

(HICOM HEADS PIDC)

SAIPAN, OCT. 16 (MNS) ²⁴ TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON OFFICIALLY BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PIDC) WEDNESDAY (OCT. 16), UPON THE RESIGNATION FROM OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JOHN M. HAYDON OF AMERICAN SAMOA. R165

THE PIDC IS HEADED BY FOUR COMMISSIONERS, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA, HAWAII AND THE TRUST TERRITORY, AND THE PRESIDENCY ROTATES AMONG THEM ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. GOVERNOR JACK BURNS OF HAWAII WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT, IN 1971-'72, AND HE WAS FOLLOWED, IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, BY GOVERNOR CARLOS G. CAMACHO OF GUAM, AND GOVERNOR HAYDON. HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON WAS TO HAVE BECOME PRESIDENT IN 1975, BUT THE DATE WAS ADVANCED FOLLOWING GOVERNOR HAYDON'S RESIGNATION.

THE HICOM SAID THIS WEEK ON SAIPAN THAT THE NEXT TWO MAJOR PIDC MEETINGS WILL BOTH TAKE PLACE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. IN FEBRUARY, 1975, THE FULL COMMISSION WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN TRUK DISTRICT. IN AUGUST OF NEXT YEAR, THE PIDC TOURISM CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SAIPAN. THE HICOM WILL OFFICIALLY HOST BOTH MEETINGS.

THE PACIFIC ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND ITS SUBSIDIARY, THE PACIFIC TUNA DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, ARE NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS INCORPORATED IN THE STATE OF HAWAII. THEY ARE DEDICATED TO THE FOSTERING OF REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AMONG THE AMERICAN ISLAND AREAS OF THE PACIFICK.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(TT REPRESENTED AT FIJI CEREMONIES)

SAIPAN, OCT. 16 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---SAYING THAT HE WAS "DEEPLY HONORED TO REPRESENT MICRONESIA" AND THAT THE CEREMONIES WERE "DIGNIFIED, COLORFUL,... AND EFFICIENT," CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY DESCRIBED HIS PARTICIPATION IN CELEBRATIONS MARKING FIJI'S FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE ON OCTOBER 10, 1874.

SPEAKER HENRY, IN A LETTER TO THE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, REMARKED THAT THE CEREMONIES, WHICH ALSO MARKED THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF A FORMAL LINK BETWEEN GREAT BRITIAN AND FIJI, WERE ALSO "UNIQUE, VARRIED, AND WELL-ATTENDED."

THE SPEAKER WAS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY AND THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA AT THE COMMEMORATION, WHICH TOOK PLACE FROM OCTOBER 8 TO OCTOBER 12.

HEADING THE EVENTS WAS HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCE OF WALES (PRINCE CHARLES, HEIR TO THE BRITISH THRONE). THE FORMAL "LINK" BETWEEN FIJI AND BRITAIN WAS MADE ON OCTOBER 10, 1974, WHEN FIJIAN CHIEFS, HEADED BY RATU CAKOBAU, VOLUNTARILY CEDED, OR GAVE, POSSESSION AND FULL SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ISLANDS TO THEN QUEEN VICTORIA.

ACCORDING TO SPEAKER HENRY, "IN THE WORDS OF PRIME MINISTER RATU SIR KAMISESE MARA, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BRITISH CROWN AND FIJI HAS BEEN ONE OF TRUST AND FRIENDSHIP AS WELL AS A UNIFYING INFLUENCE."

BESIDES PRINCE CHARLES, OTHER VISITING DIGNITARIES INCLUDED THE PRIME MINISTERS OF AUSTRALIA AND TONGA, THE PRESIDENT OF NAURU, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO NEW ZEALAND AND FIJI, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND HOUSE SPEAKER OF AMERICAN SAMOA AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION. OTHER COUNTRIES REPRESENTED WERE NEW ZEALAND, BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS, WESTERN SAMOA, COOK ISLANDS.

BRITISH NEW HEBRIDES, INDIA AND FRANCE.

