

(PCL CONFAB BEGINS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 19 (MNS) <sup>74</sup>-THE SIXTH ANNUAL PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF LEGISLATORS (PCL) GOT UNDERWAY ON SAIPAN TUESDAY MORNING (NOV. 19). THE CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD AT THE SAIPAN CONTINENTAL HOTEL, THE ROYAL TAGA AND AT THE HIGH COURT BUILDING. FILE

TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON SPOKE BRIEFLY WELCOMING THE DELEGATES TO SAIPAN. HE RECALLED BRIEFLY THE HISTORY OF THE CONFERENCE WHEN HE FIRST ADDRESSED THE CONFEREES IN 1969, THREE DAYS AFTER HE WAS SWORN-IN AS HIGH COMMISSIONER.

MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA ALSO SPOKE. HE SAID THAT MICRONESIA IS AT THE TRESHOLD OF POLITICAL STATUS EVOLUTION AND THAT THE CONFERENCE WAS TIMELY.

SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE WAS PRESIDENT VICENTE N. SANTOS. WHO SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF LEGISLATORS IS "TO PROVIDE ALL LEGISLATORS IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC A FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCES, IDEAS, TECHNIQUES, AND TO SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE IN SOLVING COMMON PROBLEMS."

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE, LEGISLATOR DANIEL MUNA FROM SAIPAN, ALSO GAVE BRIEF REMARKS. HE WELCOMED THE PALAU DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE, WHO ARE NEW MEMBERS OF THE PCL. HE ADDED THAT YAP, PONEPE AND THE MARSHALLS HAVE SENT DELEGATIONS TO ATTEND THE MEETING MAKING IT THE FIRST TIME THE SIX DISTRICTS WILL ALL BE REPRESENTED.

MUNA TOLD THE DELEGATES THAT GUAM CONGRESSMAN ANTONIO WON PAT, CONGRESSMAN PHILLIP BURTON OF CALIFORNIA AND ADRIAN WINKEL, BURTON'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF THE OPENING OF THE U.S. CONGRESS. GUAM'S DELEGATES DID NOT ARRIVE AS SCHEDULED BECAUSE OF TUESDAY'S RUN-OFF ELECTION FOR GOVERNOR. SIR ALBERT HENRY PREMIER OF THE COOK ISLANDS WILL ALSO NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF THE INDEPENDENCE ELECTION WHICH WILL BE UNDERWAY THERE SHORTLY, MUNA SAID.

THE MORNING SESSION WAS LARGELY CEREMONIAL WITH WELCOMING REMARKS.

SEVERAL WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT THE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COURT. DR. NORMAL MELLER, PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER ON "FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS FOR DEPENDENT AREAS." ALSO PRESENT DURING THE MORNING CONFERENCE AND ALSO ONE OF THE GUEST SPEAKERS IS PHILLIP ADAMS, FROM THE STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE IS ROBERT J. ROSTHAL, DEPUTY CHIEF COUNSEL, DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN WASHINGTON. DELEGATIONS FROM TRUK, AMERICAN SAMOA, AND PONAPE ARE ALSO ATTENDING. MASTER OF CEREMONIES DURING THE MORNING SESSION WAS WILLIAM NABORS, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE.

THE CONFERENCE WILL END ON FRIDAY (NOV. 22).

(MORE TRUK ELECTION RESULTS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 19 (MNS) ---ELECTION RESULTS FROM THE LOWER AND UPPER MORTLOCK ISLANDS IN TRUK DISTRICT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AT THE HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON.

THERE ARE STILL TWO MORE AREAS LEFT TO COUNT, NAMONUITO ATOLL AND THE WESTERN ISLANDS, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED TUESDAY AFTERNOON (NOV. 19) FROM THE TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OFFICE.

LATEST RESULTS SHOW THAT INCUMBENT SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH HAS GARNERED FROM THE MORTLOCK AREAS 1,624 VOTES TO NICK BOSSY'S 54. SENATOR AMARAICH IS NOW TRAILING BOSSY BY 862 VOTES, 6,253 TO 5,391. THESE RETURNS ARE UNOFFICIAL, 12183 IT WAS NOTED.

