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(TRUKESSE DIVER INJURED)

SAIPAN, FEB. 22 (MNS)---A MICRONESIAN SCUBA DIVER SUFFERED A SEVERE CASE OF THE "BENDS" THURSDAY EVENING (FEB. 21) WHILE DIVING IN THE TRUK LAGOON. THE MAN, IDENTIFIED AS KINIRO OTOKICHY, WAS RESHED TO THE TRUK DISTRICT HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS PLACED IN A DECOMPRESSION CHAMBER SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT. IF ALL GOES WELL HE IS EXPECTED TO EMERGE FROM THE CHAMBER AT ABOUT 8 P.M. FRIDAY EVENING AFTER NEARLY 20 HOURS OF TREATMENT.

WORD RECEIVED ON SAIPAN INDICATED THAT OTOKICHY WAS SEARCHING FOR A LOST ENGINE WITH HIS BROTHER, CANDIDO MICHAEL, NEAR ONI DOCK, TOL ISLAND, WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

TRUST TERRITORY DIVING OFFICER JOHN OAKES SAID THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE DECOMPRESSION CHAMBER HAS BEEN USED. IT WAS FLOWN IN FROM ITALY LAST YEAR BY CONTINENTAL AIRLINES AND PLACED ON STANDBY DURING THE SANKISAN MARU PROJECT, WHICH REMOVED DEPTH CHARGES FROM A SUNKEN FREIGHTER, AND THE I-169 PROJECT TO RETRIEVE JAPANESE WAR DEAD FROM A SUBMARINE SUNK IN THE TRUK LAGOON. IT WAS NOT NEEDED DURING THESE PROJECTS, BUT IS KEPT READY AT ALL TIMES AT THE TRUK HOSPITAL FOR EMERGENCY USE. THE ONLY OTHER DECOMPRESSION CHAMBER IN THE TT IS IN PALAU.

THE MILITARY ON GUAM HAS BEEN NOTIFIED THROUGH TT MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER FOR POSSIBLE EVACUATION OF THE PATIENT TO GUAM IF HIS CONDITION DOESN'T IMPROVE. DR. NGAS KANSOU, TRUK DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, AND THREE OTHERS ARE CLOSELY MONITORING THE CHAMBER AND THE PATIENT'S CONDITION, ACCORDING TO OAKES.

(PIDC MEETINGS)

SAIPAN, FEB. 22 (MNS)---TOURISM, MARINE RESOURCES AND THE ENERGY CRISIS OCCUPIED THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOUR PACIFIC TERRITORIAL AREAS WHICH MAKE UP THE PACIFIC ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AT MEETINGS CONCLUDED LAST WEEK IN HAWAII. HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON ATTENDED THE PIDC SESSIONS AS THE PRINCIPAL MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION FROM THE TT. OTHER TT PARTICIPANTS WERE MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION CHIEF PETER T. WILSON AND TOURISM BRANCH CHIEF C.M. ASHMAN.

ACCORDING TO HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON, THE PIDC HAS PLEDGED COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TOWARD OBTAINING A PACIFIC REGIONAL POLICY FOR OFFSHORE AREAS TO COPE WITH CURRENT FUEL SHORTAGES. AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM THE HEADS OF THE FOUR ISLAND AREAS HAS GONE TO THE SAN FRANCISCO REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. FEDERAL ENERGY OFFICE TO ALLOCATE FUELS TO THE ISLANDS IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THEY FIND THEMSELVES.

"FOR EXAMPLE," THE HICOM SAID, "AMERICAN SAMOA, HAWAII, GUAM AND THE TRUST TERRITORY ALL HAVE IN COMMON THE FACT THAT THEY ARE ISOLATED ISLAND AREAS, THAT THEY ARE ALL DEPENDENT ON FUEL OIL FOR ELECTRIC POWER GENERATORS (AS OPPOSED TO HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER OR COAL WHICH ARE ALTERNATE SOURCES OF POWER ON THE UNITED STATES MAINLAND), AND THEY ALL DEPEND TOTALLY ON SHIPPING AND AIRLINE SERVICES FOR OUTSIDE SUPPORT. "NONE OF THE ISLAND AREAS CAN, FOR INSTANCE, HAVE GOODS BROUGHT IN BY RAILWAYS OR TRUCKS," THE HICOM POINTED OUT.

THE HICOM ADDED THAT THERE HAS STILL BEEN NO FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER THE TRUST TERRITORY FALLS UNDER THE REGULATIONS OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY OFFICE. HOWEVER, HE SAID, A UNIFIED PIDC POSITION HAS BEEN TAKEN THAT THE UNIQUE SITUATION OF OFFSHORE AREAS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN FUEL ALLOCATION DECISIONS.

AS OTHER MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED AT THE PIDC MEETINGS, THE HICOM SAID THAT CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WERE GIVEN A THOROUGH BRIEFING ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT FEDERAL FUNDS WILL FINALLY BECOME AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE TUNA INDUSTRY IN THE PACIFIC. THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL

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MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, DR. ROBERT SCHONING, REPORTED ON PLANS TO USE THE FUNDS. THREE MILLION DOLLARS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WERE AUTHORIZED FOR EXPENDITURE IN THIS AREA, BUT WERE NEVER ACTUALLY APPROPRIATED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS. REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR SEGMENTS OF THE TUNA INDUSTRY WERE PRESENT FOR THE BRIEFING, INCLUDING CANNERS AND BOAT OWNERS.

