

(BUSINESS PERMIT APPLICATION DATELINE)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 27 (MNS) ~~THE~~ THE HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAS REMINDED THE NUMEROUS MICRONESIAN CITIZENS WHO ARE AFFECTED BY PUBLIC LAW 5-85, AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN BUSINESS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, THAT THEY ONLY HAVE UNTIL OCTOBER 25 TO FILE THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS PERMITS.

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THE REPORT FOR BUSINESS PERMITS IS TO BE FILED DIRECTLY TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ON SAIPAN. A DIVISION SPOKESMAN SAID THERE IS NO FILING FEE REQUIRED, THE PERMIT WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ISSUED, AND THE BUSINESS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE REVIEWED BY THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS IN THE DISTRICTS.

THE LAW, PASSED EARLY THIS YEAR BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AFTER IT HAD BEEN VETOED ONCE BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, REQUIRES MICRONESIAN CITIZENS WHO ARE MARRIED TO, OR ADOPTED BY, NON-CITIZENS TO COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF THE FOREIGN INVESTMENT PERMIT ACT IN ORDER TO DO BUSINESS IN THE TT. THE LAW ALSO RESQUIRES CORPORATIONS TO COMPLY WITH THE LAS IF ANY OF THEIR STOCKHOLDERS FALL INTO THOSE TWO CATEGORIES.

(MICRONESIA'S FISHING POTENTIAL)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 27 (MNS)---MICRONESIA'S WATERS HAVE TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL FOR OFF-SHORE FISHERIES, BUT DEVELOPMENT OF THIS POTENTIAL ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE OUTSIDE CAPITAL, ACCORDING TO THE TRUST TERRITORY'S NEW MARINE RESOURCES CHIEF. CHRIS MITCHELL.

MITCHELL SAID THIS WEEK THAT THE CHOICE FACEING MICRONESIANS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE IS, DO THEY WANT A COMMERCIAL FISHERY WHICH CAN PROVIDE FOOD TO THE PEOPLE, HIGHER INCOMES, AND THE CREATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS, OR DO THEY WANT TO LIMIT COMMERCIAL FISHERIES AND INSTEAD CONCENTRATE ON SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES? THE FIRST CHOICE WILL REQUIRE LARGE AMOUNTS OF CAPITAL, TRAINED MANPOWER, AND SKILLED MANAGEMENT NOT NOW AVAILABLE IN THE TT. HOWEVER, IF THE SECOND CHOICE IS FOLLOWED, THEN MICRONESIA'S VAST OFF-SHORE FISHING RESOURCES WILL CONTINUE TO BE EXPLOITED BY OTHER NATIONS, WITH LITTLE OR NO BENEFIT TO MICRONESIA.

IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS, SAID MITCHELL, THE MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION HAS COMPILED STATISTICS FROM FISHING COOPERATIVES AND SMALL-SCALE COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES IN FIVE OF THE SIX DISTRICTS, AND THESE FIGURES, THOUGH INCOMPLETE, INDICATED THE CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL THAT IS THERE.

FOR EXAMPLE, FOR ALL MARINE PRODUCTS--TUNA, REEF FISH LOBSTER, CLAM, CRAB, OCTOPUS, TURTLE, OYSTER, SALTED FISH AND CLAMS--THE FIGURES SHOW A TOTAL OF 785,996 POUNDS LANDED WITH A VALUE OF \$249,389 DOLLARS. DATA ALSO SHOWS THAT BOTH LOCAL AND EXPORT SALES FOR THE SAME PERIOD WAS 689,815 POUNDS WITH A RESALE OF \$274,679 DOLLARS.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME, FEBRUARY THROUGH AUGUST, VAN CAMP COMPANY IN PALAU, THE ONLY LARGE COMMERCIAL OFF-SHORE FISHING OPERATION IN MICRONESIA, RECORDED A CATCH OF 12,056,061 POUNDS OF SKIPJACK TUNA, WITH A LANDED VALUE OF NEARLY ONE AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS. THE REAL VALUE OF THE CATCH, HOWEVER, BASED ON RECENT WORLD PRICES OF \$525 TO \$533 DOLLARS PER SHORT TON, WOULD BE ABOUT THREE MILLION DOLLARS.

