

(SLAUGHTER FACILITY OKAY AGAIN)

SAIPAN, JAN. 6. (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF OF AGRICULTURE BERNER F. WEILBACHER HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE BAN "K" RANCH ANIMAL SLAUGHTERING FACILITY ON TINIAN IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS HAS BEEN RETURNED TO THE LIST OF PLANTS APPROVED TO EXPORT MEAT FROM THE TT, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 3, 1974.

ON NOVEMBER 6 OF LAST YEAR, FOLLOWING AN INSPECTION BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE SLAUGHTER FACILITY WAS FOUND TO BE OPERATING BELOW MINIMUM STANDARDS ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S.D.A. AS A RESULT, EXPORTS OF MEAT FROM THE PLANT TO GUAM AND OTHER U.S. AREAS WERE BARRED UNTIL THE DEFICIENCIES WERE CORRECTED. THE ACTION DID NOT AFFECT SMALL AMOUNTS OF MEAT FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION, BUT IT DID HAVE A SERIOUS AFFECT ON LARGE, COMMERCIAL SHIPMENT TO GUAM, WHICH IS THE PRIMARY MARKET FOR TRUST TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION OF ALL KINDS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT THIS WEEK INDICATES THAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO CORRECT THE PROBLEMS FOUND BY THE U.S.D.A. REVIEWER IN FROM ITS SLAUGHTERING FACILITY.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SENDS REVIEWERS TO ROUTINELY VISIT SLAUGHTER AND PROCESSING PLANTS IN COUNTRIES THAT ARE PREPARING MEAT FOR EXPORT TO THE UNITED STATES. THE TRUST TERRITORY IS ONE OF 45 COUNTRIES THAT ARE APPROVED TO EXPORT MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS TO THE U.S.

(BUSINESSACTIVITY)

SAIPAN, JAN. 8. (MNS)---THREE PERMITS WERE ISSUED DURING THE PAST WEEK TO FIRMISHINGS TO DO BUSINESS AS FOREIGN COMPANIES IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, ACCORDING TO THE WEEKLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS PERMIT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT. IN ADDITION, ONE PERMIT APPLICATION WAS TURNED DOWN, AND ONE NEW APPLICATION WAS RECEIVED.

GRANTED PERMITS WERE MICRO-MED, A MEDICAL SUPPLY BUSINESS ON SAIPAN TO BE OPERATED BY MICHEAL J. COUSINS, FORMER TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF PHARMACIST; MICRONESIAN DISTRIBUTORS, A BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTORSHIP HEADED BY CLARENCE TENDREO WHICH WILL OPERATE IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT; AND CITICORP CREDIT, A CONSUMER CREDIT COMPANY WHICH WILL ALSO OPERATE IN THE MARIANAS HEADED BY DONALD OKINOTO.

GUAM SAILS, INCORPORATED, GUAM-BASED RETAILER OF BOATS, MOTORS AND OTHER MARINE EQUIPMENT, HAS SUFFERED ANOTHER SETBACK IN ITS EFFORTS TO ENTER THE TT. THE TRUK ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT BOARD HAS TURNED DOWN THE APPLICATION OF THE FIRM TO DO BUSINESS IN THE DISTRICT, BECOMING THE FOURTH DISTRICT TO DO SO, AFTER PONAPE, THE MARIANAS AND PALAU. THE TRUK BOARD INFORMED C.H. WHITE OF GUAM, WHO HEADS THE COMPANY, THAT "LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SAME SERVICE" AS PROPOSED BY GUAM SAILS. THE COMPANY STILL HAS A PENDING APPLICATION IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, WHERE NO ACTION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN BY THE LOCAL BOARD. GUAM SAILS DID NOT APPLY TO DO BUSINESS IN YAP DISTRICT.

THE ONLY NEW APPLICATION RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK CAME FROM ERNEST BODNER OF ISLA VERDE, PUERTO RICE, WHO PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH A COMPANY IN KOROR, PALAU TO BA CALLED PALAU MARINE EXPORT. THR FIRM WOULD ORGANIZE AND SET UP A MARINE SPECIMEN COLLECTING AND SHIPPING OPERATION, AND ENGAGE IN RELATED ACTIVITIES SUCH AS DIVING INSTRUCTION AND EXCURSIONS, AND DIVING EQUIPMENT SALE, RENTAL AND REPAIR. THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE PALAU ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION.

