

(JAPANESE SHIP CAPTURED)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 19 (MNS) ^{JA} THE CAPTAIN OF A JAPANESE FISHING VESSEL CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL ENTRY OF TERRITORIAL WATERS IN PONAPE DISTRICT WAS CONVICTED MONDAY (SEPT. 16) AT PONAPE DISTRICT COURT AND WAS FINE \$250. F15
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ACCORDING TO LYLE RICHMOND, CHIEF, LEGAL DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE F/V GEIZA MARU NO 58 CAME INTO PINGELAP ATOLL AUGUST 30TH WITHOUT A REQUEST FOR AN ENTRY PERMIT. A POLICE OFFICER ON PINGELAP INSTRUCTED THEM TO LEAVE AND THE CAPTAIN REFUSED.

A FIELD TRIP SHIP, THE M/V TRUK ILSNADER, ON HER WAY BACK TO PONAPE FROM KUSAIE, ESCORTED THE JAPANESE FISHING VESSEL TO PONAPE ON FRIDAY THE 13TH, WHERE CHARGES WERE FILED AGAINST THE CAPTAIN FOR UNLAWFUL ENTRY.

FIVE-HUNDRED POUNDS OF SKIPJACK TUNA WERE ALSO REPORTED TO BE ON BOARD. THE CAPTAIN AND THE SHIP ARE STILL IN PONAPE, ACCORDING TO RICHMOND, UNTIL THE FINE IS PAID. THE BOAT CARRIES A CREW OF 14.

(JAPAN-HAWAII ECONOMIC COUNCIL VISITS PALAU)

KOROR, SEPT. 19 (MNS)---TWENTY FIVE OF JAPAN'S LEADING BUSINESS EXECUTIVES, WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE JAPAN-HAWAII ECONOMIC COUNCIL, VISITED PALAU LAST WEEK FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING ON SAIPAN.

THE GROUP WAS HEADED BY YAKETZIRO WATANABE, JAPAN CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL. DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT THE AIRPORT, AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR THOMAS O. REMENGESAU WELCOMED THE GROUP AT THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL. THE EXECUTIVES TOURED THE DISTRICT CENTER AND BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE FACILITIES INCLUDING THE PALAU MUSEUM AND THE MICRONESIA MARICULTURE DEMONSTRATION CENTER.

THE VISITORS WERE THE GUESTS OF HONOR AT A PICNIC IN THE ROCK ISLANDS HOSTED BY DISTAD REMENGESAU.

SATURDAY EVENING (SEPT. 14), PALAU'S TRADITIONAL, ELECTED AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS ATTENDED A RECEPTION HOSTED BY TOKICHI KURIBAYASHI, PRESIDENT OF NANYO KOHATSU KAISMA AT THE ROYAL PALAUAN HOTEL.

SUNDAY NIGHT, THE BUSINESS EXECUTIVES WERE GIVEN A FAREWELL PARTY AT THE RESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR.

THE MEMBERS LEFT PALAU MONDAY FOR YAP BEFORE RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES.

(A FIRST FOR AIR MIKE)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 19 (FROM THE DAILY NEWS)---A BABY BOY WAS BORN ABOARD A CONTINENTAL/AIR MICRONESIA FLIGHT BETWEEN MAJURO AND PONAPE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (SEPT. 18), ACCORDING TO A STORY IN THE THURSDAY PACIFIC DAILY NEWS ON GUAM.

BILL WEDERTZ, A NAVY JOURNALIST ON THE FLIGHT, SUPPLIED THE NEWSPAPER WITH THE STORY AND A PICTURE OF THE BOY. APPROPRIATELY NAMED "MICRO."

THE CHILD IS THE SON OF LOUISA FRIENDLY OF KUSAIE, WHO BOARDED THE PLANE IN MAJURO ON HER WAY BACK TO HER HOME IN KUSAIE, WHERE SHE PLANNED TO HAVE HER BABY. IT WAS MRS. FRIENDLY'S FIRST CHILD, AND IT DIDN'T WAIT FOR HER TO GET BACK HOME.

