

(OIL SPILL DANGER TOLD)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 29 (MNS) ~~71~~ TT HEADQUARTERS HEALTH SERVICES OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMMINENT DANGER OF OIL SPILLS FROM THE 954-TON KOREAN FISHING VESSEL THAT RAN AGROUND ON THE REEF OF NGULU ATOLL, YAP DISTRICT EARLIER THIS MONTH.

ACCORDING TO WILLIAM BREWER, MICROBIOLOGIST, DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THE FISHING BOAT WAS CARRYING 168 TONS OF DIESEL FUEL AND FOUR TONS OF LUBE OIL.

"THE OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY," BREWER SAID, "IS WRITTEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE COAST GUARD WILL COME AND RENDER ASSISTANCE PROVIDED THAT THERE IS IMMINENT DANGER OF AN OIL SPILL."

THE U.S. COAST GUARD, HOWEVER, HAS NOT RESPONDED TO INQUIRIES FROM THE HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS TO WHETHER THEY'RE GOING TO REMOVE THE OIL FROM THE SHIP, HE SAID.

ACCORDING TO BREWER, THE TT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD IS TRYING TO COORDINATE THE JOB, BUT THE COAST GUARD HAS THE EQUIPMENT, RESPONSIBILITY AND SPECIALISTS TO DO IT.

INFORMATION FROM YAP INDICATES THAT A BARGE IS AVAILABLE TO BE USED BY THE COAST GUARD TO TRANSFER THE OIL.

A STAR KIST AGENT FROM VAN CAMP IN PALAU IS SENDING A SALVAGE EXPERT TO SURVEY IF THE SHIP CAN BE SALVAGED OR REFLOATED.

THE KOREAN FISHING BOAT WENT AGROUND ON NGULU ATOLL ON AUGUST 15. THE VESSEL, THE F/V PAINMACHI NO. 2, WAS CARRYING A CREW OF 18.

(TOURISM CONFERENCE SET)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 29 (MNS) ---A TOP-LEVEL DELEGATION FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL ATTEND NEXT MONTH'S PACIFIC ISLANDS TOURISM CONFERENCE IN AMERICAN AND WESTERN SAMOA. THE CONFERENCE, FROM SEPTEMBER 16 TO 20, IS SPONSORED BY THE PACIFIC ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (PIDCL).

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION ON THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM INCLUDE "PROS AND CONS OF TOURISM FOR PACIFIC ISLAND COMMUNITIES, PLANNING FOR TOURISM IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, DEVELOPMENT OF HOTELS AND VISITOR SUPPORT FACILITIES, VISITOR PROMOTION AND ADVERTISING, AND AIR TRANSPORTATION IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

THREE DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN AMERICAN SAMOA, WITH THE FINAL TWO DAYS SCHEDULED FOR THE TUSITALA HOTEL IN APIA, WESTERN SAMOA.

HEADING THE TT DELEGATION IS HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, WHO WILL BE ONE OF THE FEATURED SPEAKERS ALONG WITH SIR ALBERT HENRY, PREMIER OF THE COOK ISLANDS, MATA' AFA MULINU'U, PRIME MINISTER OF WESTERN SAMOA, AND WILLIAM FOSTER OF THE HAWAII VISITORS BUREAU.

OTHERS IN THE TT GROUP INCLUDE: BARRY DUGGAN, GENERAL MANAGER OF AIR MICRONESIA; DAVID M. SABLAN, PRESIDENT OF THE SAIPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND HIS WIFE, LUPE, SAIPAN REPRESENTATIVE FOR PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS; FRANK DIAZ, CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS TOURIST COMMISSION; JULIAN CALVO, TOURISM TECHNICIAN FROM ROTA; DANIEL T. MUJNA, MEMBER OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE; IHLEN JOSEPH, ASSISTANT TOURISM OFFICER FOR PONAPE; ISKIA SONY, MEMBER OF THE TRUK TOURISM COMMISSION; JOHN BUCHUN, TOURISM TECHNICIAN FOR YAP; MIKE ASHMAN, CHIEF OF THE TT TOURISM BRANCH, AND J.M. GUERRERO, HEADQUARTERS TOURISM SPECIALIST.

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(PALAUAN HISTORY BOOK COMPLETED)

PALAU, AUGUST 29 (MNS)---A FOUR-YEAR PROJECT TO COMPILE IN A SINGLE TEXT THE HISTORY OF THE ISLANDS AND PEOPLE OF PALAU HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE PALAU COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY.

