

(COPRA BOARD MEETING)

SAIPAN, NOV. 27, (MNS)---MEMBERS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD ARE ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK TO REVIEW THE RECENT INCREASE IN COPRA PRICES. COPRA PRICES WERE INCREASED LAST MONTH BY \$12 A TON.

BOARD CHAIRMAN EUSEBIO RECHUCHER SAID ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK THAT THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE COPRA STABILIZATION FUND, COPRA WAREHOUSING AT THE DISTRICTS, THE THREE PERCENT TAX IMPOSED ON COPRA BY THE YAP DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, COPRA MARKETING AND POSSIBLE FURTHER INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF COPRA.

COPRA IS ONE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY'S MAJOR EXPORTS. MOST OF THE COPRA PRODUCED IN THE TT ARE MARKETED IN JAPAN, ALTHOUGH OTHER MARKETS ARE AVAILABLE. MARSHALLS DISTRICTS LEADS IN COPRA PRODUCTION WITH 53 PERCENT OF THE COPRA PRODUCED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. TRUK AND PONAPE ARE SECOND AND THIRD RESPECTIVELY.

MEMBERS OF THE COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD IN ADDITION TO RECHUCHER ARE: JONATHAN WOTE, MARSHALLS; JACOB SAVAICH, PALAU; CHIRO ALBERT, TRUK; KASIANO JOSEPH, PONAPE AND JOHN CHIEG, YAP. OTHER MEMBERS ARE JOE PEABLES, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, RON PETERSON, FINANCE DIRECTOR, DUDLEY DAMBACHER, CHIEF OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND BERNIN WEILBACHER, CHIEF OF AGRICULTURE DIVISION.

(DDE'S MEETING)

SAIPAN, NOV. 27, (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY'S SIX DISTRICT DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION ARE CURRENTLY MEETING IN TRUK DISTRICT. THE WEEK-LONG MEETING GOT UNDERWAY MONDAY (NOV. 26), AND IS SCHEDULED TO CONCLUDE ON FRIDAY, (NOV. 30).

SOME OF THE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE WEEK-LONG MEETING INCLUDES LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FOR THE UPCOMING CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SESSION; GOALS, PROGRAMS AND STUDIES AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA; THE STATUS OF THE MICRONESIAN OCCUPATIONAL CENTER IN PALAU; POLICY OF SELECTING TEACHERS; RESEARCH AND PLANNING NEEDS; TEACHER UPGRADING AND COMPENSATION; THE IMPACT OF BUDGET REDUCTION; AND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD QUESTIONS AND COOPERATIVE PLANNING.

ALSO, THE CONFEREES WILL REVIEW THE REPORTS ON STUDENTS INSURANCE POLICY, ESAA, A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT, THE RESULTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HELD LAST MONTH, MICRONESIAN CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM I-20 PROBLEMS.

ATTENDING THE MEETING ARE IN ADDITION TO THE SIX DDE'S: TT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DAVID RAHARUI, DARO WEITAL, DIRECTOR OF CCM, WILHELM R. RENGILL, DIRECTOR OF NCC, AND HARRY UYEHARA, SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR.

(CALLISON, ELIAS TO ABU)

SAIPAN, NOV. 27, (MNS)---CHIEF OF BROADCAST DIVISION ELIAS THOMAS AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS GEORGE CALLISON ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE ASIAN BROADCASTING UNION'S MEETING IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA, THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER. THE TRUST TERRITORY HAS BEEN AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE ASIAN BROADCASTING UNION SINCE 1971.

CALLISON SAID HE HOPES TO GAIN INFORMATION ON THE USE OF RADIO IN DEVELOPING NATIONS AND TO CONFER WITH LEADERS OF OTHER BROADCASTING ORGANIZATIONS ABOUT THEIR TRAINING PRACTICES. HE ADDED THAT HE PLANS TO MEET WITH BROADCASTING PERSONNEL TO SEE WHAT APPLICATION THEY HAVE MADE IN THE AREA OF POLITICAL EDUCATION.

ON THE WAY BACK, THOMAS WILL TOUR BROADCAST FACILITIES IN SINGAPORE, AND TO CHECK ON THE AVAILABILITY OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENTS AND MATERIALS IN OKINAWA. THEY WILL ALSO SPENT A FEW DAYS IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, TO TOUR THE ABU'S REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER. BROADCAST DIVISION HOPES TO BE ABLE TO SEND SOME OF ITS PERSONNEL TO KUALA LUMPUR IN THE FUTURE FOR ADVANCED TRAINING IN BROADCASTING.