

(TT FUEL PRICES GOING UP)

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SAIPAN, JAN. 22 (MNS)---WHOLESALE GASOLINE PRICES ARE DUE TO GO UP TWELVE CENTS A GALLON, ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE IN THE TUESDAY (JAN. 22) ISSUE OF THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

THE ARTICLE QUOTED A SPOKESMAN OF MOBIL OIL MICRONESIA AS SAYING, "THIS WILL RAISE THE COST OF A GALLON OF GAS AT THE PUMPS TO A MINIMUM OF 58 CENTS IF DEALERS MAINTAIN THE SAME PROFIT MARGIN." BEFORE THE HIKE THE DELIVERED PRICE TO DEALERS WAS 32.7 CENTS AND GAS ON SAIPAN WAS SELLING AT 45 OR 46 CENTS A GALLON.

ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE NEW RATES WILL AFFECT DIESEL FUEL ALSO AND WILL APPLY THROUGHOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY. "WE PLAN TO ENCOURAGE DEALERS TO KEEP THEIR PRICE INCREASES TO TWELVE CENTS," SAID BILLY JONAS OF MOBIL OIL. HE WAS UNABLE TO EXPLAIN WHY TT PRICES ROSE ONLY TWELVE CENTS, COMPARED TO FIFTEEN CENTS ON GUAM, BUT TT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JAMES R. WHEELER SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF THIS REPRESENTS THE FULL INCREASE IN STORE FOR TT TT.

MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA SUGGESTED THAT THE STEEP PRICE RISE MIGHT ACT AS A BUILT-IN RATIONING SYSTEM AND THUS ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR A FORMAL PROGRAM. ADA SAID AT THIS TIME, HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY PLAN TO RATION GAS, ADDING THAT HE FEELS THERE IS NO NEED TO GO INTO RATIONING IF FULL COOPERATION IS RECEIVED FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC. HE SAID THAT HE IS STILL CONVINCED THAT MANY PEOPLE ARE STORING GAS AWAY. ADA STATED THAT IF HIS STAFF PUTS FORWARD GOOD REASONS FOR RATIONING, HE WOULD RECOMMEND IT TO THE TRUST TERRITORY ENERGY COMMITTEE.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WHEELER SAID ANOTHER MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE IS PLANNED FOR THIS WEEK, INDICATING THAT "RATIONING IS STILL BEING KICKED AROUND, ALONG WITH ADDITIONAL IDEAS ON HOW TO OPERATE IT IF NECESSARY."

"PERSONALLY, I THINK THERE SHOULD BE SOME SORT OF RATIONING," SAID DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN, WHO CHAIRS THE TT FUEL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE. "IT CAN'T CONTINUE LIKE THIS," HE ADDED IN REFERENCE TO THE LONG LINES AT THE PUMPS THAT HAVE BEGUN AGAIN ON SAIPAN. AS THEY DID AT THE END OF DECEMBER.

BEYOND WONDERING WHERE THEIR OWN PRIVATE FUEL SUPPLY IS GOING TO COME FROM, TT OFFICIALS ARE FACED WITH THE BUDGETARY PROBLEM OF RISING COSTS OF DIESEL FUEL REQUIRED FOR DISTRICT POWER PLANTS AND SHIPPING NEEDS.

IN HIS STATE OF THE TERRITORY MESSAGE LAST FRIDAY, HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON STATED THAT EVEN WITH A TWELVE PER CENT IN CONSUMPTION, INCREASED DIESEL FUEL COSTS COULD BRING THE FISCAL YEAR 1974 BUDGET AS MUCH AS \$900,000 OVER BUDGETED FIGURES. THIS ESTIMATE WAS BEFORE THE LATEST INCREASED.

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(CONTINENTAL CASE APPEAL HEARD)

SAIPAN, JAN. 22, 1974 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---ORAL ARGUMENTS IN THE CASE TO HALT CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL ON SAIPAN WERE HEARD LAST WEEK (WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16) IN THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN SAN FRANCISCO, ACCORDING TO A PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA WHOSE BASE OFFICE IS IN BARKELEY, CALIFORNIA.

