

(RECHUCHER SWORN IN)

SAIPAN, MARCH 12 (MNS)---EUSEBIO RECHUCHER WAS OFFICIALLY SWORN IN AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, TUESDAY (MARCH 12) IN CEREMONIES AT THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON. RECHUCHER'S NOMINATION TO THE POST WAS APPROVED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ON THE FINAL NIGHT OF ITS RECENT SESSION.

RECHUCHER SUCCEEDS WYMAN X. ZACHARY AS DIRECTOR OF R AND D. ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL, ZACHARY HAS OFFICIALLY BEEN GIVEN THE TITLE OF ECONOMIC ADVISOR UNTIL MAY 1, 1974, AT WHICH TIME HE PLANS TO LEAVE THE TERRITORY.

RECHUCHER AND HIS WIFE, MARTHA, STOOD SIDE BY SIDE AS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEW DIRECTOR. IN WELCOMING PARTICIPANTS IN THE CEREMONY TO HIS OFFICE, THE HICOM SAID THAT THE OCCASION WAS A "VERY AUSPICIOUS" ONE IN WHICH THE "DIRECTOR OF ANOTHER MAJOR DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS BEING TURNED OVER TO A VERY ABLE MICRONESIAN. EUSEBIO RECHUCHER HAS SERVED ESTREMELY WELL AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR MANY YEARS, AND CONGRATULATIONS MUST GO NOT ONLY TO HIM BUT ALSO TO MR. ZACHARY AS WELL FOR HIS TRAINING, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO EUSEBIO." THE HIGH COMMISSIONER CONCLUDED HIS BRIEF REMARKS BY SAYING, "I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT EUSEBIO WILL BE A CREDIT TO THIS GOVERNMENT, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA."

RECHUCHER RESPONDED WITH GRATITUDE TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA "FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT."

IN ADDITION TO MR. AND MRS. RECHUCHER AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, OTHERS WHO WERE AT THE CEREMONY WERE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER COLEMAN, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, WYMAN ZACHARY, AND THE CHIEFS OF THE DIVISIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT: BERWIN WEILBACHER, AGRICULTURE; PETER WILSON, MARINE RESOURCES; DUDLEY DANBACHER, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND KOZO YAMADA, LANDS AND SURVEYS.

(NOTE TO BROADCAST NEWS DIRECTORS AND ANNOUNCERS: THE NEW DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, EUSEBIO RECHUCHER, WILL PROBABLY BE MENTIONED FREQUENTLY IN THE NEWS IN THE MONTHS AND YEARS AHEAD. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IN THE PRONUNCIATION OF HIS LAST NAME, THE "CH" IN BOTH CASES, IS NOT PRONOUNCED. THE NAME IS THUS PRONOUNCED RAY-UR, WITH THE EMPHASIS OR ACCENT ON THE FINAL SYLLABLE.)
(STATUS DEVELOPMENTS)

SAIPAN, MARCH 12 (MNS)---THE CHAIRMAN AND CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS WILL BLY TO SAN FRANCISCO LATE THIS MONTH TO MEET WITH AMERICAN AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS, IN A CONTINUATION OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR RESUMPTION OF FORMAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS SOMETIME THIS SUMMER.

SENATOR LAZARUS SALII MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MEETING TUESDAY (MARCH 12) ON SAIPAN, SAYING THAT HE AND CONGRESSMAN EKPAP SILK PLAN TO MEET WITH WILLIAMS FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS BEGINNING THE FIRST OF APRIL, AND WILL THEN MEET WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND OTHER AMERICAN OFFICIALS LATER IN APRIL OR EARLY IN MAY IN MICRONESIA.

"AFTER THIS SECOND MEETING," SENATOR SALII, "WE WILL ANNOUNCE A DATE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE FORMAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS." HE DID NOT INDICATE WHEN THIS MIGHT BE, BUT THE GENERAL CONSENSUS HAS BEEN THAT THE TALKS WILL RESUME SOMETIME THIS SUMMER. THE LAST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WAS

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HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN NOVEMBER, 1973.

