

(YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAMS)

SAIPAN, OCT. 29 (MNS) ⁷⁴ - PROJECT COMPLETION REPORTS WERE RELEASED THIS WEEK ON THE TRUST TERRITORY'S FIRST YEAR OF PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS (YCC) PROGRAM, ACCORDING TO THE HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. File 11

OPERATING UNDER A \$25,000 GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, THREE DISTRICTS (MARIANAS, YAP AND TRUK) WERE ABLE TO CARRY OUT CONSERVATION WORK PROJECTS THIS PAST SUMMER. BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS 15 THRU 18 YEARS OF AGE PARTICIPATED.

IN TRUK A TEAM OF EIGHT YCC ENROLLEES PRODUCED A BOOKLET CALLED 32 WAYS TO CONSERVE. ANOTHER GROUP OF 20 ASSISTED IN CLEARING VARIOUS WOODEN VILLAGES OF 23 ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES AND THEN BEGAN WORK ON A PUBLIC PARK BEING DEVELOPED NEAR THE MARAMAR HOTEL. A THIRD GROUP OF 12 YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS MEMBERS STUDIED THE MANY ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE TRUK HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

ANOTHER GROUP ACCOMPANIED SANITATION STAFF WORKERS ON THEIR INSPECTION TRIPS TO LOCAL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND OBSERVED WATER SAFETY INSPECTION PROCEDURES. PUBLIC WORKS, HEALTH SERVICES, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION ALL PROVIDED IMPORTANT SUPPORT TO THE TRUK YCC PROGRAM.

IN YAP THE YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS TEAM PRODUCED NUMEROUS POSTERS DESIGNED MAINLY TO HALT POLLUTION, CARRIED OUT EXTENSIVE CLEAN-UP OF CANS AND BOTTLES AROUND COLONIA AND PLANTED COCONUT AND FLAME TREES ALONG THE MAIN ROAD. ONE SPECIAL PROJECT CALLED YCC LIBRARY CORNERS PROVIDED CONSERVATION EDUCATION MATERIALS TO VARIOUS LIBRARIES IN YAP.

THE MARIANAS PROGRAM WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY A HOUSE-TO-HOUSE WATER WASTAGE SURVEY CONDUCTED BY 15 YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS ENROLLEES. EVERY HOUSES ON SAIPAN WAS VISITED. THE WATER LEAKING FROM ANY FAUCETS OR EXPOSED PIPES WAS MEASURED AND IT WAS FOUND THAT OVER 98,200 GALLONS OF WATER PER DAY IS BEING LOST ON SAIPAN THROUGH LEAKING FAUCETS AND EXPOSED HOUSEHOLD PIPES.

SEVENTEEN OTHER YOUNGSTERS WORKED TO UPGRADE THE LAND NATURE TRAIL TO BIRD ISLAND. A BARBECUE PIT AND BENCHES WERE ALSO CONSTRUCTED NEAR THE BIRD ISLAND BEACH AREA. TRAIL SIGNS EXPLAINING INTERESTING PLANTS AND ANIMALS IN THE AREA WERE ALSO BEGUN.

FINALLY A MARIANAS TEAM OF EIGHT YCC ENROLLEES PRODUCED AN ECOLOGY BOOKLET WITH GAMES AND PUZZLES FOR USE IN ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE CLASSES. PERMANENT ECOLOGY SIGNS WERE ALSO PLACED ON MICRO BEACH, PAUPAU BEACH, AND GROTTO AND BIRD ISLAND TO REMIND ALL VISITORS TO HELP CONSERVE SAIPAN'S NATURAL BEAUTY. DISTRICT PUBLIC WORKS, PLANNING OFFICER, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALL PROVIDED MAJOR SUPPORT TO THIS SUMMER'S YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS PROJECTS ON SAIPAN.

(BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY)

SAIPAN, OCT. 29 (MNS) --- TWO BUSINESS PERMITS WERE ISSUED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, ONE PERMIT AMENDED, NO NEW APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED AND NONE WERE TURNED DOWN DURING THE PAST WEEK, ACCORDING TO THE WEEKLY REPORT FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.

ISSUED, BOTH FOR PONAPE DISTRICT, WERE PERMITS FOR TWO PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRMS, PALMER, WIGGS AND HESTON INCORPORATE AND THE FILIPINO FIRM OF JOAQUIN CUNANAN AND COMPANY.

PALMER AND WIGGS AND HESTON INCORPORATED HAS APPLIED FOR PERMITS TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN ALL SIX DISTRICTS, AND IS PRESENTLY OPERATING IN THE MARIANAS, PALAU, AND YAP. THE APPLICATION IS STILL PENDING IN THE MARSHALLS AND TRUK DISTRICTS. 11738

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

DUTY FREE SHOPPERS LIMITED, IN ADDITION TO ITS RIGHT TO OPERATE FROM HOTEL ARCADES ON SAIPAN, HAS BEEN GRANTED AN AMENDMENT TO "OPERATE OR ESTABLISH ONE, AND ONLY ONE, NON-HOTEL RETAIL SHOP, PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT DUTY FREE SHOPPERS LIMITED WILL ACTIVELY SEEK A HOTEL SHOP LOCATION, AND THAT THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE SUCH A NON-HOTEL SHOP SHALL BE THE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD."

THE COMPANY ALSO HAS A PERMIT TO OPERATE A CONCESSION AT THE NEW SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT ISLEY FIELD.

(PONAPE U.N. ACTIVITIES)

PONAPE, OCT. 29 (MNS)---PONAPE DISTRICT, ALONG WITH THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA, CELEBRATED THE 1974 UNITED NATIONS DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY WITH A GALA QUEEN CONTEST, BASEBALL, WATER AND FIELD EVENTS.

