

(DR. HICKING DIES)

SAIPAN, OCTOBER 24 (MNS) ~~THE~~ TRUST TERRITORY LOST ONE OF ITS MOST DEDICATED AND HARD WORKING DOCTORS WEDNESDAY NIGHT (OCT. 23). file

DR. AROBATI HICKING, TRUST TERRITORY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES DIED AT HIS HOUSE OF AN APPARENT HEART ATTACK AT 10:45 P.M. HE WAS 53 YEARS OLD. 11

SPECIAL CONSULTANT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER DWIGHT HEINE, SAID THAT, "DR. HICKING'S SERVICES ARE APPRECIATED BY ALL THOSE WHO KNEW HIM WELL. BECAUSE OF HIS HIGH STANDARD OF SERVICES AND HIS DUTIES, HIS PASSING AWAY IS INDEED A BIG LOSS TO OUR TERRITORY.

"DR. HICKING AND I FIRST MET IN AUGUST 17, 1945, TWO DAYS AFTER THE JAPANESE SURRENDERED. I MET HIM IN KUSAIE. THE JAPANESE PICKED HIM UP ON OCEAN ISLANDS WHERE HE WAS A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER AND BROUGHT HIM TO WORK FOR THE JAPANESE SOLDIERS ON KUSAIE ISLAND. WITH THE ARRIVAL OF AMERICAN FORCES, THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY PUT HIM TO WORK FOR THEM AND HE HAS BEEN WITH THE TRUST TERRITORY EVER SINCE.

"AFTER KUSAIE HE CAME TO MAJURO, AND IN 1955 ALONG WITH ME, WE WERE THE FIRST TWO MICRONESIANS TO HEAD DEPARTMENTS IN A DISTRICT. HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND I WAS THE EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT. HE HAS MANY FRIENDS IN PONAPE AS WELL AS IN THE MARSHALLS AND IN ALL THE DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA," HEINE SAID.

IN A MESSAGE TO ALL SIX DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, THE SPECIAL CONSULTANT HEINE STATED: "IT IS WITH SADNESS THAT I INFORM YOU THAT DR. AROBATI HICKING PASSED AWAY AT 10:45 P.M. OCTOBER 23, 1974."

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY DR. MASAO KUMANGAI SAID, "I AM SHOCKED AND SADDENED THAT WE LOST A PERSON WHO HAS SPENT HIS ENTIRE LIFE IN DEVOTED HEALTH SERVICES IN MICRONESIA. THIS IS A GREAT LOSS TO ALL THE HEALTH SERVICES PERSONNEL AND MICRONESIA AS A WHOLE."

DR. KUMANGAI ADDED THAT DR. HICKING WAS AT WORK WEDNESDAY WHOLE DAY.

DR. HICKING ATTENDED KING GEORGE V SCHOOL, IN TARAWA; GRADUATED AT THE CENTRAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, IN SUVA, FIJI IN 1940; ATTENDED THE SCHOOL OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, U.S. NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER ON GUAM IN 1947; HILO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN HAWAII FOR TWO YEARS; AND ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION FOR ONE YEAR.

DR. HICKING FIRST CAME TO THE TRUST TERRITORY FROM THE GILBERTS AND WORK IN KUSAIE IN 1942. HE WAS A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER IN KUSAIE AND PONAPE DISTRICTS. HE WAS ALSO A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER IN THE MARSHALLS ISLANDS FROM 1952-55. DR. HICKING WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PROMPTED TO DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE MARSHALLS FROM 1955-59. FROM 1960-1969, HE WAS A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES ASSIGNED TO YAP AND THE MARSHALLS. HE WAS APPOINTED IT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES IN 1969.

THE LATE DOCTOR HAVE ATTENDED NUMEROUS SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES OUTSIDE THE TRUST TERRITORY AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT. LAST WEEK, HE RETURNED FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION SEMINAR HELD IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES TO FIND OUT WAYS OF IMPROVING THE TRAINING AND USE OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS.

DR. HICKING HELD MEMBERSHIPS IN THE MICRONESIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, MICRONESIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, AND A FORMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS FOR

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LICENSING IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

HE IS ALSO THE AUTHOR OF A MEDICAL TREATISE CALLED
"COCONUT WATER--ITS POTENTIAL AS A NATURAL PARENTERAL
FLUID"

DR. HICKING IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ANATAKAI AND EIGHT
CHILDREN. ACCORDING TO DR. KUMANGAI, DR. HICKING'S REMAINS
IS BEING PREPARED TO BE REPATRIATED TO TARAWA IN THE GILBERT
AND ELLICE ISLANDS FOR BURIAL.