

(TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMM. MEETING)

SAIPAN, OCT. 11 (MNS) ⁷⁴---THE SAIPAN CONTINENTAL HOTEL WILL BE THE SITE OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMMISSION NEXT WEEK, ACCORDING TO WILLIAM ALLEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION. WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT THE SIX OF THE SEVEN COMMISSIONERS WILL ATTEND THE IMPORTANT MEETING. File
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IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF OBSERVERS REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES WILL SIT IN ON THE SESSIONS. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH, AND WILL CONCLUDE OCTOBER 18.

THE AGENDA WILL COVER POLICY DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE TERRITORIAL HOUSING PROGRAM AND WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS OF FEDERAL AND INTERNATIONAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. THE ESTABLISHMENT AND RECRUITMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE STAFF FOR THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO BE REVIEWED.

THE COMMISSIONERS ARE: WILLIAM ALLEN, CHAIRMAN; AND MEMBER AT LARGE; JESUS T. LIZAMA, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER FROM THE MARIANAS DISTRICT; SANTIAGO JOAB, SECRETARY, AND MEMBER FROM PONAPE DISTRICT; SACHUO BULICHE, OF TRUK; HENRY SAMUEL OF THE MARSHALLS; AND FRANCIS DEFNGIN OF YAP. MR. HARUO REMELIUK OF PALAU WILL OBSERVE THE MEETING WHILE WAITING HIS CONFIRMATION HEARINGS BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AS HOUSING COMMISSIONER OF PALAU DISTRICT.

THE STAFF OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION IS COORDINATING THE COMMISSION MEETINGS.

(MILITARY OFFICERS TO VISIT PALAU, YAP AND MARIANAS)

SAIPAN, OCT. 11 (MNS)---THREE MILITARY OFFICERS WILL VISIT SAIPAN, TINIAN, YAP AND PALAU DISTRICTS THIS MONTH FOR AN INDOCTRINATION AND FAMILIARIZATION TOUR, ACCORDING TO LT. B.H. BATEMAN, DEPUTY TRUST TERRITORY MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER.

THE THREE ARE AIR FORCE COLONEL D. M. MURRANE, NAVY COMMANDER E. A. BRELAND, AND AIR FORCE LT. COL. G. W. MACLAIN.

THE GROUP PLANS TO VISIT PELELIU AND ANGAUR IN PALAU DISTRICT, AND THEN HEAD FOR YAP WHERE THEY PLAN TO VISIT THE COAST GUARD LORAN STATION.

WHILE IN PALAU, THE MILITARY OFFICIALS WILL MEET WITH THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, AND OTHER PALAUAN LEADERS FOR DISCUSSIONS PERTAINING TO CIVIC ACTION TEAM PROGRAM. THE GROUP WILL ALSO MEET WITH THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF CAT TEAM AND WILL VISIT SELECTED PROJECT SITES.

THE MILITARY OFFICERS WILL BEGIN THEIR TOUR ON OCTOBER 22 AND END ON OCTOBER 30.

(STRIKE PROTECTION BILL OKAYED)

SAIPAN, OCT. 11 (FROM DATELINE)---A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE U.S. CONGRESS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS UNANIMOUSLY GIVEN ITS APPROVAL TO A BILL THAT WOULD OFFER PROTECTION TO THE TRUST TERRITORY AND OTHER AMERICAN ISLAND TERRITORIES IN THE PACIFIC FROM THE EFFECTS OF DOCK STRIKES ON THE U.S. WEST COAST.

ACCORDING TO A GANNETT NEWS SERVICE ARTICLE IN PACIFIC DATELINE, THE AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER ON GUAM, THE ACTION MOVES THE BILL UP TO THE FULL INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE COMMITTEE, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO ACT ON THE BILL THIS WEEK.

THE BILL HAS BEEN STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY HAWAII'S REPRESENTATIVES IN THE CONGRESS, SENATORS DANIEL INOUE AND HIRAM FONG, AND REPRESENTATIVES PATSY MINK AND SPARK MATSUNAGE.

THE MEASURE WOULD EXEMPT HAWAII, GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA AND THE TRUST TERRITORY FROM THE FIRST 150 DAYS OF ANY MARITIME STRIKES OR LOCK-OUTS ORIGINATING IN CALIFORNIA, OREGON OR WASHINGTON STATE. IT WOULD NOT APPLY TO DOCK STRIKES ORIGINATING IN THE ISLANDS, THE DATELINE ARTICLE SAID.