SOME OF THE EVENTS DURING THE CELEBRATION WERE AN UNVEILING BY PRINCE CHARLES OF A PLAQUE COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEED OF CESSION ON LEVUKA; A VISIT TO THE HOME ISLAND OF CHIEF CAKOBAU; A PARADE BY THE ROYAL FIJI MILITARY FORCES, AS WELL AS SPORTS EVENTS, FIREWORKS DISPLAYS, MUSIC FESTIVALS, AND ENTERTAINMENT AND RECEPTIONS INCLUDING A STATE DINNER GIVEN BY THE FIJI PRIME MINISTER AND A RECEPTION BY GOVERNOR GENERAL RATU SIR GEORGE CAKOBAU.

SPEAKER HENRY CONCLUDED HIS LETTER BY REMARKING THAT THE PEOPLE IN FIJI WERE ESPECIALLY "OUTSTANDING" IN THEIR HOSPITALITY TO THEIR GUESTS AND THAT "IT IS COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT FIJI IS TAKING A LEADING ROLE AMONG PACIFIC NATIONS."

(TWO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED)

SAIPAN, OCT. 16 (MNS)---APPLICATIONS FROM A CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FIRM AND A HOTEL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY WERE RECEIVED LAST WEEK, ACCORDING TO THE WEEKLY REPORT OF FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.

HOLMES AND NARVER, INC., A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES COMPANY LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA, HAS APPLIED FOR A PERMIT TO DO BUSINESS IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT IN CONJUNCTION WITH W. CARLTON HAWPE AND ASSOCIATES. HAWPE IS A RESIDENT OF THE MARSHALLS.

THE COMPANY PROPOSES TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING, PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT IF THEIR PERMIT APPLICATION IS APPROVED. HOLMES AND NARVER RECENTLY COMPLETED WORK ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE CLEANUP AND REHABILITATION OF ENEWETAK ATOLL. JAMES R. JOHNSON AND EARL P. GILMORE ARE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF THE COMPANY. BOTH ARE FROM ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA.

THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE MARSHALLS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATION.

IN THE MARIANAS, A COMPANY TO BE KNOWN AS M.I.C. CORPORATION HAS ASKED FOR A FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A RESORT HOTEL ON THE ISLAND OF ROTA. A MAJORITY OF THE STOCK IN THE COMPANY IS OWNED BY MICRONESIAN I COMPANY, LTD., OF JAPAN, WHICH IS A JOINT VENTURE OF JAPAN GRACE CO. LTD. AND THE SONY CORPORATION.

LISTED AS PRESIDENT OF M.I.C. CORPORATION IS SHIGEYUKI TAKADA OF JAPAN. CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS MARIA C. MENDIOLA OF ROTA, AND THE COMPANY'S LOCAL AGENT IN ROTA, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IS ANTONIO C. ATALIG, THE MAYOR OF ROTA.

THIS APPLICATION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE MARIANAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION.

(ABE CONFERENCE)

SAIPAN, OCT. 16 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY'S ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE) SPECIALISTS ARE ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK MEETING ON CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENTS FOR ADULTS. THE MEETING IS BEING HELD AT THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TWOFOLD. ONE, TO DEVELOP CURRICULUM MATERIALS FOR ABE IN THE AREA OF SELF-GOVERNMENT, WORKING IN COOPERATION WITH THE EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT (ESG) MATERIALS AND PROGRAM. "OUR INTENT IS TO DEVELOP A READING MATERIAL FOR ADULTS AND STUDENTS THAT INCLUDES DESCRIPTION OF LOCAL CUSTOMS AS WELL AS DISCUSSIONS OF THE POLITICAL OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF MICRONESIA," ACCORDING TO DR. BETTY TUCK, DIRECTOR OF ADULT BASIC EDUCATION STAFF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FAR

WEST LABORATORY FOR EDUCATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AT SAN FRANCISCO. THE BOOKS WILL BE PRINTED IN EACH OF THE LOCAL LANGUAGE.

THE OTHER PURPOSE IS TO DISCUSS HOW TO TRAIN TEACHERS TO USE THE MATERIALS AND ALSO TRAINING ABE SPECIALISTS TO CONDUCT WORKSHOPS OF THIS TYPE. THIS PART OF A THREE-YEAR PLAN TO STRENGTHEN ADULT EDUCATION IN MICRONESIA.

