

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(CONGRESS LEADERSHIP MEETING)

SAIPAN, NOV. 29 (CONGRESS RELEASE) A MEETING OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LEADERSHIP WAS CONVENED ON SAIPAN, THURSDAY (NOV. 28) TO DISCUSS SEVERAL IMPORTANT ISSUES, INCLUDING RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS, AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

THE CONGRESS WAS INFORMED BY DISPATCH ON NOVEMBER 21, THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR HAD DRAFTED A SECRETARIAL ORDER WHICH WOULD RETURN CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS TO MICRONESIAN CONTROL BE EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

THIS ACTION FOLLOWED THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S VETO OF LEGISLATION ANACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN AUGUST WHICH WOULD HAVE RETURNED PUBLIC LANDS TO THE DISTRICTS.

IN A DISPATCH RELAYED BY THE HICOM FROM DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS STANLEY CARPENTER, THE CONGRESS AND OTHER MICRONESIAN LEADERS WERE INVITED TO "CONSULT" WITH INTERIOR REPRESENTATIVES IN HONOLULU, BEFORE THE ORDER WAS ISSUED.

IN THEIR THURSDAY MEETING, THE LEADERSHIP DISCUSSED THIS MATTER, AND DETERMINED THAT BEFORE TAKING ANY FURTHER ACTION, THEY WOULD INVITE THE SPEAKERS AND PRESIDENTS OF LEGISLATURES, AND TRADITIONAL CHIEFS FROM EACH OF THE DISTRICTS TO MEET ON SAIPAN WITH THE LEADERSHIP. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WILL BE TO INFORM THE DISTRICT LEADERS OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED ORDER, AND TO SEEK THEIR VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS FROM THE SIX DISTRICTS WERE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1974.

ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, THE LEADERSHIP DISCUSSED THE COMING SESSION OF THE CONGRESS, INCLUDING THE TOPICS OF NEW LEGISLATION, LOGISTICS, COORDINATION WITH THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, AND STAFFING.

ATTENDING THE MEETING WERE: SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA, HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY, SENATE VICE PRESIDENT LAZARUS SALII, HOUSE VICE SPEAKER ENDY DOIS, SENATE FLOOR LEADER AMBILOS IEHSI, SENATE CLERK SASO ULOCHONG, AND HOUSE CLERK ASTERIO TAKESY. ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THE DISCUSSIONS WERE SENATORS ANDON AMARAICH AND JOHN MANGEFEL, AND REPRESENTATIVES RAYMOND SETIK AND SASAUO HARUO.

(NEW PUBLIC INFORMATION APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED)

SAIPAN, NOV. 29 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF OF PUBLIC INFORMATION BONIFACIO BASILIUS HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANCISCO S. ROSARIO OF SAIPAN TO BE THE NEW BUREAU CHIEF OF THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE (MNS), AND THE APPOINTMENT OF DERSON RAMON, OF PONAPE, AS A PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST AND ASSISTANT EDITOR OF THE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE, "MICRONESIAN REPORTER." BOTH APPOINTMENTS WERE EFFECTIVE MONDAY, DECEMBER 2.

ROSARIO, 24, HAS BEEN WITH MNS AS A REPORTER SINCE JUNE, 1972. UNDER THE TRAINING AND SUPERVISION OF OUTGOING BUREAU CHIEF JON A. ANDERSON, HE HAS HAD INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GATHERING AND WRITING OF NEWS MATERIAL FOR THE FIVE-DAY-A-WEEK WIRE SERVICE, WHICH IS SUPPLIED TO THE SIX GOVERNMENT OPERATED RADIO STATIONS IN MICRONESIA AS WELL AS TO A VARIETY OF OTHER MEDIA OUTLETS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES. THE NEWS SERVICE IS A FUNCTION OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION OF THE TI GOVERNMENT, WHICH ALSO PUBLISHES THE REPORTER AND THE BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER "HIGHLIGHTS."

PRIOR TO JOINING THE DIVISION, ROSARIO WAS FOR THREE YEARS AN ANNOUNCER AND NEWS DIRECTOR FOR RADIO STATION KJOR ON SAIPAN. WHILE WITH MNS, HE ATTENDED AN INTENSIVE, TEN-WEEK PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST TRAINING COURSE AT THE U.S. ARMY'S

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DEFENSE INFORMATION SCHOOL AT FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON, INDIANA.

RAMON, 27, WAS FORMERLY WITH THE PONAPE DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WHERE HE WAS THE DISTRICT SOCIAL STUDIES SPECIALIST. HE RECEIVED A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM IN 1971. WHILE IN COLLEGE, RAMON WAS EDITOR OF THE MICRONESIAN STUDENT NEWSPAPER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM, AND SINCE THEN HE HAS BEEN A FREQUENT CONTRIBUTOR OF THE MAJURO-BASED NEWSPAPER "MICRONESIAN INDEPENDENT," THE "PACIFIC DAILY NEWS" ON GUAM, AND TO MNS.

IN ADDITION TO HIS RESPONSIBILITIES WITH THE MICRONESIAN REPORTER, RAMON WILL ALSO OCCASIONALLY GATHER AND WRITE STORIES FOR MNS.

ANDERSON, 32, HAS BEEN WITH THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE FOR FOUR YEARS. HE AND HIS FAMILY WILL LEAVE SAIPAN IN MID-DECEMBER FOR WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE HE WILL JOIN THE VOICE OF AMERICA AS A RADIO BROADCASTER AND WRITER IN THE AFRICA SECTION.

(SDISTRICT ATTORNEYS CONFERENCE)

SAIPAN, NOV. 29 (MNS)---TRUK CONTINENTAL HOTEL WILL BE THE SITE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BEGIN DECEMBER 15, ACCORDING TO CARLOS SALII, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.

TOPICS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE CONFERENCE INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, LAND CERTIFICATION, FOREIGN INVESTMENT, LABOR LAWS, DEPORTATION, INDEFINITE USE AGREEMENTS, CORPORATION REGULATIONS, AND FISHING AUTHORITIES.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF HIRING ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION MADE DURING THEIR LAST CONFERENCE.

THE ONE-WEEK CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED TO END DECEMBER 20, WILL COINCIDE WITH THE CONCLUSION OF PHASE TWO OF MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICERS NOW UNDERWAY IN TRUK. ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD I. MIYAMOTO AS WELL AS OTHER ATTORNEYS WILL GIVE LECTURES TO THE GROUP.

HEADQUARTERS PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE, IN ADDITION TO MIYAMOTO, ARE CARLOS SALII; LYLE RICHMOND, CHIEF OF LEGAL DIVISION, AG'S OFFICE; A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LABOR DIVISION AND A LANDS AND SURVEYS REPRESENTATIVE.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS PARTICIPATING INCLUDE MINOR POUNDS, PONAPE; ALLAN NICHOLSON, MARIANAS; JOHN F. VOTRUBA, PALAU; PHILLIP J. JOHNSON, YAP; JACK LAYNE, TRUK; AND HARLEY EARWICKER, MARSHALLS.