

(HICOM SIGNS 15 BILLS)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 11 (MNS) ⁷⁴ FIFTEEN BILLS HAVE BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW BY TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TOOK ACTION ON THEM LATE TUESDAY AFTERNOON (SEPT. 10).

ALL BUT THREE OF THE BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW ARE APPROPRIATION MEASURES. HERE IS A LIST OF THE BILLS SIGNED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER;

-A MEASURE APPROPRIATING \$40,000 FOR A SUPER DISPENSARY IN JALUIT ATOLL, (HB 100), NOW BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 5-93;

-A BILL APPROPRIATING \$70,000 FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND REHABILITATION OF NAJURO DOCK, (HB 200) NOW PUBLIC LAW 5-94;

-APPROPRIATING \$304,000 FOR PUBLIC PURCHASES AND PROJECTS IN YAP DISTRICT, (HB 252), NOW PUBLIC LAW 5-95;

-EARMARK \$239,000 FOR TWO PUBLIC PROJECTS IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICTS, (HB 266), PUBLIC LAW 5-96;

-APPROPRIATE \$35,400 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMMISSION, (HB 296), PUBLIC LAW 5-97;

-A BILL TO PERMIT FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES AND PROVISIONS FROM PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN AS WELL AS THE DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITY, AND TO IMPOSE A TAX ON ALL SUCH SALES OF TEN PER CENT OF THE PURCHASES OF THE SUPPLIES AND PROVISIONS, (HB 311), NOW BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 5-98;

-APPROPRIATE \$95,000 TO DEFRAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE SIX DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES, (HB 316), NOW PUBLIC LAW 5-99;

-APPROPRIATE \$385,000 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS IN TRUK DISTRICT, (HB 331) NOW PUBLIC LAW 5-100;

-APPROPRIATE \$215,530 FOR HEALTH SERVICES PERSONNEL AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE HOSPITAL FEEDING PROGRAM (HB 347), NOW PUBLIC LAW 101;

-APPROPRIATE \$357,000 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT, (HB 360), NOW PUBLIC LAW 5-102;

-APPROPRIATE \$52,000 AND A FURTHER AUTHORIZATION FOR NEXT YEAR OF \$48,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AT MARITIME ACADEMIES FOR MICRONESIAN YOUTH (HB 343), NOW PUBLIC LAW 103;

-APPROPRIATE \$77,000 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT, (HB 187), NOW PUBLIC LAW 104;

-APPROPRIATE \$350,000 FOR PONAPE DISTRICT PROJECTS AND PUBLIC PURCHASES (SB 330), NOW PUBLIC LAW 105;

-A MEASURE DIRECTING THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP TO INITIATE AND CONDUCT PROGRAMS TO ACHIEVE A GREATER SENSE OF NATIONAL UNITY, (SB 359), WHICH BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 5-106;

-AND A BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$35,000 FOR TRAINING OF POLICE OFFICERS AT THE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY IN WASHINGTON D.C., (SB 366), WHICH BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 5-107.

ACCORDING TO SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS N. NEIMAN CRALEY JR., FIVE MORE BILLS ARE STILL PENDING ACTION BY THE HICOM. ONE OF THEM WILL BE UP FOR ACTION ON THE 18TH OF THIS MONTH, TWO ON THE 22ND, AND THE OTHER TWO ON THE THIRD OF OCTOBER.

(HAWAII-JAPAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 11 (MNS)---MORE THAN 50 OF HAWAII AND JAPAN'S LEADING BUSINESS EXECUTIVES WILL VISIT SAIPAN THURSDAY (SEPT. 12), TO HOLD A MEETING OF THE JAPAN-HAWAII ECONOMIC COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL, ORGANIZED IN 1972, IS AN INFORMAL ORGANIZATION OF SENIOR BUSINESS EXECUTIVES REPRESENTING SOME OF THE LARGEST CORPORATIONS IN JAPAN AND HAWAII. THEY MEET REGULARLY FOR JOINT DISCUSSIONS ON MATTERS AND ISSUES RELATING TO BUSINESS, TRADE AND INVESTMENT BETWEEN HAWAII AND JAPAN.