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF KATHERINE KESOLEI, THE PROJECT INVOLVED COMPILATION OF MATERIALS DEALING WITH PALAU'S HISTORY FROM MANY SOURCES, AND REPRESENTS THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE FOREIGN VISITORS TO THE ISLANDS WHO WROTE ARTICLES, JOURNALS, LOGS BOOKS OR STUDIES ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES. THE PROJECT WAS TO SYNTHESIZE AND COALESCE THESE PUBLISHED WORKS INTO A SINGLE VOLUME. PLANS TO COMPLEMENT THE WORK WITH A HISTORY OF PALAU OBTAINED ENTIRELY FROM NATIVE PALAUANS--THEIR FEELINGS, THOUGHTS AND RECOLLECTIONS OF THEIR HISTORY.

MS. KESOLEI WAS ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK, MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK. THE TEXT BEGINS WITH A DISCUSSION OF MATERIAL AND NON-MATERIAL CULTURES OF TRADITIONAL PALAU, AND THEN COVERS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER THE 18TH CENTURY DISCOVERY AND 19TH CENTURY WHALING AND TRADING PERIODS, AND THE SPANISH, GERMAN, JAPANESE AND AMERICAN TIMES. A FINAL CHAPTER DEALS WITH THE FUTURE STATUS QUESTION AS IT RELATES TO PALAU.

"OUR HOPE WAS TO CREATE SOME MATERIALS RELEVANT TO THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF PALAU TO BE USED IN THE SCHOOLS," MS. KESOLEI SAID. "THE BOOK IS A PRODUCT OF THE EFFORTS OF SEVERAL PEOPLE, CHIEF AMONG THEM PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER MICHAEL YARBOROUGH, FATHER FRANCES HEZEL OF XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL IN TRUK, AND FATHER FELIX YOACH OF PALAU." MS. KESOLEI ALSO MENTIONED ESPECIALLY THE CONTRIBUTION OF PROFESSOR JAMES RITCHIE OF NEW ZEALAND'S WAIKATO UNIVERSITY, A CONSULTANT TO THE PROJECT.

DETAILS ON PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK ARE NOT YET COMPLETE, BUT "A HISTORY OF PALAU" SHOULD BE SOON AVAILABLE TO THE SCHOOL CHILDREN OF PALAU AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN THIS MICRONESIAN DISTRICT AND HER PEOPLE.

(JAPANESE MEMORIAL SERVICE)

TRUK, AUGUST 29 (MNS)---A GROUP OF JAPANESE PRIESTS AND RELATIVES OF WAS DEAD HELD A MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE AIRPORT IN TRUK, THE SITE OF A NEW JAPANESE WAR MEMORIAL MONDAY, (AUG. 26).

ACCORDING TO TRUK PUBLIC INFORMATION NOHA RUBEN, THE WIFE OF ONE OF THE SOLDIERS READ MESSAGE. IN BRIEF REMARKS BEFOR THE GROUP, TRUK DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR NITARO DANIS WELCOMED THEM TO TRUK AND ASSURED THEM THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY TO BRING GOOD WILL BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND THE PEOPLE OF TRUK.

ABOUT A HUNDRED SPECTATORS ATTENDED THE CEREMONY INCLUDING CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT PRIESTS WHO OFFERED PRAYERS. MONDAY EVENING THE GROUP WAS ENTERTAINED AT THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL WITH TRADITIONAL STICK DANCES.

TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR JUAN SABLAN, AND LEGISLATURE SPEAKER KOICHI SANA ALSO ATTEND THE OCCASSION.

(CARPENTERS GRADUATE)

KOROR, AUGUST 29 (MNS)---NINE MEN, MOST OF THEM IN THEIR EARLY TWENTIES, RECENTLY COMPLETED FIVE-MONTHS OF SKILL TRAINING IN CARPENTRY IN PALAU DISTRICT, ACCORDING

TO ABEL OLOPAI, COORDINATOR OF THE MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING ACT.

PALAU DISTRICT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR, MARTIN SAKAU, REPORTED THAT THE MDTA TRAINING PROJECT WAS SUCCESSFUL NOT ONLY IN DEVELOPING SKILLS IN TRAINEES, BUT ALSO IN CONSTRUCTING A BUILDING ON THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CAMPUS.

ON-THE-JOB EXPERIENCE DURING THE CONSTRUCTION FOCUSED ATTENTION ON BUILDING LAYOUT, USE AND CARE OF POWER TOOLS, BLUEPRINT READING, AND SELECTION OF PROPER MATERIALS, ALL OF WHICH BUILT SELF-CONFIDENCE INTO THE TRAINEES, SAID OLOPAI.

THE SKILL-BUILDING EXPERIENCE WILL HELP THESE MEN OBTAIN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT PERHAPS EVEN REPLACING ALIEN WORKERS WHO SO HEAVILY DOMINATE THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES AT THIS TIME, OLOPAI SAID.

THE TRAINEES ARE: ANTONIO ADELBAI, TROLII BELTAU, ROMAN HOSEI, SESARIO KERRADEL, ROLAND NGIRACHELSAU, BUKURUO RECHEUNGEL, AUGUSTINE REMOKET, SMITH SAIBANG, AND JAMES WONG.