

(PANGELINAN, WILLIAMS TO MEET)

SAIPAN, MARCH 14 (MNS)---SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, SAID THURSDAY (MARCH 14) THAT HE AND COMMISSION CO-CHAIRMAN VICENTE N. SANTOS WILL TRAVEL TO HONOLULU FOR MEETING NEXT WEEK WITH AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS. WILLIAMS IS PRESIDENT NIXON'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. 1974

PANGELINAN SAID THAT WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO WORD AT THIS POINT ON A FINAL AGENDA FOR THE MEETINGS, SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY, MARCH 18 AND 19, THE SESSIONS WITH WILLIAMS WILL SERVE AS A FOLLOWUP TO DISCUSSIONS WITH WILLIAMS' DEPUTY, JAMES M. WILSON, WHO WAS ON SAIPAN FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD LAST MONTH.

THE CHAIRMAN ALSO INDICATED THAT MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA, WILL ALSO BE INVOLVED IN THE STATUS MEETINGS AS THE AD HOC COMMITTEE DEALING WITH GOVERNMENTAL TRANSITION TO A FUTURE STATUS CONTINUES TO WORK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO ADA, THE OTHER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS TRAVELLING TO HONOLULU WILL BE DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICER TOM SHEEHAN AND EMMET RICE FROM HEADQUARTERS LANDS AND SURVEYS. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THEIR DISCUSSIONS WILL INVOLVE LAND MATTERS SUCH AS PROPERTY ZONING, PLANNING, HOMESTEADING, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE MARIANAS.

EARLIER THIS WEEK, SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, WHICH IS ALSO CONDUCTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. ON THE STATUS QUESTION, SAID THAT HE AND HIS CO-CHAIRMAN, REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP SILK, WILL BE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS IN EARLY APRIL TO CONTINUE PLANNING FOR THE NEXT FULL ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.

(KOROR MAYOR'S ELECTION)

KOROR, MARCH 14 (MNS)---FOLLOWING ONE OF THE MOST INTENSE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS IN RECENT YEARS, KOROR MAYOR RUBASCH FRITZ WAS RE-ELECTED TO HEAD THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT IN PALAU'S DISTRICT CENTER.

THE ELECTION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12, WITH BALLOTING CARRIED OUT FROM SEVEN IN THE MORNING UNTIL SEVEN IN THE EVENING, ACCORDING TO PALAU PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRMIIDOL. THE INCUMBENT MAYOR'S PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION CAME FROM PALAU BUSINESSMAN JACOB SAWAICHI. THE FINAL UNOFFICIAL VOTE TOTALS SHOWED SAWAICHI RECEIVING 694 VOTES AND THE WINNING CANDIDATE RECEIVING 1,060 VOTES.

FRITZ HAS BEEN MAYOR OF KOROR SINCE 1970. HE WILL ASSUME A NEW FOUR-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE STARTING ON JULY FIRST OF THIS YEAR.

(MEDICAL PROGRAM FOR TT STUDENTS)

SAIPAN, MARCH 14 (MNS)---A SPECIAL PREPARATORY PROGRAM IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR MICRONESIAN STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN STUDYING MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE TRUST TERRITORY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES SAID TODAY (MARCH 14) THAT TWO DOCTORS FROM THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY, WHO ARE ALSO CONNECTED WITH THE PREPARATORY PROGRAM, ARE PRESENTLY IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, DISCUSSING THE PROGRAM WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND EDUCATORS IN MICRONESIA.

ARRIVING IN TRUK THURSDAY (MAR. 14) WERE DRS. BENJAMIN YOUNG AND NANCY LIND TO MEET WITH DR. WILLIAMS P. PECK, DIRECTOR OF MEDEX, AND THE TRUK DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND

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HIS STAFF. A MEETING HAS ALSO BEEN ARRANGED FOR THEM WITH REV. FRANCIS HEZEL, PRINCIPAL AT XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL IN TRUK.

THE TEAM WILL DEPART FOR PONAPE MARCH 16 FOR SIMILAR MEETINGS IN THE MARSHALLS, THE GROUP WILL FLY BACK TO HAWAII.

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN FROM HEALTH SERVICES, THE ONE-YEAR PREPARATORY PROGRAM IS OPEN TO STUDENTS WITH DIFFERING BACKGROUNDS IN PACIFIC AREA. THE PROGRAM OFFERS A YEAR OF INTENSIVE STUDY IN THE NATURAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES, BEFORE ENROLLING IN THE REGULAR MEDICAL PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. STUDENTS WITH SEVERAL YEARS OF COLLEGE EDUCATION, EVEN WITHOUT COMPLETING THE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS, ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

INTERESTED MICRONESIAN STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY, AND MORE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING DR. BENJAMIN YOUNG AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, OR THE TT HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

(ESG TASK FORCE PROGRESS REPORT)

SAIPAN, MARCH 14 (MNS)---IN A MEETING HELD LAST WEEK, THE TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT HEARD A REPORT FROM WILLIAM STEWART ON A BOOKLET ON "BASIC ECONOMICS," WHICH IS BEING PREPARED FOR TERRITORY-WIDE DISSEMINATION AS PART OF THE ESG PROGRAM.