THE PROJECT IS SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND THE FAR WEST LABORATORY FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

DR. TUCK, ALONG WITH JOSEPH OAKY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, WROTE THE PROPOSAL AND SENT IT TO WASHINGTON LAST YEAR TO GET THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UNDERWAY.

FELIX RABAULIMAN, COORDINATOR FOR ADULT EDUCATION, CALLED THE MEETING AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ABE STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

JOHN LAUE, WHO HAS BEEN TRAVELING THROUGHOUT THE TT COLLECTING AUTHENTIC INFORMATION FROM THE ABE SPECIALISTS TO CREATE STORIES ABOUT MICRONESIANS, IS SPENDING THIS WEEK WITH THE GROUP TO DETERMINE THE ACCURACY AND AUTHENTICITY OF THE STORIES HE COLLECTED.

DR. JOHN ROMISHER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM, WHOSE POSITION IS SUPPORTED PARTLY BY THE TT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON GUAM, AND THE ABE PROJECT, WILL BE SPENDING HALF OF HIS TIME ON GUAM COLLECTING MATERIALS FOR CURRICULUM WHICH WILL BE USED IN THE PROJECTS. THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM IS THE POSSIBLE SITE FOR STAFF TRAINING. THE TRAINEES WILL RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDITS FOR THEIR WORK.

ACCORDING TO DR. TUCKER, "MICRONESIANS HAVE MOVED A LONG WAY TOWARD AN IDEA OF LIFELONG LEARNING. THIS WORKSHOP WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARD ONE'S KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH AND ALSO TOWARD AN APPRECIATION OF EACH OTHERS LOCAL CUSTOMS AND THE COMPLEXITIES OF POLITICAL OPTIONS THAT MICRONESIA IS FACING."

ATTENDING THE WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE ARE: CARMEN BIGLER MILNE, FROM THE MARSHALLS; EDWARD EDGAR, FROM PONAPE; NET SANGUA AND RERAT ROBERT FROM TRUK; JOHN TEHARAGNE FROM YAP; VICTOR JOSEPH FROM PALAU, AND HERMAN SABLAN AND RICARDO MARCIANO FROM SAIPAN.

(FIREMEN TO ATTEND TRAINING)

SAIPAN, OCT. 17 (MNS)---NINE TRUST TERRITORY FIREMEN ARE SLATED TO LEAVE FRIDAY (OCT. 18) FOR A ONE-MONTH TRAINING COURSE AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN CALIFORNIA.

THE TRAINING IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE TWIN VALLY TRAINING OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND THE DENVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT. PART OF THE TRAINING WILL BE HELD AT THE LAWRENCE LIVERMORE RADIATION LABORATORY LOCATED IN LIVERMORE, THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTRY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, WHERE THEY WILL BE RECEIVING FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING.

ACCORDING TO TOM BRENNAN, FIRE PROTECTION SPECIALIST, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, THE FIREMEN WILL BE MOVED AROUND TO DIFFERENT PLACES AT CERTAIN PHASES OF THE TRAINING. HE ADDED THAT THE FIREMEN WILL BE STAYING IN LOCAL FIRE STATIONS AS PART OF THEIR TRAINING, RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES WITH THE LOCAL FIREMEN THERE.

CAPTAIN ED MACBAIN, HEAD OF THE TWIN VALLEY TRAINING OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, IS COORDINATING THE TRAINING PROGRAM. THE TRUST TERRITORY TRAINING DIVISION PROVIDED THE FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM.

ATTENDING THE TRAINING ARE: JOHN ALBERT, PONAPE DISTRICT; TORIBIUS BOMTOM, FROM YAP; JELKE JELKAN, FROM THE MARSHALLS;

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NANGASA SOSTIN, FROM TRUK; MEROL NGIRMERIIL FROM PALAU; AND JOSE
A. CAMACHO, GREGORIO S. ADA, AMBROSIO MANAGRERO AND PEDRO L. PUA
FROM THE MARIANAS.