(POLL RECEIVED AWARD)

TRUK, JAN. 8, (MNS)---TRUK CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONIC SAERSON POLL HAS RECEIVED A \$350 CASH AWARD FOR HIS SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE IN THE FIELD OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS.

ACCORDING TO PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER MONA RUBEN, POLL'S SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE RESULTED IN SAVIN THE GOVERNMENT BETWEEN \$7,000 AND \$10,000 ON THE ERECTION OF A COMMUNICATION TOWER IN TRUK DISTRICT. RUBEN REPORTS THAT THROUGH HIS PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT, POLL WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE HIS IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR THAT HE COULD DO THE JOB UTILIZING AVAILABLE RESOURCES THUS ELIMINATING THE NEED TO CONTRACT AN OUTSIDE FIRM TO DO THE JOB.

IN A LETTER TO POLL, HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON STATES IN PART: "IT IS MY HOPE THAT YOUR EXAMPLE WILL SERVE AS AN INSPIRATION TO OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THIS GOVERNMENT TO STRIVE TO ACCOMPLISH IN AN OUTSTANDING MANNER THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO THEM."
(HOUSING CONSULTANT DIES)

SAIPAN, JAN. 8, (MNS)---WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE DEATH OF JAMES D. RICHARDSON, A HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST WHO SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN MICRONESIA DURING 1972 WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT HOUSING AUTHORITIES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEGISLATION. RICHARDSON DIED DECEMBER 22 IN A SAN FRANCISCO HOSPITAL FOLLOWING A LONG ILLNESS. HE WAS 62.

FOLLOWING A CAREER THAT INCLUDED WORK IN CALIFORNIA AS A HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL ADVISOR AND ASSISTANT REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR RENEWAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), RICHARDSON WAS ASSIGNED BY HUD TO THE TRUST TERRITORY IN JANUARY, 1972. HIS ASSIGNED WAS TO WORK WITH OFFICIALS IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION AND MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ENABLE THE TRUST TERRITORY TO PARTICIPATE IN U.S. FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAMS.

HE RETURNED IN JUNE, 1972 AND REMAINED THROUGH THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONGRESS IN PONAPE IN AUGUST OF THE YEAR. HIS ASSIGNMENT WAS SHORTERED IN NOVEMBER BY THE ONSET OF HIS ILLNESS, AND HE RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA. HOWEVER, IN MID-1973 RICHARDSON RETURNED TO MICRONESIA ONCE AGAIN, THIS TIME TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY HOUSING ACT OF 1973, WHICH CONGRESS HAD JUST PASSED.

HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS SENT CONDOLENCES TO RICHARDSON'S WIFE, MARY, WHO ACCOMPANIED HER HUSBAND ON HIS TRIPS TO MICRONESIA. "WE MOURN HIS PASSING, SINCE HIS SUDDEN ILLNESS DEPRIVED THE TRUST TERRITORY OF JIM'S TIRELESS ENERGY AND SELFLESS CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. IT WOULD BE NO EXAGGERATION TO STATE THAT HE WAS THE 'FATHER OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT' IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. YOU AND HIS FAMILY HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE PROUD OF HIS WORK HERE," THE NICOM SAID IN HIS TELEGRAM.

IN ADDITION TO HIS WIFE, RICHARDSON IS SURVIVED BY A SON AND TWO DAUGHTERS. SERVICES AND BURIAL WERE IN VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA, WHERE RICHARDSON HAD WORKED FOR 26 YEARS.

(NOTE TO RADIO STATION MANAGERS, AND TO WSZE-TV: THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IS FOR USE AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF JANUARY.)

(PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT)

"EMPLOYERS, BUSINESSES AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS ARE REMINDED THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973, ARE DUE NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 1974.

IN ADDITION TO THIS, EMPLOYERS WHO WITHHELD THE THREE PERCENT (3 PERCENT) TRUST TERRITORY WAGE AND SALARY TAX FROM THEIR EMPLOYEES

DURING 1973 ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT THE 1973 WAGE AND TAX STATEMENTS ARE DUE NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 1974. EMPLOYERS WHO FILE AFTER THIS DEADLINE ARE SUBJECT TO PAY A FIVE DOLLAR (\$5.00) PENALTY ON EACH WAGE AND TAX STATEMENT."

"FORMS FOR FILING THESE RETURNS ARE AVAILABLE AT YOUR DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICE. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THE REQUIRED RETURNS, PLEASE SEE THE DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER OR WRITE TO THE CHIEF OF REVENUE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950."

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