A DOCTOR ON THE FLIGHT, FORMER CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATOR ISAAC LANWI, ASSISTED THE TWO HOSTESSES, CANDY BORJA AND TERI LINDSEY, WITH THE DELIVERY. BOTH THE BABY AND MRS. FRIENDLY APPREARED TO BE IN FINE HEALTH WHEN THE PLANE REACHED PONAPE, WEDERTZ REPORTED. DR. LANWI SAID THE BIRTH WENT SMOOTHLY AND THE MOTHER WAS COOPERATIVE.

AIR MICRONESIA HOSTESSES ARE TRAINED TO ASSIST IN THE DELIVERY OF BABIES, BUT MS. LINDSEY COMMENTED: "IT WAS NICE TO HAVE A DOCTOR AROUND."

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PILOTING THE FLIGHT WAS CAPT. ROY HOUSTON. THE PLANE CARRIED 64 PASSENGERS WHEN IT LEFT MAJURO, AND 65 WHEN IT ARRIVED IN PONAPE.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(CONGRESS LEADERS INVITED TO FIJI)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 19 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY INVITED AS GUESTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF FIJI TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CENTENARY AND INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9. THE CELEBRATION WILL RUN FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS.

HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, IN A DISPATCH INFORMING THEM OF THE INVITATION, CONGRATULATED SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA AND HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY UPON THEIR BEING REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF FIJI TO REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY DURING THE CENTENARY AND INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION CEREMONIES.

THE HICOM ALSO SAID: "I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE TASK OF REPRESENTING THIS GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE AND IN THE BEST TRADITION OF MICRONESIA."

(PONAPE ESG TEAM ON PINGELAP)

PONAPE, SEPT. 19 (MNS)---RESIDENTS OF PINGELAP ATOLL IN PONAPE DISTRICT HAVE COMPLETED THREE WEEKS OF DISCUSSION ON THE FOUR POLITICAL STATUS ALTERNATIVES NOW BEFORE THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. THE EFFORT OF BRINGING TO THE PEOPLE A DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES WAS MADE BY THE PONAPE DISTRICT TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT (ESG) CHAIRED BY PONAPE DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS TADAO SIGRAH.

HALVORSEN JOHNNY REPRESENTED THE TASK FORCE ON PINGELAP. HE TRAVELED WITH THE PONAPE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY'S MOBIL ADULT EDUCATION TEAM. THE TEAM HAS BEEN ON PINGELAP SINCE AUGUST 16.

POLITICAL ALTERNATIVES DISCUSSED ON PINGELAP INCLUDED THE STATUS QUO; FREE ASSOCIATION; INDEPENDENCE; AND COMMONWEALTH STATUS. ACCORDING TO JOHNNY, MOST OF THE PEOPLE PREFERRED TO DISCUSS INDEPENDENCE OR FREE ASSOCIATION; RATHER THAN COMMONWEALTH AND THE STATUS QUO.

MOST OF THE ADULTS ON PINGELAP WHO ATTENDED DISCUSSIONS FELT THAT SUCH MEETINGS ARE IMPORTANT IN ORDER FOR THEM TO UNDERSTAND THE SUBJECTS FULLY BEFORE MAKING A DECISION, JOHNNY SAID.

FORMER CHIEF MAGISTRATE OF PINGELAP SMITHER CLARK EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE DELAYING OF THE ESG IDEA. HE NOTED THAT IT MAY BE TOO LATE NOW TO DISCUSS WITH THE PEOPLE THE POLITICAL ALTERNATIVES.

A SCHOOL TEACHER POINTED OUT THAT IT SEEMS TO HIM FREE ASSOCIATION IS THE MOST TALKED ABOUT POLITICAL ALTERNATIVE IN MICRONESIA TODAY. HE QUESTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING INDEPENDENCE THE ALTERNATIVE. IN THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MICRONESIAN DELEGATIONS, INDEPENDENCE IS NOT BEING DISCUSSED, HE SAID.