SENATOR SALII ALSO ANNOUNCED TUESDAY THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS HAS ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM THE GUAM POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION TO A MEETING IN APRIL, TO OPEN A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO GUAM AND THE TT. SENATOR FRANK LUJAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE GUAM COMMISSION, EXTENDED THE INVITATION, SALII SAID, ADDING THAT GUAM WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TWELVE MEMBERS OF THE MICRONESIAN STATUS GROUP.

"WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THINGS THAT ARE OF COMMON INTEREST BETWEEN GUAM AND THE TRUST TERRITORY." SALII NOTED. "THESE FIRST DISCUSSIONS WILL BE ON AN INFORMAL BASIS."

HE SAID THE MEETING WILL BE SOMETIME AFTER APRIL 15, TO ALLOW TIME FOR HE AND REPRESENTATIVE SILK TO RETURN FROM THEIR CALIFORNIA MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS.

(OPENING SESSION OF MARSHALLS LEGISLATURE)

MARSHALLS, MARCH 12 (MNS)---THE 21ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE OPENED MONDAY (MARCH 11) IN NAJURO WITH OPENING REMARKS DELIVERED BY SPEAKER ATLAN ANIEN, ACCORDING TO A NEWS REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

ANIEN CALLED THE SESSION "PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT 30 DAYS IN THE HISTORY OF THE MARSHALLS." IT WAS REPORTED THAT THIS THEME WAS ECHOED THROUGHOUT THE OPENING CEREMONIES BY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OSCAR DEBRUM, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATOR ANATA KABUA, AND JUDGE KABUA KABUA, ALL OF WHO ALSO SPOKE AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES.

DISTAD DEBRUM, AFTER CONVEYING A MESSAGE OF GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FROM THE NICON, PRAISED THE LAWMAKERS FOR THE PAST EFFORTS OF THE LEGISLATURE (BETTER KNOWN AS THE NITIJELA) IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. THE DISTAD POINTED OUT THAT SEVERAL PIECES OF LEGISLATION FROM THE 26TH SESSION HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO BECOME LAW IN ANTICIPATION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S APPROVAL OF THE REVENUE SHARING LEGISLATION WHICH THE MARSHALLS HAS BEEN SEEKING FOR THREE YEARS.

DEBRUM EXPRESSED HIS REGRET THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA "HAS CHOSEN NOT TO APPROVE THE REVENUE SHARING LEGISLATION." HE NOTED THAT CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS CLAIM THAT DISTRICT LEGISLATURES ARE "NOT CAPABLE OF EFFECTIVELY HANDLING PUBLIC FUNDS," TO USE HIS WORDS.

"I DON'T AGREE WITH THIS," DEBRUM SAID, REFERRING TO THE LATEST AUDIT REPORT OF THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE WHICH INDICATED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, "THE NITIJELA IS NOT ONLY FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE, BUT HAS CONTRIBUTED FAR MORE TOWARDS EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE, AND TO THE GENERAL BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE IT SERVES THAN ANY OTHER DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE BODY IN THE TRUST TERRITORY."

SENATOR KABUA'S REMARKS WERE DIRECTED PRIMARILY AT THE FOLLOWING ISSUES: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARSHALLS DISTRICT COPRA STABILIZATION FUND AND WITH IT CONCURRENT AUTHORITY TO MARKET THE DISTRICT'S COPRA; RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS TO THE NITIJELA FOR APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION TO RIGHTFUL IROIJ AND LAND OWNERS; THE DISSOLUTION OF TRANSPAC; AND THE REVENUE SHARING LEGISLATION THAT FAILED TO PASS THE LAST SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

REGARDING THE MARKETING OF COPRA AND ESTABLISHING A COPRA STABILIZATION FUND, SENATOR KABUA SAID THAT THERE ARE MANY WAYS IN WHICH WE COULD IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF COPRA PRODUCING AND PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR OUR COPRA PRODUCERS. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WITH THE PRESENT WORLD MARKET PRICE

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OF COPRA, THIS INDUSTRY CAN, IF STABILIZATION AND MARKETING RESPONSIBILITIES WERE ASSUMED BY THE DISTRICT, RESULT IN THE MARSHALLESE PRODUCERS BECOMING MORE SELF-SUFFICIENT RATHER THAN SERVING AS THE SUBSIDIZERS OF OTHER PRODUCERS.

