

(SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION RESOLUTION ADOPTED)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 9 (MNS) ~~24~~ THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, WHICH CONCLUDED ITS SPECIAL SESSION SUNDAY (SEPT. 8), UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICTS "BE ADMINISTERED SEPARATELY" FROM THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED 13-0 SATURDAY (SEPT. 7) AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF PUBLIC HEARINGS.

INTRODUCED BY LEGISLATURE SPEAKER VICENTE N. SANTOS, THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, HEADED BY LEGISLATOR DANIEL MUNA, STUDIED THE BILL AND RECOMMENDED ITS FAVORABLE ADOPTION.

THE RESOLUTION POINTS OUT THAT THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION "ARE CLOSE TO COMPLETING THEIR WORK ON AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH, UPON TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP, A SELF-GOVERNING COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

THE RESOLUTION FURTHER STATED THAT THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS "IS FAR DIFFERENT FROM THAT WHICH HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY THE PEOPLE OF THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY..." ALSO, "THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADMINISTERED SEPARATELY FROM THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY BY THE UNITED STATES," DECLARED THE RESOLUTION.

THE RESOLUTION THEN URGED THE UNITED STATES AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, "TO TAKE ALL STEPS WHICH ARE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE OTHER DISTRICTS INCLUDING: TERMINATING ALL OF THE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY TO THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT; TERMINATING ALL OF THE RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA RESPECTING THE AFFAIRS OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT, AND GRANTING SUCH RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY TO THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE; TERMINATING THE PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA; PROVIDING FOR THE RETENTION OF LOCALLY RAISED REVENUES" FOR APPROPRIATION BY THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, AND ASSURING MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION BY THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS IN ALL ASPECTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY FOR THE MARIANAS, THE RESOLUTION POINTED OUT.

ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTION, THE SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION "...SHOULD OCCUR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT" CONCERNING THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE DISTRICT BY THE PEOPLE.

THE PRECISE DATE ON WHICH SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION WILL TAKE EFFECT SHOULD BE DETERMINED IN FULL CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE HOLD-OVER COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MAYORS OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAIPAN, TINIAN AND ROTA AND THE SPEAKERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS OF SAIPAN, TINIAN AND ROTA.

THE RESOLUTION IS CONTRARY TO A JOINT RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN ITS SPECIAL SESSION ON SAIPAN WHICH EXPRESSES THE "UNEQUIVOCAL" OPPOSITION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO THE SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION OF ANY PART OF THE TRUST TERRITORY BEFORE THE ENTIRE TERRITORY HAS HAD A CHANCE TO VOTE IN A PLEBISCITE AND REFERENDUM ON THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA, AND THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT SUCH SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION WOULD CONSTITUTE

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A VIOLATION OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY UNDER THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT. YAP SENATOR PETRUS TJW IS THE AUTHOR OF THE CONGRESS RESOLUTION (SJR 131).

COPIES OF THE RESOLUTION HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, SECRETARY OF STATE AND INTERIOR, MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, MARIANAS DELEGATION TO THE CONGRESS AND THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR.

(YAP WATER RESERVOIR DEDICATED)

YAP, SEPT. 9 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON WAS IN YAP LAST WEEK WHERE HE TOOK PART IN THE OPENING CEREMONIES MARKING THE COMPLETION OF A NEW WATER RESERVOIR AND ALSO WAS A PASSENGER IN THE INAUGURAL FLIGHT OF REV. EDMUND KALAU'S TWIN ENGINE PLANE TO ULITHI ATOLL.

ACCORDING TO YAP PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER WILFRED GORONGFEL, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS GREETED AT THE YAP AIRPORT ON HIS ARRIVAL THURSDAY MORNING (SEPT. 5). YAP DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR LEONARD AGUIGUI AND DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR HILARY TACHELIOL AS WELL AS POLICE HONOR GUARD WERE AT THE AIRPORT TO GREET THE HICOM. OTHER DIGNITARIES INCLUDED YAP DISTRICT LEGISLATURE SPEAKER JOAQUIN FALMONG, YAP ISLANDS MAGISTRATE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ANDREW J. ROBOMAN, OUTER ISLANDS CHIEF BELARMINO HATHILUL AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS.

SEVERAL MILITARY OFFICIALS FROM GUAM REPRESENTING THE COMMANDING OFFICER NAVAL FORCES MARIANAS ALSO TOOK PART IN THE DEDICATION CEREMONIES.

ACCORDING TO GORONGFEL, OPENING REMARKS WERE MADE BY DISTAD AGUIGUI AT THE WATER DAM SITE ON SATURDAY (SEPT. 7). REMARKS WERE ALSO MADE BY SENATOR JOHN MANGEFEL, CHIEF ANDREW ROBOMAN, SPEAKER FALMOG AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE COMNAV MARIANAS.

THE HICOM PRESENTED AN AWARD TO THE WINNER OF THE WATER DAM NAMING CONTEST. THE NEW RESERVOIR WAS NAMED "LIPATH NIBI'ECH" WHICH MEANS NEW LAKE.

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CEREMONY WAS THE PRESENTATION OF FOUR TRADITIONAL DANCES PERFORMED BY THE VILLAGE GIRLS AND YAP GIRL SCOUTS. THE COMNAV MAR BAND ALSO PERFORMED.

SUNDAY (SEPT. 8) HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR LEONARD AGUIGUI AND HILARY TACHELIOL, DEPUTY DISTAD, ACCOMPANIED REV. EDMUND KALAU ON HIS INAUGURAL FLIGHT TO ULITHI ATOLL. GORONGFEL REPORTED THAT A PARTY AND DANCES WERE PRESENTED BY THE PEOPLE OF ULITHI.

