

(ESG CONFERENCE)

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SAIPAN, JAN. 29 (MNS)---THE SIX DISTRICT DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS WILL BE AT HEADQUARTERS THIS WEEK FOR A WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE ON THE PROGRAM OF "EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT" FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY, ACCORDING TO HEADQUARTERS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, STRIK YOMA.

YOMA SAID THE SIX DIRECTORS WILL FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE PROGRAM WHICH WAS LAUNCHED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON EARLIER THIS WEEK FOR IMPLEMENTATION AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL.

ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WILL BE TADAO SIGRAH FROM PONAPE; TONY A. DEBRUM, MARSHALLS; ESMIEL MALON, TRUK; DAVID MARATITA, SAIPAN; MITSUO SOLANG, PALAU AND FRANCIS DEFNGIN OF YAP.

ACCORDING TO YOMA, THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS WILL REMAIN ON SAIPAN FOR SEVERAL ADDITIONAL DAYS AFTER THE CONFERENCE TO OBSERVE THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

(PALAU SHIPPERS)

SAIPAN, JAN. 29 (MNS)---BUSINESSMEN IN PALAU HAVE FORMED A CORPORATION TO PURCHASE AND OPERATE A SHIP BETWEEN PALAU AND GUAM IN THE WAKE OF ICREASING COMPLAINTS AGAINST TRANSPACIFIC LINES, ACCORDING TO THE TUESDAY (JAN. 29) ISSUE OF THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT A COMMITTEE OF SEVEN MEN WILL LEAVE PALAU FOR GUAM FEBRUARY 5TH TO LOOK INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF PURCHASING A SHIP. THE GROUP FORESEES LEGAL PROBLEMS IN THIS VENTURE. ACCORDING TO BENNA SAKUMA OF THE MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION AND OWNER OF THE NEWLY OPENED MICRONESIAN DIVERS, THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND THE SHIPPING LINE PROMISES TRANSPAC A MONOPOLY IN OPERATING SHIPS ABOVE 10,000 TONS.

"WE PLAN TO HIRE A LAW FIRM TO LOOK INTO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TT AND TRANSPAC," SAID SAKUMA. "IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL DETERMINE IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO OPERATE WITHIN 10,000 TONS. WE MIGHT JUST HAVE TO GET A BIG SHIP TO SURVIVE AND WORRY ABOUT LEGAL FORM LATER. AFTER ALL, IT IS OUR ISLAND AND WHO'S GOING TO TELL US NOT TO COME IN?" SAKUMA ADDED, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE.

THE DECISION TO PURCHASE THE SHIP WAS MADE FOLLOWING MEETINGS AMONG THE BUSINESSMEN TO DISCUSS NEW CHARGES LEVELED AT TRANSPAC LINES. THEY FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE CHEAPER TO OPERATE THEIR OWN VESSEL THAN TO CONTINUE PAYING PRESENT TRANSPAC FEES.

(DR. POLLOI COMPLETES FELLOWSHIP)

SAIPAN, JAN. 29 (MNS)---DR. ANTHONY H. POLLOI FROM PALAU HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED A SIX-MONTH LONG WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) FELLOWSHIP AT WELLINGTON HOSPITAL IN NEW ZEALAND, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A LETTER FROM THE HOSPITAL WAS SENT TO HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON, COMMENDING DR. POLLOI FOR THE "EXCELLENT WORK HE PERFORMED WHILE HE WAS DOING RESIDENCY WORK AT THE PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT OF WELLINGTON HOSPITAL."

THE LETTER, FROM THE SENIOR VISITING PEDIATRICIAN H.J. WESTON, NOTED THAT DR. POLLOI WAS GIVEN A PERIOD TO SETTLE DOWN LEARNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOSPITAL AND THEN HE WAS INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL PEDIATRIC ROSTER OF WELLINGTON HOSPITAL SO THAT HE COULD GET GENERAL EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD. THE LETTER SAID POLLOI TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ WIDELY IN THE LIBRARY, CONCENTRATED HIS EFFORTS ON THE NEO-NATAL FIELD AND THAT THIS SEEMED A VERY PRACTICAL APPROACH TO THE PROBLEMS THAT HE WOULD FACE ON HIS RETURN TO PALAU.

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"I FOUND DR. POLLOI A MODEST AND RATHER RETIRING MAN BUT HE HAD CONSIDERABLE KNOWLEDGE OF MEDICINE AND I THINK HE HAS PROFITED WELL FROM THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED IN WELLINGTON." THE LETTER SAID.

WELLINGTON HOSPITAL PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT HAS ABOUT 2,000 GENERAL MEDICAL ADMISSIONS PER YEAR INCLUDING CHILDREN UP TO THE AGE OF TWELVE. THERE ARE ABOUT 700 NEO-NATAL ADMISSIONS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF WHICH ABOUT 250 GO THROUGH THE NEO-NATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT.

SIMILAR COMMENTS WERE MADE ABOUT DR. JOSE T. VILLAGOMEZ OF SAIPAN WHO EARLIER COMPLETED A SIMILAR FELLOWSHIP AT THE SAME HOSPITAL IN NEW ZEALAND. "I HOPE THAT THE VISITS OF DR. VILLAGOMEZ AND DR. POLLOI HAVE HELPED YOU, AND I WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED TO HEAR ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE ON THE SORT OF WORK WE OFFER," THE LETTER CONCLUDED.
(SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES)

SAIPAN, JAN. 29 (MNS)---PROSPECTS FOR MICRONESIA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 1975 SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES APPEAR DIM AT THE PRESENT TIME, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FROM THE HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. SEVERAL FACTORS ARE SAID TO BE INVOLVED INCLUDING LACK OF ANY ASSURANCE THAT THE SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL COSTS COULD BE MET. EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS THE FACT THAT MICRONESIA IS NOT YET A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES COUNCIL SINCE IT HAS NO AMATEUR SPORTS ORGANIZATION. SUCH AN ORGANIZATION WITH CHAPTERS IN EACH DISTRICT WOULD BE NECESSARY BEFORE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL COULD OCCUR.

ONLY A HANDFUL OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY HAVE EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN MICRONESIA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GAMES. OTHERS HAVE ARGUED THAT FUNDS WOULD BE BETTER SPENT ORGANIZING AN EFFECTIVE YEAR-ROUND SPORTS PROGRAM IN EACH DISTRICT. NO SUCH PROGRAM EXISTS AT PRESENT BUT WHEN DEVELOPED COULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR MICRONESIA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES AT SOME FUTURE DATE.

THE GAMES COMPETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR GUAM IN 1975.