CONCERNING TRANSPAC AND OTHER IMPROVED SHIPPING SERVICES FOR THE MARSHALLS, SENATOR KABUA SAID THAT THE REQUEST OF THE PEOPLE HAD BEEN FAVORABLY RECEIVED. HE RECALLED THAT AT A MEETING WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN HONOLULU, FEB. 10, IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE TRANSPAC FRANCHISE BE DISSOLVED, OPENING MICRONESIA FOR OTHER SHIPPING LINES.

"IT WON'T BE LONG NOW BEFORE WE WILL SEE SHIPS FROM NAURU, THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN BRINGING OUR GOODS AND OTHER COMMODITIES INTO THE DISTRICT AT MORE REASONABLE RATES," KABUA SAID.

TURNING TO THE REVENUE SHARING LEGISLATION, THE SENATOR SAID: "I AM SORRY TO ANNOUNCE TO YOU, THE NITIJELA AND THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALLS THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS AGAIN BETRAYED THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. THIS IS THE THIRD TIME," KABUA NOTED, "THE CONGRESS HAS FAILED TO RECOGNIZE THE FREELY EXPRESSED WISHES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE MARSHALLESE PEOPLE."

HE POINTED OUT THAT PONAPE, TRUK AND YAP DISTRICTS POSED THE STRONGEST OPPOSITION TO THE REQUEST, ACCORDING TO SENATOR KABUA, THEIR ARGUMENTS ARE BASED ON TWO POINTS: ONE, THAT THE KWAJALEIN MISSILE RANGE; AND TWO, THAT ONLY A HANDFUL OF MARSHALLESE LEADERS, AND NOT THE PEOPLE IN GENERAL, FAVORED SUCH A REVENUE SHARING LEGISLATION.

ADMITTING THAT A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE INCOME TAX REVENUES ARE INDEED COLLECTED FROM KWAJALEIN, SENATOR KABUA FURTHER REMARKED: "OUR PEOPLE HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR LANDS, AND NOW CONSTANTLY LIVE IN A FEAR OF THE AWESOME MILITARY MIGHT OF NOT ONLY THE UNITED STATES, BUT OF THOSE WHO MIGHT CONSIDER KWAJALEIN A TARGET. WOULD IT NOT BE A MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THESE PEOPLE TO BENEFIT FROM THE REVENUE? WHAT LOGIC IS THERE IN GIVING AWAY THESE LOCALLY GENERATED MONEYS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WEST WHOSE LIVES HAVE NOT BEEN DISRUPTED BY THE MILITARY AND WHO HAVE CONSISTENTLY INSISTED THAT THEY DO NOT WISH TO HAVE THE UNITED STATES BASES ON THEIR LAND?" SENATOR KABUA ASKED.

KABUA WENT ON TO CITE THE PASSAGE OF NITIJELA RESOLUTION NO. 40, REQUESTING ENACTMENT OF THE 50/50 REVENUE SHARING LEGISLATION AND ASKED IF THAT DID NOT CONSTITUTE AN EXPRESSED DESIRE OF THE MARSHALLESE PEOPLE. "THE MORE WE THINK ABOUT IT, THE MORE WE REALIZE HOW THE REST OF THE MICRONESIA HAS MADE FOOLS OUT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALLS," KABUA SAID.

THE SENATOR THEN APPEALED TO THE NITIJELA TO AGAIN "ASSESS THE FEELINGS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE MARSHALLESE. PLEASE TELL US," HE CONTINUED, "IF THERE ARE OTHER MATTERS WHICH WE HAVE FAILED TO BRING UP IN SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION." SENATOR KABUA, HOWEVER, INDICATED THAT HE SAW NO POINT IN CONTINUING TO TRY TO REASON WITH PEOPLE "WHOSE MINDS ARE TOTALLY BLOCKED."