IN HIS REPORT, STEWART INDICATED THAT THE SPECIAL PROJECT IS ABOUT HALF FINISHED AND WILL BE GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE FOR ITS REVIEW VERY SHORTLY. IN ADDITION, STEWART ALSO PRESENTED EACH MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE WITH A COPY OF THE "REVISED BRIEFING MATERIAL ON MICRONESIA'S ECONOMY," WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A DOCUMENT WITH "A MUCH MORE POSITIVE APPROACH" THAN THE ORIGINAL ONE THAT HE HAD EARLIER PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR ITS REVIEW.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE PRESENTLY STUDYING THE DOCUMENT FOR FUTURE USE IN THE ESG PROGRAM.

AT THE SAME MEETING, A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF FUNDS WAS GIVEN BY DAIZIRO NAKAMURA, INDICATING THAT SOME \$66,000 WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE SIX DISTRICTS FOR THEIR USE IN THE PROGRAM AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. NAKAMURA, WHO IS CHIEF OF THE CIVIC AFFAIRS DIVISION AND WHO ALSO SERVES AS THE CO-ORDINATOR OF THE ESG PROGRAM, ALSO REPORTED THAT ABOUT \$50,000 WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE HEADQUARTERS ESG PROGRAM FOR THE BALANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 1974.

A MINI-TASK FORCE RESPONSIBLE FOR PRODUCING A BOOKLET OF COMMONLY USE TERMS IN THE ESG PROGRAM (BETTER KNOWN AS A GLOSSARY), REPORTED THAT THIS PROJECT IS ALSO NEAR COMPLETION. THE TERMS IN THE GLOSSARY WILL BE TRANSLATED INTO THE LOCAL LANGUAGES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY.

JIM KLEIST, THE AUDIO-VISUAL EXPERT MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE, BRIEFED THE COMMITTEE ON NEW AUDIO VISUAL DEVICES FOR USE IN THE FIELD, SAYING THAT THE EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED COULD EASILY BE UTILIZED FOR DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON THE ESG PROGRAM. ONE PIECE OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT HAS BUILT-IN CAPABILITY FOR PLAYING FILM STRIPS AND PRODUCING PICTURES AND SOUND AT THE SAME TIME. IT IS PORTABLE AND CAN ALSO BE OPERATED BY SPECIAL BATTERIES, AN IDEAL THING FOR USE IN THE OUTER ISLANDS OF MICRONESIA.

A MEETING HAS BEEN SET ON MARCH 21 AT THE MARIANAS DISTRICT EDUCATION AUDIO-VISUAL CENTER TO PROVIDE TASK FORCE MEMBERS WITH A FULL-BRIEFING ON THE VARIOUS DEVICES AVAILABLE FOR THEIR USE.

GEORGE CALLISON, ONE OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE, REVIEWED SOME IDEAS HE HAS ENVISIONED FOR THE ESG PROGRAM, INCLUDING AN ADDITIONAL RADIO SERIES, A NEW POSTER DESIGN, AND FURTHER USE OF THE MICRONESIAN PAY CHECK STUB

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AS AN ESG AIDE.

FOUR POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL AREAS OF WORK FOR THE TASK FORCE WERE DISCUSSED. THEY INCLUDE THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PROPOSED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN A BILL AWAITING THE HICOM'S ACTION, AS WELL AS OTHER IMPORTANT PROPOSALS MADE BY THE CONGRESS DURING ITS RECENTLY-CONCLUDED SESSION.

SUCH AS THE LAW OF THE SEA POSITION PAPERS. ALSO RECEIVED WAS A BOOKLET PREPARED BY AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FOR THE BRITISH COLONIES IN AFRICA. THE TASK FORCE IS REVIEWING THE BOOKLET IN PREPARATION FOR DISCUSSION IN A MEETING SCHEDULED TO BE HELD MARCH 28.

(INCENTIVE AWARD)

SAIPAN, MARCH 14 (MNS)---AN EMPLOYEE OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT SUPPLY OFFICE, MIRIAM V. KAIPAT, HAS RECEIVED A CASH AWARD AND A LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR A MONEY AND TIME SAVING IDEA FOR HER OFFICE.

ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM KJQR RADIO ON SAIPAN, MS. KAIPAT WAS THE ONE WHO SUGGESTED TO HER SUPERVISOR THAT THERE WAS AN EASIER WAY TO ISSUE ROUTINE OFFICE SUPPLIES TO DISTRICT AND HEADQUARTERS OFFICES THAN THROUGH THE NORMAL REQUISITION PROCEDURE. AT HER SUGGESTION, THE SELF-SERVICE SHOP STORE, OR THE SO-CALLED SERVMART, WAS ESTABLISHED ON SAIPAN, AND SAVINGS OF UP TO FIFTY PERCENT IN TIME AND PAPERWORK HAVE BEEN REALIZED AS A RESULT.

UNDER THE SERVMART SYSTEM, DISTRICT AND HEADQUARTERS OFFICES OBLIGATE MONEY FOR SUPPLIES TO BE CREDITED IN A COUPON BOOK. PURCHASES OF THE SUPPLIES CAN THEN BE MADE ON THE SPOT AND WHENEVER NEEDED AT THE SERVMART CENTER AT LOWER BASE WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF CUTTING REQUISITIONS FOR THESE PURCHASES, AND THE AMOUNT OF THE PURCHASES IS SIMPLY DEDUCTED FROM THE COUPON BOOK.

MS. KAIPAT RECEIVED HER CASH INCENTIVE AWARD AND LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR THE SUGGESTION IN CEREMONIES EARLIER THIS MONTH.

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