

(PRES. FORD SIGNED TT APPROPRIATION BILL)

WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 6 (MNS) ⁷⁴ PRESIDENT GERALD FORD HAS SIGNED INTO LAW THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION BILL PROVIDING \$61.7 MILLION FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY, ACCORDING TO GUAM'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY (SEPT. 6), EDITION.

ACCORDING TO THE STORY, THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE BILL OVER THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND, THE MEASURE INCORPORATES THE AMOUNTS FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY THAT THE SENATE APPROVED ON AUGUST 6 RATHER THAN THE HIGHER SUMS VOTED EARLIER BY THE HOUSE.

HOUSE-SENATE CONFEREES AGREED TO THE SENATE FIGURES AFTER INSERTING INTO THE BILL LANGUAGE AIMED AT COMPENSATING FOR ANY LOSS OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO THE TRUST TERRITORY AS A RESULT OF CONVERTING CERTAIN AID PROGRAMS TO REVENUE SHARING, THE DAILY NEWS STORY SAID.

THE HOUSE HAD VOTED \$63.5 MILLION FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE ADMINISTRATION BUDGET HAD ASKED \$61 MILLION FOR MICRONESIA.

THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY CLEARED CONGRESS WITH SCRECELY A WORD OF DEBATE ABOUT THAT PART OF THE BILL ON THE FLOOR OF EITHER HOUSE. BUT THE SUBJECT OF FEDERAL SPENDING IN MICRONESIA IS EXPECTED TO DRAW GREATER ATTENTION IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS WHEN OFFICIALS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY ARE DUE TO APPEAR BEFORE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEES SEEKING AN INCREASE OF ABOUT \$15 MILLION IN THEIR ANNUAL BUDGET CEILING.

THE TRUST TERRITORY NOW RECEIVES THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL APPROPRIATION OF \$60 MILLION AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS. TO GET MORE MONEY EACH YEAR, THE ISLAND'S NEED TO RAISE THAT ANNUAL LID, AND THEY ARE ASKING THAT THE AUTHORIZATION BE RAISED TO \$75 MILLION.

ACCORDING TO THE STORY, THE HEARINGS ARE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR TOUGH QUESTIONING ON A VARIETY OF INTERIOR POLICIES IN THE ISLANDS BY CHAIRMAN PHILLIP BURTON, OF CALIFORNIA, AND SEN. J. BENNET JOHNSTON, OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIOR SUBCOMMITTEES ON TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS.

(MNS MICRONESIA PRINCESS LEAVES PUSAN)

SAIPAN, SEPTEMBER 6 (MNS)---THE MS MICRONESIA PRINCESS, THE TRUST TERRITORY'S NEW FIELD TRIP VESSEL, IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON SAIPAN LATE MONDAY NIGHT (SEPT. 9), ACCORDING TO GORDON TYDINGCO, CHIEF, MANAGEMENT BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION. THE SHIP LEFT PUSAN, KOREA, THURSDAY (SEPT. 5).

TYDINGCO SAID THE SHIP WILL BERTH EARLY TUESDAY MORNING AT CHARLIE DOCK WHERE A BRIEF CEREMONY WILL BE HELD. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN OPEN HOUSE ACHEDULED FOR 9-12 A.M. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED.

THE MICRONESIA PRINCESS IS CARRYING 84 TONS OF GENERAL CARGO DESTINED FOR SAIPAN. IT IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME WHETHER THE VESSEL WILL MAKE A SHORT RUN TO THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

HOWEVER, THE MICRONESIA PRINCESS WILL HEAD FOR YAP DISTRICT TO RELIEVE THE MS JAMES COOK, WHICK HAS TO TO TO DRYDOCK.

THE 1600-TON SHIP IS THE FIRST TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON A PLANNED SERIES OF EIGHT SHIPS. THE KOREAN SHIPPING FIRM, DAE-SUN SHIPBUILDING AND ENGINEERING COMPANY LIMITED, BUILT THE SHIP. IT WAS DESIGNED, CONSTRUCTED, AND EQUIPPED SPECIFICALLY TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF TRANSOCEANIN SUPPORT AND INTRA-DICTRICT SERVICE FOR MICRONESIA.

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(COAST GUARD TO ASSIST IN OIL REMOVAL)

SAIPAN, SEPTEMBER 6 (MNS)---THE COAST GUARD HAS AGREED TO ASSIST IN REMOVING OIL FROM THE 954-TON KOREAN FISHING VESSEL THAT RAN AGROUND ON THE REEF ON NGULU ATOLL IN YAP DISTRICT LAST MONTH.

SOME 168 TONS OF DIESEL FUEL AND FOUR TONS OF LUBE OIL WERE REPORTED STILL ON BOARD.