"LET US BE TRUE TO OURSELVES--SEEK FIRST WHAT IS BEST FOR OUR PEOPLE," THE SENATOR CONCLUDED. "THEIR FUTURE MUST ALWAYS BE FIRST AND FOREMOST IN OUR EFFORTS AND ENDEAVORS FROM HERE ON IN."

(BILLS TRANSMITTED TO THE HICOM)

SAIPAN, MARCH 12 (MNS)---THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS OFFICIALLY RECEIVED EIGHT OUT OF THE TOTAL OF 46 BILLS PASSED BY THE LAST SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. SIX OF THE BILLS ARE STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION, ONE OTHER WAS SIGNED LAST MONTH, AND THE

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EIGHTH DISAPPROVED.

THE SIX BILLS NOW AWAITING THE HICOM'S APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL INCLUDE H.B. NO. 13, RELATING TO FINES IMPOSED BY TT COURTS. THIS BILL WAS INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN CHARLES CONNICK OF THE MARSHALLS, AND THE HICOM HAS UP TO MARCH 27 TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE IT.

ALSO TRANSMITTED WAS H.B. NO. 135, CALLING FOR AMENDING THE TT CODE RELATING TO THE USE OF LAND IN MICRONESIA BY NON-TRUST TERRITORY CITIZENS. THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN HERMAN GUERRERO OF THE MARIANAS. MARCH 30 IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE HICOM TO TAKE ACTION ON THE BILL.

THERE WERE FOUR ADDITIONAL BILLS SENT TO THE HICOM FROM THE CONGRESS TUESDAY. THE DEADLINE FOR THE HICOM'S ACTION ON THE FOUR BILLS IS APRIL 12. THEY INCLUDE H.B. NO. 222, APPROPRIATING MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CONGRESS FOR THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1974 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 1975. THE MEASURE WAS SPONSORED BY CONGRESSMAN RAYMOND SETIK OF TRUK.

THREE SENATOR BILLS WERE AMONG THE BILLS TRANSMITTED: S.B. NO. 239, RESTRICTING MEMBERSHIPS ON DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS TO TT CITIZENS, INTRODUCED BY SEN. BAILEY OLTER OF PONAPE; S.B. 242, AMENDING THE TT CODE RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIANS FOR MINORS AND INCOMPETENTS BY LAND COMMISSIONS AND LAND REGISTRATION TEAMS, SPONSORED BY SEN. OLYMPIO T. BORJA OF THE MARIANAS; AND S.B. NO. 222, CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ALTERNATE PROCEDURES TO CERTIFY CONTEMPT OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED BY SEN. LAZARUS SALLI OF PALAU.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND OTHER STAFF OFFICERS CONCERNED WILL CONSIDER EACH PIECE OF LEGISLATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE HICOM BEFORE ANY ACTION IS TAKEN.

(NEW HOTEL TO OPEN)

SAIPAN, MARCH 12 (MNS)---THE NEWEST, LARGEST, MOST EXPENSIVE HOTEL IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, THE SAIPAN CONTINENTAL, WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FRIDAY MORNING (MARCH 15) AT 8:00 A.M., FOLLOWING A BRIEF, INTER-DENOMINATIONAL BLESSING AND CEREMONY FOR THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT AT 7:30.

ALTHOUGH NOT YET FULLY COMPLETED, THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR HOTEL WILL BE READY TO ACCOMMODATE GUESTS IN 84 OF ITS PLANNED 184 ROOMS, ACCORDING TO GENERAL MANAGER HANK HICKOCK. HE SAID THE RESTAURANT, CALLED THE KILI TERRACE, AND THE COCKTAIL LOUNGE, WHICH IS CALLED THE TRADER BAR, WILL ALSO BE OPENED FRIDAY, AND THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO MAKE USE OF THESE FACILITIES. EACH CAN SEAT ABOUT 200 PEOPLE. LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, FEATURING PERFORMERS FROM HAWAII BROUGHT IN ESPECIALLY FOR THE OCCASION, WILL BE OFFERED IN THE TRADER BAR FROM FRIDAY EVENING, HICKOCK SAID.

