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(TT PERSONNEL BOARD MEETING)

SAIPAN, FEB. 6 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY PERSONNEL BOARD BEGAN A WEEK-LONG MEETING AT HEADQUARTERS ON SAIPAN MONDAY (FEB. 4) TO REVIEW PERSONNEL PROGRAMS, POLICIES, SALARY SCHEDULES AND OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS, ACCORDING TO DR. JACK HELKENA, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

HELKENA SAID THE BOARD IS ALSO REVIEWING "ADVERSE ACTIONS AND GRIEVANCES AND OTHER PERSONNEL CASES THE BOARD HAS HEARD FROM THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS." HE ADDED THAT AT THIS MEETING THEY ARE ALSO REVIEWING NEW REGULATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.

A SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR THE BOARD TO TRAVEL TO THE DISTRICTS TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PERSONNEL MATTERS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL IS ALSO BEING DISCUSSED BY THE BOARD.

IN ADDITION TO CHAIRMAN HELKENA, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD INCLUDE J. BOYD MACKENZIE, VICE-CHAIRMAN, WHO IS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE HICOM FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS; FELIX RABAULINAN FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT; KAMILO NOKET OF TRUK; AND CARMEN CHIGIY OF YAP.

HELKENA SAID THE BOARD IS RECEIVING SUPPORT ON TECHNICAL MATTERS RELATING TO PERSONNEL FROM ARTHUR A. AKINA, DIRECTOR OF THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT. HE ALSO COMMENDED MISS FRANCIS TAKAI, WHO IS THE SECRETARY-REPORTER OF THE BOARD FOR KEEPING THE RECORD.

(BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY)

SAIPAN, FEB. 6 (MNS)---THE APPLICATION OF ONE COMPANY WAS APPROVED, AND THREE OTHERS WERE DISAPPROVED BY TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON LAST WEEK, ACCORDING TO THE SUMMARY OF FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.

THE ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING FIRM OF THOMAS J. DAVIS, INCORPORATED OF SAIPAN RECEIVED APPROVAL OF ITS APPLICATION TO DO BUSINESS IN THE PALAU, TRUK AND MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICTS, FOLLOWING FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS IN THOSE AREAS. PEDRO A. TENORIO OF SAIPAN IS THE TRUST TERRITORY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRM.

THE THREE DISAPPROVALS CAME UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD. APPLICATIONS FROM INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS OF THE PACIFIC, INC., MACKINLEY, WINNACKER, MCNEIL, AIA AND ASSOCIATES, AND GUAM SAILS, INCORPORATED, WERE ALL DENIED. FOR GUAM SAILS THIS MAKES IT UNANIMOUS, SINCE THE GUAM BOATING SUPPLY FIRM HAS ALSO BEEN TURNED DOWN IN ITS EFFORTS TO DO BUSINESS IN THE OTHER FOUR DISTRICTS FOR WHICH IT APPLIED, PALAU, TRUK, PONAPE AND THE MARIANAS. IN ALL CASES THE COMPANY WAS REJECTED BECAUSE LOCAL FIRMS OWNED AND OPERATED BY MICRONESIANS ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SAME SERVICE. NO REASON WAS GIVEN FOR THE DISAPPROVAL OF INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS APPLICATION. IN THE CASE OF MACKINLEY, WINNACKER, MCNEIL AND ASSOCIATES, NEARLY TWO YEARS HAD ELAPSED SINCE THE COMPANY FIRST APPLIED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE MARSHALLS, AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE APPLICATION BE RE-SUBMITTED.

NO NEW APPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS PERMITS WERE RECEIVED LAST WEEK.

(PONAPE WORKSHOP SET)

KOLONIA, PONAPE, FEB. 6 (CATHOLIC MISSION RELEASE---FOR MONTHS NOW, THE CATHOLIC MISSION ADULT EDUCATION TEAM IN ADDITION TO THEIR LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS ON THE CHOICE OF FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS IN MICRONESIA HAS BEEN ASKING A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NEEDS AND DESIRES AND THE PROBLEMS OF THE PEOPLE OF PONAPE. THESE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN AIMED AT FINDING OUT ABOUT RURAL MAN IN MICRONESIA. WHAT IS HIS LIFE TODAY? HOW CAN HE BETTER GAIN CONTROL OVER HIS OWN DESTINY? THE TEAM HAS CONSULTED HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN THE SIXTEEN PLACES THAT THEY HAVE CONDUCTED THEIR PROGRAM SO FAR THIS YEAR.

THE STAGE IS SET NOW FOR A WEEK-LONG WORKSHOP THAT WILL BE HELD IN KOLONIA FROM FEBRUARY 18 TO THE 22ND. AT THIS MEETING 60 PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL OVER PONAPE DISTRICT WILL MEET TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF RURAL MAN ON PONAPE. GOVERNMENT.

CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE OFFICIALS AS WELL AS TRADITIONAL PONAPEAN LEADERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO GIVE THEIR ADVICE AND TO EXPLAIN THEIR PLANS FOR RURAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. PARTICIPANTS IN THE WORKSHOP WILL DRAW UP A REPORT ON RURAL MAN ON PONAPE AND REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE CHOSEN TO SPEAK FOR PONAPE AT A MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE END OF MARCH AT PONAPE AGRICULTURE AND TRADE SCHOOL (PATS). THE MEETINGS AT PATS WILL SEE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL OVER MICRONESIA DISCUSSING AND DRAWING UP A REPORT ON THE STATE OF RURAL MAN IN MICRONESIA TODAY.

SIX REPRESENTATIVES FROM THIS MEETING WILL TRAVEL IN AUGUST TO THAILAND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN RURAL RESOURCES IN ASIA WORKSHOP (DHRRAW). PARTICIPANTS FROM 16 COUNTRIES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC WILL MEET TOGETHER TO HEAR AND DISCUSS THE REPORTS FROM THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF A THREE WEEK MEETING. THE SECOND WEEK WILL BE DEVOTED TO LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS WITH RESOURCE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE INVITED TO MEET WITH THE GROUP. DURING THE THIRD WEEK EACH COUNTRY WILL REVISE THEIR REPORTS IN LIGHT OF WHAT THEY HAVE HEARD AT THE MEETINGS AND PULL TOGETHER PLANS FOR FOLLOW-UP PROGRAMS THAT WILL SEEK TO HELP RURAL MAN GAIN MORE CONTROL OVER HIS OWN DESTINY. THIS WHOLE DHRRAW PROGRAM HAS BEEN FASHIONED AND BROUGHT TO REALITY BY THE ASIAN BUREAU, A COORDINATING OFFICE FOR THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS (JESUITS) IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. COORDINATOR FOR THE PROGRAM IN MICRONESIA IS FATHER JOSEPH A. CAVANAGH, S.J. OF PONAPE WHO IS ALSO THE EXECUTIVE-SECRETARY FOR THE BISHOP'S COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT.