

(MAGISTRATES CONFERENCE/SPECIAL SESSION SET)

TRUK, OCT. 31 (MNS) 74--AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR THE 38 MUNICIPAL MAGISTRATES IN TRUK DISTRICT WILL CONVENE FRIDAY (NOV. 1) IN MOEN, THE TRUK DISTRICT CENTER, AND WILL CONTINUE FOR TEN DAYS. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD CONCURRENTLY WITH A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, A 15-DAY SESSION THAT ALSO BEGINS NOVEMBER 1.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LEGISLATURE, THE SESSION WILL DEAL WITH UNFINISHED BUSINESS, A MAJOR ITEM OF WHICH IS THE QUESTION OF RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS.

TRUK DISTRICT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER NOHA RUBEN REPORTED THIS WEEK THAT PLANS ALREADY MADE BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE CALL FOR THE MAGISTRATES CONFERENCE TO BE OPENED WITH WELCOMING REMARKS BY MOEN MAYOR FUCHITA BOSSY, DISTAD JUAN A. SABLAN, DEPUTY DISTAD MITARO DANIS, LEGISLATURE SPEAKER KOICHY SANA AND SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

SEVERAL TOPICS WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING THE CONFERENCE. THEY INCLUDE TALKS ON THE UPCOMING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATION, THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS, FOREIGN INVESTMENT POLICY, AND THE EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.

THE MAGISTRATES WILL ALSO LEARN ABOUT MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND HOW TO DEVELOP MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES. THERE WILL BE SEVERAL PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO ASSIST THE MAGISTRATES IN UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY AND TERRITORIAL PROJECTS.

ALSO ON THE AGENDA WILL BE REVIEW OF SUCH PROGRAMS AS HEALTH AND EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, AGING, PROGRAMS FOR THE HANDICAPPED, AND PUBLIC SAFETY. EXPERTS IN THESE AREAS FROM THE DISTRICT AND HEADQUARTERS LEVEL WILL BE ON HAND TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES WITH THE MAGISTRATES OF THE TERRITORY'S MOST POPULOUS DISTRICT.

(TRUK IS SITE OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS CONFAB)

TRUK, OCT. 31 (MNS)---A FIVE-DAY MEETING OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS FROM THROUGHOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL BE HELD ON MOEN, THE TRUK DISTRICT CENTER, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 10. THE LEADERS LAST MET ON PONAPE. THE UNITY OF MICRONESIA WILL BE A MAJOR THEME OF THE MEETING, ACCORDING TO TRUK PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER NOHA RUBEN.

THE LEADERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE UPCOMING MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, WITH A BRIEFING FOR THEM PLANNED BY MEMBERS OF THE PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE ON THE INTENT, SCOPE AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONCON, AS WELL AS THE ROLE OF THE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS IN THE CONVENTION.

SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA AND HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WILL BRIEF THE LEADERS ON THE PROBLEMS OF UNITY. MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS WILL REVIEW WITH THE CHIEFS THE ROLE OF THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS UNDER A NEW POLITICAL STATUS, AS WELL AS DISCUSSING WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE STATUS QUO AND THE POLITICAL ALTERNATIVES THAT ARE OPEN TO MICRONESIA.

THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS WILL ALSO MEET WITH THE 38 ELECTED MAGISTRATES OF TRUK DISTRICT, WHO WILL BE CONCLUDING THEIR OWN CONFERENCE AS THE TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETING BEGINS.

(POLICE TRAINING)

SAIPAN, OCT. 31 (MNS)---THIRTY-FIVE POLICE OFFICERS FROM THROUGHOUT THE SIX DISTRICTS WILL ATTEND A SIX-WEEK MID-MANAGEMENT TRAINING COURSE IN TRUK DISTRICT.

TRUST TERRITORY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MANNY SABLAN SAID THIS WEEK THAT COURSES WILL BE CENTERED ON POLICE ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION, RECORD MANAGEMENT, POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS, LEADERSHIP, ORGANIZATION FOR COMMAND, SPAN OF CONTROL AND CHAIN OF COMMAND, DIRECTION AND COORDINATION, INSPECTION AND CONTROL AND POLICE COMMUNICATIONS.

THE TRAINING PROGRAM IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER PHASE II, PART I OF THE TRAINING COURSE, ACCORDING TO SABLAN. PHASE I OF THE TRAINING WAS COMPLETED LAST YEAR. THE MID-MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM IS FOR LIEUTENANTS, SERGENTS, AND PATROLMEN IN RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS WHO ARE SELECTED FROM SIX DISTRICTS.

THE TRAINING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL COMPLEX ON MOEN, THE TRUK DISTRICT CENTER. THE COURSES WILL BEGIN NOVEMBER 11 AND WILL END ON DECEMBER 20.

INSTRUCTORS FOR THE TRAINING COURSE WILL BE MANNY SABLAN AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE GUAM POLICE FORCE.

ATTENDING THE COURSE WILL BE: SIX OFFICERS FROM SAIPAN; TWO FROM YAP; TWO FROM PALAU; TWO FROM MAJURO; FOUR FROM PONAPE AND 12 FROM TRUK.

(CAMPAIGN '74-TRUK)

TRUK, OCT. 31 (MNS)---TRUK DISTRICT IS THE LARGEST IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, AND ITS DELEGATION IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IS ALSO THE LARGEST, FIVE REPRESENTATIVES AND TWO SENATORS. SIX OF THOSE SEVEN ARE UP FOR RE-ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY, WHEN VOTERS THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA GO TO THE POLLS IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA GENERAL ELECTION.