REPRESENTATIVE RAYMOND SETIK, INCUMBENT, RUNNING UNOPPOSED, HAS RECEIVED 1,318 VOTES.

ACCORDING TO TRUK DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR MITARO DANIS, THE FIELD TRIP SHIP HAS LEFT MOEN FOR THE REMAINING AREAS TO PICK UP THE BALLOTS. THE SHIP IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO MOEN FRIDAY.

(BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY)

SAIPAN, NOV. 19 (MNS)---ONE BUSINESS APPLICATION WAS RECEIVED, ONE COMPANY'S AMENDMENT WAS DISAPPROVED, ONE PERMIT WAS ISSUED AND ONE OTHER BUSINESS CANCELLED ITS APPLICATION, ACCORDING TO THE WEEKLY REPORT OF FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.

RECEIVED DURING THE PAST WEEK WAS THE BUSINESS APPLICATION OF SUNRISE COMPANY. THE COMPANY PROPOSES TO OPERATE A BAR AND RESTAURANT, FARM, RETAIL FURNITURE, APPLIANCES AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS BUSINESS IN THE MARIANAS. ITS LOCAL AGENTS ARE JOAQUIN L.G. SABLEN AND VICENTE M. SABLAN OF SAIPAN, AND KYUNG NAM INDUSTRIAL COMPANY LIMITED OF KOREA. SUNRISE COMPANY'S ATTORNEY IS MICHAEL A. WHITE. THE COMPANY PROPOSES TO OPERATE ITS BUSINESS ON SAIPAN. THEIR APPLICATION HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

MICRONESIAN BROADCASTING COMPANY'S AMENDMENT WAS DISAPPROVED. THE AMENDMENT WAS TO INCLUDE LEASING OF BACKGROUND MUSIC TO HOTELS AND INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS. IN RECOMMENDING AGAINST THE AMENDMENT, THE MARIANAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD STATED THAT "THIS TYPE OF VENTURE COULD BE CARRIED OUT BY LOCAL CITIZENS." THE COMPANY IS NOW OPERATING A TV STATION AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF OPENING AN AM AND FM RADIO STATION ON SAIPAN.

SAND CASTLE ENTERPRISES BUSINESS PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED TO RIMIE R. AND CHARLES M. SICARD. THE COMPANY PLANS TO PROVIDE HANDICRAFT TO TRAVELERS AND OTHERS; AND/OR SERVE AS AN AGENT FOR ANY SUCH BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN THE TT.

STAR OF MARIANAS INCORPORATED, A COMPANY WHICH PLANNED TO ENGAGE IN FISHING, FISH PROCESSING, POULTRY, AGRICULTURE AND OTHER BUSINESSES, HAS WITHDRAWN ITS BUSINESS PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE TT. NO REASON WAS GIVEN FOR THE WITHDRAWAL.

(POPULAR PARTY WILL NOT CONTEST ELECTION RESULTS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 19 (MNS)---THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARIANAS POPULAR PARTY, CONGRESSMAN HERMAN Q. GUERRERO, WHO WAS DEFEATED IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA RACE BY OSCAR C. RASA, SAID ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK THAT THE PARTY WILL NOT CONTEST THE ELECTION RESULTS.

ACCORDING TO A STORY IN TUESDAY'S (NOV. 19) PACIFIC DAILY NEWS, GUERRERO SAID THAT THE "MAIN OBJECTIVE (OF THE POPULAR PARTY) IS TO ESTABLISH PEACE, HARMONY AND TRANQUILITY AMONG THE RESIDENTS OF THE MARIANAS." TUESDAY ALSO WAS THE LAST POSSIBLE DAY FOR FILING A CHALLENGE TO THE ELECTION ACCORDING TO LAW.