"TO ENABLE CATCHES SIMILAR TO VAN CAMP'S," MITCHELL STATED, "VAST SUMS OF MONEY MUST BE SPENT ON SHORE FACILITIES SUCH AS DRYDOCKING, REFRIGERATION, AND PROCESSING, AND MORE MUST BE SPENT ON BOATS, GEAR, FUEL AND THE TRAINING OF FISHERMEN AND FISH HANDLERS. COMMERCIAL FISHING IS AN EXPENSIVE BUSINESS, BUT THE REWARDS CAN ALSO BE HIGH," HE SAID.

MITCHELL POINTED OUT THAT A RECENT STUDY SHOWS THE BAIT FISHERY IN PALAU IS NOW OPERATING AT THE OPTIMUM LEVEL. BUT 10992

EXPANSION OF SKIPJACK FISHING TO THE OTHER DISTRICTS IS POSSIBLE. "HOWEVER," SAID MITCHELL, "A RATIONAL, REASONABLE AND FULLY CONCERTED EFFORT MUST BE MADE NOW."

THE MARINE RESOURCES CHIEF POINTED OUT THAT TRUK DISTRICT IS ALREADY PLANNING THE EXPENDITURE OF SOME TWO MILLION DOLLARS FOR ON-SHORE FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS, AND IN PONAPE BAIT STOCKS ARE PRESENTLY BEING SURVEYED. BUT PONAPE, HE SAID, HAS NOT BUDGETED SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO BUILD NEEDED FACILITIES, AND THE DISTRICT PRESENTLY LACKS REFRIGERATION AND SHORE FACILITIES THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT A LARGE FISHING OPERATION.

"FOREIGN FLEETS ARE FISHING THE STOCKS OF SURFACE SKIPJACK NOW," MITCHELL SAID. "EVEN THE ENACTMENT OF A 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE WILL NOT DISCOURAGE THEIR USE BY THESE FLEETS. THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE IS THAT MICRONESIAN FLEETS BEGIN TO COMMERCIALY HARVEST THE RESOURCE THEMSELVES, THEREBY FORCING THE FOREIGN FLEETS TO MOVE ELSEWHERE."

"COMMERCIAL SKIPJACK AND TUNA FISHING IS BIG BUSINESS WHICH NEEDS LARGE AMOUNTS OF CAPITAL, TRAINED MANPOWER, AND SKILLED MANAGEMENT," MITCHELL EMPHASIZED. "WHERE WILL THESE THREE INGREDIENTS COME FROM? THE DECISION IS UP TO THE MICRONESIANS."

(ATALIG QUESTIONS VOTES)

SAIPAN, SEPTEMBER 27 (MNS)---MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN FELIPE Q. ATALIG FRIDAY (SEPT. 27) QUESTIONED THE VALIDITY OF THE POPULAR PARTY VOTE TO NOMINATE HERMAN T. PALACIOS TO RUN FOR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SEAT NOW HELD BY ATALIG.

"I THINK THE ELECTION SHOULD BE DECLARED NULL AND VOID," ATALIG TOLD MNS FRIDAY, "BECAUSE PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE SECRET BALLOTS WHICH WERE CAST ON SUNDAY (SEPT. 22) AT THE CONVENTION, MY CAMPAIGN MANAGER AND OTHER SUPPORTERS ARGUED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE COUNTED SINCE SEVERAL POPULAR PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM TINIAN WERE NOT INCLUDED." POPULAR PARTY OFFICIALS ON SAIPAN DENIED ATALIG'S REQUEST AND COUNTED THE BALLOTS AT THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HALL THIS WEEK.

CONGRESSMAN ATALIG CLAIMS THAT THE TINIAN POPULAR PARTY, HEADED BY FORMER MAYOR ANTONIO BORJA, REPRESENTS THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARTY, ALTHOUGH THEIR VOTES WERE NOT COUNTED. THE VOTES OF ANOTHER FACTION WERE COUNTED INSTEAD, HE SAID.

ANOTHER REQUEST WHICH WAS DENIED WAS TO HAVE SECRET BALLOT BOXES FROM THE CONVENTION PLACED UNDER THE CUSTODY OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT.

"INSTEAD," ATALIG CHARGE, "THE BALLOTS WERE PLACED IN A BOX SEALED WITH A TAPE, AND HAND-CARRIED BY SAIPAN POPULAR PARTY PRESIDENT HERMAN Q. GUERERRO, POSSIBLY TO HIS HOUSE."

DESPITE THE CONTROVERSY, ATALIG SAID HE WILL RUN IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION UNDER A NEWLY FORMED PARTY CALLED "POPULAR PARTY OFOR REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE." THE NEW PARTY IS MADE UP OF SUPPORTERS FOR ATALIG FROM ROTA, TINIAN AND SAIPAN.

