

(CENSUS RESULTS RELEASED)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 12 (MNS) --- DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN HAS RELEASED THE FIRST RESULTS OF THE 1973 CENSUS OF THE POPULATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. AS OF SEPTEMBER 18, 1973, THE TOTAL RESIDENT POPULATION WAS 114,973. THE DISTRICT POPULATIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS: MARIANA ISLANDS, 14,335; MARSHALL ISLANDS, 25,044; PALAU, 12,574; PONAPE 23,251; TRUK, 31,600; AND YAP, 7,869. USUAL RESIDENTS OF SHIPS TOTALED 200 PERSONS.

ACCORDING TO ALAN KAY, TRUST TERRITORY PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICIAN AND DEMOGRAPHER, "THESE CENSUS FIGURES REPRESENT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL POPULATION INCREASE OF 3.5 PERCENT SINCE THE PEACE CORPS CENSUS OF MARCH 26, 1967. THAT CENSUS ENUMERATED 91,448 RESIDENTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY. AT A CONTINUED GROWTH RATE OF 3.5 PERCENT PER YEAR THE TRUST TERRITORY POPULATION WOULD REACH 200,000 IN 1989 AND 300,000

"ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT RESULTS OF THE 1973 CENSUS IS THE INDICATION OF A TREMENDOUS MOVEMENT OF POPULATION DURING RECENT YEARS FROM THE OUTER ISLANDS TO THE DISTRICT CENTERS," KAY SAID TUESDAY ON SAIPAN.

"IN SPITE OF HIGH BIRTH RATES IN THE OUTER ISLANDS OF THE MARSHALLS, THEIR COMBINED POPULATION ACTUALLY DECLINED FROM 10,135 IN 1967 TO 9,266 IN 1973. BETWEEN 1967 AND 1973 THE POPULATION OF THE MAJURO ATOLL INCREASED FROM 5,250 TO 10,290. THIS IS A GROWTH RATE OF (10) TEN PERCENT PER YEAR. THE POPULATION OF EBeye ISLAND GREW FROM 3,500 TO 5,104 DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. REPRESENTING AN INHABITED LAND AREA OF ABOUT 64 ACRES, THE POPULATION DENSITY OF EBeye IS THE EQUIVALENT OF 51,240 PERSONS PER SQUARE MILE," KAY STATED.

"MOVEMENTS INTO OTHER DISTRICT CENTERS," HE CONTINUED, "HAVE RESULTED IN 1973 POPULATIONS OF 10,397 FOR SAIPAN, 9,562 FOR MOEN IN TRUK, 7,672 FOR KOROR, 9,422 IN YAP DISTRICT CENTER, AND 10,369 IN THE PONAPE DISTRICT CENTER. THE COMBINED TRUST TERRITORY DISTRICT CENTER POPULATION WAS 57,064 IN SEPTEMBER OF 1973 COMPARED TO ONLY 37,334 IN MARCH OF 1967. THIS MEANS THE ANNUAL DISTRICT CENTER POPULATION GROWTH RATE AVERAGED ALMOST (7) SEVEN PERCENT DURING THAT (5-1/2) SIX AN HALF YEAR PERIOD. IF THESE RATES OF POPULATION INCREASE CONTINUE, THE OVERALL TRUST TERRITORY DISTRICT CENTER POPULATION WILL DOUBLE AGAIN IN ONLY 10 YEAR."

THE ISLANDS WITH THE LARGEST RESIDENT POPULATION IN 1973 WAS PONAPE ISLAND WITH 17,253 PEOPLE. OTHER ISLANDS AND ATOLLS WITH RESIDENT POPULATIONS OF 1,000 OR MORE INCLUDE: TOL (TRUK), 5,440; KUSAIE, 3,989; BABELTHUAP, 3,771; DEBLON (TRUK), 2,559; FEFAN (TRUK), 2,478; UMAN (TRUK), 1,898; ARNO, (MARSHALLS), 1,120; ROTA, 1,104; AND AILINGLAPLAP (MARSHALLS), 1,100.