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FOR ITS SEPTEMBER CONFERENCE, THE JAPAN-HAWAII ECONOMIC COUNCIL CHOSE GUAM AND SAIPAN AS MEETING SITES AND HAS REQUESTED THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT TO PRESENT BRIEFINGS ON THE ECONOMY AND POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF MICRONESIA.

HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON AND DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT EUSEBIO RECHUCHER ALONG, WITH MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFF WILL MEET IN AN ALL DAY SESSION WITH THE VISITING EXECUTIVES.

ABOUT HALF OF THE MEMBERS WILL TRAVEL TO PALAU FOR A WEEKEND VISIT BEGINNING FRIDAY (SEPT. 13) AND THE REST WILL RETURN TO THEIR HOME COUNTRIES.

(MACKENZIE ON ESG)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 11 (MNS)---SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS J. BOYD MACKENZIE SAID THIS WEEK THAT UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM, ELECTED DISTADS WOULD NOT WORK WELL.

SPEAKING ON THE HEADQUARTERS TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT PROGRAM "DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA," MACKENZIE SAID, "THERE WOULD BE A PROBLEM OF LOYALTIES ON THE PART OF THE DISTAD WHO MIGHT HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE WHO ELECTED HIM AND HIS BOSS, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER," HE DID STATE, HOWEVER, THAT HE FEELS EVENTUALLY, DISTADS SHOULD BE THE CHOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

"FOR THE TIME BEING," HE CONTINUED, "WITH APPOINTED OFFICERS, THEY SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED EVERY FOUR YEARS IN ORDER TO GIVE THEM WIDER EXPERIENCE." HE NOTED THAT ALL BUT ONE OF THE PRESENT DISTADS ARE MICRONESIANS AND ALL BUT TWO (YAP AND TRUK) ARE REPRESENTING THEIR HOME DISTRICTS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT MANY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS DO NOT AGREE WITH THIS POSITION. MACKENZIE SAID THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS HAVE VETO AUTHORITY OVER MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, AN AUTHORITY THAT GOVERNORS IN THE UNITED STATES DO NOT HAVE.

MACKENZIE WHO HAS BEEN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR IN FOUR DISTRICTS, HAS BEEN IN THE TRUST TERRITORY FOR OVER 20 YEARS. HIS WIDE EXPERIENCE IN THE TERRITORY HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO HELP IN MANY TYPES OF PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICTS.

WHEN THE DECENTRALIZATION POLICY WAS FULLY IMPLEMENTED IN 1972, MACKENZIE WAS APPOINTED SA/DA BY HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON TO MONITOR AND MAINTAIN A CONSTANT EVALUATION OF DISTRICT PROGRAM.

QUERIED ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF DECENTRALIZATION AND THE HOPES FOR UNIFIED MICRONESIA, MACKENZIE RESPONDED THAT ALTHOUGH THE DECENTRALIZATION POLICY SEEMED TO BE PULLING THE DISTRICTS APART, "IN UNITY, THEY HAVE STRENGTH. AND SOME KIND OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE NECESSARY. ALL OF THE DISTRICTS ARE DIFFERENT, BUT IF THE MICRONESIAN LEADERS WORK TOWARDS THE GOAL OF UNITY IT IS STILL POSSIBLE," HE EMPHASIZED.

CONCERNING THE EFFECT OF SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE MARIANAS, MACKENZIE SAID HE FELT THAT ALTHOUGH MARIANAS HAD MADE A DECISION TO SEPARATE ITSELF FROM THE REST OF THE DISTRICTS, THAT SHOULD NOT MEAN THAT THE OTHER DISTRICTS CANNOT CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH THE MARIANAS. "IT WOULD ALSO BE AN ADVANTAGE," HE STATED, "THAT THE REST OF THE TT WOULD BE ABLE TO OBSERVE TWO DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEMS IN ACTION, THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE MARIANAS AND THE TERRITORY OF GUAM."

THE SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION RESOLUTION PASSED RECENTLY BY THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE IS CAUSING SOME ANXIETIES ON THE ISLAND, HE SAID. HE EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ON THE STATUS OF MARIANAS CITIZENS PRESENTLY WORKING FOR THE HEADQUARTERS.

