

(PEACE MEMORIAL DEDICATED)

SAIPAN, MARCH 25 (MNS) --- MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 350 VISITORS FROM JAPAN TURNED OUT MONDAY (MARCH 25) FOR THE DEDICATION OF A PEACE MEMORIAL TO ALL THOSE WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN THE MID-PACIFIC DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR. THE MEMORIAL IS AT THE LAST COMMAND POST IN THE MARPI AREA OF SAIPAN. 11
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AMONG THE DIGNITARIES WHO ATTENDED THE THREE-HOUR DEDICATION CEREMONIES WERE THE VICE-MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN, MASAKATA TOZAWA; THE HONORABLE JAMES M. SHINTAKU, HONORARY CONSUL FOR JAPAN ON GUAM; DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN; MRS. EDWARD E. JOHNSTON; VICE-SPEAKER OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ENDY DOIS; SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA; MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL AND LABOR COMMITTEE, DIET OF JAPAN, COUNCILLORS; THE HONORABLE SHOJI SUHARA, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL AND LABOR COMMITTEE, DIET OF JAPAN; PROFESSOR YOSHIRO TANIGUCHI, MONUMENT DESIGNER; TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF JUSTICE HAROLD BURNETT AND OTHER DIGNITARIES FROM JAPAN AND SAIPAN.

IN A MESSAGE READ BY VICE-MINISTER TOZAWA TRANSLATED BY JAMES M. SHINTAKU, KUNIKICHI SAITO, JAPANESE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE SAID: "AS WE STAND HERE, WE RECALL WITH SORROW THE PAIN AND SUFFERINGS OF MORE THAN 200,000 OF OUR COMPATRIOTS AND A GREAT NUMBER OF MICRONESIAN PEOPLE WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES IN THE ISLANDS AND THE SEA OF THE MID-PACIFIC IN THE COURSE OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR." HE THEN EXPRESSED THE APPRECIATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN "TO THE THOUGHTFUL COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS AND THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION."

"THE MONUMENT, AS YOU SEE, IS PATTERNED AFTER AN URN, AND SYMBOLIZES THE SPIRIT OF THE DECEASED. PROTECTING IT FROM BEHIND IS A FOLDING-SCREEN TYPE OF WALL. TOGETHER THEY REPRESENT OUR WISH THAT ALL THOSE WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR PEACE AND THE WELL-BEING OF THEIR FAMILIES MAY IN PEACE IN THE BOSOM OF THEIR FAMILIES," TOZAWA SAID.

DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN AND MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA ALSO DELIVERED BRIEF REMARKS.

THE LARGELY CEREMONIAL SERVICE INCLUDED THE LAYING OF WREATHS DONATED BY JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER KAKUEI TANAKA, FOLLOWED BY MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BEREAVED FAMILIES ASSOCIATION, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN TOKYO AND THE OFFERING OF FLOWERS BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BEREAVED FAMILIES ASSOCIATION, WHICH REPRESENTS 47 PREFECTURES IN JAPAN

RELIGIONS RITES WERE OFFERED BY CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT CLERIES FROM SAIPAN AND SEVERAL PRIESTS FROM JAPAN.

THE JAPANESE CONTINGENT ARRIVED ON SAIPAN SUNDAY (MARCH 24) ABOARD AIR MICRONESIA FLIGHT FROM GUAM. THEY CHARTERED A 747 JUMBO JET FROM JAPAN TO GUAM. VICE-MINISTER TOZAWA WAS EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR GUAM MONDAY AFTERNOON. OTHERS WILL LEAVE SAIPAN TUESDAY (MARCH 26).

THE PEACE MEMORIAL AT THE MARPI LAST COMMAND POST WAS CONSTRUCTED BY SABLAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, A LOCAL CONTRACTOR. THE MEMORIAL WAS SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN, THE TRUST TERRITORY AND THE UNITED STATES.

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(LOTTE REITH LEAVES)

SAIPAN, MARCH 25 (MNS) --- THE GERMAN FREIGHTER M/V LOTTE REITH FINALLY RESOLVED HER THAN TWO WEEKS IN THE MARIANAS. THE SHIP SAILED OUT OF SAIPAN HARBOR AT FOUR SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 23, AFTER THE LAST OF FOUR ARREST WARRANTS ON THE SHIP WAS LIFTED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COURT.

THE LOTTE REITH IS THE LAST OF THE VESSELS THAT WERE CHARTERED BY TRANSPACIFIC LINES, INC., THE TRUST TERRITORY TRANCHISED SHIPPING COMPANY THAT IS NOW IN RECEIVERSHIP. SHE RETURNED TO SAIPAN FROM A TRIP TO THE EASTERN DISTRICTS EARLY IN MARCH, BUT REFUSED TO ENTER THE HARBOR WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR TO THE CAPTAIN THAT THE SHIP FACED ARREST FOR DEBTS THAT TRANSPACIFIC LINES HAD FAILED TO PAY. FINALLY, AFTER SOME LONG-DISTANCE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SAIPAN AND THE CITY OF HAMBURG, GERMANY, WHERE THE COMPANY THAT OWNS THE SHIP IS LOCATED, THE LOTTE REITH ENTERED THE HARBOR ON MARCH 14.