THE THREE-JUDGE PANEL HEARING THE CASE SPENT MOST OF THE HOUR QUESTIONING MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES ATTORNEY ED KING AND TRUST TERRITORY ATTORNEY CARLOS SALLI ON EVIDENCE DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT MICRONESIA IS A PART OF THE UNITED STATES FOR JUDICIAL PURPOSES, THE RELEASE NOTED. IT ALSO NOTED THE HONOLULU DISTRICT COURT JUDGE SAMUEL KING PREVIOUSLY RULED THAT THE HAT "RELUCTANTLY" BEEN FORCED TO CONCLUDE THAT THERE WAS NO CLEAR JUSTIFICATION FOR MICRONESIANS TO SUE IN AMERICAN COURTS.

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THE RELEASE FURTHER REPORTS: "THE TRUST TERRITORY ARGUES THAT MICRONESIANS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO BE PLAINTIFFS IN AMERICAN COURTS, AND THAT THE CONTINENTAL AIRLINES SUIT IS A LOCAL ISSUE OUTSIDE FEDERAL PURVIEW."

IT CONTINUED: "IT IS LEGAL SERVICES' CONTENTION, HOWEVER, THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, WHO SIGNED THE LEASE ALLOWING CONTINENTAL TO BUILD THE HOTEL, IS AN AGENT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, AND THAT THE PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN MICRONESIA IS A POLICY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. BECAUSE MICRONESIANS ARE UNDER U.S. RULE, THEY SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO AMERICAN COURTS. IN ADDITION, AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS SHOULD APPLY TO PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN ON U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED LAND."

HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON SIGNED THE LEASE AGREEMENT ALLOWING CONTINENTAL TO BUILD THE HOTEL ON GOVERNMENT LAND OVER THE OBJECTION OF ALL ELECTED BODIES IN THE MARIANAS INCLUDING THE LAND ADVISORY BOARD, THE RELEASE SAID.

REPRESENTING THE TEN SAIPANESE PLAINTIFFS IN THE CASE WAS ED DING. IN ADDITION TO CARLOS SALII, THE DEFENSE CONSISTED OF CHARLES KENNEDY REPRESENTING CONTINENTAL AIRLINES AND JACQUE GLIN, A FEDERAL ATTORNEY, SPEAKING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

THE RELEASE POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESIDING JUDGE, OCELL TASK, TOLD KING THAT LEGAL SERVICES' BRIEF WAS "PERHAPS THE BEST BRIEF I'VE SEEN IN MY YEARS IN THE COURT."

A DECISION IN THE CASE IS PROBABLY MORE THAN A MONTH AWAY, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS RELEASE.

(TINIAN MEMBER QUILTS STATUS COMMISSION)

SAIPAN, JAN. 22 (MNS)---FRANCISCO A. HOCOG HAS BECOME THE SECOND TINIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO RESIGN FROM THE 15-MEMBER MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE IN TUESDAY (JAN.22) ISSUE OF THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

THE ARTICLE SAID THE TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL LAST WEEK NAMED BERNARD V. HOFSCHEIDER TO REPLACE HIM. ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION'S VICE-CHAIRMAN VICENTE N. SANTOS, HOFSCHEIDER, A STAFF MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT, PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE BUT WAS DEFEATED IN THE LAST ELECTION.

LAST YEAR, HERMAN M. MANGLONA RESIGNED FROM THE COMMISSION AND WAS SUCCEEDED BY FORMER TINIAN MAYOR JOSE R. CRUZ. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN SEN. EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN INDICATED THAT HOCOG ASKED TO LEAVE THE STATUS GROUP BECAUSE HIS DUTIES AS A SCHOOL TEACHER WERE DEMANDING MORE OF HIS TIME.

(PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS TO TRAIN ON SAIPAN)

SAIPAN, JAN. 22 (MNS)---A GROUP OF TWENTY-FIVE PEACE CORPS TRAINEES IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON SAIPAN FEBRUARY 18 TO BEGIN TWO MONTHS OF PREPARATION FOR SERVICE IN ALL DISTRICTS EXCEPT IN THE MARSHALLS. SELECTED AT A JANUARY 8-11 PEACE CORPS CONFERENCE IN DENVER, COLORADO, THE NEWCOMERS REPRESENT A WIDE RANGE OF VOCATIONS. AMONG THESE ARE BUSINESS ADVISOR, MEDIC, TEACHER, CIVIL ENGINEER, TOURISM ADVISOR, NURSE AND SECRETARIAL TRAINER.