"WE WILL BE USING THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 15TH TO JUNE 30TH BOTH TO FINISH THE HOTEL AND TO INTENSIVELY TRAIN OUR STAFF," HICKOCK TOLD MNS TUESDAY. "WE WILL USE THAT TIME ALSO TO TRAIN PEOPLE FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF THE OCEANA ROOM, THE MAIN DINING ROOM, WHICH WILL OPEN IN JUNE AND WILL BE UNSURPASSED BY ANY IN THE PACIFIC."

HICKOCK, WHO CAME TO THE SAIPAN CONTINENTAL FROM THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PALAU CONTINENTAL, SAID TOURS OF THE NEW HOTEL WILL BE OFFERED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC BEGINNING SATURDAY MORNING. PERSONS INTERESTED IN SEEING THE "BEHIND THE SCENES" OPERATION CAN CALL AT THE MAIN DESK IN THE LOBBY ANYTIME BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. AND 10:00 P.M. TO BE

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SCHEDULED FOR A GUIDED TOUR, INCLUDING A RIDE IN ONE OF THE BUILDINGS'S ELEVATORS. THE CONTINENTAL HAS FOUND THE ELEVATORS TO BE OF GREAT INTEREST, SINCE THEY ARE THE FIRST ON SAIPAN. THE SEVEN-STORY HOTEL IS THE TALLEST BUILDING ANYWHERE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE SAIPAN CONTINENTAL HAS HIRED ABOUT 165 MICRONESIAN EMPLOYEES SO FAR, AND HICKOCK SAID THE TARGET IS BETWEEN 190 AND 200 EMPLOYEES BY JUNE 30TH, MAKING THE HOTEL ONE OF THE LARGEST PRIVATE EMPLOYERS ON SAIPAN. THE HOTEL IS ALSO UNIQUE IN THAT IT HAS ITS OWN ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATORS AND WATER DESALINIZATION PLANT, CAPABLE OF PRODUCING 30,000 GALLONS OF FRESH WATER A DAY FROM THE OCEAN. A 150,000 GALLON STORAGE TANK IS ALSO PART OF THE FACILITY, AND HICKOCK SAID THE HOTEL IS COMPLETELY SELF-SUFFICIENT IN BOTH POWER AND WATER UP TO ABOUT 80 PER CENT OCCUPANCY. THIS WAS REQUIRED BECAUSE OF SAIPAN'S CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF BOTH ELECTRICAL POWER AND WATER.

HICKOCK SAID NO SPECIAL OPENING PARTIES OR RECEPTIONS ARE PLANNED FOR THIS WEEKEND, EXCEPT FOR A TRADITIONAL OPENING NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY FOR THE FIRST-NIGHT HOTEL GUESTS ONLY. HE SAID THE OFFICIAL GRAND OPENING IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS WILL INCLUDE A FORMAL CELEBRATION.

THE SAIPAN CONTINENTAL IS SEEN AS THE "FLAGSHIP" OF THE CONTINENTAL AIRLINES HOTEL CHAIN, WHICH INCLUDES SMALLER HOTELS IN PALAU AND TRUK DISTRICTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, A HOTEL ON GUAM, AND AN INTEREST IN A HOTEL IN HAWAII.

(TRUK POLICE CHIEF APPOINTED)

SAIPAN, MARCH 12 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS RE-APPOINTED FRANK NIFON AS CHIEF OF POLICE IN TRUK DISTRICT FOR ANOTHER TWO YEAR TERM, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

NIFON WAS SWORN INTO OFFICE FOR THE NEW TERM DURING GRADUATION CEREMONIES THIS MONTH FOR POSICE OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED A PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY TRAINING COURSE IN TRUK.

TRUST TERRITORY PUBLIC SAFETY SUPERINTENDENT MARIANO SABLAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT A MEETING AND TRAINING COURSE FOR ALL TT POLICE CHIEFS IS CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN MAJURO, THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT CENTER. THE MEETING WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE END OF THE MONTH.