER OF THE U.S. WEATHER BUREAU SERVICE BASED IN HONOLULU, WHO WILL DISCUSS WEATHER BUREAU EMPLOYEE SERVICES.

ALSO DISCUSSION WILL BE HELD ON THE NUMBERING SYSTEM, TO BE LED BY VALERIO WILLIAMS, ASSISTANT CHIEF, CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION DIVISION, WHILE THE EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION PROGRAM WILL BE REVIEWED BY ALONZO IGISOMAR, ACTING CHIEF, EMPLOYMENT EMPLOYEE RELATIONS.

CHARLES EARL, EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST, WILL LEAD A DISCUSSION ON TT RECRUITMENT PROCEDURE AND PLANS FOR THE EXAMINATION PROGRAM. AND LASTLY, HERBERT KLUGE, FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT WILL TALK ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION OF EDUCATION ALLOWANCES.

IN ADDITION TO A DINNER PARTY HOSTED BY MRS. HARRIET WEINRICH, ADMINISTRATIVE AND PERSONNEL OFFICER OF YAP, THE GROUP WILL BE HONORED AT A DINNER PARTY GIVEN BY YAP DISTAD AGUIGUI.

(DEAF WORKSHOP)

SAIPAN, JULY 19 (MNS)---THE SECOND ANNUAL WORKSHOP FOR TRUST TERRITORY TEACHERS OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN NEXT ON SAIPAN, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THE WORKSHOP IS A CONTINUATION OF LAST YEAR'S AND IS DESIGNED TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE SKILLS OBTAINED FROM THE PREVIOUS WORKSHOP. MAJOR EMPHASIS WILL BE ON TOTAL COMMUNICATION, READING, SPEECH, LANGUAGE, BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION AND IN DEVELOPING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FROM LOCALLY AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

THE UPCOMING WORKSHOP WILL LAST FOR THREE WEEKS AND WILL INVOLVE ALL OF THE 16 TRUST TERRITORY TEACHERS OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN. THE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND SUBMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA FOR APPROVAL. IF APPROVED, THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR CCM

CREDITS UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE WORKSHOP, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THIS SUMMER'S WORKSHOP WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MS. ADORACION A. ALVARES, CURRICULUM DIRECTOR OF THE SALEM SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, SALEM, OREGON, AND ALLEN J. HAYEK, A DEAF EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA.

(PACIFIC NEWS EXCHANGE REVIEW)

SAIPN, JULY 19 (MNS) ---GROWING CONCERN OVER INCREASING CRIME THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC REGION DOMINATED THE PACIFIC NEWS EXCHANGE THIS WEEK.

HAWAII'S REPORT INDICATED THAT THE RATE OF CRIME IN HONOLULU HAS INCREASED DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS 31 PERCENT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. HONOLULU'S DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF SAID THAT HE FELT PART OF THE PROBLEM WAS THE LENIENT TREATMENT GIVEN CONVICTED CRIMINALS BY THE COURTS, IT WAS REPORTED.

THE MINISTER OF POLICE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA WANTS A MIDNIGHT CURFEW INSTITUTED IN ALL MAJOR URBAN CENTERS. ACCORDING TO THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA REPORT, THE MINISTER HAS ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WILL SUBMIT LEGISLATION TO HAVE PARENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRIMES OF THEIR CHILDREN.

THE MINISTER HOPES, THE REPORT SAID, TO HAVE PARENTS LIABLE FOR PRISON SENTENCES AND FINES FOR CRIMES COMMITTED BY THEIR CHILDREN. HE CALLED FOR STIFFER PENALTIES AGAINST JUVENILE OFFENDERS. JUDICIAL LENIENCY, HE SAID, WAS DAMAGING POLICE MORALE AND WAS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY.

FIJI ALSO INDICATED THAT LOCAL LEGISLATORS WERE BECOMING EXTREMELY CONCERNED OVER THAT ISLAND'S FROWING CRIME RATE.

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE COOK ISLANDS LEAD THE REPORTS FROM RAROTONGA'S PEACESAT STATION.

THE COOK ISLAND'S PREMIER SIR ALBERT HENRY SAID THAT A CLAUSE IN THE COOK CONSTITUTION WHICH GIVES NEW ZEALAND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS PREVENTING INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF COOK INDEPENDENCE.

SIR ALBERT, THE COOK REPORT INDICATED WILL NEGOTIATE WITH NEW ZEALAND TO REMOVE THE PROVISION FROM THEIR CONSTITUTION.

A RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOK IN NEW ZEALAND HAS STIRRED UP MUCH DISCUSSION AND DEBATE. WRITTEN BY A MEMBER OF THE NEW ZEALAND PARLIAMENT, IT CALL FOR SENDING PACIFIC ISLANDERS HOME IF THEY RESORT TO VIOLENCE.

NEW ZEALAND HAS A GROWING POPULATION OF ISLANDERS FROM THE COOK ISLANDS, FIJI, AND OTHER SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS. A GROUP OF PACIFIC ISLANDERS MEETING IN NEW ZEALAND CALLED THE BOOK'S SUGGESTIONS COWARDLY AND IRRESPONSIBLE.

INTERNATIONAL SHORTAGES ARE INCREASING THE COST OF LIVING THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC REGION. FIJI REPORTED THAT THE PRICE OF COOKING GAS IS GOING UP 15 HALF PERCENT.