

(HEARINGS INTO RECEIVERSHIP OPENS)

SAIPAN, MARCH 28 (MNS)---A HEARING BEFORE HIGH COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ARVIN H. BROWN OPENED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (MARCH 27) ON SAIPAN, TO DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OF THE JUDICIAL RECEIVERSHIP OF TRANSPACIFIC LINES, INC., ESTABLISHED BY ORDER OF CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT HAROLD BURNETT LAST MONTH.

THE SUIT WAS BROUGHT BY GUAM ATTORNEY DOUGLAS CUSHNIE ON BEHALF OF SEVERAL CREDITORS, FORMER EMPLOYEES AND OTHERS CONNECTED WITH TRANSPAC, WHO CHARGE DENIAL OF DUE PROCESS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JUDICIAL RECEIVERSHIP. TRANSPAC IS THE TRUST TERRITORY FRANCHISED SHIPPING COMPANY THAT WAS DECLARED INSOLVENT BY THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND PLACED INITIALLY IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP, AND SUBSEQUENTLY INTO A JUDICIAL RECEIVERSHIP LAST MONTH. THE MOTION TO END THE JUDICIAL RECEIVERSHIP WAS FILED MARCH 21.

ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN GUAM'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS, JUDGE BROWN SAID THE SUIT RAISES "VERY GRAVE QUESTIONS OF LAW" AND IT SHOULD BE RESOLVED JUST AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

THE MOTION WAS DIRECTED TO THE HIGH COURT TO VACATE ITS OWN ORDER. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE POINTED OUT THAT THE TT GOVERNMENT IS NOT A PARTY TO THE SUIT. THE ACTION IS DIRECTED TO THE CURRENT RECEIVER APPOINTED BY THE COURT, AND SEEKS TO HAVE HIM DISMISSED. THE CURRENT RECEIVER IS SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME ATTORNEY JOHN MEADOWS, WHO WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE COURT HEARING WEDNESDAY.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MOTION ASKS THE COURT TO REQUIRE ANY RECEIVER APPOINTED TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO PREVENT CANCELLATION OF THE TRANSPAC FRANCHISE. THE FRANCHISE IS CURRENTLY UNDER NOTICE OF DEFAULT FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT.

THE HEARING WAS TO CONTINUE THURSDAY AT THE HIGH COURT CHAMBERS IN SUSUPE.

(BOAT MISSING IN YAP)

YAP, MARCH 28 (MNS)---ACTING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR HILARY TACHELIOL OF YAP HAS ASKED FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM GUAM TO HELP IN LOCATING A BOAT MISSING FOR TWO DAYS WITH TWO MEN ABOARD.

THE 26-FOOT MOTOR WHALE-BOAT, WITH AN INBOARD DIESEL ENGINE, WAS TAKEN WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION WEDNESDAY MORNING (MARCH 27) FOR A FISHING TRIP BY TWO MEN WHO LEFT WORD THEY WOULD COME BACK IN ABOUT TWO HOURS. THE BOAT BELONGS TO THE YAP DISTRICT MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION, AND DISTRICT MARINE RESOURCES REPRESENTATIVE MIKE MCCOY TOLD THE DISTAD THE BOAT HAD NOT BEEN FUELED FOR SOME TIME. THUS AUTHORITIES ARE ASSUMING THE CRAFT RAN OUT OF GAS.

IT WAS LAST SEEN ABOUT THREE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, DRIFTING SOME TWO TO FIVE MILES OFF THE WESTERN SHORE OF YAP ISLAND. THE OCCUPANTS OF THE BOAT, IDENTIFIED AS PIUS PIYALUG AND A MAN NAMED SALUGMAI, FIRST NAME UNKNOWN, WERE SAID TO HAVE INDICATED BY HAND SIGNALS TO A PASSING SMALL BOAT THAT THEY NEEDED HELP. BY THE TIME THE BOAT REACHED SHORE AND SOUNDED THE ALARM, HOWEVER, IT HAD BECOME DRAG AND THE DRIFTING BOAT COULD NO LONGER BE SEEN.

