

(ENEWETAK CLEANUP FUNDS NIXED)

SAIPAN, OCTOBER 10 (MNS) ~~IN~~ THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HAS REFUSED TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS NEEDED TO BEGIN THE CLEANUP AND REHABILITATION OF ENEWETAK ATOLL THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION CONVEYED TO THE PEOPLE OF ENEWETAK AND THEIR LEGAL COUNSEL THIS WEEK BY LT. GEN. WARREN D. JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF THE PENTAGON'S DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY.

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IN A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE, GENERAL JOHNSON SAID: "I REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT THE COGNIZANT COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE MEETING TOGETHER HAVE DECLINED TO APPROVE THE FUNDS REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR THE CLEANUP OF ENEWETAK. APPARENTLY SOME MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS ARE NOT CONVINCED THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT. THEY ARE ALSO CONCERNED WITH THE OVERALL COST AND THE FACT THAT WHEN WE PRESENTED OUR PROPOSALS TO THEM THEY WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY DEFINITIZED."

GENERAL JOHNSON, WHO TRAVELED TO ENEWETAK LAST MONTH TO PERSONALLY DISCUSS THE CLEANUP PLANS WITH THE PEOPLE, SAID THAT HIS AGENCY WILL CONFER WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES WITHIN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AS TO THE NEXT STEPS TO TAKE, IN LIGHT OF THE FAILURE OF THE CONGRESS TO APPROVE THE FUNDING.

THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CLEANUP OF THE ATOLL, WHICH WAS A NUCLEAR TEST SITE FROM 1947 TO 1958. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REHABILITATION PROGRAM, INCLUDING REPLANTING AND BUILDING OF NEW HOUSES FOR THE PEOPLE, AND IS SEEDING SEPARATE FUNDING FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR THIS PROJECT. THE REHABILITATION PROGRAM, HOWEVER, CANNOT BE UNDERTAKEN UNTIL THE CLEANUP IS WELL UNDER WAY, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION PRESENTED AT THE ENEWETAK MEETINGS LAST MONTH.

TED MITCHELL, DIRECTOR OF THE MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION, WHICH IS PROVIDING LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE PEOPLE, EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE NEWS THURSDAY ON SAIPAN.

"IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED," HE TOLD MNS, "BUT IT IS CERTAINLY DISAPPOINTING. IF THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO OBTAIN FUNDING, THIS MEANS A FULL YEARS DELAY IN THE CLEANUP PROGRAM, AND PERHAPS MORE."

MITCHELL SAID HE AND OTHER OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE ENEWETAK PROJECT EXPECT TO MEET IN WASHINGTON LATE NEXT MONTH TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES.

TRUST TERRITORY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN, WHO ALSO MET WITH THE ENEWETAK PEOPLE LAST MONTH, SAID HE IS "HOPEFUL" THAT SOME OTHER WAY WILL BE FOUND TO REVIVE THE INTEREST OF THE U.S. CONGRESS IN THE ENEWETAK PROJECT.

"WE INTEND TO WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH GENERAL JOHNSON AND THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY IN EXPLORING ALTERNATIVES," COLEMAN SAID, "BECAUSE OF THE VERY CLOSE INTER-DEPENDENCE OF THE CLEANUP PROGRAM, FOR WHICH DNA IS RESPONSIBLE, AND THE REHABILITATION, FOR WHICH THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT AND IT GOVERNMENT ARE RESPONSIBLE."

GENERAL JOHNSON POINTED OUT IN HIS MESSAGE THAT, ASSUMING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLE CAN BE OBTAINED, SOME ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES MIGHT POSSIBLY BE FOUND TO PERMIT THE CLEANUP TO PROCEED THIS YEAR.

"HOWEVER," HE ADDED, "I DO NOT WANT TO HOLD OUT FALSE HOPES. AT THE MOMENT, I DO NOT KNOW ANY WAY THIS CAN BE DONE BECAUSE THE FUNDS INVOLVED ARE SUBSTANTIAL AND, OF COURSE, WE CANNOT DO ANYTHING WITHOUT THE TACIT APPROVAL OF THE CONGRESS."

THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY PRESENTED A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF ENEWETAK IN EARLY SEPTEMBER

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WHICH CALLED FOR A CLEANUP PROGRAM SPREAD OVER APPROXIMATELY THREE YEARS, AT AN ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF JUST OVER THIRTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS. THE AGENCY WAS SEEKING APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF THAT AMOUNT FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS THIS YEAR TO BEGIN THE PROJECT.

THE PEOPLE OF ENEWETAK HAVE BEEN LIVING ON UJELANG IN THE MARSHALLS SINCE 1947. THERE ARE ROUGHLY 350 PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY NOW--UP FROM 136 WHEN THEY WERE REMOVED FROM ENEWETAK--AND UJELANG IS MUCH SMALLER THAN THEIR ORIGINAL HOME. THEY HAVE LONG EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO RETURN,

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT RECOMMENDED THAT, AFTER CLEANUP OF THE ATOLL, THE PEOPLE BE PERMITTED TO RETURN AND ESTABLISH SETTLEMENTS ON THREE MAJOR ISLANDS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE ATOLL. THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SETTLE ON ISLANDS IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE ATOLL BECAUSE OF RESIDUAL RADIATION REMAINING FROM THE NUCLEAR TESTS, 43 OF WHICH WERE CONDUCTED, MOSTLY ON OR NEAR THOSE NORTHERN ISLANDS.

THE PEOPLE WERE TOLD THAT THEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO SEND AN ADVANCE PARTY OF ABOUT 50 RETURNING SETTLERS TO JAPTAN ISLAND, IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE ATOLL, BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR, AND THAT SOME OF THESE PEOPLE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE CLEANUP PROJECT. JUST HOW THESE PLANS WILL BE AFFECTED BY THIS WEEK'S NEWS FROM WASHINGTON IS NOT CLEAR.

(U.S. SENATE STAFF MEMBERS TO VISIT SAIPAN)

SAIPAN, OCT. 10 (MNS)---THREE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN AN INVESTIGATION IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THIS MONTH.

N. NEIMAN CRALEY, JR., SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO DISCUSS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMS MATTERS RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF WATER, AIR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, HEALTH AND SANITATION, AND WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES.

THE STAFF MEMBERS ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN LONG-RANGE PLANNING, PARTICULARLY PROJECTIONS OF TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCE AND TOURISM, AND PROJECTS OF POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.

ACCORDING TO CRALEY, THE GROUP ALSO WANTS TO FIND OUT ABOUT CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING METHODS OF CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION, MATERIALS SUPPLY, TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS AND CONSTRUCTION COST TRENDS. "THEY ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SPECIAL LOGISTICAL AND MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS INHERENT IN MICRONESIA," CRALEY SAID.

CRALEY POINTED OUT THAT, "THEIR PURPOSE IS TO GET AN APPRECIATION OF THE PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CONDITIONS NOT ONLY IN MICRONESIA BUT THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC AREA WHICH WILL INFLUENCE THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF MICRONESIA."

THE THREE STAFF MEMBERS ARE: CANIE A. DREYFUS, AN ENGINEERING CONSULTANT TO THE FULL COMMITTEE; JAMES P. BEIRNE--A COUNSEL ASSIGNED TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS; AND WALTER F. FAILKEWICZ--AN INVESTIGATOR ASSIGNED ALSO TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS.

THE STAFF MEMBERS WILL LEAVE WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 21 FOR SAIPAN.

(HARRIS ON ESG)

PONAPE, OCT. 10 (MNS)---THE SPEAKER OF THE PONAPE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, ITOR HARRIS, SAYS THE LEGISLATURE

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WAS DISAPPOINTED BY THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON IN VETOING THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LAND BILL.

SPEAKING ON THE EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE PROGRAM "DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA", HARRIS SAID THAT A COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATURE HAD SPENT A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TIME STUDYING THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS BILL WHICH PASSED THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND HAD RECOMMENDED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE LEGISLATURE ENDORSE THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS TO THE DISTRICTS RATHER THAN TO THE TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT.

ALTHOUGH THE LEGISLATURE HAD TAKEN NO POSITION YET ON WHO SHOULD CONTROL THE LAND, PENDING FULL REVIEW OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT, SPEAKER HARRIS INDICATED THAT THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN SHOULD BE VESTED IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT, POSSIBLY WITH SOME LEGISLATIVE CONTROLS. HE ADDED THAT THE LEGISLATURE HAS HELD NO DISCUSSIONS NOR TAKEN ANY POSITION TO DATE ON WHAT ROLE THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS MIGHT PLAY IN THE LAND QUESTION.