SHE WAS IMMEDIATELY PLACED UNDER ARREST. THE FOUR ATTACHMENTS WHICH EVENTUALLY WERE ENTERED AGAINST HER WERE FILED BY MARINE TERMINAL OF SAN FRANCISCO, MOBIL PETROLEUM COMPANY, SAIPAN SHIPPING COMPANY AND SAIPAN STEVEDORING COMPANY. ALL FOUR WERE FOR CLAIMS AGAINST TRANSPAC, BUT UNDER MARITIME LAW IT IS POSSIBLE TO ATTACH A SHIP UNDER CHARTER TO SUCH A COMPANY EVEN THOUGH THE OWNERS OF THE VESSEL HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH INCURRING THE DEBTS. THE MARINE TERMINALS AND MOBIL ATTACHMENTS WERE LIFTED LAST WEEK, AND THE TWO SAIPAN CLAIMS WERE LIFTED SATURDAY, AFTER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SHIP'S OWNERS TO INSURE PAYMENT OF THE CLAIMS WERE CONCLUDED.

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THIRTY SIX OF THE 46 BILLS HAVE NOW BEEN OFFICIALLY TRANSMITTED TO THE HICOM, ACCORDING TO N. NEIMAN CRALEY, JR. THE HICOM'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS.

BILLS RECEIVED INCLUDE S.B. 189, CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DUTY FREE RETAIL CONCESSIONS IN OFFICIAL PORTS OF ENTRY OF THE TRUST TERRITORY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM AND OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE TT, SPONSORED BY SENATOR EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN OF THE MARIANAS; S.B. 289, RELATING TO AMENDING HOMESTEAD CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE, INTRODUCED BY SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH OF TRUK; S.B. 289, RELATING TO AMENDING PL.5-51 TO PROVIDE AN OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE FOR MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ABROAD, INTRODUCED BY REQUEST BY SENATOR AMBILOS IEHSI OF PONAPE; AND S.B. 298, DESIGNATING KUSAIE IN THE PONAPE DISTRICT AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT, INTRODUCED BY SENATOR AMATA KABUA OF THE MARSHALLS. THESE FOUR MEASURES.

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UYEHARA WAS THE TRUST TERRITORY SCHOLARSHIP OFFICER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, A POSITION HE HAD HELD SINCE 1967. BORN IN HAMAKUA, HAWAII, HE HAD SPENT MOST OF HIS PROFESSIONAL LIFE IN MICRONESIA, BEGINNING WITH POST-WORLD WAR TWO SERVICE IN PALAU AND YAP AS A TRANSLATOR IN 1946.

AFTER A SHORT STAY IN HAWAII, UYEHARA RETURNED TO PALAU IN 1948 TO WORK FOR THE PALAU NATIVE GOVERNMENT AS AN ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCHER AND TRANSLATOR, AND IN 1954 HE JOINED THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, FIRST AS A STAFF ANTHROPOLOGIST BUT LATER THAT YEAR AS AN EDUCATION SPECIALIST. HE REMAINED IN PALAU DISTRICT UNTIL 1959, WHEN HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE YAP DISTRICT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. HE SERVED IN YAP UNTIL COMING TO SAIPAN IN 1967 TO BECOME THE SCHOLARSHIP OFFICER.

UYEHARA WAS WELL-KNOWN TO MANY MICRONESIAN YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORK IN ADMINISTERING THE VARIOUS TRUST TERRITORY AND CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS. UPON LEARNING OF HIS SUDDEN DEATH, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DAVID RAMARUI SAID OF UYEHARA: "WE ARE SHOCKED AND SADDENED AT THE DEATH OF THIS VETERAN IN THE EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY. HE HAD DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO THE EDUCATION OF MICRONESIANS, AND HIS PASSING IS A GREAT LOSS FOR ALL OF US."

DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN ALSO EXPRESSED ON BEHALF OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF HARRY UYEHARA: "THE SUDDEN AND UNTIMELY PASSING OF HARRY UYEHARA BRINGS SHOCK AND DEEP SOOROW TO ALL OF US WHO KNEW HIM WELL," HE STATED. "HE WAS A GENTLY PERSON AND IN HIS QUIETNESS WAS ONE OFTEN SOUGHT AFTER FOR HIS WISDOM. HE WAS AN OUTSTANDING FATHER TO HIS FAMILY AND A MOST RESPECTED PERSON IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND STAFF AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY MOURN THE LOSS OF SUCH A DEDICATED EMPLOYEE WITH MANY YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH HIS FAMILY IN THIS TIME OF SORROW."