THE 1973 RESIDENT POPULATION FIGURES INCLUDE 4,168 PERSONS WHO STATED THAT THEY WERE NOT TRUST TERRITORY CITIZENS. THE MARIANA ISLANDS HAD THE LARGEST PROPORTION OF THIS TOTAL WITH 1,752, FOLLOWED BY THE MARSHALL ISLANDS WITH 910, PALAU 513, PONAPE 374, TRUK 344, AND YAP 256.

REGARDLESS OF WHERE PERSONS WERE LOCATED ON CENSUS DAY, THEIR RESIDENCE WAS CONSIDERED THE PLACE WHERE THEY USUALLY LIVE AND EAT. HOWEVER, THE RESIDENT POPULATION DOES NOT INCLUDE STUDENTS AND OTHER RESIDENT TEMPORARILY ABSENT OUTSIDE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY ON CENSUS DAY. THE RESIDENT POPULATION ALSO EXCLUDES 4,467 EXPATRIATE RESIDENTS OF THE KWAJALEIN MISSILE RANGE FACILITIES IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

IN ADDITION TO RELEASING THE RESIDENT POPULATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, THE DNTY HIGH COMMISSIONER ON TUESDAY ALSO PRESENTED THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WITH A UNIQUE SET OF "HOME AREA" CENSUS DATA. THIS INFORMATION WAS REQUESTED BY

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THE LAWMAKER'S LEADERSHIP IN BOTH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES FOR REAPPORTIONMENT CONSIDERATIONS. "HOME AREA" WAS DEFINED AS THE PLACE A PERSON IS ORIGINALLY FROM, OR TO WHICH HE EVENTUALLY PLANS TO RETURN. THE HOME AREA POPULATION, THEREFORE, REPRESENTS THE PERSONAL FEELINGS AND FUTURE INTENTIONS OF THE RESPONDENT.

THE HOME AREA POPULATION REPRESENTS ONLY TRUST TERRITORY CITIZENS; BUT DOES INCLUDE STUDENTS, BUSINESSMEN, VACATIONERS, AND OTHER WHO WERE TEMPORARILY ABSENT FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY ON CENSUS DAY.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRUST TERRITORY CITIZENS TABULATED BY HOME AREA WAS 112,553. THE HOME AREA POPULATION BY DISTRICT WAS AS FOLLOWS: MARIANA ISLANDS, 12,375; MARSHALL ISLANDS, 24,081; PALAU, 13,041; PONAPE, 23,695; TRUK, 31,717; AND YAP, 7,649. COMPARISONS OF THE HOME AREA AND THE RESIDENT

POPULATIONS ENUMERATED INSIDE THE TRUST TERRITORY SHOWED VIRTUALLY NO DIFFERENCES AT THE DISTRICT TOTAL LEVEL. HOWEVER, THERE ARE FAR FEWER PERSONS CLAIMING DISTRICT CENTERS AS THEIR HOME AREA THAN ACTUALLY RESIDE THERE. FOR INSTANCE, 7,506 MICRONESIANS RESIDED IN MAJURO DUD IN 1973, WHILE ONLY 726 PERSONS CLAIMED DUD AS THEIR HOME AREA. ON THE OTHER HAND, ONLY 956 PERSONS WERE RESIDING IN JALUIT WHILE 2,403 PERSONS CLAIMED THIS ATOLL AS THEIR HOME AREA. IN ALL THE DISTRICTS EXCEPT IN THE MARIANAS, THE OUTER ISLANDS HOME AREA POPULATIONS ARE CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN THE OUTER ISLAND RESIDENT POPULATIONS.

SUMMARIES OF THE OFFICIAL 1973 RESIDENT AND HOME AREA POPULATIONS OF ALL TRUST TERRITORY MUNICIPALITIES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FEBRUARY 15 ISSUE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NEWSLETTER "HIGHLIGHTS." THESE SUMMARY POPULATION FIGURES AND SUMMARY MAPS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY MAY BE REQUESTED THROUGH THE TRUST TERRITORY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE. SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR DETAILED MAPS AND POPULATION FIGURES FOR THE MORE THAN 400 CENSUS ENUMERATION DISTRICTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE HEADQUARTERS, PLANNING DIVISION OR THE DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICES. POPULATION FIGURES BY AGE GROUPS AND SEX FOR RESIDENTS OF EACH MUNICIPALITY WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE IN MARCH. AND A DETAILED CENSUS DOCUMENT CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT BIRTHPLACE, MARITAL STATUS, RELIGION, EDUCATION, FERTILITY, AND FAMILY SIZE WILL BE PUBLISHED IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. ALL COMPUTER PROGRAMMING AND OFFICIAL DATA TABULATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CENSUS IS UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE EAST-WEST POPULATION INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

