

(MARSHALLS, PONAPE COM CANDIDATES)

SAIPAN, OCT. 7 (MNS)-24 THE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE UP-COMING CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA GENERAL ELECTION IN THE MARSHALLS AND PONAPE DISTRICTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED ON SAIPAN. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS IN THE TWO DISTRICTS, THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES HAVE FILED:

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IN THE MARSHALLS, INCUMBENT SENATOR ANATA KABUA IS BEING CHALLENGED FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR HIS SENATE SEAT BY CARL HEINE, TRUST TERRITORY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. SENATOR KABUA HAS BEEN RUNNING UNOPPOSED EVER SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE

CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. ACCORDING TO SOME POLITICAL OBSERVERS, THIS RACE PROMISES TO BE MOST INTERESTING.

FOR THE LOWER HOUSE, INCUMBENT CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DOMNICK IS BEING CHALLENGED BY LUCKY LOKBOJ, A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL IN MAJURO FOR THE FOURTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT SEAT.

IN THE FIFTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT, INCUMBENT CONGRESSMAN JOHN HEINE IS OPPOSED BY THREE NEWCOMERS. THEY ARE CARMEN MILNE BIGLER, ADULT EDUCATION COORDINATOR IN THE MARSHALLS; HEMOS A. JACK, TRIAL ASSISTANT WITH THE MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORP.; AND CHUJI CHUTARO, HEALTH PLANNER, HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

INCUMBENT CONGRESSMAN EKPAP W. SILK, HOUSE FLOOR LEADER IN THE CONGRESS, IS RUNNING AGAINST TWO MEMBERS OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS NITIJELA, ANDREW HISAIAH, AND ALEE ALIK FOR THE SIXTH DISTRICT SEAT.

INCUMBENT CONGRESSMAN ATAJI BALOS FACES TIPNE PHILIPPO, TT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMMING AND SCHEDULE OFFICER, FOR THE 7TH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT SEAT.

IN PONAPE DISTRICT, INCUMBENT SENATOR AMBILOS IEHSI IS BEING CHALLENGED BY EDWEL SANTOS, PONAPE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IN THE SENATE RACE.

INCUMBENT CONGRESSMAN JOAB SIGRAH IS RUNNING AGAINST YOSHIWO P. GEORGE, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR, FOR THE 11TH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT SEAT.

HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY IS RUNNING UNOPPOSED FOR RE-ELECTION IN THE 12TH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT.

IN REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 13, INCUMBENT CONGRESSMAN RESIO S. MOSES IS IN A THREE-WAY RACE AGAINST HEINRICH IRIARTE, TRADITIONAL CHIEF AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF

MICRONESIA; AND PETER M. CHRISTIAN, A BUSINESSMAN.

INCUMBENT CONGRESSMAN SUNGIWO HADLEY IS ALSO FACING TWO OPPONENTS. THEY ARE EDWAR EDWARD, AN EMPLOYEE OF CAA; AND LUCAS ADA, A RECENT GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, FOR THE 14TH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT SEAT.

CANDIDATES FOR TRUK AND YAP DISTRICTS HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT THE HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON DIVISION. THE DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE WAS SATURDAY OCTOBER 5. THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5.

(SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION CONCLUDES CONFERENCE)

ROROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS, OCT. 7 (MNS)---THE FOURTEENTH SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE CONCLUDED THIS WEEK IN RAROTONGA, IN THE COOK ISLANDS, WITH RELEASE OF A STATEMENT DESCRIBING THE MAJOR WORK OF THE TEN-DAY MEETING.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ATTENDED THE MEETING, AT THE CONCLUSION OF WHICH IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT DWIGHT HEINE, SPECIAL CONSULTANT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE. TO BE HELD IN THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU.

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IN A REPORT FROM THE COOK ISLANDS, RECEIVED ON SAIPAN MONDAY (OCT. 7) VIA THE PEACESAT COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE, IAN JOHNSTONE, SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION BROADCASTING OFFICER, GAVE THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE THIS YEAR:

THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTION THIS SESSION WAS THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH BRINGS TOGETHER THE FORMER MEMBERS OF THE "SESSION" (THE FULL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION) AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ISLAND TERRITORIES ON A ONE-MAN, ONE-VOTE EQUAL BASIS, AS THE CONTROLLING BODY OF THE COMMISSION OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WAS SIGNED ON THE FOURTH DAY OF THE CONFERENCE, AND ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

A TOTAL BUDGET OF SOME \$2,371,000 AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION FOR ITS WORK NEXT YEAR. THE WORK PROGRAM IS DIVIDED EQUALLY AMONG THE THREE SECTIONS OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND HEALTH. BUDGETARY FIGURES ARE MADE UP OF A 15 PERCENT INCREASE ON THE REGULAR SUBSCRIPTION PLUS \$500 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS GIVEN BY NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, FRANCE AND NAURU.

