

(ST. PIERRE IS GUAM PROSECUTOR)

SAIPAN, OCT. 1 (MNS) - THE TRUST TERRITORY'S CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER, ROGER ST. PIERRE, WAS SWORN INTO OFFICE MONDAY (SEPT. 30) AS A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE TERRITORY OF GUAM.

THE STORY OF ST. PIERRE'S NEW POSITION WAS A FRONT-PAGE ITEM IN THE TUESDAY EDITION OF GUAM'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS, WRITTEN BY JOHN M. ACHTERKIRCHEN, THE NEWSPAPER'S ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR, WHO WITNESSED THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY.

ON SAIPAN, TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE CAUGHT BY SURPRISE. "WE JUST LEARNED ABOUT THIS FROM THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS," SAID DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN. "WE HAVE NO COMMENT TO MAKE AT THIS TIME."

ST. PIERRE HAS BEEN IN AN INDEFINITE STATUS WITH THE TT SINCE APRIL, 1973, DUE TO A GOVERNMENT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE HIM FROM HIS POSITION FOR ACCEPTING A GIFT FROM A CLIENT IN A MARSHALL ISLANDS ESTATE CASE. MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE LEARNED TUESDAY, FROM A SOURCE WHO PREFERRED NOT TO BE IDENTIFIED, THAT ST. PIERRE SUBMITTED A RESIGNATION SEVERAL DAYS AGO, BUT NO GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL WOULD CONFIRM THIS OR COMMENT IN ANY WAY ON THE SITUATION.

JOAQUIN C. PEREZ, CHIEF JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUAM, ADMINISTERED THE OATH TO ST. PIERRE IN HIS OFFICE. THE ONLY WITNESSES WERE ACHTERKIRCHEN, A DAILY NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER,

AND BEN ABRAMS, A FORMER ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER ON SAIPAN, WHO ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER IS GOING TO BE ST. PIERRE'S ASSISTANT IN HIS NEW JOB. ABRAMS RESIGNED FROM HIS SAIPAN JOB LAST MONTH, SHORTLY AFTER BEING GIVEN A NEW, TWO-YEAR CONTRACT.

THE SPECIAL PROSECUTOR POSITION WAS CREATED BY THE GUAM LEGISLATURE IN A BILL WHICH WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR CARLOS CAMACHO. HE OBJECTED BECAUSE THE BILL GAVE THE PROSECUTOR AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, BUT NOT THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH. THE LEGISLATURE OVERRODE HIS VETO, BUT ALSO PASSED A MEASURE BROADENING THE INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE TO INCLUDE THE LEGISLATURE, AND CAMACHO SIGNED THAT BILL INTO LAW LAST FRIDAY, THE DAILY NEWS STORY SAID.

ST. PIERRE WAS FIRST APPROACHED ABOUT THE POSITION TWO WEEKS AGO, AND THE DECISION TO HIRE HIM WAS MADE LAST WEEK, BUT WAS NOT ANNOUNCED UNTIL MONDAY. THE APPOINTMENT WAS MADE BY JUDGE PEREZ. THE JOB PAYS \$40,000 A YEAR, OR NEARLY TWO TIMES WHAT ST. PIERRE'S BASE SALARY WAS AS CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER.

THE STORMY CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING ST. PIERRE'S DISMISSAL FROM HIS TRUST TERRITORY JOB IS STILL UNRESOLVED. CHIEF JUSTICE HAROLD W. BURNETT RECENTLY RULED THAT A FINAL DECISION IS UP TO THE UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, BUT IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER OR NOT THE MATTER WILL BE PURSUED IN LIGHT OF THIS WEEK'S DEVELOPMENTS.

LAST NOVEMBER, A LENGTHY HEARING WAS HELD ON SAIPAN BEFORE AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE FROM THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT WHO RULED THAT ST. PIERRE SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED FROM HIS POSITION, BUT MERELY SUSPENDED FOR 90 DAYS. THE JUDGE DID FIND, HOWEVER, THAT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT FROM A CLIENT WAS NOT PROPER. TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON CHOSE NOT TO FOLLOW THE JUDGE'S RECOMMENDATION. SHORTLY AFTER IT WAS MADE PUBLIC, HE REITERRATED HIS INTENTION TO REMOVE ST. PIERRE FROM HIS POSITION.

SINCE THE ORIGINAL LETTER TO ST. PIERRE IN APRIL, 1973 INFORMING HIM OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO REMOVE HIM, LEO MCSHANE, FORMER PALAU DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER, HAS BEEN ACTING CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER.

(PALAU CON CANDIDATES)

KOROR, OCT. 1 (MNS) --- CANDIDATES FOR THE UP-COMING

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CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA GENERAL ELECTION HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY THE TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES IN PALAU DISTRICT, THE LIBERAL PARTY AND THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY, PALAU PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRMIDOL REPORTS.