ON THE ISSUE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE NIGON'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT SAID THERE IS NO SINGLE SOLUTION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. TOURISM, HE SAID, IS ONE ELEMENT BUT PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW WHAT KIND THEY WANT. AGRICULTURE AND FISHING ARE GOOD BUT IT MEANS A LOT OF WORK HAD TO BE DONE. "THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE SETTING THEIR ECONOMIC GOALS NOW, BEFORE THE TT TERMINATES SO THAT THEY CAN BE EXPLORING THE MEANS TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE." MACKENZIE EMPHASIZED.

"NOBODY WANTS TO RETURN TO THE COCONUT ECONOMY AND LUXURIES OF THE PAST HAVE BECOME TODAY'S NECESSITIES," HE CONCLUDED.

(TWO MICRO JUDGES COMPLETED TRAINING)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 11 (MNS)---TWO MICRONESIAN JUDGES RECENTLY COMPLETED AN INTENSIVE TWO-WEEK COURSE ON TREATING DELINQUENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN HELD AT THE NATIONAL COLLEGE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE IN RENO, NEVADA.

THEY ARE JUDGES LINUS N. GEORGE OF KUSAIE, PONAPE DISTRICT AND SEBASTIAN FRANK OF TRUK DISTRICT, ACCORDING TO THE NEWS REPORT ON WEDNESDAY'S (SEPT. 11) PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

THE PAIR ATTENDED CLASSES AND SEMINARS DEALING WITH RECENT U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISIONS, DEPENDENCY AND PEELECT, EVIDENCE AND PROCEDURE, DISPOSITIONS, THE POLITICS OF ERRORS, BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE APPLICATIONS, ALTERNATIVES TO INSTITUTIONS, THE ROLE OF THE PSYCHOLOGIST IN THE JUVENILE COURT AND PRETRIAL INTAKE HEARINGS.

THE COLLEGE IS THE EDUCATIONAL DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JUVENILE COURT JUDGES, WHICH OPERATES FROM ITS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ON THE RENO CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA.

THE TWO MICRONESIAN JUSTICES WERE AMONG 29 JUDGES AND JUVENILE COURT REFEREES FROM 19 STATES AND TERRITORIES TO ATTEND THE MOST RECENT SESSION ON THE RENO CAMPUS.

(COURT REJECTS SAIPAN APPEAL)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 11 (MNS)---THE U.S. NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS HAS DENIED THE PLAINTIFFS OF THE CONTROVERSIAL SAIPAN CONTINENTAL HOTEL CASE THEIR PETITION FOR A HEARING ON THEIR CASE, THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS REVEALED WEDNESDAY (SEPT. 11).

THE FEDERAL COURT LAST MONTH RULED THAT THE CONTINENTAL CASE SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COURT. THE PLAINTIFFS' ATTORNEY, THE MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORP., RECENTLY FILED A PETITION ASKING THE FEDERAL COURT TO RECONSIDER THE RULING.

MLSC ATTORNEYS HAVE MAINTAINED THAT SINCE THERE IS A FEDERAL QUESTION INVOLVED IN THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT, THE CASE SHOULD BE HEARD IN A FEDERAL COURT. THE FEDERAL COURT'S RULING LAST MONTH ALSO, IN EFFECT, MAKES THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT A CONSTITUTION FOR MICRONESIA.

THE TEN SAIPANESE PLAINTIFFS WHO HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR TWO YEARS TO STOP CONTINENTAL FROM COMPLETING ITS HOTEL ON SAIPAN'S MICRONBEACH MUST NOW DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO PETITION THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, THE DAILY NEWS REPORT SAID. AN MLSC ATTORNEY SAID, "IT SEEMS THE FEDERAL COURT HAS MADE IT CLEAR THEY WANT US TO PROCEED AS BEST WE CAN IN THE TT HIGH COURT. WHETHER WE ASK THE SUPREME COURT TO CONSIDER THE CASE, WE MUST GO FORWARD WITH THE TT HIGH COURT LITIGATION BECAUSE RELIEF IS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY."

ALTHOUGH THE HOTEL HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR OVER A YEAR NOW, ITS GRAND OPENING IS SCHEDULED FOR THE TWENTIETH OF THIS MONTH.