UYEHARA IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARIANNE, AND FOUR CHILDREN, GRACE, LINDA, KENNETH AND JOSPH. FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE PENDING, BUT BURIAL IS EXPECTED TO BE IN HAWAII.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(RONGELAP-UTIRIK EXAMS SET)

SAIPAN, MARCH 25 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---THE ANNUAL MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR THE PEOPLE OF RONGELAP AND UTIRIK WHO WERE AFFECTED BY RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT ON NEARBY BIKINI DURING AN H-BOMB TEST IN 1954 WILL BE CONDUCTED THIS MONTH BY A MEDICAL SURVEY TEAM FROM THE BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY. THE TEAM IS UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, AND BEGAN ITS EXAMINATIONS ON MAJURO, IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT THIS PAST WEEKEND.

THE EXAMINATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED TO CHECK AND POSSIBLY TREAT ADVERSE EFFECTS OF HARMFUL RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT. SO FAR, ABOUT TWENTY RONGELAPESE HAVE UNDERGONE OPERATIONS DUE TO RADIATION-INDUCED THYROID DISEASES AND ONE IS KNOWN TO HAVE DIED OF A SICKNESS PROBABLY CAUSED BY THE FALLOUT.

THE SURVEY TEAM IS HEADED BY DR. ROBERT A. CONARD, HIS TO CONTINUE ITS EXAMINATIONS ON EBEE. FROM KWAJALEIN, THE TEAM WILL TAKE AN LCU TO THE OUTER-ISLANDS OF RONGELAP AND UTIRIK. THE SURVEY TEAM IS ACCOMPANIED BY CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA STAFF MEMBER JOHN DEL ROSARIO.

ASIDE FROM THE ROUTINE PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF EXPOSED AND UNEXPOSED PEOPLE FROM RONGELAP AND UTIRIK, THE SURVEY WILL

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INCLUDE OTHER SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS. THEY ARE: A STUDY OF THYROID RESERVE IN THE EXPOSED PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT HAD SURGERY; A DIABETICSURVEY; A GENETIC STUDY OF CHILDREN OF EXPOSED AND UNEXPOSED PARENTS; AND, A RADIOLOGICAL MONITORING OF PERSONNEL AND ENVIRONMENT AT UTIRIK, RONGELAP, AND BIKINI.

DURING THE RECENT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE CONCERNING RONGELAP AND UTIRIK ATOLLS SUBMITTED A REPORT OUTLINING ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT COMPENSATION IN FOUR CATEGORIES BE MADE: 50,000 FOR EACH PARENT OF LEKOJ ANJAIN, WHO DIED OF LEUKEMIA IN 1972; DOLS25,000 FOR EVERY RONGELAPESE WHO HAS UNDERGONE OPERATIONS DUE TO RADIATION-INDUCED DISEASES; DOLS1,000 FOR EVERY RESIDENT OF UTIRIK ATOLL WHO WAS EXPOSED IN 1954; AND DOLS25,000 ANNUALLY TO BE USED FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS AS COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES TO THE ISLANDS OF RONGELAP AND UTIRIK.

THE ITINERARY OF THE SURVEY IS AS FOLLOWS: CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS ON MAJURO ON MARCH 21 AND DEPART FOR KWAJELEIN IN SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH. THE TEAM WILL CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS ON EBeye DURING THEIR KWAJELEIN STAY. THEY'LL SAIL TO UTIRIK ON MARCH 30; APRIL 3 THEY LEAVE UTIRIK AND SAIL TO RONGELAP; APRIL 11TH THEY LEAVE RONGELAP FOR BIKINI, AND APRIL 13TH LEAVE BIKINI FOR KWAJELEIN. SOME OF THE TEAM MEMBERS WILL REMAIN BEHIND ON BIKINI TO CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS ON APRIL 15TH AND 16TH.

(GED PROGRAM FOR TT CITIZEN)

SAIPAN, MARCH 25 (MNS)---A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT THE GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT TEST (GED) IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR TT CITIZENS WHO HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL.

EDUCATIONALLY MATURE INDIVIDUALS IN MICRONESIA WHO HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE THEIR HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION COULD OBTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATE BY TAKING THE GED TEST, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. THROUGH SELF-STUDY AND EXPERIENCE ON THE JOB, A PERSON CAN MAKE A HIGH ENOUGH SCORE ON THE TEST TO QUALIFY HIM FOR A CERTIFICATE WHICH IS AT PAR WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, AND IS ACCEPTED BY MANY EMPLOYERS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

THE GED CERTIFICATE CAN HELP INDIVIDUALS IN OBTAINING A JOB? JOB UPGRADING, FURTHER TRAINING, AND HIGHER SCHOOLING, IT WAS NOTED.

EACH DISTRICT HAS A GED CHIEF EXAMINER WHO ADMINISTERS THESE GED TESTS. THEY CAN BE LOCATED IN THE DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MRS. SUSANNA MAFNAS, CHIEF EXAMINER FOR THE MARIANAS; RUSSELL BURKE, YAP; WILLIAM TABELUAL, PALAU; MISAUO PETRUS, TRUK; CATALINO CANTERO, PONAPE; AND BIRASH JOASH, MARSHALLS.

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