

(HEW/INTERIOR OFFICIALS TO VISIT TT)

SAIPAN, OCT. 9 (MNS) SEVEN TOP OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE, AND INTERIOR TASK FORCE ARE SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE TRUST TERRITORY NEXT WEEK, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED ON SAIPAN. File

THE TASK FORCE MEMBERS WILL BE VISITING THE TT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING COORDINATION AND STRENGTHENING OF HEW PROGRAMS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, AND TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON HEW/INTERIOR RECOMMENDATIONS. 11

THE GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON SAIPAN THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, AND PLANS TO MEET WITH THE TT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, AND HEALTH SERVICES THE CHIEF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND THE HEADSTART DIRECTOR. ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, THE TASK FORCE WILL HAVE INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH VARIOUS DEPARTMENT HEADS AND PERSONNEL.

ON MONDAY (OCT. 21), THE GROUP WILL BE MEETING ON GUAM WITH HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE OFFICIALS BEFORE LEAVING THE NEXT DAY FOR TRUK DISTRICT (OCT. 22). IN TRUK THEY WILL MEET WITH HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICIALS.

THE TASK FORCE WILL THEN GO TO PONAPE FOR A THREE-DAY STAY (OCT. 22-25) BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON. IN PONAPE THEY WILL MEET WITH STAFF AND STUDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA, THE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, DISTRICT OF EDUCATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES OFFICIALS.

HEW OFFICIALS INCLUDE: DR. SHERIDAN WEINSTEIN, REGIONAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATOR; JAMES HAUSER, ACTING DIRECTOR, STATE COORDINATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE; DR. EDWARD AGUIRRE, REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION; DR. MARIE MARTIN, DIRECTOR, JUNIOR COLLEGE UNIT, U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION; BRUCE LEE, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT; ELAM HERTZLER, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION; WAYNE WILSON, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR PLANNING AND EVALUATION, REGION 9; AND MS. JANICE M. JOHNSON, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

(TT TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXPERTS TO BANGKOK)

SAIPAN, OCT. 9 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL BE REPRESENTED NEXT MONTH AT AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXPERTS IN BANGKOK, THAILAND.

THE CONFERENCE, SPONSORED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP), WILL REVIEW, AMONG OTHER THINGS, UTILIZATION OF COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES IN THE ESCAP REGION, DEVELOPMENT OF RADIO FREQUENCY MONITORING AND TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES, ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ASIAN "TELECOMMUNITY," AND PROGRESS REPORTS ON TRAINING CENTERS.

THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE FROM NOVEMBER 12 TO 18.

REPRESENTING THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL BE VICTORINO T. BORJA, CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION, AND LEONARDO J. SALAZAR, COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST.

(CCM HONOR ROLL)

PONAPE, OCT. 9 (MNS)---EIGHTEEN STUDENTS AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA IN PONAPE HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THAT SCHOOL'S HONOR ROLL LIST FOR THE SUMMER QUARTER.

ROGER WELT, DEAN OF STUDENTS, SAID THAT BEING PLACED ON THE HONOR ROLL LIST MEANS THAT THE STUDENT HAS ACHIEVED ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE. A STUDENT MUST MAINTAIN A 3.40 GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0 POINT SCALE TO BE PLACED ON THE HONOR ROLL.

THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA ENCOURAGES ITS STUDENTS TO MAINTAIN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND DOES EVERYTHING IT CAN TO HELP THE STUDENT ATTAIN A WORTHWHILE HIGHER EDUCATION, WELT SAID.

THE STUDENTS LISTED IN THE HONOR ROLL LIST ARE: BENSNER ETSE AND YALMER HELGENBERGER, FROM PONAPE; ALIK KILAWAKUN FROM KUSAIE; 11348

ISABELLA DOKTOK; HELBERT FRITZ, AND ELIZABETH KINTOKI, FROM PALAU; ALANSON FRED, MERIDA HARIDOZ, CURTIS HAYSECK, MARK HENRY, AURELIO SAUDER, FLORENCIO HARPER, AND PAULINO LAMBERT FROM TRUK, SUSAN LIGOW, PHILIP RAIGUMAI, TONY FINIIRAY AND ANDREW CHEWAW FROM YAP; AND FROM SAIPAN, CYNTHIA TAITANO.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: FROM TIME TO TIME, MNS WILL SEND YOU STORIES SUCH AS THE FOLLOWING TWO, WHICH FALL INTO THE CATEGORY OF "REGIONAL NEWS" RATHER THAN LOCAL OR TERRITORIAL NEWS. WE HOPE TO EXPAND THIS SERVICES AND MAKE MORE SUCH STORIES AVAILABLE TO YOU AS THE EXCHANGE OF NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER INFORMATION WITHIN THE REGION INCREASES. THIS IS ONE OF THE BENEFITS WHICH COME FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE NEWLY FORMED PACIFIC ISLANDS NEWS ASSOCIATION, OF WHICH BOTH MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE AND THE MOCRONESIAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM ARE MEMBERS. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS REGIONAL NEWS SERVICE.)