THE SENATE HAS ALREADY PASSED A SIMILAR BILL.

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DURING DOCK STRIKES IN THE U.S. IN RECENT YEARS, SHIPPING TO THE ISLANDS IN THE PACIFIC HAS BEEN SEVERELY AFFECTED, AND SHORTAGES OF SOME FOODSTUFFS AND OTHER ITEMS HAVE RESULTED, ESPECIALLY IN HAWAII.

(FORD DECLARES AMERICAN SAMOA DISASTER AREA)

SAIPAN, OCT. 11 (FROM SAMOAN INFORMATION BULLETIN)---PRESIDENT GERALD FORD HAS DECLARED AMERICAN SAMOA A DISASTER AREA AS A RESULT OF THE IMPACT OF A FOUR-MONTH DROUGHT THAT HAS LEFT THE SOUTH PACIFIC TERRITORY VIRTUALLY WITHOUT SAFE WATER SUPPLIES.

THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION WILL PERMIT THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS IN RELIEF AND RECOVERY EFFORTS IN DESIGNATED AREAS, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICE OF SAMOAN INFORMATION IN PAGO PAGO.

IN A CABLE TO GOVERNOR JOHN M. HAYDON, WHO REQUESTED THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE LATE LAST MONTH, FORD SAID HIS ACTION WILL PROVIDE FUNDS FOR DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED AS A RESULT OF THE DROUGHT. FEDERAL OFFICIALS WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION TO DETERMINE WHAT OTHER ASSISTANCE MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE, THE OSI SAID.

THE PRESIDENT SAID THE FEDERAL RELIEF ACTIVITIES IN AMERICAN SAMOA WILL BE COORDINATED BY THE FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATOR, PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD).

AMERICAN SAMOA HAS GONE NEARLY FOUR MONTHS WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT RAINFALL, AND GOVERNOR HAYDON INDICATED IN HIS REQUEST TO THE PRESIDENT THAT THE TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT IS NO LONGER ABLE TO PROVIDE DRINKABLE WATER BY U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS TO MOST OF AMERICAN SAMOA'S 28,500 PEOPLE.

(DENGUE FEVER CONFERENCE)

MANILA, OCT. 11 (MNS)---BASIC SANITATION IS A FUNDAMENTAL MEASURE IN THE CONTROL OF THE VECTOR MOSQUITO OF DENGUE HAEMORRHAGIC FEVER (DHA), ACCORDING TO A RELEASE ISSUED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO).

THIS MEANS THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE PIPED WATER SUPPLY. WHERE WATER CONTAINERS ARE USED, THEY MUST BE CLEANED REGULARLY. POTENTIAL BREEDING SITES OF THE MOSQUITO "AEDES AEGYPTI," SUCH AS EMPTY CANS, BOTTLES, AND DISCARDED TIRES SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY.

THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION REGIONAL COMMITTEE'S 25TH SESSION IN KUALA LUMPUR CONCLUDED THAT THESE BASIC SANITARY MEASURES ARE NECESSARY TO REDUCE OR CONTROL THE MOSQUITO.

THIS TYPE OF MOSQUITO TRANSMITS DENGUE FEVER, (DHF) WHICH ERUPTED IN EPIDEMIC PROPORTION IN SEVERAL WESTERN PACIFIC COUNTRIES THIS YEAR.

THE MARSHALL ISLANDS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY IS ONE OF THE AREAS THAT HAVE REPORTED SEVERAL CASES OF DENGUE FEVER RECENTLY, THE WHO RELEASE REPORTS. DHF IS A SEVERE FORM OF DENGUE FEVER WHICH OCCURS PREDOMINANTLY AMONG CHILDREN FROM 1 TO 15 YEARS OF AGE.

THERE IS NO KNOWN MEDICINE OR VACCINE WHICH CAN CURE OR PREVENT THE DISEASE, THE RELEASE SAID.

THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS CONCLUDED THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD GIVE PRIORITY TO THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MOSQUITO SURVILLANCE AND CONTROL. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THE NECESSARY SPRAYING EQUIPMENT AND INSECTICIDES FOR CONTROLLING THE MOSQUITO ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN MOST COUNTRIES.

THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS GROUP SAID WHO SHOULD PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THE VARIOUS TYPES OF EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE AND THEIR ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES. WHO WAS ALSO ASKED TO WORK OUT A GUIDELINE ON THE MINIMUM QUANTITIES OF SPRAYING EQUIPMENT AND INSECTICIDE REQUIRED FOR REPRESENTATIVE AREAS.

THE GROUP ASKED THAT FURTHER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE

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PROVIDED PARTICULARLY FOR THE CONTROL OF DHF OUTBREAKS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL VECTOR CONTROL UNITS.

EACH YEAR DURING ITS ANNUAL MEETING, REPRESENTATIVES TO THE WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE AGREE TO DISCUSS A HEALTH SUBJECT OF CURRENT IMPORTANCE.

THIS YEAR'S TOPIC WAS "THE CONTROL OF VECTOR MOSQUITO OF DENGUE HAEMORRHAGIC FEVER."

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISCUSSIONS WAS CHEONG WENG HOI, SENIOR ENTOMOLOGIST, INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH, KUALA LUMPUR.

(SABLAN PROMOTED CHIEF)

SAIPAN, OCT. 11 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION VICTORINO T. BORJA, HAS ANNOUNCED THE PROMOTION OF GREGORIO B. SABLAN TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF, KAGMAN RELAY/CONTROL STATION. SABLAN IS FROM SAIPAN.

"GREG" SABLAN HAS BEEN THE ASSISTANT CHIEF SINCE 1967, AND HAS SERVED AS ACTING CHIEF AT VARIOUS TIMES.

HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED IN COMMUNICATIONS CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 1955.

THE NEW CHIEF REPLACES CLYDE A. BENGE, WHO WAS RECENTLY REASSIGNED TO THE POSITION OF OPERATIONS PROCEDURES TRAINING OFFICER. BENGE, A VETERAN TRUST TERRITORY EMPLOYEE, HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE TRUST TERRITORY SINCE 1958.

AFTER SERVING TOURS OF DUTY IN KOROR AND IN TRUK, HE CAME TO THE RELAY/CONTROL STATION IN 1966. HIS BROAD EXPERIENCE INCLUDING SPECIALIZED TRAINING AT THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TRAINING ACADEMY IN OKLAHOMA, WILL PROVE INVALUABLE IN HIS NEW POSITION AS TRAINING OFFICER, BORJA SAID.

(NEW COOPS OFFICER NAMED FOR MARSHALLS)

SAIPAN, OCTOBER 11 (MNS)---COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD CHAIRMAN EUSEBIO RECHUCHER HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF JIM CLARK OF PERTH, AUSTRALIA AS THE NEW AGRICULTURE COOPERATIVES OFFICER FOR THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

CLARK, 54, WILL ARRIVE IN MAJURO SATURDAY (OCT. 12) TO TAKE UP HIS NEW DUTIES, WHICH WILL INVOLVE PRIMARILY THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVES FOR COPRA MEETINGS.

A NATIVE OF ENGLAND, CLARK HAS WORKED IN ZAMBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA, AND WAS FOR 14 YEARS THE COOPERATIVES OFFICER IN UGANDA, IN AFRICA, WITH THE BRITISH COLONIAL SERVICE. HE RETIRED FROM THE SERVICE IN 1964, RETURNING TO ENGLAND FOR A TIME BEFORE MOVING TO PERTH TO WORK WITH THE PORT AUTHORITY IN THAT WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CITY.

IN 1970 CLARK WENT TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA ON WHAT WAS TO HAVE BEEN A TWO-YEAR ASSIGNMENT. HE REMAINED THERE FOR FOUR AND A HALF YEARS, WORKING WITH COOPERATIVE PROJECTS ON THE ISLAND OF NEW BRITAIN AND IN THE NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS, AND TEACHING COOPERATIVE LAW AND COOPERATION AT THE COOPERATIVE COLLEGE IN PORT MORESBY.

CLARK IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN, ONE OF WHOM WILL ACCOMPANY HE AND HIS WIFE TO MAJURO.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: BECAUSE MONDAY, OCTOBER 14 IS A LEGAL HOLIDAY, THERE WILL BE NO MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE DISPATCH FOR THAT DAY. THE NEXT MNS DISPATCH WILL BE DATED OCTOBER 13)