

(U.S. SURVEY TEAM TO VISIT PALAU)

KOROR, AUGUST 14 (MNS) 74 THE HEAD OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, HAS ASKED REAR ADMIRAL WILLIAM CROWE, JR., TO HEAD A U.S. SURVEY TEAM OF TEN TECHNICAL INDIVIDUALS FROM THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT TO SURVEY PALAU DISTRICT.

AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS VISITED PALAU EARLY LAST MONTH, MEETING WITH BOTH ELECTED AND TRADITIONAL LEADERS WITH RESPECT TO THE PALAU LEGISLATURE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE POSSIBLE LAND USE OPTIONS FOR U.S. MILITARY PURPOSES IN PALAU DISTRICT, ACCORDING TO PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRMIDOL..

THE RESOLUTION STATES "...AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HADYN WILLIAMS HAS STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES DESIRES TO NEGOTIATE CERTAIN OPTIONS IN PALAU FOR FUTURE USE IN THE EVENT THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT IS TERMINATED. SUCH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE OF PALAU CANNOT TAKE PLACE UNLESS THE SITES AND LOCATIONS OF POSSIBLE USE OPTIONS ARE MADE KNOWN TO THE PALAU LEGISLATURE."

WITH THIS, AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS AND PALAUAN LEADERS AGREED THAT THE SURVEY SHOULD COMMENCE REASONABLY EARLY, NGIRMIDOL REPORTED. THE SURVEY TEAM WILL ARRIVE IN KOROR AUGUST 19, REMAINING APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS.

(BUSINESS PERMIT REVOKED)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 14 (MNS) ---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS REVOKED THE FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT OF MICRONESIAN MANUFACTURING CORPORATION FOR "NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS" OF THE PERMIT.

IN A LETTER DATED AUGUST 14, THE HICOM INFORMED THOMAS R. GOLDSMITH, PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY, THAT HE HAD BEEN ADVISED ON MAY 14 THAT IF HE DID NOT SHOW SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN OBTAINING LAND FOR HIS PROPOSED ENTERPRISE BY JULY 1, 1974, THE BUSINESS PERMIT WOULD BE REVOKED. "AS WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL A PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MICRONESIAN MANUFACTURING CORPORATION AND A PRIVATE LANDOWNER, WE ARE TAKING THE STEP OF REVOKING YOUR BUSINESS PERMIT," THE HICOM TOLD GOLDSMITH. THE PERMIT WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN 1969.

THE HICOM ALSO INFORMED GOLDSMITH THAT HIS ENTRY PERMIT WILL BE REVOKED AS WELL, WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE LETTER, BUT ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM GUAM'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS, GOLDSMITH HAS ALREADY LEFT THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE PAPER REPORTED IN ITS WEDNESDAY (AUG. 14) EDITION THAT GOLDSMITH DEPARTED SAIPAN FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 9, SHORTLY AFTER HE WAS SERVED WITH TWO SUMMONSES, ONE ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FINANCING OF A COMPANY CALLED "ISLAND ELECTRONICS," WHICH IS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF IMPORTING, SERVICING AND LEASING SLOT MACHINES, AND THE OTHER ISSUED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALLEGEDLY ILLEGAL SALE OF A PICKUP TRUCK. THE LATTER SUMMONS WAS A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT, CHARGING GOLDSMITH WITH OBTAINING MONEY BY FALSE PRETENSES.

GOLDSMITH, WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE SAIPAN ROTARY CLUB AND WAS CONSIDERED A COMMUNITY LEADER DURING THE FIVE YEARS HE LIVED ON THE ISLAND, REPORTEDLY INDUCED A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING SEVERAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, TO "INVEST" IN THE SLOT MACHINE COMPANY BY MAKING WHAT WERE TERMED "PERSONAL LOANS" TO HIM. HE ALSO WAS SAID TO HAVE PROMISED THESE INDIVIDUALS SHARES IN A MARSHALL ISLANDS COMPANY CALLED "PACIFIC CONTINENTAL," WHICH WAS TO BE INCORPORATED TO TAKE OVER ISLAND ELECTRONICS. THE MARSHALLS

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COMPANY WAS NEVER FORMED.

ISLAND ELECTRONICS IS A WHOLLY MICRONESIAN-OWNED COMPANY HEADED BY CRISPIN I. GUERRERO OF SAIPAN. IT WAS HE WHO SWORE OUT THE COMPLAINTS THAT LED TO GOLDSMITH'S HASTY DEPARTURE FROM THE ISLAND LAST WEEK.

(MARIANAS/PALAU CLAIMS COMMITTEE FORMED)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 14 (MNS)---A JOINT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED BY THE PALAU AND MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURES SEEKING TO INCREASE WAR CLAIM PAYMENTS BY THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN TO THE PEOPLE OF THOSE TWO DISTRICTS FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE BEFORE AND DURING WORLD WAR II, ACCORDING TO A NEWS REPORT PUBLISHED BY GUAM'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

A MICRONESIAN CLAIMS FUND CREATED BY A 1969 U.S./JAPAN TREATY SET ASIDE \$10 MILLION DOLLARS FOR WAR-RELATED DAMAGES. THE U.S. CONGRESS AUTHORIZED ANOTHER \$20 MILLION DOLLARS FOR POSTWAR CLAIMS.