(EPB MEETING IN YAP)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 9 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD (EPB) IN ITS RECENT MEETING IN YAP DISTRICT ENDORSED THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS APPLICATION FOR U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S GRANT OF \$524,000 TO COMPLETE THE FUNDING REQUIREMENT FOR THE KOROR TREATMENT PLANT. THE GRANT WOULD BRING THE TOTAL EPA GRANT MONIES FOR THE PROJECT TO APPROXIMATELY \$2,200,000. A SIMILAR GRANT HAS BEEN AWARDED FOR EBEBE SEWER FACILITIES, ACCORDING TO SEBASTIAN ONGESII, EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE EPB. 0755

THE BOARD ALSO REVIEWED THE PROPOSED "EARTH MOVING ACTIVITIES REGULATIONS." THE REGULATION IS DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE WATER POLLUTION AND SILTATION CAUSED BY BULLDOZERS, GRADING, DREDGING AND SIMILAR ACTIVITIES.

OTHER BOARD REGULATIONS NOW IN EFFECT ARE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS, DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY REGULATION, AND WATER QUALITY STANDARDS. COPIES OF THE REGULATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN ALL THE DISTRICT COURTS AND THE DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISIONS, ONGESII SAID.

THE EPB ALSO ISSUED A PERMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED CHANNEL CLEARANCE PROJECTS IN FAIS, SOROL, SATAWAL, EURIPIK, AND FARAULEP ATOLL IN THE OUTER ISLANDS OF YAP DISTRICT. SUCH PERMIT IS REQUIRED UNDER THE BOARD'S EXISTING WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATION. THE PERMIT WAS ISSUED ON THE CONDITION THAT THE PEOPLE IN EACH OF THE ISLANDS GIVE THEIR FINAL APPROVAL FOR EACH PROJECT.

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED DURING THE WEEK-LONG MEETING WERE THE INCIDENCE OF OIL SPILLS BY THE COAST GUARD LORAN STATION ON YAP AND OTHER AGENCIES IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE BOARD ADOPTED A LETTER REQUESTING ACTION TO PREVENT FURTHER OIL SPILLS FROM THE COAST GUARD FACILITIES ON YAP. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE U.S. COAST GUARD IS THE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR OIL SPILLS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD ARE: DR. MASAO KUMANGAI, CHAIRMAN; GILBERT C. ADA, MARIANAS, VICE-CHAIRMAN; KIKUO APIS, PONAPE; JOHN IOU, YAP; DENEI O. OTOBED, PALAU; TAWN PAUL, TRUK; MOSES SAMUEL, MARSHALLS; EUSEBIO E. RECHUCHER DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND JAMES R. WHEELER, TT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

(REMENGESAU APPOINTED YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 9 (MNS)---PALAU DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR THOMAS O. REMENGESAU RECENTLY APPOINTED ELEVEN PERSONS TO THE FIRST PALAU DISTRICT COMMISSION ON YOUTH. THE COMMISSION ON YOUTH WAS ESTABLISHED THIS YEAR BY DISTRICT LAW 5-6-4 AND IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF A YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU WHICH WILL SERVE AS THE EXECUTIVE AGENCY OF THE ELEVEN MEMBER COMMISSION, WILLIAM ALLEN, CHIEF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION SAID THIS WEEK.

THE PALAU COMMISSION ON YOUTH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING PROGRAM POLICIES AND GOALS FOR THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU. IT IS MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EDUCATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH SERVICES, YOUTH GROUPS, POLICE, EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, PARENTS AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS.

IN A MEMORANDUM ANNOUNCING HIS APPOINTMENTS TO THE YOUTH COMMISSION, DISTAD REMENGESAU SAID, "THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS COMMISSION IS A VERY GOOD INDICATION OF THE INCREASING INTEREST IN, AS WELL AS GENERAL CONCERN, BY MANY OF US FOR THE WELFARE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE."

IN CREATING THE YOUTH COMMISSION, THE PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ALSO APPROPRIATED AN INITIAL \$5,000 TO HELP CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. THE LAW EMPOWERS THE COMMISSION TO SEEK ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH GRANTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM ALL LEGITIMATE SOURCES.

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE HONOLULU CENTRAL YMCA IS CURRENTLY PROVIDING TRAINING FOR PALAU'S FIRST YOUTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR WHO WILL ACT AS THE EXECUTIVE FOR THE COMMISSION AND WILL HEAD THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU. 0756

(MS MICRONESIA PRINCESS SCHEDULED)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 9 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY'S NEW FIELD TRIP SHIP, THE MS MICRONESIA PRINCESS IS NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON SAIPAN WEDNESDAY MORNING (SEPT. 11). ACCORDING TO ACTING CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION YWAO ELANZO.

ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE, THERE WILL BE AN OPEN HOUSE FROM 9-11 O'CLOCK WEDNESDAY MORNING FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, HEADQUARTERS AND DISTRICT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. BEGINNING AT 1-3 P.M., THERE WILL BE AN OPEN HOUSE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND FROM 5-7 P.M., THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL TOUR THE SHIP.

THURSDAY FROM 9-11 A.M., SCHOOLS AND OTHER SPECIAL GROUPS ARE SCHEDULED TO TOUR THE SHIP. ACCORDING TO ELANZO, THE SCHEDULE IS STILL TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE SHIP'S ARRIVAL TIME.