JOHN O. NGIRAKED (PROGRESSIVE PARTY) WILL RUN AGAINST INCUMBENT ROMAN TMETUHL (LIBERAL PARTY) FOR THE SECOND SENATORIAL SEAT.

IN REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 8 WHICH INCLUDES FOUR MUNICIPALITIES ON WESTERN BABELTHUAP, NGERBECHED, MEYUNGS, PELELIU, ANGAUR AND THE SOUTHWEST ISLANDS, KUNIWO NAKAMURA (PROGRESSIVE), GENERAL MANAGER OF BELAU TRANSFER AND TERMINAL COMPANY, WILL RUN AGAINST INCUMBENT CONGRESSMAN TIMOTHY OLKERIIL (LIBERAL).

DR. NOBUO SWEI (LIBERAL), WILL RUN AGAINST INCUMBENT CONGRESSMAN POLYCARP BASILIUS (PROGRESSIVE) IN REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 9, WHICH INCLUDES SEVEN MUNICIPALITIES ON EASTERN BABELTHUAP.

IN REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 10, KOROR, INCUMBENT CONGRESSMAN TARKONG PEDRO (LIBERAL) WILL RUN AGAINST ISIDORO RUDIMCH (PROGRESSIVE) A PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN IN PALAU WHO WAS AN UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR THE SAME SEAT IN THE LAST ELECTION.

ACCORDING TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITY ACTION PARTY, WHICH IS ONE OF THE THREE OFFICIALLY REGISTERED POLITICAL PARTIES IN PALAU, THERE WILL BE NO CANDIDATE FROM THAT PARTY, BUT THEY WILL GIVE THEIR SUPPORT TO CERTAIN CANDIDATES. NO INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE HAS YET DECLARED HIS CANDIDACY AS OF THIS WEEK. NGIRMIDOL REPORTS.

(ESG TRIP EXPLAINED)

SAIPAN, OCT. 1 (MNS)---THE PURPOSE OF THE CURRENT TRIP BY THE HEADQUARTERS EDUCATION FOR SELF GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE TO THE DISTRICTS IS NOT ONLY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, BUT ALSO TO TAPE RECORD THE QUESTIONS OF MICRONESIANS IN ALL DISTRICTS FOR USE ON A NEW ESG RADIO PROGRAM, ACCORDING TO GEORGE CALLISON, SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE.

CALLISON MADE HIS COMMENTS TUESDAY (OCT. 1) ON SAIPAN IN RESPONSE TO A STORY FROM MAJURO LAST WEEK IN WHICH A MARSHALLESE WOMEN'S GROUP LEADER CHARGED THAT MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE WERE NOT ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE PEOPLE.

MARIE MADDISON, A LEADER OF THE JINED ILO KOBO WOMEN'S MOVEMENT, WAS QUOTED AS EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH THE TASK FORCE. "EACH TIME A QUESTION WAS BROUGHT UP, IT SEEMS THE ONLY ANSWER THE GROUP COULD GIVE WAS THAT THEY WOULD WRITE THE QUESTION DOWN, CONSULT WITH SAIPAN, AND WOULD SEND A REPLY BACK IN THE FUTURE," SHE SAID.

CALLISON SAID THE STORY LEFT THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT THE TASK FORCE WAS NOT ANSWERING QUESTIONS. "SOME QUESTIONS WE WANTED TO TAKE BACK PURPOSELY," HE TOLD MNS. "WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A NEW RADIO PROGRAM, IN WHICH THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA ASK QUESTIONS, WHICH ARE TAPE-RECORDED, AND THEN WE GET SOMEONE IN A POSITION TO KNOW THE ANSWER, SUCH AS A CONGRESS LEADER OR AN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL, TO RECORD AN ANSWER. THESE TWO TO THREE MINUTE PROGRAMS WOULD THEN BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE DISTRICT RADIO STATIONS FOR BROADCAST THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT ON OUR PART TO GET MORE DIALOGUE INTO THE ESG PROGRAM. WE'RE TRYING TO TALK WITH PEOPLE, RATHER THAN TO THEM OR AT THEM."

CALLISON SAID THAT AT THE MEETINGS HELD IN THE MARSHALLS AND PONAPE LAST WEEK SOME QUESTIONS WERE TAPE-RECORDED, AND THOSE WHO ATTENDED AND ASKED QUESTIONS WILL SOON HEAR THOSE QUESTIONS 1111

BEING ASKED, AND ANSWERED, ON THEIR LOCAL RADIO STATIONS.

"THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE ALSO ANSWERED MANY QUESTIONS ON THE SPOT," CALLISON ADDED. "BUT SOME QUESTIONS WERE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, AND WE SAID WE WOULD TRY TO GET MORE COMPLETE ANSWERS TO THESE."

