

(HICOM TO MEET WITH INTERIOR ON TRANSPAC)

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SAIPAN, FEB. 4 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE AND OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR STANLEY S. CARPENTER WILL MEET IN HONOLULU THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS THE SHIPPING SITUATION IN MICRONESIA AND THE CONDITION OF TRANSPACIFIC LINES. THE HICOM SAID HE REQUESTED THE MEETING, SINCE HE WAS DUE TO BE IN HONOLULU ANYWAY DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PIDC) BEGINNING FEBRUARY 11.

"WE HAVE ASKED FOR THIS MEETING WITH INTERIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS BECAUSE OF OUR MUTUAL GREAT CONCERN OVER THE TRANSPAC SITUATION, AND BECAUSE OF THE CONCERN EXPRESSED IN RECENT WEEKS BY THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA," THE HICOM SAID. HE NOTED THAT THE CONGRESS HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED TO SEND PARTICIPANTS TO THE MEETING.

"NATURALLY, THIS MATTER IS ALSO OF VERY SERIOUS CONCERN TO THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT," THE HICOM CONTINUED, "BECAUSE OF ITS CONNECTION WITH THE TRUST TERRITORY AND THE MANY QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN A SHIPPING MATTER OF THIS COMPLEXITY. SINCE I HAD TO BE IN HONOLULU ANYWAY FOR THE PIDC MEETING, IT WAS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT MR. CARPENTER AND I AND KEY MEMBERS OF OUR TWO STAFFS WOULD MEET TO DISCUSS THE GOVERNMENT'S NEXT COURSE OF ACTION IN THE SHIPPING MATTER, AND THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE INPUT FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AT THE MEETING.

"SINCE THIS IS A MEETING TO DETERMINE THE GOVERNMENT'S NEXT COURSE OF ACTION HIGH-COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON STATED, "THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF INVITING OFFICIALS OF TRANSPAC, AND I WAS THEREFORE QUITE SURPRISED WHEN THE GANNET NEWS SERVICE CARRIED A STORY TO THIS EFFECT FROM WASHINGTON. I HAVE SINCE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH MR. CARPENTER BY TELEPHONE, AND WE ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT, WHILE THE MEETING WILL BE STRICTLY TO FORMULATE THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRANSPACIFIC LINES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE MEETING, AND IT MAY BE THAT OFFICIALS OF TRANSPAC WILL BE PRESENT IN HONOLULU AND BE AVAILABLE SHOULD WE WISH TO CALL ON THEM FOR ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION."

THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE THIS COMING THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AND 8, IN HONOLULU.
(FUEL MEETING)

SAIPAN, FEB. 4 (MNS)---HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON MET WITH GUAM GOVERNOR CARLOS G. CAMACHO AND OTHER GUAM OFFICIALS LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS TRUST TERRITORY AND GUAM COOPERATION IN MEETING THE SEVERAL PROBLEMS CREATED BY DECREASED ALLOCATIONS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN THE AREA.

THE HICOM WAS ACCOMPANIED TO GUAM FOR THE MEETINGS ON FRIDAY (FEB. 1) BY ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD I. MIYAMOTO, DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS JOSEPH BEADLES AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JAMES R. WHEELER. BOTH GOVERNOR CAMACHO AND LT. GOVERNOR KURT MOYLAN OF GUAM ATTENDED THE SESSIONS AT WHICH GUAM ENERGY COORDINATOR JOHN GILLIAM BRIEFED THE PARTICIPANTS ON U.S. FEDERAL ENERGY OFFICE PROGRAMS TO MEET THE CURRENT FUEL SHORTAGES.

HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON INDICATED THAT THERE IS STILL SOME LEGAL QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THE TRUST TERRITORY FALLS UNDER THE ALLOCATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE FEDERAL ENERGY OFFICE. HE SAID THAT ATTORNEY GENERAL MIYAMOTO AND GUAM LEGAL OFFICIALS ARE CONSULTING TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION.

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THE FRIDAY MEETINGS RESULTED IN TWO DECISIONS. FIRST, THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY AND GUAM WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER ON THE ENERGY PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE COMMON INTERESTS OF THE TWO TERRITORIAL AREAS. AND SECOND, THAT A PACIFIC REGIONAL APPROACH TO THE FUEL SHORTAGES WILL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AT MEETINGS OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. THOSE MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN HAWAII ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AND 12. HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON IS PLANNING TO ATTEND THE PIDC MEETINGS, AND HE SAID THAT GOVERNOR CAMACHO PLANS TO ATTEND ALSO.
(CAB WASNT NEW SAIPAN MERAINGS)

WASHINGTON, FEB. 4 (FROM UPI)---THE U.S. CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD SAYS IT WANTS TO HOLD NEW HEARINGS ON SAIPAN TO CONTINUE ITS INVESTIGATION INTO THE SAIPAN-JAPAN AIRLINE ROUTE CASE. THE BOARD SAID, IN A STORY FROM WASHINGTON REPORTED BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL, THAT IT IS UNABLE TO DECIDE THE CASE BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED IN HEARINGS THUS FAR, AND THAT IT "WANTS TO KNOW WHERE THE MICRONESIANS REALLY STAND" ON THE CASE.