ASKED HOW PONAPE WOULD GO ABOUT FORMULATING ITS OWN CONSTITUTION, THE LEGISLATURE SPEAKER REPLIED THAT THE LEGISLATURE HAS ALREADY PASSED A LAW CREATING A COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT. "THIS LAW," HE SAID, GIVES THE COMMISSION A MANDATE TO STUDY THE FEELING OF THE PEOPLE OF PONAPE ON HOW THE DISTRICT SHOULD GO ABOUT DRAFTING ITS OWN CONSTITUTION." THE COMMISSION HAS UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE CAN EVALUATE THEM AND POSSIBLY COME UP WITH THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO FORMULATE A DISTRICT CONSTITUTION, HE ADDED. DR. HARRIS FURTHER SAID THAT THE COMMISSION IS COMPOSED OF ALL ELECTED DISTRICT DELEGATES TO THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, A NUMBER OF APPOINTEES OF THE SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT, THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND, AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, PONAPE'S TRADITIONAL LEADERS.

ASKED WHETHER THE 90 DAYS TIME WOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR DRAFTING A CONSTITUTION FOR MICRONESIA, SPEAKER HARRIS RESPONDED THAT CONSIDERING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE JOB OF DRAFTING A DOCUMENT OF BASIC LAWS FOR A NEW NATION, IT WAS NOT ADEQUATE IN HIS VIEW. HE AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT CONFUSION MIGHT BE ELIMINATED AND TIME SAVED IF EACH DISTRICT DRAFTED ITS OWN CONSTITUTION FIRST. "...FOR ONE THING," HE SAID "IT WOULD CLARIFY THE POSITION OF EACH DISTRICT AND, THEREBY, TEND TO ELIMINATE MUCH OF THE CONFUSION." HE SAID HE FELT THAT "EACH DISTRICT SHOULD HAVE ITS OWN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PERIOR TO THE IT-WIDE CONVENTION."

AS TO THE TIMING OF THE MICRONESIAN CONCON, SPEAKER HARRIS NOTED THAT THE LEGISLATURE HAD PASSED A RESOLUTION ASKING THAT THE CONVENTION DATE BE SET NOT EARLIER THAN THE SUMMER OF 1975, SO THAT THE LEGISLATURE CAN STUDY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

IN BRIEF CLOSING REMARKS, SPEAKER HARRIS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PONAPE DISTRICT TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN THE IMPORTANT JOB OF EDUCATING THE PEOPLE OF PONAPE DISTRICT TO PREPARE THEM FOR MAKING THE VITAL DECISIONS THEY MUST MAKE CONCERNING THEIR FUTURE.

SPEAKER HARRIS WAS INTERVIEWED IN PONAPE BY A PANEL OF NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AND PEOPLE FROM THE ESS TASK FORCE. THE PROGRAM WAS DUPLICATED AND DISTRIBUTED FOR BROADCAST THIS WEEK THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA.

(FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY HEAVY)

SAIPAN, OCT. 10 (MNS)---FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY WAS HEAVY DURING THE PAST WEEK, WITH THREE PERMITS GRANTED, FOUR DISAPPROVED, AND FOUR PERMITS APPROVED UNDER TERMS OF PUBLIC LAW 5-85, ACCORDING TO THE WEEKLY REPORT FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.

DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN HAS APPROVED TWO PERMITS FOR YAP DISTRICT AND ONE FOR TRUK DISTRICT. APPROVED FOR FIVE-YEAR PERMITS TO OPERATE THEIR BUSINESSES IN YAP WERE TWO PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRMS, JOAQUIN CUNANAN AND COMPANY AND PALMER, WIGGS AND HESTON, INCORPORATED.

CUNANAN IS A FILIPINO FIRM WHICH HAS APPLIED TO OPERATE IN ALL SIX DISTRICTS. YAP IS THE FIRST TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION, WHICH WAS TURNED DOWN IN PALAU AND IS STILL PENDING IN THE OTHER FOUR DISTRICTS.

PALMER, WIGGS AND HESTON HAS ALSO APPLIED TO ALL SIX DISTRICTS, AND IS PRESENTLY OPERATING IN THE MARIANAS AND PALAU. THE APPLICATION IS STILL PENDING IN THE MARSHALLS, TRUK AND PONAPE.

