

(BOMB KILLED FOUR IN TRUK) ⁷⁴
SAIPAN, DECEMBER 31 (MNS)---FOUR PERSON WERE KILLED INSTANTLY AND THREE OTHERS WERE CRITICALLY INJURED IN PATA ISLAND, TRUK DISTRICT WHEN A BOMB WHICH THE GROUP WAS TRYING TO CUT OPEN EXPLODED ON CHRISTMAS EVE (DEC. 24). R15

A MESSAGE FROM ACTING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR MITARO DANIS TO EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON SAIPAN STATED THAT THE GROUP WAS TRYING TO CUT OPEN AN OLD JAPANESE EXPLOSIVE WHICH THEY INTENDED TO USE ITS POWER FOR DYNAMITE FISHING. A BOAT SHED WHERE THE GROUP WAS WORKING WAS COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED. POLICE ARE STILL INVESTIGATING THE INCIDENT.

ACCORDING TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ALAN R. PENDLETON, TRUST TERRITORY MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER, FOUR DEMOLITION EXPERTS FROM BARBERS POINT, HAWAII, WORKING ON PROJECTS ON GUAM, ARRIVED TRUK TUESDAY (DEC. 24) TO REMOVE OTHER ORDNANCES FOUND NEAR THE SCENE OF THE EXPLOSION. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO GUAM FRIDAY (JAN. 3).

ACTING DISTAD DANIS STATED IN HIS MESSAGE THAT SOME 41 OLD JAPANESE SHELLS, LARGE CALIBER TYPE AND ONE TORPEDO LOCATED IN THREE FEET OF WATER HAVE BEEN FOUND BY POLICE.

PATA ISLAND IS APPROXIMATELY 18 MILES EAST OF MOEN, TRUK DISTRICT CENTER AND HAS A POPULATION OF 639.

(WEATHER BUREAU TURNED TO TT)

SAIPAN, DECEMBER 31 (MNS)---EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 1975, ALL WEATHER SERVICE STATIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS, J. BOYD MACKENZIE.

AN INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION AND THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE (NWS), IN THE TRUST TERRITORY WAS EXECUTED NONDAY, (DEC. 30), BY MACKENZIE FOR THE TT GOVERNMENT AND DR. GEORGE P. CRESSMAN FOR THE NWS, TO TRANSFER ALL MICRONESIAN EMPLOYEES TO BE PART OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM.

THE WEATHER SERVICE STATIONS HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN THE TRUST TERRITORY FOR OVER 24 YEARS IN ALL DISTRICTS EXCEPT THE MARIANA ISLANDS THERE ARE 30 MICRONESIAN EMPLOYEES WORKING FOR THE WEATHER SERVICE STATIONS.

ACCORDING TO MACKENZIE, EACH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR WILL BE THE APPOINTING OFFICER FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE WEATHER BUREAU AND WILL ALSO HANDLE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PERSONNEL ACTIONS, INCENTIVE AWARDS, TRANSFER, PROMOTION AND SEPARATIONS. THE WEATHER SERVICE ITSELF WILL CONTINUE TO DIRECT AND CONTROL ALL WEATHER SERVICE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDING EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES.

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WILL REIMBURSE THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT FOR ALL COSTS INCURRED DURING THE TRANSITION.

CHARLES WOFFINDEN, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE PACIFIC REGION, IN HIS MESSAGE TO HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON SAID THAT THE TURNOVER OF THE WEATHER SERVICE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT "MARKS AN HISTORIC EVENT" AND HE ADDED, "I WISH TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO ALL OF OUR MICRONESIAN EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED AND FAITHFUL SERVICE. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT EACH OF YOU WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY ON THE TRADITIONS DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS AND OPERATE A FIRST CLASS WEATHER SERVICE AS TRUST TERRITORY EMPLOYEES."

(CCM STUDENTS RECEIVED DEGREES)

POHAPE, DECEMBER 31 (MNS)---THREE STUDENTS AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA (CCM) ON POHAPE HAVE BEEN AWARDED ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREES. THEY ALSO RECEIVED

SECONDARY VACATIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATES, ACCORDING TO HALVERSON JOHNNY, PONAPE BROADCAST STATION MANGER.

THE STUDENTS ARE: CRESENCIO ELIAS AND OSCAR SIMON FROM KITTI, AND JOSEPH KILEMENT FROM UH.

THE STUDENTS EARNED THEIR DEGREES AFTHER BEING INVOLVED IN A UNIQUE PROGRAM OF SPENDING A YEAR AT CCM AND ANOTHER YEAR AT THE PONAPE AGRICULTURE AND TRADE SCHOOL ALSO LOCATED ON PONAPE.

THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA ENCCOURAGES ITS STUDENTS TO MAINTAIN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND DOES EVERYTHING IT CAN HELP STUDENTS ATTAIN A HIGHER EDUCATION, JOHNNY REPORTS.

(BEACAUES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1975 IS LEGAL HOLUIDAY, THERE WILL BE NO MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE FOR THAT DAY. THE NEXT MNS DISPATCH WILL BE DATED JANUARY 2, 1975. HAPPY NEW YEAR).