FIVE OF THE POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS ARE SLATED TO WORK IN THE MARIANAS. KRISTINE GJEMRE, OF TEXAS; EDWARD SCHOENBERGER, OF NEW YORK; JOSEPH AND MONICA ZUPKO, OF RHODE ISLAND; ARE SCHEDULED TO TEACH IN THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THEIR VOLUNTARY SERVICE WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR MICRONESIAN INSTRUCTORS TO TAKE PAID LEAVE TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM OR OTHER CENTER FOR ADVANCED EDUCATION. CORA SALAZAR, OF CALIFORNIA, IS SCHEDULED TO WORK WITH THE HEADQUARTERS TRAINING CENTER AS A SECRETARIAL TRAINER.

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THE NEW GROUP'S PREPARATION WILL BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF NORMAN BRAMBLE, TILL RECENTLY TRAINING ADVISOR TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS AND FORMERLY TRAINING OFFICER WITH PEACE CORPS IN INDIA. MR. BRAMBLE ARRIVED ON SAIPAN JANUARY 21.

A SEPARATE GROUP, COMPOSED OF COOPERATIVE ADVISORS, WILL TRAIN IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT BEGINNING MARCH 4.  
(TRUK POLICE TRAINING)

SAIPAN, JAN. 22 (MNS)---ACCORDING TO THE TRUST TERRITORY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MANUEL T. SABLAN, A TRAINING PROGRAM STARTED LAST WEEK IN TRUK FOR DISTRICT POLICE OFFICERS.

SABLAN SAID THE SIX-WEEK PROGRAM IS SPONSORED BY THE TT POLICE ACADEMY AND THE WHOLE PROGRAM IS CONDUCTED BY POLICE OFFICERS FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY WITHOUT OUTSIDE EXPERTISE. HE ADDED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE TT IS ABLE TO CONDUCT SUCH A TRAINING COURSE BY UTILIZING ITS OWN MANPOWER FROM THE POLICE FORCE.

SOME 23 POLICE OFFICERS OF TRUK WILL BE TRAINED IN THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT INCLUDING CRIMES AND PUNISHMENT; RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE; RULES OF EVIDENCE; TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION; POLICE DUTIES; JUVENILE DELINQUENCY; FIRST AID AND RESCUE, LAWS OF ARREST; FIELD NOTE-TAKING AND REPORT WRITING.

ALSO THEY WILL BE TRAINED IN ARREST; SEARCH AND SEIZURE; COMMUNICATION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT; MECHANICS OF ARREST; CROWD CONTROL; NARCOTICS IDENTIFICATION, AND HANDLING OF FIREARMS.

INSTRUCTORS FOR THIS TRUK PROGRAM INCLUDE MARIANO M. SABLAN; JESUS P. TOGAWA; THOMAS E. BRENNAN; JOSE P. MAFNAS; MARIANO C. TORRES; JOSE SN. BABAUTA; JOSE M. SABLAN; FELIX B. CABRERA AND ALLAN NICHOLSON.

SABLAN SAID "WE HOPE TO INSTITUTE SIMILAR TRAINING COURSES IN THE OTHER DISTRICTS AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO UPGRADE THE MANPOWER IN OUR TRUST TERRITORY POLICE FORCE. HE RECALLED THAT SINCE THE OPENING OF THE TT POLICE ACADEMY IN 1971 ON SAIPAN, SOME 246 POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREMEN HAVE BEEN TRAINED AT THE ACADEMY. SABLAN NOTED THAT SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICERS IS GOING ON ON ALL THE TIME, ADDING THAT THREE POLICE OFFICERS FROM SAIPAN ARE PRESENTLY UNDERGOING NARCOTICES TRAINING IN HAWAII. ALSO THREE ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO ATTEND A FOUR-MONTH TRAINING PROGRAM AT THE INTERNATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE THREE, WHO WILL BE LEAVING THURSDAY (JAN. 24), ARE JOHN STOLE, PALAU; GREGORIO SABLAN OF SAIPAN AND LOUIS MOONGOG FROM YAP. THEIR TRAINING IS FUNDED BY THE TT POLICE ACADEMY.