THE 1973 TRUST TERRITORY POPULATION CENSUS WAS PLANNED UNDER THE TECHNICAL DIRECTION OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION DEMOGRAPHER, DR. K. GROENEWEGEN.

(STATUS COMMISSION MEETS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE)

SAIPAN, FEB. 12 (MNS)---MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION MET MONDAY NIGHT (FEB. 11) WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON SAIPAN TO PRESENT THEM WITH THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LAST ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN THE MARIANAS AND U.S. DELEGATIONS. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HALL IN CHILAN MANOA.

THE FIVE-DAY MEETING RAISED OVER POLITICAL EDUCATION, U.S. LAND REQUIREMENTS, U.S. LAWS TO BE MADE APPLICABLE TO THE MARIANAS, MARIANAS FINANCIAL NEEDS AND THE PLEBESCITE. SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, SUMMARIZED THE LAST MEETING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MARIANAS GROUP. HE SAID THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO DELEGATIONS, WHEN AGREEMENTS ON SEVERAL KEY ISSUES

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HAVE BEEN REACHED, THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE WILL REVIEW THEM AND INSTITUTE A PROGRAM OF POLITICAL EDUCATION, AND THE FINAL DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS THEMSELVES.

AN INTERESTING EXCHANGE AT THE MEETING OCCURRED WHEN ONE MEMBER OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACCUSED THE COMMISSION OF CAMPAIGNING ON ONE ISSUE AND NOT POLITICAL EDUCATION. DR. CARLOS CAMACHO STATED THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS SHOULD BE GIVEN OTHER ALTERNATIVES, RATHER THAN ONLY ONE--COMMONWEALTH OR A PERMANENT ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. HE WENT ON TO CHARGE THAT THE COMMISSION IS NOT CONDUCTING ITS POLITICAL EDUCATION PROPERLY. DR. CAMACHO ADDED THAT NOT VERY MANY PEOPLE CAN EXPRESS THEIR OPINION IN A MICROPHONE.

SENATOR PANGELINAN COUNTERED BY SAYING THAT THE COMMISSION IS MANDATED BY LAW ENACTED BY THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ESTABLISHING THE COMMISSION, WHICH PROVIDES THAT THE COMMISSION WILL NEGOTIATE A STATUS CLOSE TO THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THE ONLY WAY THE COMMISSION CAN NEGOTIATE ON OTHER ALTERNATIVES IS BY AMENDING THE LAW.

OTHER MEMBERS VOICED THEIR OPINIONS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE TALKS, EMPHASIZING THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CENTERED ON WHAT THE MARIANAS WANTS, NOT WHAT THE U.S. WANTS TO OFFER. A QUESTION WAS RAISED ON WHETHER THE U.S. CONGRESS IS BEING CONSULTED ON MAJOR AREAS OF DECISION. THE CHAIRMAN ANSWERED THAT SEVERAL COMMITTEES OF THE U.S. CONGRESS ARE CONSULTED ON THE STATUS OF THE ON-GOING TALKS. HE DECLARED THAT AFTER THE TALKS ARE COMPLETED AND AGREEMENTS REACHED ON KEY ISSUES, THEY ARE SUBJECT TO POLITICAL SCRUTINY BY THE U.S. CONGRESS.

OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN OF THE CHAMBER MEMBERS WERE THE JOBS THAT WILL BE LOST WHEN THE HEADQUARTERS MOVES AFTER A CHANGE IN STATUS, AND THE MONEY THAT WILL BE INVOLVED. PANGELINAN SAID THE COMMISSION IS MONITORING THAT MATTER CLOSELY AND AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION WAS FORMED TO STUDY SUCH PROBLEMS. ONE OTHER MAJOR CONCERN HAS TO DO WITH JOBS WHICH THE CHAMBER FEARED WILL BE EXPLOITED BY OUTSIDERS TAKING AWAY THE OPPORTUNITY THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS SHOULD HAVE. PANGELINAN ADMITTED THAT THIS IS A "TOUGH AND DIFFICULT POSITION," BUT THE COMMISSION AGAIN IS STUDING THE MATTER.