THE CONFERENCE ALSO INSTRUCTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO LOOK FOR WIDER SUPPORT FOR THE COMMISSION TO GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND OUTSIDE THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION.

THE CONFERENCE HEARD ADDRESSES FROM A NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED PACIFIC LEADERS, THE PRIME MINISTERS OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, FIJI AND WESTERN SAMOA, THE PRESIDENT

OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU, THE CHIEF MINISTER OF THE GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS, THE THE PREMIER OF NIUE, ALTOGETHER THE MOST DISTINGUISHED ASSEMBLY EVER TO ATTEND THE SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

THE DEVALUATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND DOLLARS AND THE CURRENT INFLATION MEANS THIS YEAR'S PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM WILL FALL SHORT IN TERMS OF MONEY, IN SPITE OF THE 15 PERCENT INCREASES. THE DECISION AS TO HOW THE WORK-PROGRAM WILL IN FACT BE IMPLEMENTED WAS LEFT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SECRETARIAT TO WORK OUT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRIORITIES LAID DOWN BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND MAKING THEIR OWN DECISION AS TO WHICH PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF THE WORK PROGRAM SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED. IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE ANY CONSIDERABLE CHANGE IN WHAT IS DONE BECAUSE OF SAVINGS FROM LAST YEAR AND BECAUSE THE TOTAL AMOUNT BUDGETED FOR THIS YEAR IS UNLIKELY TO BE SPENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, JOHNSTONE REPORTS.

A PROPOSAL FOR A SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK WAS ALSO CONSIDERED. NO POSITIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN, BUT THE IDEA WAS NOT DROPPED ALTHOUGH THE BIGGER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION AND THE BIGGER MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION ARE REPORTED NOT TO BE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF IT. BUT MANY OF THE SMALLER SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTRIES STILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT BANK, SO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK TO FIND OUT HOW THE ADB AND THE POSSIBLE PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT BANK COULD WORK TOGETHER IN THE INTEREST OF THE REGION.

THE GENETOUS OFFER OF THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT TO HOST THE SECOND SOUTH PACIFIC ARTS FESTIVAL AT ROTORUA IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH 1976 WAS ACCEPTED BY THE CONFERENCE. THE SUPPORTERS ALSO DISCUSSED PLANS FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC ARTS FESTIVAL ORGANIZING WORKSHOP, WHICH WILL BE HELD, PROBABLY IN NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA, IN MID-JANUARY 1975.

THE CONFERENCE ALSO DISCUSSED ITS SPC PUBLICATIONS, AND DECIDED THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD CONTINUE TO PUBLISH THE "SOUTH PACIFIC BULLETIN", BUT IMPROVE DEIVERSIFICATION OF THE CONTENT OF THE BULLETIN TO MAKE IT MORE ACCEPTABLE TO THE ORDINARY READER IN THE REGION AND TRY TO SPREAD THE CIRCULATION OF THE BULLETIN TO BECOME A MUCH MORE POPULAR PUBLICATION AND LESS OF A TECHNICAL AND EXPERT PUBLICATION. IT ALSO AUTHORIZED THE INCLUSION OF OBJECTIVE ARTICLES ON CURRENT AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, AND APPROVED THE PRINCIPAL RECRUITMENT OF AJOURNALIST, TO DO THESE THINGS.

IT WAS DECEDED THAT THE 15TH SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD IN NAURU. THE HONORABLE DWIGHT HEINE, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THAT CONFERENCE. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE

GOVERNMENT OF NAURU. IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT THE 16TH SPC SHOULD BE HELD IN NEW CALEDONIA, NOT BECAUSE THAT IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE SPC BUT BECAUSE A STRONGER REQUEST WAS MADE BY THE DELEGATES FROM NEW CALEDONIA.

PAPUA, NEW GUINEA ANNOUNCED THAT ONCE IT HAS ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE IT PROPOSES TO ACCEDE TO THE CANBERA AGREEMENT AND SO BECOME A FULL MEMBER OF THE SPC. THE CONFERENCE WELCOMED THE DESIRE OF PAPUA, NEW GUINEA, WHEN INDEPENDENT, TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE SPC, AND ASKED THE PARTICIPATICS GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ALLOW PAPUA, NEW GUINEA TO JOIN.