THE UPI STORY, WHICH WAS CARRIED IN THE SATURDAY EDITION OF GUAM'S PACIFIC DATELINE NEWSPAPER, SAYS THE CAB TOOK ISSUE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF ITS ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE THAT PANAMERICAN BE AWARDED THE ROUTE BECAUSE THE JUDGE'S OPINION HAD STATED THAT "ONLY SLIGHT WEIGHT" SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE PREFERENCES OF THE MICRONESIANS. THE JUDGE HAD SAID THE VIEWS COMING FROM MICRONESIA HAD BEEN "SERIOUSLY DEVALUED" BECAUSE OF ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION IN MICRONESIA WHICH WERE "INTENSE, PERSISTENT AND PERVASIVE" ON THE PART OF THE TWO MAJOR CONTENDERS FOR THE ROUTE, CONTINENTAL AND PAN AM.

THE BOARD SAID THIS RAISES "UGLY QUESTIONS" ABOUT THE FITNESS OF BOTH CARRIERS, THE UPI STORY SAYS, ADDING THAT THE CHARGES, IF TRUE, "COULD WELL CONSTITUTE BREACHES OF THE RULES OF CONDUCT IN BOARD PROCEEDINGS AND THUS CALL INTO QUESTION THE CARRIER FITNESS."

DURING THE FINAL ROUND OF HEARINGS IN NOVEMBER, THE BOARD HEARD A TOTAL OF TWELVE MICRONESIAN SPOKESMEN, EIGHT OF WHOM SPOKE ON BEHALF OF CONTINENTAL, AND FOUR ON BEHALF OF PAN AM. THE OFFICIALLY RECORDED POSITION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FAVORS CONTINENTAL ON THE BASIS THAT AWARD OF THE ROUTE TO THAT AIRLINE WOULD MOST BENEFIT ALL SIX DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE CAB INDICATED IT WAS INFLUENCED IN ITS DECISION TO ORDER FURTHER HEARINGS BY LETTERS WHICH IT RECEIVED FROM BOTH THE STATE AND INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, WHICH SAID IN EFFECT THAT THE BOARD SHOULD ATTACH CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT TO THE VIEWS OF MICRONESIANS AS CONTAINED IN OFFICIAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE VARIOUS DISTRICT LEGISLATURES.

THE STORY SAID THE CAB HAS ORDERED NEW HEARINGS HELD, ON SAIPAN, TO AIR THE CHARGES OF LOBBYING AGAINST THE AIRLINES, AS WELL AS TO DETERMINE THE ACTUAL WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA IN THE MATTER OF CARRIER SELECTION FOR THE SAIPAN/JAPAN ROUTE.
(JAPANESE CONSUL VISITS SAIPAN)

SAIPAN, FEB. 4 (MNS)---THE CONSUL FOR JAPAN BASED ON GUAM, JAMES M. SHINTAKU, VISITED SAIPAN LAST WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN TO ERECT A PEACE MEMORIAL IN THE MARPI AREA OF SAIPAN, ACCORDING TO DEPUTY DISTAD OF THE MARIANAS DAN E. AKIMOTO.

WHILE ON SAIPAN SHINTAKU PAID A COURTESY CALL ON HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON AND MET WITH SEVERAL OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

AKIMOTO RECALLED THAT THE REQUEST TO ERECT A PEACE MEMORIAL ON SAIPAN BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER LAST YEAR, AND IT IS NOW BEING REVIEWED BY THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, THE HICOM STAFF AND THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT LIAISON OFFICE AT HEADQUARTERS. AKIMOTO SAID A DECISION HAS NOT BEEN REACHED ON THE MATTER.

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AKIMOTO, WHO IS CO-ORDINATOR FOR THIS SPECIAL PROJECT, SAID THE JAPANESE COMMAND POST IN THE MARPI AREA IS BEING CONTEMPLATED AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR THE PEACE MEMORIAL.

HE NOTED THAT SEVERAL JAPANESE SHRINES HAVE BEEN ERECTED BY PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE MARPI AREA--INCLUDING ONE AT SUICIDE CLIFF AND ANOTHER AT BANZAI CLIFF.
(PEDRUS AND STEWART JOIN TASK FORCE)

SAIPAN, FEB. 4 (MNS)---IN A MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT LAST WEEK, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE STRIK YOMA WELCOMED TWO NEWLY APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE--DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL PODIS PEDRUS AND WILLIAM H. STEWART, CENSUS COORDINATOR FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THESE TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE WERE RECENTLY APPOINTED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE INCLUDE AUGUSTINE MOSES, FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN; GEORGE CALLISON, SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN; SAM MCPHETRES; JIM KLEIST; DAIZIRO NAKAMURA; RAYMOND ULUCHONG; BONIFACIO BASILIUS; GERALD CRADDOCK; ELIAS THOMAS; FRANK CAMACHO; WILLIAM JACKSON; AND PATRICK B. MANGAR.

THE TASK FORCE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING AN EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, PREPARING THEM FOR AN EVENTUAL PLEBISCITE TO DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS.

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