THE MARIANAS SENATOR POINTED OUT THAT THE MILITARY ALONE WILL OPEN 300 TO 500 JOBS TO ABSORB THOSE EMPLOYEES THAT WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS AT THE CHANGE OF STATUS. HOTELS AND OTHER PRIVATE BUSINESSES ARE ANOTHER AREA IN WHICH SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES MIGHT WORK.

MUCH OF THE DISCUSSION LATER CENTERED ON LAND ALIENATION AND THE U.S. LAND NEEDS ON TINIAN, TANARAG HARBOR AND THE JOINT USE OF ISLEY FIELD. PANGELINAN ASSURED THE CHAMBER MEMBERS THAT SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE CHAMBER WILL BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY THE COMMISSION DURING THE COURSE OF ITS NEGOTIATIONS.

(CHAIRMAN OF FCS COMMISSION TO VISIT TT)

SAIPAN, FEB. 10 (UPI)--THE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION, J. HAYWARD BELL, IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE TRUST TERRITORY FEBRUARY 17, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN WITH THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION BASED ON SAIPAN IN THE MARIANAS.

BELL WAS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON TO HEAD THE FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR. HE SUCCEEDED LYLE S. GARLOCK AS CHAIRMAN.

THE PURPOSE OF BELL'S VISIT TO SAIPAN IS TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION AND DISCUSS PLANS CONCERNING THE ORDERLY DISPOSITION OF SOME 11,000 CLAIMS FILED BY MICRONESIANS FOR WAR AND POST-SECURE LOSSES OR DAMAGES, PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE COMPLETION DATE OF THE CLAIMS PROGRAM ON OCTOBER 15, 1976.

THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION, WHICH WAS CREATED BY THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS ACT OF 1971, IS UNDER THE CONTROL AND DIRECTION OF CHAIRMAN BELL.

BELL ATTENDED NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AND ATTAINED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM THE ATLANTA LAW SCHOOL, WITH SUBSEQUENT ADMISSION TO THE BAR OF GEORGIA, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND NEW YORK.

PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION, HE HAD SERVED AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COLUMBIA ENTERTAINMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMPLEX. IN ADDITION, BELL HAS SERVED ON THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF NEWSPAPERS IN ATLANTA AND DETROIT, AND HAS BEEN AN OFFICER OF A MAJOR AIRLINE IN THE UNITED STATES.

BELL IS ALSO WELL-KNOWN IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND IS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS SOCIETY OF AMERICA. - ACTIVE IN MILITARY MATTERS, HE HAS WON VARIOUS AWARDS AND CITATIONS FROM THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION.

THE CLAIMS COMMISSION CHAIRMAN WILL BE ON SAIPAN UNTIL FEB. 21.

(RABAULIMAN AND GUERRERO APPOINTED TO ESG TASK FORCE)

SAIPAN, FEB. 12 (MNS)---TWO NEW MEMBERS WERE APPOINTED THIS WEEK TO THE NEWLY CREATED TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT BY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN.

THE NEW MEMBERS ARE FELIX RABAULIMAN FROM THE HEADQUARTERS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND JOSE G. GUERRERO FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT. THEIR APPOINTMENT BRINGS TO A TOTAL OF SEVENTEEN THE NUMBER SERVING ON THE TASK FORCE.

THE TASK FORCE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CARRYING OUT AN EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, PREPARING THEM FOR AN EVENTUAL PLEBISCITE TO DETERMINE THE TYPE OF GOVERNMENT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IN THE FUTURE.

IN MAKING THE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE TWO NEW MEMBERS, DEPUTY HICOM COLEMAN SAID: "WE AGAIN URGE ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO EXTEND TO THE TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT THE FULLEST DEGREE OF COOPERATION."

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