(SAMOAN GOVERNOR ASKS PRICE CONTROLS)

SAIPAN, OCT. 9 (FROM SAMOAN INFORMATION BULLETINS)--- GOVERNOR JOHN M. HAYDON OF AMERICAN SAMOA HAS ASKED THE TERRITORIAL LEGISLATURE TO PASS "FAIR AND EQUITABLE" PRICE CONTROL LEGISLATION, RATHER THAN TAX RELIEF RESOLUTIONS, AS A MEANS OF EASING THE FINANCIAL BURDENS OF THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA.

THE OFFICE OF SAMOAN INFORMATION (OSI) REPORTED LAST WEEK THAT THE GOVERNOR MADE HIS COMMENTS IN A LETTER TO THE SENATE PRESIDENT. HAYDON SAID HE HAS REQUESTED PRICE CONTROLS IN THE PAST TO LIMIT "...THE EXORBITANT PRICES WHICH ARE BEING CHARGED THE AMERICAN SAMOA PEOPLE BY SOME OF THE MERCHANTS IN AMERICAN SAMOA," THE OSI REPORTED.

"IF THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FONO (THE LEGISLATURE) WILL GIVE ME ASSURANCE THAT IT WILL CONSIDER AND PASS DECENT PRICE CONTROL LEGISLATION, AND WILL TAKE UP OTHER MUCH NEEDED LEGISLATION WHICH WAS NEGLECTED IN THE SESSION JUST CONCLUDED, I WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO CALL A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE FOR THAT PURPOSE," THE GOVERNOR SAID IN HIS LETTER.

THE FONO HAD PROPOSED TAX RELIEF FOR TARO PRODUCERS AS A MEANS OF MAKING MORE TARO, A BASIC STAPLE OF THE SAMOAN DIET, AVAILABLE.

(AMERICAN SAMOA ASKS DISASTER FUNDS)

SAIPAN, OCT. 9 (FROM SAMOAN INFORMATION BULLETINS)---THE GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA IS SEEKING MORE THAN THREE MILLION DOLLARS IN IMMEDIATE FEDERAL AID FROM THE UNITED STATES, DUE TO THE SEVERE AND EXTENDED DROUGHT WHICH HAS PLAGUED THE TERRITORY FOR THE PAST FOUR MONTHS.

ACCORDING TO THE OFFICE OF SAMOAN INFORMATION (OSI), GOVERNOR JOHN M. HAYDON HAS FORWARDED A 22-PAGE REQUEST FOR THE AID TO PRESIDENT GERALD FORD THROUGH THE REGION NINE FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION IN SAN FRANCISCO.

"AT THE PRESENT TIME," HAYDON SAID IN HIS REQUEST, "WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO SUPPLY POTABLE WATER BY UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS TO THE BULK OF OUR POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 28,500 PEOPLE."

THE REQUESTED FUNDS WOULD INCLUDE ABOUT ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE TO WORKERS WHO HAVE HAD THEIR INCOMES REDUCED OR ELIMINATED AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE DROUGHT. THE OSI REPORTS THAT THE WATER SHORTAGE HAS FORCED THE CLOSING OF TWO TUNA CANNERIES THAT ARE THE TERRITORY'S MAJOR EMPLOYERS, AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE TERRITORY IS APPROACHING 30 PER CENT.

SOME OF THE FEDERAL AID WOULD ALSO BE USED FOR A TANKER OPERATION TO BRING WATER FROM HONOLULU, WESTERN SAMOA, FIJI, TONGA OR TAHITI, OSI SAID.

"THIS IS A DRASTIC APPROACH TO OUR PROBLEM," SAID GOVERNOR HAYDON, "BUT WE HAVE A DRASTIC SITUATION IN AMERICAN SAMOA." THE GOVERNOR ALSO SAID HE WAS "CONFIDENT OUR REQUEST FOR AID WILL BE APPROVED."