WITH NO POLITICAL PARTIES, CAMPAIGNING IN TRUK IS QUIET DIFFERENT IN STYLE FROM EITHER OF THE TWO DISTRICTS WITH PARTIES, PALAU AND THE MARIANAS. THERE ARE NO CAMPAIGN SIGNS, NO RALLIES, AND VERY LITTLE OF THE POLITICAL "HOOPLA" GENERALLY ASSOCIATED WITH ELECTIONS. IN FACT, TWO OF THE INCUMBENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM TRUK HAVE NO OPPOSITION AT ALL. REPRESENTATIVES RAYMOND SITIK AND SASAUO HARUO WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ELECTED AS SOON AS THE FIRST VOTE IS CAST FOR THEM ON NOVEMBER 5, BARRING SOME UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES LIKE A WRITE-IN-CAMPAIGN, CONSIDERED HIGHLY UNLIKELY.

THE OTHER INCUMBENTS ARE NOT SO FORTUNATE. REPRESENTATIVES NASAO NAKAYAMA, MACHINE O'SONIS AND ENDY DOIS, AND SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH, ARE ALL OPPOSED IN THEIR BIDS FOR RE-ELECTION BY ONE OR MORE OPPONENTS.

SENATOR AMARAICH, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE POWERFUL SENATE JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1965.

HIS CHALLENGER THIS YEAR IS NICK BOSSY, AND OUTSPOKEN FOE OF INDEPENDENCE WHO HAS TAKEN LEAVE FROM HIS JOB AS DISTRICT PERSONNEL OFFICER TO CAMPAIGN FULL TIME. HE IS WAGING A TOUGH BATTLE, ACCORDING TO MOST OBSERVERS, TRAVELLING THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT VISITING OUTLYING MUNICIPALITIES AND VIRTUALLY GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR IN SEARCH OF VOTES AND SUPPORT.

BY CONTRAST, SENATOR AMARAICH IS NOT CAMPAIGNING AT ALL. "I FEEL IT IS NOT RIGHT FOR ME TO GO AROUND TALKING ABOUT MYSELF," HE SAID THIS WEEK ON MOEN. "THE PEOPLE KNOW WHO I AM AND WHAT I HAVE DONE. I WILL STAND ON MY RECORD." THE SENATOR DOES MEET FREQUENTLY WITH HIS SUPPORTERS, GENERALLY AT HIS HOME, AND HIS DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN TO CONSTITUENTS WITH QUESTIONS.

WHETHER THIS LOW-KEY APPROACH TO THE ELECTION WILL BE ENOUGH IN THE FACE OF CANDIDATE BOSSY'S CONCERTED EFFORT REMAINS TO BE SEEN. BOSSY IS SEEKING TO MAKE AN ISSUE OUT OF THIS SORT OF STYLE. HE CHARGES THAT SENATOR AMARAICH, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TRUK CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, HAVE FAILED TO MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT CONTACT WITH THE PEOPLE, AND HAVE NOT KEPT THEM SUFFICIENTLY INFORMED.

ANOTHER ISSUE, WHICH SENATOR AMARAICH CONCEDES WILL PROBABLY COST HIM SOME VOTES, IS THE RECENT TURNDOWN OF THE NOMINATION OF MITARO DANIS TO BECOME TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR. SENATOR AMARAICH IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS, WHICH DECLARED DANIS TO BE UNACCEPTABLE FOR THE JOB FOLLOWING RECENT HEARINGS ON SAIPAN.

DANIS IS CURRENTLY DEPUTY DISTAD, BUT THE COMMITTEE FOUND THAT HE LACKED SUPPORT AMONG THE VARIOUS LEADERSHIP GROUPS IN TRUK FOR THE JOB. POLITICAL FOES OF SENATOR AMARAICH, PARTICULARLY DANIS'S HOME AREA OF FAICHUK, ARE SEEKING TO LAY THE BLAME FOR THE REJECTION OF DANIS ON AMARAICH.

IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECES, CLOSE CONTESTS APPEAR TO BE SHAPING UP IN DISTRICT 17, WHERE HOUSE VICE-SPEAKER ENDY DOIS FACES A STRONG CHALLENGE FROM A FORMER SUPPORTER OF HIS, CHIRO ALBERT, AND IN DISTRICT 19, WHERE FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN MACHINE O'SONIS IS CHALLENGED BY KANISTO REFONOPEI.

GENERALLY, OBSERVERS SEE THESE RACES AS "TOO CLOSE TO CALL." REPRESENTATIVE MASAO NAKAYAMA, BROTHER OF SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA, IS ACCORDED AN EXCELLENT CHANCE OF RETAINING HIS DISTRICT 18 SEAT AGAINST TWO CHALLENGERS, LAMBERT AAFIN AND MASACHIRO CHRISTLIB.

BALLOT BOXES FOR TUESDAY'S ELECTION HAVE ALREADY GONE OUT TO THE OUTLYING AREAS OF TRUK DISTRICT, THE MORTLOK ISLANDS, THE HALL ISLANDS, AND THE WESTERN ISLANDS.

DISTRICT PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICIALS ARE STILL READYING FINAL LISTS OF REGISTERED VOTERS FOR THE HEAVILY POPULATED ISLANDS WITHIN THE TRUK LAGOON, AND DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE BALLOT BOXES WILL BEGIN THIS WEEKEND.

AS IN MOST DISTRICTS, THE TALLYING OF VOTES FOLLOWING THE ELECTION WILL PROBABLY TAKE SEVERAL DAYS, AND WITH THE CLOSENESS OF SOME OF THE RACES IN TRUK, THE FINAL OUTCOME COULD WELL HINGE ON THE VOTES FROM SOME OF THE MORE REMOTE, SMALLER MUNICIPALITIES.