IN THE VOTE WHICH ATALIG IS CHALLENGING, HE WAS DEFEATED IN HIS BID FOR RENOMINATION BY THE PARTY, 81 TO 57.

(TOURISM CONFERENCE ENDS)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 27 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, SPEAKING AT THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TOURISM CONFERENCE HELD IN PAGO PAGO, AMERICAN SAMOA LAST WEEK SAID, "TOURSIM IS ONE OF THE CLEAM INDUSTRIES...." AND "IT CAN BE USED TO BUILD A BETTER ENVIRONMENT."

THE MICOM GAVE EXAMPLES SUCH AS YAP'S BOUNTY SYSTEM FOR CLEANING UP DISCARDED BOTTLES AND CANS, SAIPAN'S IMPROVEMENT OF ITS CIVIC CENTER BEACH, AND PONAPE'S RESTORATION PLANS FOR NAN MADOL.

TWO OTHER SPEAKERS FROM THE HEADQUARTERS TOURISM BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT ALSO GAVE SPEECHES DURING THE CONFERENCE HELD IN AMERICAN AND WESTERN SAMOA.

J.M. GUERRERO, A TOURISM SPECIALIST, SPEAKING ON A PANEL CONCERNING "PROS AND CONS OF TOURISM" DESCRIBED THE MICRONESIA MODEL, WHICH PROVIDES THAT BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENT SETS OF CULTURAL VALUES AMONG THE DISTRICTS, TOURISM DECISIONS AND POLICIES ARE DEVELOPED AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE.

TT CHIEF OF TOURISM MIKE ASHMAN, SPEAKING ON A PANEL CONCERNING "PLANNING IN MICRONESIA," SAID THAT IN MICRONESIA "WE HAVE COME TO BELIEVE THE INTERESTS OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS MAY HAVE FIRST PRIORITY." "THE INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS," HE SAID, "IS A MATTER WHICH MUST BE CAREFULLY EXAMINED AND FULLY ANSWERED FIRST, BEFORE SETTLING DOWN AT THE DRAWING BOARDS TO ZONE LAND AREAS AND DESIGN FACILITIES." HE URGED PLANNING TO ASSURE THAT THE ISLAND LIFESTYLE IS NOT DESTROYED BUT INSTEAD IS RETAINED SO THAT PEOPLE LIVING IN A WORLD OF SPEED AND EFFICIENCY WOULD HAVE SOME PLACE TO GET AWAY AND "CATCH THEIR BREATH."

KEY SPEAKER SIR ALBERT HENRY, PREMIER OF THE COOK ISLANDS, SAID THE PACIFIC ISLANDS SHOULD COOPERATE SO THAT THE SMALLER NATIONS CAN ALSO PROGRESS. "BEING SMALL AND ISOLATED IS NOT AN ISSUE ANYMORE," SIR HENRY EMPHASIZED. "WE MUST MAKE SURE NOBODY IS LEFT OUT."

HIS PRIMARY REMARKS WERE WITH REFERENCE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL AIRLINE TO SERVE ALL OF THE PACIFIC BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR.

MIKE ASHMAN, SPEAKING FOR THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WHO HAD BEEN CALLED TO WASHINGTON FROM THE CONFERENCE, ALSO URGED COOPERATION AMONG PACIFIC ISLANDS IN THE REALM OF COMMUNICATIONS. "IT WAS PROPOSED THAT A MEANS BE FOUND TO SHARE OUR EXPERIENCES IN TOURISM DEVELOPMENT, OUR PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE, OUR RESEARCH AND IN PARTICULAR TO SET UP A SYSTEM OF COMMUNICATING HOTEL AND OTHER TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AS A VISITOR MOVES FROM ONE ISLAND AREA TO ANOTHER," ASHMAN TOLD THE CONFEREES.

MORE THAN 100 DELEGATES FROM HAWAII, AMERICAN SAMOA, WESTERN SAMOA, GUAM, THE COOK ISLANDS, FIJI, TONGA, TAIWAN AND TAHITI, IN ADDITION TO THE TRUK TERRITORY, ATTENDED THE FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE, TWO DAYS OF WHICH WERE HELD ON APIA, WESTERN SAMOA, THE OTHER THREE BEING IN PAGO PAGO, AMERICAN SAMOA.