THE COMMITTEE SEEKS \$100 MILLION FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS AND ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO A NEWS RELEASE BY MARIANAS LEGISLATURE PRESIDENT VICENTE N. SANTOS AND PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE PRESIDENT ITELBANG LUII. MARIANAS LEGISLATOR FRANCISCO M. DIAZ AND PALAU LEGISLATOR SHIRO KYOTA WERE APPOINTED AS SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED BECAUSE THE \$10 MILLION DOLLAR FIGURE "IS SO RIDICULOUSLY LOW" TO QUOTE THE WORDS OF THE NEWS RELEASE. IT ALSO STATES THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL ADVISE PEOPLE IN THE TWO DISTRICTS NOT TO ACCEPT "LOW AWARDS" FROM THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION.

THE JOINT COMMITTEE ALSO WANTS ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FOR SOME OF THE "ATROCITIES" THAT WERE COMMITTED AGAINST THE PEOPLE IN PALAU AND THE MARIANAS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE START OF WORLD WAR II WHICH ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE 1969 TREATY, THE RELEASE STATES.

THE RELEASE ALSO STATES THAT PRESIDENT SANTOS HAS APPROACHED "KEY MEMBERS" OF THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR A \$100 MILLION DOLLAR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION. HE ADDED THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL TRAVEL TO JAPAN SOON TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

COUNSEL FOR THE COMMITTEE IS SAIPAN ATTORNEY WILLIAM B. NABORS. NABORS IS ALSO LEGAL ADVISER TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PALAU LEGISLATURE ON WAR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT AND LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL FOR THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, THE DAILY NEWS REPORTED POINTED OUT.

SANTOS AND LUII EXPRESSED THEIR "CONFIDENCE IN THE INTEGRITY OF THE U.S. AND THE WILLINGNESS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SETTLE THIS MATTER ONCE AND FOR ALL."

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(REP. SILK CLARIFIES)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 14 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP SILK OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS TOOK EXCEPTION TUESDAY TO AN AUGUST 10 MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE REPORT WHICH HE SAID "GAVE THE WRONG IMPRESSION" THAT NOT ALL THE MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION SUPPORTED THE 50 PERCENT REVENUE SHARING PROPOSAL WHICH FAILED TO PASS THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LAST WEEK.

ACCORDING TO SILK, MNS SAID REPRESENTATIVES ATAJI BALOS AND CHARLES DOMNICK, WHICH THE REPORTS DESCRIBED AS "TWO

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HOLDOUTS FOR A 50 PER CENT SHARE OF REVENUES" FOR THE DISTRICTS, WALKED OUT OF THE HOUSE CHAMBER AND DID NOT RETURN FOLLOWING DISAGREEMENTS DURING THE LATE-NIGHT SESSION. SILK ALSO SAID THE MNS REPORT ADDED THAT REPRESENTATIVES HEINE AND HIMSELF, IN ADDITION TO SENATOR WILFRED KENDALL, CONTINUED TO PARTICIPATE UNTIL THE SESSION ENDED LATER THAT NIGHT.

"THE JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SPEAKS FOR ITSELF," SILK STATED. "AT NO TIME DID ANY MEMBER OF OUR DELEGATION WAVER OR BACK-OFF FROM OUR 50 PER CENT STAND THAT NIGHT. THE NEWS REPORT GAVE THE WRONG IMPRESSION SIMPLY BECUASE TWO OF OUR DELEGATION MEMBERS WALKED OUT."

SILK, THE FLOOR LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SAID HE CHOSE TO REMAIN BECAUSE MANY DISTRICT APPROPRIATION MEASURES WERE YET TO BE VOTED ON DURING THAT NIGHT'S MEETING. SILK ADDED THAT AFTER THE WALKOUT HIS COLLEAGUE, MARSHALLS REPRESENTATIVE JOHN HEINE APTLY DESCRIBED THE SITUATION, SAYING THAT IT WOULD BE "POLITICAL SUICIDE" FOR ANY MEMBER OF HIS DELEGATION NOT TO SUPPORT THE 50 PER CENT PROPOSAL AS INSTRUCTED BY THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE.

SILK ADDED THAT HE BELIEVES THE CONGRESS' ATTEMPTS TO COMPROMISE BY PASSING A 20 PER CENT REVENUE SHARING BILL "WILL NOT BE ENOUGH".

"THE REVENUE SHARING ISSUE IS NOT RESOLVED YET," HE SAID. "IT WILL BE UP TO THE SIXTH CONGRESS TO DO BETTER NEXT JANUARY."

(NEW LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICER)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 14 (MNS)---MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF ELLSWORTH YOUNG AS THE NEW DISTRICT LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICER FOR THE MARIANAS DISTRICT, EFFECTIVE JULY 25.

YOUNG SERVED AS LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICER FOR PALAU DISTRICT PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT IN THE MARIANAS. HIS PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE INCLUDED DIRECTORSHIP OF THE SAN FRANCISCO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR EIGHT YEARS.

THE NEW LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICER OBTAINED HIS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO. HE ALSO ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO LAW SCHOOL FOR TWO YEARS.