

(JOINT SESSION SCHEDULED)

SAIPAN, JAN. 17 (MNS)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA VOTED THURSDAY (JAN. 17) TO INVITE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON TO SPEAK BEFORE A JOINT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS FRIDAY MORNING. THE OCCASION WILL SEE THE DELIVERY OF THE ANNUAL STATE OF THE TERRITORY ADDRESS BY THE HICOM.

THE ADOPTION OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION SETTING THE JOINT SESSION (HJR 74) WAS THE ONLY ACTION TAKEN BY EITHER THE HOUSE OR SENATE DURING THE THURSDAY SESSION. THE MEASURE SETS THE TIME OF THE SESSION AT NINE A.M., ONE HOUR EARLIER THAN THE CONGRESS NORMALLY CONVENES, AND THE LOCATION ONCE AGAIN IS THE TERRACE OUTSIDE THE HOUSE CHAMBER ON CAPITAL HILL. IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, THE SESSION WILL BE MOVED INTO THE HOUSE CHAMBER.

THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS SESSION.

ONLY ONE NEW BILL WAS INTRODUCED IN EITHER HOUSE THURSDAY. IT IS A HOUSE BILL THAT WOULD PROVIDE \$30,000 DOLLARS FOR CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS ORIGINALLY FUNDED BY THE THIRD CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA (HB 211).

SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON LAW OF THE SEA, ANNOUNCED A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THURSDAY AFTERNOON. INCLUDED IN THE HEARING ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THIS COMMITTEE WILL BE A CHANCE FOR THE CONGRESSMEN AND THE PUBLIC TO HEAR FROM BERNARD OXMAN, A U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY AND POLICY ADVISOR TO THE AMERICAN JOINT TASK FORCE ON LAW OF THE SEA.

SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT HIS COMMITTEE WILL MEET FRIDAY AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THREE SUBJECTS: THE CONTEMPT CHARGES PENDING AGAINST THREE EMPLOYEES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FOR FAILURE TO PRODUCE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS DESIRED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE; THE TRANSCRIPT AND REPORT OF THE SEVENTH ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS, HELD LATE LAST YEAR IN WASHINGTON, D.C.; AND THE FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS ON THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION WITH A GROUP COMING TO SAIPAN FROM WASHINGTON. THE FRIDAY MEETING WILL BE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION, HOWEVER, AND IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

BOTH HOUSES WILL RECONVENE AT NINE FRIDAY MORNING TO HEAR FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. THE SENATE WILL ALSO HOLD A REGULAR SESSION FOLLOWING THE JOINT SESSION.
(SENATOR VOICES TRANSPAC CONCERNS)

SAIPAN, JAN. 17 (MNS)---TRUK SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH CALLED THURSDAY (JAN. 17) FOR AN EXAMINATION OF THE PROBLEMS CONCERNING SHIPPING IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, AND URGED HIS COLLEAGUES NOT TO WAIT FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION TO BEGIN WORK ON THESE PROBLEMS.

ECHOING EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN MADE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EARLIER THIS WEEK BY HIS TRUK COLLEAGUE, REPRESENTATIVE SASAUO HARUO. SENATOR AMARAICH SAID, "I TOO AM VERY CONCERNED...BUT I DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THE SUBJECT TO TALK ABOUT IT. PERHAPS WE SHOULD NOT WAIT FOR ANY LEGISLATION TO START WORKING ON THE PROBLEM. I HOPE THAT SOMEHOW WE CAN GET THE COMPANY. THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

AND THE CONGRESS TOGETHER TO FIND OUT WHAT THE PROBLEMS ARE."

NOTING THAT SHIPPING COSTS ARE GOING UP DRAMATICALLY, AND THE COST OF FOOD IS RISING ACCORDINGLY, THE SENATOR SAID HE HAS RECEIVED A GREAT MANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE SITUATION, NOT ONLY FROM PEOPLE IN HIS OWN DISTRICT OF TRUK BUT FROM THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

(INTERIOR EDUCATION OFFICER TO VISIT THE TT)

SAIPAN, JAN. 17 (MNS)---EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER JANICE M. JOHNSON FROM THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE TRUST TERRITORY BEGINNING JANUARY 28, ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON THIS WEEK.

ACCOMPANYING MISS JOHNSON IS DR. EDWARD AGUIRRE, THE NEW REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, REGION NINE, AND KENT BENNION, DIRECTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION, ALSO FROM REGION NINE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

ACCORDING TO SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS J. BOYD MACKENZIE, THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO ACQUAINT THE NEW REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION WITH THE EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

BENNION WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS, WHILE MISS JOHNSON IS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY.