OTHERS WHO ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE FROM MICRONESIA WERE: JUAN L.G. CABRERA, VICE-PRESIDENT, MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE; FRANK DIAZ, CHAIRMAN, MARIANAS TOURIST COMMISSION; JULIAN CALVO, TOURIST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TECHNICIAN FOR ROTA; DANIEL T. MUNA, MEMBER, MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE; IHLEN JOSEPH, ASSISTANT TOURISM OFFICER, PONAPE DISTRICT; PETER CHRISTIAN, MANAGER, PONAPE CLIFF RAINBOW HOTEL; CHRISTOPHER CHRISTIAN, PONAPE BUSINESSMAN; AND FROM TRUK, ISKIA SONY, MEMBER, TRUK TOURIST COMMISSION.

(BOY SCOUT AWARD ON TRUK)

TRUK, SEPT. 27 (MNS)---IN A BRIEF CEREMONY HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR THURSDAY MORNING (SEPT. 27), BOY SCOUT DIRECTOR OF FIELD SERVICES JERRY DEMPSEY PRESENTED AN AWARD TO TRUK DISTAD JUAN A. SABLAN FOR "HIS GREAT SUPPORT AND INTEREST IN THE BOY SCOUT PROGRAM IN TRUK."

ACCORDING TO TRUK PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER NOHA RUBEN, THE BOY SCOUT PROGRAM, WHICH WAS STARTED ON MOEN ISLANDS IN 1973, HAS NOW EXPANDED TO THE OTHER ISLANDS OF DUBLON, FEFAN, UMAN AND UDOT. 10994

ON HAND TO WITNESS THE TROPHY AWARD WERE TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE SPEAKER KOICHI SANA AND FUCHITA BOSSY, MAYOR OF MOEN. BOTH RECEIVED AWARDS FOR "THEIR EFFORT IN MAKING THE PROGRAM A SUCCESS..." AND ALSO FOR BEING ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE TRUK BOY SCOUT COUNCIL.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WERE ALSO PRESENT, INCLUDING TRUK POLICE CHIEF FRANK NIFON AND EARHART ATEN, DISTAD REP, NAMONUITO ATOLL, ALONG WITH SEVERAL BOY SCOUT LEADERS.

THE BRIEF CEREMONY CONCLUDED WHEN SPEAKER SANA PRESENTED JERRY DEMPSEY A \$5,000 CHECK APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE AS ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALOHA BOY SCOUT COUNCIL, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONTINUANCE OF THE BOY SCOUT PROGRAM IN THE DISTRICT.

(NATIONAL PORT DAY PROCLAIMED)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 27 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN HAS PROCLAIMED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AS "NATIONAL PORT DAY" IN MICRONESIA.

THE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZES THAT THE WEEK BEGINNING WITH THE LAST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL PORT WEEK IN THE UNITED STATES.

NOTING THAT MICRONESIA'S OCEAN TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IS ESSENTIAL TO MICRONESIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND THE COMMERCIAL OCEAN PORTS IN THE TT PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THAT SYSTEM, COLEMAN'S PROCLAMATION STATES:

"OVER THE YEARS, THE MEN AND WOMEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE PORTS OF MICRONESIA HAVE DEDICATED A GREAT PORTION OF THEIR TIME, ENERGY AND SKILL TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF AN EFFICIENT PORT OPERATION SYSTEM, AND MICRONESIA'S PORTS ARE OPERATED BY EIGHT PRIVATELY INCORPORATED COMPANIES EMPLOYING EXCESS OF 450 MICRONESIANS AND PAYING ACTUAL WAGES IN EXCESS OF \$800,00 EACH YEAR."

FURTHERMORE, STATES THE PROCLAMATION, "A CHARTER HAS RECENTLY BEEN GRANTED TO THE UNITED ASSOCIATION OF TERMINAL OPERATORS AND STEVEDORE COMPANIES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING EFFICIENCY OF PORTS AND HARBORS THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT AND INCREASING DESSEMINATION OF INFORMATION USEFUL TO TERMINAL OPERATORS AND STEVEDORING COMPANIES AND THROUGH PROVIDING THEM WITH THE OPPORTUNITY OF ASSOCIATING TOGETHER TO FURTHER KNOWLEDGE IN THE FIELDS OF PORT ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION, OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION, THEREBY ADVANCING FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING AND THE GROWTH OF WATERBORNE COMMERCE."

THE PROCLAMATION URGES THE PEOPLE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY TO OBSERVE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, AS NATIONAL PORT DAY IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROLE AND PARTICIPTION OF MICRONESIA IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PORT FACILITIES.