COOPERATIVE, AREA-WIDE PROGRAMS IN CONTROL OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT WERE ALSO DISCUSSED DURING THE SEVERAL DAYS OF MEETINGS IN HONOLULU.

THE PIDC WAS FORMED FOUR YEARS AGO TO FOSTER COOPERATION AMONG THE ISLAND STATES AND TERRITORIES IN THE PACIFIC WHICH ARE PART OF THE UNITED STATES OR ARE UNDER AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION. AMERICAN SAMOA'S GOVERNOR JOHN HAYDON WAS SWORN IN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PIDC FOR THE NEXT YEAR. CONFERENCE PRINCIPALS WERE INTRODUCED ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE OF THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE DURING THE CONFERENCE, AND THE HAWAII SENATE ALSO PASSED A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE PIDC OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

(GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS)

SAIPAN, FEB. 22 (MNS)---HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS APPROVED SEVEN ADVANCED STUDY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY MANPOWER ADVISORY COUNCIL, THE AWARDS ARE FUNDED FROM APPROPRIATIONS PROVIDED BY PUBLIC LAW 5-11 PASSED BY THE FIFTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, FIRST REGULAR SESSION IN 1973.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR THE MARIANAS DISTRICT WENT TO RAMON G. VILLAROMEZ FOR ONE YEAR STUDY OF LAW; JESUS P. TCGAWA, POLICE ADMINISTRATION; AND OSCAR C. RASA, MAJORING IN SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE.

MISS HILDA HEINE FROM THE MARSHALLS RECEIVED AN AWARD TO STUDY CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND INSTRUCTION.

OTHER GRANTEEES ARE: FELIX MALIKONG OF PALAU, SOCIAL STUDIES; HERMAN SEMES FROM PONAPE, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION; AND PENRI NOMUMAR OF TRUK, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. YAP DISTRICT DID NOT HAVE ANY APPLICANTS. ONE ALTERNATE WAS SELECTED FROM THE MARIANAS IN THE FIELD OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT.

(BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING)

SAIPAN, FEB. 22 (MNS)---A TRUST TERRITORY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING IS SLATED TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK ON SAIPAN, IT WAS ANNOUNCED FRIDAY (FEB. 22) BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, DAVID RAMARUI.

ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE REV. FELIX YOACH OF PALAU, CHAIRMAN; RAPHAEL DABUCHIREN, YAP; MANUEL SOUND, TRUK; LEPTY LEVITICUS, MARSHALLS; PEDRO A. TENORIO, MARIANAS; AND HILARY CONRAD, REPRESENTING PONAPE'S BOARD MEMBER BERNARD HELGENBERGER WHO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT, THE MEETING'S AGENDA HAS NOT BEEN FINALIZED, BUT GENERALLY THE BOARD WILL DISCUSS EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PROBLEMS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

(CIVIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS' CONFERENCE)

SAIPAN, FEB. 22 (MNS)---ALL DISTRICT CIVIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MARIANAS MEET ON SAIPAN NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS THEIR ROLE IN THE NEWLY IMPLEMENTED EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.

DIAZIRO NAKAMURA, CHIEF OF THE HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF CIVIC AFFAIRS, SAID THAT AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE CONFERENCE WILL DISCUSS THE ORGANIZATION OF THE DISTRICT TASK FORCES, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION, FUNDING AND PERSONNEL, AND PLANS TO HAVE A LOCAL DISTRICT WORKSHOP. THE GROUP WILL ALSO MEET WITH THE HEADQUARTERS TASK FORCE TO DISCUSS THE ESG PROGRAM.

PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE ABEL SUZUKI FROM PALAU; FRANCISCO LUKTUN, YAP; JOHN SOUND, TRUK; PENSILE LAWRENCE, PONAPE AND CLAUDE PHILIP FROM THE MARSHALLS.

(HAWAII HOTELS FULL)

SAIPAN, FEB. 22 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY'S LIAISON OFFICER IN HONOLULU, ROBERT LAW, HAS NOTIFIED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT THE HOTELS IN HONOLULU ARE PRESENTLY RUNNING EXTREMELY FULL, AND HOTEL INDUSTRY SPOKESMEN PREDICT THAT THIS SITUATION WILL CONTINUE INTO APRIL.

"HOTEL ROOMS ARE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN, PARTICULARLY FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN NIGHT-TO-NIGHT OCCUPANCY," LAW SAID IN A TELEGRAM TO THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS J. BOYD MACKENZIE HAS NOTIFIED ALL DISTRICTS OF THE SITUATION, URGING THEM TO KEEP OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO HAWAII BY THEIR EMPLOYEES TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS HAVE GONE OUT TO THE HEADS OF THE VARIOUS HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENTS.

MACKENZIE ALSO SAID A TIGHT SITUATION EXISTS WITH REGARD TO ACCOMMODATIONS ON KWAJALEIN, IN THE MARSHALLS. HE TOLD MNS THAT VIRTUALLY NO HOTEL SPACE IS AVAILABLE AT THE ARMY MISSILE RANGE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, AND OFFICIAL TRAVEL THAT INVOLVES A NEED FOR ACCOMMODATIONS AT KWAJALEIN SHOULD ALSO BE AVOIDED IF POSSIBLE.

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