THE CONFERENCE AGREED THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS NEWS ASSOCIATION. THE CONFERENCE ALSO ACCEPTED THE COOK ISLANDS PROPOSAL THAT THE NAME OF THE COMMISSION BE CHANGED SINCE AT PRESENT IT DOESN'T TRULY REFLECT THE MEMBERSHIP. MANY MEMBERS ARE IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE. AND SO IT INSTRUCTED THE SECRETARIAT TO ORGANIZE A REGION-WIDE CONTEST FOR A NEW NAME FOR THE COMMISSION. RESULTS OF THE CONTEST ARE TO BE CONSIDERED BY NEXT YEAR'S PLANNING COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED FOR NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE.

THE CONFERENCE ALSO INSTRUCTED THE REPRESENTATIVES OF PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS TO REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE EACH YEAR AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE ON MEASURES NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE STRUCTURE AND WORKING METHODS OF THE COMMISSION'S SECRETARIAT. A FEELING THAT THE SECRETARIAT COULD STREAMLINE ITS SERVICES TO PROVIDE MORE WIDER AND MORE EFFICIENT SERVICES TO THE REGION WAS EXPRESSED AND THE CONFERENCE ALSO INSTRUCTED ITS PLANNING COMMITTEE TO REPORT JUST HOW MUST MONEY WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE EVERY YEAR.

ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE FROM THE TT, IN ADDITION TO HEINE, WERE SENATOR ANATA KABUA (MARSHALLS), REPRESENTATIVE MASAO NAKAYAMA (TRUK), AND YAP DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR LEONARD AGUIGUI. DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS STANLEY S. CARPENTER ALSO ATTENDED FORM WASHINGTON AS THE SENIOR U.S. COMMISSIONER TO THE SPC.

(LLO CONFERENCE)

SAIPAN, OCT. 7 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OFFICERS' CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK BEGINNIGN TUESDAY (OCT. 8) AND ENDING FRIDAY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, STRIK YOMA.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE CONFERENCE WILL DISCUSS PLANS FOR CONDUCTING THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION OF THE CONGRESS-OF MICRONESIA, SCHEDULED TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5 THIS YEAR. IT WILL ALSO REVIEW THE TT ELECTION LAW AND COMPENSATION FOR ELECTION WORKERS, AS WELL AS DISCUSSING LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION IN THE OUTER ISLANDS OF MICRONESIA. THE PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO DISCUSS IN DEPTH THE TT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINIONS REGARDING INTERPRETATION OF THE TT ELECTION LAW.

THE CONFEREES WILL BE BRIEFED BY MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROGRAM.

ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE FROM THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS WILL BE: YOMA; RAYOND ULUCHONG, CHIEF OF THE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON DIVISION; HENRY MOSES, ASSISTANT CHIEF, LLD; AND PATRICK B. MANGAR, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DIVISION. ALSO ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE FROM THE HEADQUARTERS ARE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF PERSONNEL, FINANCE, AND TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION, AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE ESG TASK FORCE.

PARTICIPANTS FROM THE DISTRICTS ARE THE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OFFICERS: SHIRO RIKLON, MARSHALLS; SOSIRO ELIAM, PONAPE; YOICH RENGIIIL, PALAU; TONY YINUG, YAP; ISKIA SONY, TRUK; JACK TORRES FGGM THE MARIANAS AND ASSISTANT LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OFFICER FOR KUSAIE, FRED SKILLING. ALSO ATTENDING AS AN OBSERVER IS WILFRED GORONGFEL, INFORMATION OFFICER FOR YAP DISTRICT.  
(PEACESAT NETWORK GROWS)

SAIPAN, OCT. 7 (MNS)---THE REGIONAL SATELLITE NETWORK THAT LINKS MOST OF THE ISLANDS TERRITORIES AND NATIONS OF THE PACIFIC HAS ADDED ANOTHER GROUND STATION, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TERMINALS TO THIRTEEN.

THE NEWEST PEACESAT TERMINAL IS AT TARAWA, IN THE GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY. IT IS ONLY THE FIFTH TERMINAL NORTH OF THE EQUATOR, JOINING THE THREE TERMINALS IN HAWAII AND THE SAIPAN TERMINAL, WHICH HAS BEEN PART OF THE NETWORK SINCE APRIL, 1973.

PEACESAT IS AN EXPERIMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK THAT HAS PROVEN TO BE EXTREMELY USEFUL FOR THE PARTICIPATING AREAS, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREAS OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE. TIME FOR THE NETWORK IS PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE BY THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA) WHICH OWNS THE SATELLITE.

PEACESAT TERMINALS ARE NOW LOCATED IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES: HONOLULU, HILO AND ON LAUI IN HAWAII; SUVA, FIJI; TONGA; THE COOK ISLANDS; NIUE; LAE; PAPUA NEW GUINEA; WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND; NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA; HONIARA, BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS; TARAWA, GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS; AND SAIPAN.