OTHER AT THE MEETINGS EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO BE INFORMED AS TO THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT LED TO THE IDEA OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS WANTING TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA.

OTHER MEETING WHICH THE MOBILE TEAM HAD WITH THE PEOPLE OF PINGELAP WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL AND THE PEOPLE URGED THAT MORE MEETINGS OF THIS NATURE BE CONDUCTED IN THE FUTURE. THE MOBILE EDUCATION TEAM IS COMPOSED OF SENATOR AMBILOS IENSI, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PONAPE ESG TASK FORCE, POLICE

DEPARTMENT, OLD AGE PROGRAM AND THE PONAPE WOMEN'S INTEREST GROUP.

(NURSING SCHOOL OPENS NEW CLASS)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 19 (MNS)---NEW STUDENTS BEGAN THEIR ORIENTATION THIS WEEK ON SAIPAN IN PREPARATION FOR THE OPENING OF NEW FALL CLASS MONDAY (SEPT. 23) AT THE TRUST TERRITORY SCHOOL OF NURSING. THE START OF THE CLASS WAS DELAYED FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN THE SALARIES OF SOME OF THE LOCAL-HIRE EXPATRIATE INSTRUCTORS ON THE STAFF.

THE SCHOOL BEGAN ITS REGULAR CLASSES FOR UPPERCLASSMEN ON SEPTEMBER 9, BUT DELAYED THE OPENING OF THE FRESHMAN CLASS DUE TO LACK OF TEACHERS.

ACCORDING TO DR. AROBATI HICKING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, TWO EXPATRIATE NURSING INSTRUCTORS DID FINALLY RESIGN RATHER THAN ACCEPT REDUCTIONS IN THE SALARIES MANDATED BY PUBLIC LAW 5-51, BUT THE OTHER INSTRUCTORS REMAINED, AND HICKING SAID THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF RECRUITING UP TO FOUR ADDITIONAL EXPATRIATE INSTRUCTORS TO SUPPLEMENT THE PRESENT STAFF.

THE TT SCHOOL OF NURSING, LOCATED ADJACENT TO DR. TORRES HOSPITAL ON SAIPAN, NOW HAS A TOTAL OF 65 STUDENTS ENROLLED FROM SIX DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA.

(MTC AND GVB TO WORK CLOSELY ON TOURISM)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 19(MNS)---IN A STEP TOWARD ESTABLISHING A "MEANINGFUL WORKING RELATIONSHIP " BETWEEN THE MARIANAS TOURIST COMMISSION AND THE GUAM VISITORS BUREAU, THE GVB HAS ESTABLISHED A NON-VOTING BUT FULLY PARTICIPATING CHAIR FOR A DELEGATE FROM THE ISLANDS, ACCORDING TO A NEWS ACCOUNT IN THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

PETE ADA JR., A GVB BOARD MEMBERS, SAID THAT GUAM AND SAIPAN WILL BE WORKING MORE CLOSELY ON TOURISM EFFORTS. FORMAL STEPS TO COORDINATE THE MADE, ADA SAID. HE PROPOSED THE OFFER OF A NON-VOTING PARTICIPANT.

HE ADDED THAT THE OFFER WOULD BE MADE RECIPROCAL SO THAT CONSTANT AND CLOSE COMMUNICATION WITH REGARD TO TOURISM ACTIVITIES IN THE NEIGHBORING ISLANDS WOULD RESULT.

THE GVB'S BOARD APPROVED THE PROPOSAL AT THEIR MEETING LAST WEEK, THE DAILY NEWS STORY SAID.

BERT UNPINGCO, GVB'S MANAGING DIRECTOR SAID THAT THE GVB AND MTC HAVE WORKED TOGETHER IN THE PAST BUT THAT THIS WILL BE THE FIRST ESTABLISHING OF AN OFFICIAL RELATIONSHIP.