SEBASTIAN ONDESIT, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST, HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, TOLD MNS THAT THE COAST GUARD SENT A SALVAGE MASTER, A DIVER AND ONE COAST GUARD OFFICER TO YAP THIS WEEK TO DETERMINE THE PRESENT CONDITION ON THE M/V PINE HARCH 2.

THE BOAT WAS UNDER CHARTER BY VAN CAMP FISHING COMPANY OF KOROR WHEN IT RAN AGROUND. THE COMPANY STILL HAS NOT RESPONDED TO INQUIRIES AS TO WHETHER THEY WILL SALVAGE THE SHIP OR REMOVE THE OIL.

THE COAST GUARD HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO INITIATE FUEL OIL REMOVAL BY A COMMERCIAL CONTRACTOR. ACCORDING TO ONDESIT, THE COAST GUARD WILL RENDER ASSISTANCE ONLY IN THE CASE OF IMMINENT DANGER OF AN OIL SPILL.

THE KOREAN FISHING BOAT WENT AGROUND ON NGULU ATOLL ON AUGUST 15. THE VESSEL, WAS CARRYING A CREW OF 18.

(SAIPAN'S NEW WEEKLY NEWSPAPER)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 6 (MNS)---A THIRD LOCAL WEEKLY NEWSPAPER MADE ITS APPEARANCE THIS WEEK ON SAIPAN. THE NEWSPAPER, CALLED "FREE PRESS," CARRIES IN ITS FIRST EDITION AN EDITORIAL COLUMN, POLICE REPORTS, ADVERTISEMENTS, AND LOCAL NEWS.

THE PAPER'S EDITOR IS CHRIS MASGA. ITS PUBLISHER IS ALFONSO C. RASA, WHOSE BROTHER, OSCAR RASA, WAS THE FORMER EDITOR OF "I GASETA," ANOTHER WEEKLY NEWSPAPER. OSCAR RASA IS ALSO ONE OF ITS REPORTERS.

THE "FREE PRESS" JOINED THE OTHER TWO WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AND IS "SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF MAXIMUM HUMAN UNDERSTANDING," STATED ITS FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL. "THIS MEDIA INTENDS TO FUNCTION IN THE NAME OF DEMOCRACY. NEVER SHALL IT BECOME AN OBJECT OF POLITICAL MANIPULATION. AS SUCH, IT SHALL WILLING TAKE THE TOTAL RESPONSIBILITY IN PROVIDING INFORMATION OF PUBLIC VALUE FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY."

"THIS FREE PRESS DESPISES NEPOTISM IN ANY FORM AND SHALL MAKE IT ITS POINT OF RESPONSIBILITY TO EXPOSE ACTIONS WHICH TEND TO RETARD OR MILITATE AGAINST PROPER GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT," THE EDITORIAL CONTINUED. "THIS PANORAMA FURTHER REALIZES THE GRAVE NEED FOR MAXIMUM FEASIBLE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN OUR PROCESS OF GOVERNMENT. ADDITIONALLY, IT SHALL ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTIRACIAL, MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY. ABOVE ALL, THIS MEDIA RECOGNIZES THE VITALITY OF A SOCIETH BASED ON COOPERATION AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING."

"CONSEQUENTLY, IT FEELS IT SHALL BE THE CORRESPONDING RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY PERSON, GROUP, OR ORGANIZATION OF MEN TO SUPPORT THIS COOPERATIVE VENTURE OF HUMAN DIALOGUE," CONCLUDED THE EDITORIAL.

THE FREE PRESS OFFICE IS LOCATED IN CHALAN KANOA VILLAGE ON SAIPAN.

(BROADCAST SEMINAR HELD)

SAIPAN, SEPTEMBER 6 (MNS)---A TRAINING SEMINAR ON BROADCASTING WAS RECENTLY COMPLETED AT HAJURO RADIO BROADCAST STATION USZO, MICRONESIAN BROADCASTING SERVICE, NEWSLETTER REVEALED THIS WEEK.

THE SEMINAR WAS CONDUCTED BY FATHER LEONARD HACKER OF THE ASSUMPTION MISSION IN MAJURO WHO WAS ASSISTED BY CHARLOTTE SIMMONS. MS. SIMMONS WORKS AS A CONSULTANT ON THE TELEVISION PRODUCTION OF "HAWAII FIVE-O."

SAM JORDAN, WSZO STATION MANAGER, SAID THE COURSE CONCENTRATED ON DRAMATIZATION, PLOT CONSTRUCTION, AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION.

THE PROGRAM WAS NOT A PART OF THE TRAINING FROM THE HEADQUARTERS BROADCAST CENTER. ACCORDING TO MBS, IT WAS DESIGNED FOR RADIO PRODUCTION TRAINEES OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHAMINADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN HAWAII.