COLEMAN HAS ALSO SENT LETTERS TO THE FOLLOWING FOUR FIRMS NOTIFYING THEM THAT THE APPLICATIONS FOR FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMITS HAVE BEEN DISAPPROVED FOR THE DISTRICTS INDICATED: MICRONESIAN HOUSING CORPORATION, A HOUSING A RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, FOR PONAPE DISTRICT; DONG AH AMERICAN CORPORATION, A CONSTRUCTION FIRM, FOR PONAPE DISTRICT; CENTRAL MILLS SUPPLY COMPANY (GUAM), INC., FOR PALAU DISTRICT; AND MICRONESIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF SAIPAN, FOR PONAPE DISTRICT. ALL FOUR DISAPPROVALS WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS IN THE DISTRICTS INVOLVED.

APPROVED UNDER PUBLIC LAW 5-85, WHICH REQUIRES MICRONESIANS MARRIED TO OR ADOPTED BY NON-MICRONESIANS TO APPLY FOR FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMITS IF THEY ARE TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS IN THE TT, WERE ANGELINA D. SIENES, HOUSE RENTALS, AND LEO ETSCHUIT, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IN PONAPE DISTRICT; KATARINA REYES, CONSTRUCTION, IN TRUK DISTRICT; AND HAMILTON'S HOTEL, BAR AND RESTAURANT IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT.

APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FILED UNDER THIS LAW IS AUTOMATIC, AND THE APPLICANTS DO NOT NEED TO PAY THE USUAL FILING FEE. THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE PUBLIC THAT THOSE AFFECTED BY PUBLIC LAW 5-85 HAVE ONLY UNTIL OCTOBER 25 OF THIS YEAR TO FILE FOR THEIR BUSINESS PERMITS.

(TT TO RECEIVE LABOR GRANT)

WASHINGTON, OCT. 10 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL RECEIVE PART OF A TOTAL OF \$396,621 DOLLARS IN FISCAL YEAR 1975 AS PART OF LABOR DEPARTMENT ALLOCATIONS DISTRIBUTED TO AREAS OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT UNDER TITLE II OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT, ACCORDING TO A STORY CARRIED IN WEDNESDAY'S (OCT. 9) DETELINE, GUAM'S AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER.

THE GRANTS, WHICH ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO AREAS WHICH AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE EXCEEDING 6.5 PERCENT, WILL BE USED TO CREATE PUBLIC SERVICE JOBS, GUAM CONGRESSMAN ANTONIO WON PAT SAID.

"THESE JOBS CAN BE IN ANY PUBLIC AGENCIES, SUCH AS SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, LIBRARIES, PUBLIC WORKS, RECREATION, POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT'S," HE SAID, "AND WILL ENABLE WORKERS TO PERFORM A USEFUL SERVICE AND GET PAID FOR IT."

FUNDS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED UNDER BOTH REGULAR AND DISCRETIONARY ALLOCATIONS, THE GUAM CONGRESSMAN SAID. UNDER THE REGULAR ALLOCATIONS, THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL RECEIVE \$139,355. UNDER THE DISCRETIONARY ALLOCATIONS, THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL RECEIVE \$29,858 FOLLARS.

GUAM, AND AMERICAN SAMOA WILL ALSO RECEIVE THEIR SHARE UNDER THE ALLOCATIONS, THE DATELINE STORY STATED, BASED ON POPULATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES.

(AUSTRALIAN PATROL BOATS)

SAIPAN, OCT. 10 (MNS)---TWO ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY GUNBOATS WILL MAKE A GOODWILL VISIT TO MICRONESIA BEGINNING NEXT WEEK ON MONDAY (OCT 14). THE GUNBOATS WILL CALL AT PONAPE, MAJURO, TARAWA AND KAPINGAMARANGI ATOLL.

ACCORDING TO LIEUTENANT J.H. BATEMAN, TT DEPUTY MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER, THE SHIPS ARE THE HAMS AITAPE, HEADED BY LT. K. A. WINTEL, AND HAMS SAMARAI, HEADED BY LT. A. ATKINSON. EACH GUNBOAT CARRIES THREE OFFICERS AND 16 ENLISTED MEN. SPORTS EVENTS HAVE BEEN SET UP IN THE DISTRICTS WHERE THE SHIPS WILL BE VISITING.

THE AUSTRALIAN GUNBOATS' ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS: TRUK, OCTOBER 14-16; PONAPE, OCT 17-19; THEN TO MAJURO, OCT. 22-24; FROM THERE THE BOATS WILL HEAD FOR TARAWA OCT. 25-28; BACK TO PONAPE FOR FUEL, OCT. 25-28 AND TO KAPINGAMARANGI ATOLL ON NOVEMBER 2-3.