CALLISON ALSO POINTED OUT THAT SOME QUESTIONS COULD NOT BE ANSWERED, SUCH AS THE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION, "WHICH FORM OF STATUS IS BEST FOR MICRONESIA?" "THE TASK FORCE MUST REMAIN COMPLETELY NEUTRAL," HE EXPLAINED. "AND WE CANNOT, AS INDIVIDUALS OR COLLECTIVELY, FAVOR ANY ONE FORM OF STATUS. OUR JOB IS TO EXPLAIN ALL OF THE FUTURE STATUS OPTIONS, SO THAT THE PEOPLE CAN MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE, AND, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THE CHOICE IS AN INDIVIDUAL ONE."

THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE ARE CURRENTLY IN TRUK FOR A WEEK OF MEETINGS, AFTER WHICH THEY WILL ALSO TRAVEL TO YAP AND PALAU. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE IS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS STRIK YOMA, WHO IS REPRESENTED AT THE CURRENT MEETINGS BY DAIZIRO NAKAMURA, CHIEF OF THE HEADQUARTERS CIVIC AFFAIRS DIVISION. OTHER MEMBERS TRAVELLING TO THE DISTRICTS ARE AUGUSTINE MOSES, VICE-CHAIRMAN, FELIX RABULIMAN, MEMBER, AND SAM MCPHETRES, PROGRAM COORDINATOR.

(BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY)

SAIPAN, OCTOBER 1 (MNS) --- TWO FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED, AND TWO NEW APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED DURING THE PAST WEEK, ACCORDING TO THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF FOREIGN BUSINESS ACTIVITY FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.

DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN HAS ISSUED TWO PERMITS UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE TRUK DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD. J. LAWRENCE WHITE, A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AND BLACK MICRO CORPORATION, A GENERAL CONTRACTOR, HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMITS TO OPERATE IN TRUK DISTRICT. WHITE ALREADY HAS A BUSINESS PERMIT FOR THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, WHILE BLACK MICRO IS ALREADY PERMITTED TO OPERATE AS A FOREIGN BUSINESS IN YAP AND THE MARIANAS.

THE FIRST FILIPINO CORPORATION TO APPLY FOR A BUSINESS PERMIT IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, MALAYAN INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANILA, HAS FILED AN APPLICATION TO DO BUSINESS IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT. THE PRESIDENT OF THE 100 PERCENT PHILIPPINE-OWNED CORPORATION IS ALFONSO YUCHENCO OF MAKATI, RIZAL, IN THE PHILIPPINES. THE FIRM'S LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE IS MRS. BERNADITA C. REYES OF SAIPAN. THE COMPANY PROPOSES TO ENGAGE IN SALE OF ALL CLASSES OF NON-LIFE AND SURETY.

AN AMERICAN PLANNING TO ESTABLISH A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF PIANO TUNING AND REPAIRS IN THE MARIANAS IS THE OTHER APPLICATION RECEIVED LAST WEEK. THE PROSPECTIVE PIANO TUNER IS MICHEAL A. WHITE OF SAIPAN, WHO STATES THAT IF HIS PERMIT IS GRANTED HE INTENDS TO TAKE A COURSE IN PIANO TUNING. "THE BUSINESS WILL BE WHOLLY-OWNED BY AN EXPATRIATE," WHITE'S APPLICATION EXPLAINS, "ALTHOUGH A TT CITIZEN (THE OWNER'S WIFE) WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY GET ALL OF THE PROFITS."

THE TWO APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION.

(TRANSPORTATION SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED)

SAIPAN, OCT. 1 (MNS) --- THE TRUST TERRITORY TRANSPORTATION DIVISION IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR MARINE TRANSPORTATION

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1975-76 IN THE FOLLOWING
TRANSPORTATION RELATED FIELDS: MARINE ENGINEERING, MARINE
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS, NAVIGATION (NAUTICAL SCIENCE),
AND MARINE RADIO TELEPHONE/TELEGRAPHY.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION,
THE TRAINING PROGRAMS VARY FROM ONE TO FOUR YEARS IN LENGTH
DEPENDING ON THE PARTICULAR FIELDS.

THE FOUR YEAR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS IN MARINE ENGINEERING,
ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONICS AND NAVIGATION REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO
BE A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE WITH A GOOD BACKGROUND IN MATHEMATICS
AND SCIENCE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

INTERESTED APPLICANTS SHOULD OBTAIN A TT GOVERNMENT
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM THEIR DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP
COORDINATOR AND SUBMIT THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE HEADQUARTERS
TRANSPORTATION DIVISION NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, 1974.

BECAUSE OF LIMITED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS, ALL APPLICANTS ARE
URGED TO APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FURTHER QUESTIONS ON THE PROGRAMS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO
THE HEADQUARTERS TRANSPORTATION DIVISION.