THE U.N. CELEBRATION ON PONAPE STARTED SATURDAY NIGHT (OCT. 19), WHEN THE 1974 QUEENS CONTEST WAS HELD IN KOLONIA, THE DISTRICT CENTER, AMONG THE QUEEN CONTESTANTS TO DETERMINE THE U.N. DAY QUEEN.

SIX CONTESTANTS, REPRESENTING THE FIVE MUNICIPALITIES OF PONAPE, COMPETED IN THE CONTEST BY SELLING TICKETS TO THE PUBLIC, AND THE GIRL SELLING THE MOST TICKETS WOULD BE DECLARED THE WINNER. DURING THE QUEEN'S CELEBRATION SATURDAY NIGHT, ROSALINA MENDIOLA OF KOLONIA, WAS PROCLAIMED THE WINNER AND THUS EVENTUALLY BECAME THE PONAPE'S U.N. DAY QUEEN FOR 1974. THE 19-YEAR OLD GIRL, DAUGHTER OF PROMINENT BUSINESSMAN LEE MENDIOLA, IS A SENIOR AT PICS HIGH SCHOOL.

BASEBALL GAMES WERE PLAYED ON SUNDAY (OCT. 20). DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR LEO A. FALCAM AND HIS WIFE, MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, LOCAL DIGNITARIES AND MORE THAN A THOUSAND SPECTATORS ASSEMBLED AT THE BASEBALL FIELD TO WATCH THE BASEBALL EVENTS.

A TEAM FROM UH MUNICIPALITY, MS. DAL LOAL, WON THE WOMEN'S SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COMPETITION, PICS DEFEATED PATS WITH A SCORE OF 7 TO 4 WINNING THE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP. IN MEN'S BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES BETWEEN METALANIM'S LUCKY STAR (1973 CHAMPION) AND KITI'S ON SAKAUEN PONPEI, METALANIM CAME OUT ON TOP DEFEATING KITI 7 TO 5.

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OF THE U.N. DAY ACTIVITIES WERE THE WATER EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY (OCT. 21). BOTH SWIMMING AND DIVING COMPETITION WERE WON BY NETT MUNICIPALITY.

TUESDAY, (OCT. 22) TRADITIONAL DANCES COMPETITION AND AGRICULTURE FAIR COMPETITION WERE HELD AND NETT AGAIN WON BOTH. THE FIELD EVENTS, WHICH CLIMAXED THE UN FESTIVITIES ON OCTOBER 24, HAD EVENTS SUCH AS 100 METER DASH, CROSS-COUNTRY RUN AND MANY OTHERS.

UH MUNICIPALITY, 1973 FIELD EVENTS CHAMPION, WON AGAIN WITH A SCORE OF 245, FOLLOWED BY KITI AND METALANIM WITH 146 EACH, SOKEHS, 96, NETT 49, AND NUKUORO 9.

ALWIHS EDMOND FROM NETT WON THE MEN'S 100 METER DASH IN 11.3 SECONDS, IN SPITE OF RAINY WEATHER AND SLIPPERY GROUND. LEHNORA WILSON FROM METALANIM CLOCKED 13.7 SECONDS TO WIN THE WOMEN'S FINAL 100-METER DASH. KLEWIS AMOR FROM UH WON THE CROSS-COUNTRY RACE IN 45 MINUTES.

THE CROSS-COUNTRY RACE STARTED IN THE FIELD BESIDE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE, CONTINUED DOWN THE MAIN ROAD, TURNING TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA, FOLLOWING THE MAIN ROAD ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE TIP OF THE AIRPORT, RETURNING TO KASELEHLIA INN, FOLLOWING THE MAIN ROAD UP TO

THE FIELD.

HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, WHO ARRIVED ON PONAPE THURSDAY (OCT. 24), WITNESSED THE AFTERNOON'S GAMES, AND PRESENTED AWARDS TO THE WINNERS. HE FORMALLY INTRODUCED BERMIN F. WEILBACHER, NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY DISTAD FOR PONAPE DISTRICT. "DESPITE THE RAIN I AM GLAD TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE TURN OUT TO SEE THE GAMES. I AM SURE THAT WE ALL UNDERSTAND THE UN IS DEDICATED TO BRINGING PEACE TO MEN AND WOMEN ALL OVER THE WORLD," THE HICOM SAID AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE GAMES.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEW DIRECTORS: THE FOLLOWING STORY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES SHOULD BE TREATED AS AN ANNOUNCEMENT OVER THE LOCAL RADIO STATIONS FOR THE NEXT FIVE DAYS)

(HEALTH PLAN REVISED)

SAIPAN, OCT. 29 (MNS)---THE MENTAL HEALTH PLAN FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY HAS BEEN REVISED AND UPDATED FOR FISCAL 1975.

THE PLAN OUTLINES, WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES, THE APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WILL TAKE IN MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL, DRUG ABUSE AND DELINQUENCY TREATMENT AND PREVENTION SERVICES.

THE PRIORITIES DEVELOPED INCLUDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE, TRAINING OF MICRONESIAN HEALTH WORKERS IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, DECENTRALIZATION OF TREATMENT SERVICES TO TRAINED MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS IN THE DISTRICTS AND AN EMPHASIS ON ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES.

COPIES OF THE PLAN ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES IN EACH DISTRICT.

COMMENTS ON THE PLAN ARE ENCOURAGED UNTIL NOV. 22, WHEN THE PLAN WILL BE SUBMITTED FORMALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: BECAUSE THERE WILL BE SEVERAL HOURS OF ISLAND-WIDE OUTAGES DAILY ON SAIPAN FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, THE NUMBER OF MNS STORIES WILL BE REDUCED AS A RESULT.)