MACKENZIE SAID THE GROUP IS ARRIVING ON YAP MONDAY (JAN. 28) AND WILL LEAVE THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY (JAN. 30) FOR A THREE-DAY STAY ON PALAU. WHILE IN PALAU, THE GROUP WILL REVIEW EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THERE, ESPECIALLY AT THE MICRONESIAN OCCUPATIONAL CENTER.

THE GROUP WILL LEAVE PALAU SATURDAY (FEB. 2) FOR GUAM WHERE THEY WILL SPEND A FEW DAYS BEFORE GOING TO SAIPAN WEDNESDAY (FEB. 6). MEANWHILE, BENNION WILL CONTINUE THE TRIP THE FOLLOWING DAY FROM SAIPAN TO TRUK WHERE HE WILL HOLD A PLANE-SIDE CONFERENCE WITH DISTAD OF TRUK JOHN SABLAN AND DIRECTOR OF MEDEX FOR MICRONESIA. DR. WILLIAM M. PECK. FROM TRUK, BENNION WILL LEAVE FOR PONAPE WHERE HE WILL SPEND SEVERAL DAYS FAMILIARIZING HIMSELF WITH THE PROGRAMS AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA. BENNION WILL JOIN THE REST OF THE GROUP SATURDAY (FEB. 9) FROM SAIPAN, AND THEY WILL CONTINUE ON TO MAJURO WHERE THEY WILL HOLD ANOTHER PLANE-SIDE CONFERENCE WITH THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION BEFORE LEAVING FOR HONOLULU AND THE U.S. MAINLAND. (YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS)

SAIPAN, JAN. 17 (MNS)---PLANNING COMMITTEES STARTED THIS MONTH IN THE MARIANAS, YAP AND TRUK TO COME UP WITH IDEAS FOR YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT THIS SUMMER, ACCORDING TO TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WILLIAM ALLEN.

THE PROGRAM WILL HIRE UP TO 45 BOYS AND GIRLS IN EACH DISTRICT--PREFERABLY 15 TO 18 YEARS OLD--TO WORK ON PROJECTS SUCH AS DEBRIS CLEAN-UP, ISLAND BEAUTIFICATION, PICNIC FACILITIES, NATURE WALKS, TRAILS TO HISTORIC SITES AND OTHER RECREATIONAL PARKS.

A KEY PART OF THE PROGRAM IS FOR YCC ENROLLEES TO ALSO LEARN ABOUT TAKING CARE OF ISLAND NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS SOIL, FORESTS, MARINE LIFE, WATER AND TO APPRECIATE MORE THE VALUE OF PRESERVING THE GOOD THINGS OF THE PAST FOR ALL TO ENJOY. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, THERE WILL BE A SEPARATE TEAM OF YCC ENROLLEES WORKING TOGETHER WITH ADULTS IN THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE CONSERVATION EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR USE IN SCHOOLS, RADIO BROADCASTING AND AROUND THE COMMUNITY.

THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IS WORKING WITH AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE IN EACH DISTRICT TO PLAN THE YCC PROJECTS. A HEADQUARTERS CO-ORDINATING TEAM HAS SET UP THE GENERAL GUIDELINES TO FIT FEDERAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS.

THIS SPECIAL TEAM IS CHAIRED BY ASSISTANT DIVISION CHIEF JERRY CRADDOCK. OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDE ACTING CHIEF OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SEBASTIAN ONGESII; SCIENCE EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST DAVE MILLER; ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD STAFF MEMBER YVONNE BREWER; HEALTH EDUCATOR ISAMU ABRAHAM; PUBLICATION MANAGER DANNY CAMACHO; AND CHIEF OF BROADCAST ELIAS THOMAS.

(FOUR MICRONESIANS TO ATTEND LEADERSHIP PROJECT)

SAIPAN, JAN. 17 (MNS)---FOUR MICRONESIAN EDUCATORS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROJECT AT THE EAST-WEST CENTER IN HAWAII, ACCORDING TO TRUST TERRITORY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DAVID RAMARUI.

THE FOUR EDUCATORS ARE: MRS. ANITA SUTA, MOSES SANTOS AND SEBASTIAN ORKANG FROM PALAU AND JESUS AGULTO OF SAIPAN.

THE PROGRAM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY FIRST AND ENDING MAY 31, WILL INCLUDE SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, DISCUSSION GROUP, LECTURES, AND INDIVIDUAL TUTORIALS. RAMARUI SAID THE PROGRAM WILL FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE CULTURAL ASPECTS OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING, AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL CHANGE, CROSS-CULTURAL DECISION MAKING PATTERNS,

THE PROJECT IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE EAST-WEST CULTURE LEARNING INSTITUTE AND THE TRUST TERRITORY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

AS PART OF THE PROGRAM, PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROJECT WILL VISIT SEATTLE, SAN FRANCISCO, AND LOS ANGELES ON A STUDY BEFORE RETURNING TO THEIR DISTRICTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.