POPULAR PARTY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS DEMONSTRATED LAST WEEK IN FRONT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY HEADQUARTERS AGAINST THE ELECTION RESULTS TO SIGNIFY THEIR DISPLEASURE WITH THE TT LAW WHICH PERMITS PEOPLE FROM OTHER DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA TO VOTE IN THE MARIANAS AFTER A THREE-MONTH RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT IS FULFILLED. THEY ALSO CONTENDED THAT OVER 500 VOTERS FROM THE OTHER DISTRICTS DID REGISTER AND VOTE ON SAIPAN.

CONG. GUERRERO FURTHER SAID THAT "IN THE INTERESTED OF THE MARIANAS WE WILL FORGET IT (CONTESTING THE ELECTION). WE WILL CONCENTRATE ON STATUS AND THE PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIPS AMONG ALL PEOPLES OF THE MARIANAS."

THE PRESIDENT OF THE POPULAR PARTY POINTED OUT THAT THE ELECTION RESULTS DID NOT INDICATE "A DEFEAT FOR STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AS THEY ARE NOW BEING CONDUCTED." GUERRERO IS A MEMBER OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION REPRESENTING THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

GUERRERO SAID THAT HE IS "HOPEFUL" THAT A "REASONABLE SETTLEMENT" CAN BE REACHED AT THE ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN DECEMBER 2. HE FURTHER SAID THAT HE IS "VERY INTERESTED IN GETTING THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS OVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

(MOVE TO OUST STATUS MEMBERS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 19 (MNS)---CHARGING THAT THE TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION FROM TINIAN ARE IGNORING LOCAL DESIRES OF THEIR TALKS WITH THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVES, THE TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HAS BEGUN PROCEEDINGS TO REMOVE ITS TWO MEMBERS FROM THE COMMISSION, ACCORDING TO A STORY IN TUESDAY'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

THE TINIAN COUNCIL PASSED A RESOLUTION SUNDAY (NOV. 17) ON FIRST READING CALLING FOR THE REMOVAL OF JOSE R. CRUZ AND BERNARD HOFSCHEIDER. THE RESOLUTION MUST PASS SECOND READING BEFORE THE REMOVALS CAN BE VOTED ON AT THE REGULAR MEETING NEXT WEEK, THE DAILY NEWS STORY SAID.

THE COUNCIL'S ACTION WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN MOTIVATED BY A DECEMBER "DEADLINE" FOR FINALIZING A MARIANAS STATUS AGREEMENT.

LOCAL OPPONENTS OF THE U.S. MILITARY'S PLANS TO CLAIM TWO-THIRDS OF TINIAN FOR BASES AND TRAINING AREAS SAY THEY FEAR THE DEADLINE IS MOTIVATED FROM A DESIRE TO TAKE LAND BEFORE DEEDS AND TITLES HAVE BEEN CLEARED, THUS AVOIDING THE OBLIGATION TO PAY TINIAN OWNERS A FAIR MARKET VALUE. SOME RESIDENTS HAVE WAITED SEVERAL YEARS FOR TITLES OF LAND GRANTED THEM UNDER A HOMESTEAD PROGRAM, STATED THE DAILY NEWS STORY.

TINIAN MAYOR FELIPE C. MENDIOLA SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES IS REALLY PUSHING THE MARIANAS COMMISSION AS TO WHAT THE U.S. MILITARY PROPOSES ON TINIAN. "WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY (THE PROPOSED TERMINATIONS) CAME ABOUT BECAUSE THESE TWO REPRESENTATIVES ARE GOING ALONG WITH THE DECISIONS OF AMBASSADOR (FRANKLYN HAYDN) WILLIAMS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, AND NOT BECAUSE THEY DO NOT COMPLY THE DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE HERE."

MENDIOLA ADDED THAT INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE OTHER PARTY "THAT THOSE INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE GIVING THE U.S. DELEGATION PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN RETURN FOR PROMISES OF SPECIAL TREATMENT AFTER THE STATUS CHANGE."

ACCORDING TO MAYOR MENDIOLA, REPLACEMENTS FOR THE OUSTED REPRESENTATIVES ARE TO BE VICENTE MANGLONA AND HENRY HOFSCHEIDER.