AIR MICRONESIA HAS BEEN ASKED TO HAVE ITS PILOTS BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE BOAT, AND A U.S. NAVY WEATHER PLANE FROM GUAM SEARCHED THE WATERS AROUND YAP FOR A BRIEF TIME THURSDAY, BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. THURSDAY AFTERNOON TACHELIOL SENT A TELEGRAPH MESSAGE TO GUAM FORMALLY REQUESTING MILITARY SEARCH AND RESCUE ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING THE BOAT.

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(TT DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATION)

SAIPAN, MARCH 28 (MNS)---GRADUATION CEREMONIES FOR THE SECOND CLASS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY SCHOOL OF DENTAL NURSING WERE HELD IN KOROR MONDAY (MAR. 25), IT WAS REPORTED BY PALAU INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRNIDOL.

THE SPECIAL OCCASSION WAS ATTENDED BY SOME 200 GUESTS AND FRIENDS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF DIGNITARIES OF PALAU, SOME OF WHOM SPOKE AT THE CEREMONIES.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT SEVEN STUDENTS FROM ALL SIX DISTRICTS GRADUATED AND RECEIVED THEIR PINS AND CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION AFTER SUCCESSFULLY PASSING ALL THE COURSE REQUIREMENTS.

RECEIVING THE FIRST HONOR FOR MAINTAINING THE HIGHEST SCHOLASTIC STANDING WAS LUIS DIAZ OF THE MARIANAS, WHO ALSO DELIVERED THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS. MRS. CECILIA YAMADA OF PALAU RECEIVED THE SECOND HONOR.

IN ADDITION TO THE TWO, THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1974 INCLUDES: MAHEIN HANDY OF PONAPE; PEDRO KYOMASA, PALAU; NED LUTHER, MARSHALLS; OBED MARTIN, TRUK; AND JOSEPH URTOG, YAP.

ONE OF THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS OF PALAU, CHIEF IBEDUL YUTAKA GIBBONS, TOLD THE GRADUATING CLASS THAT THEIR GOAL "IS TO HAVE ADEQUATE DENTAL CARE THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA." CHIEF IBEDUL ALSO WISHED THE DENTAL NURSES SUCCESS IN THEIR CAREER.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OCCASSION WAS SENATOR ROMAN TMETUCL OF PALAU, WHO POINTED OUT THAT THE DENTAL NURSES ARE AS IMPORTANT AS DOCTORS, LAWYERS OR ADMINISTRATORS.

FOLLOWING THE SENATOR, DEPUTY DISTAD OF PALAU HARUO REMELIUK MADE BRIEF REMARKS, EMPHASIZING THE FACT THAT DENTAL NURSING IS ONE OF THE MOST NEEDED CAREERS IN MICRONESIA. HE SAID THAT HE IS EXTREMELY PLEASED THAT MOC IS GEARED TOWARD THE NEEDS OF MICRONESIA.

REMELIUK SAID HE IS HOPEFUL THAT THE PROGRAM OF THIS INSTITUTION WILL EXPAND TO INCLUDE NOT ONLY WHAT IS NEEDED IN THE AREA OF THE DENTAL PROFESSION BUT OTHER PROFESSIONS OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE AS WELL.

IN ADDITION TO PALAU DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ALFONSO OITERONG, WHO ALSO SPOKE AT THE OCCASSION, GUEST SPEAKER, DR. JACK HELKENA, CHIEF OF THE TT DENTAL HEALTH DIVISION, GAVE A FEW REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE TT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES. HELKENA NOTED THE TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENT THE GRADUATES HAVE GAINED WHICH IS ESSENTIAL IN FURTHERING THEIR CAREER FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

(WORKSHOP FOR HEADQUARTERS SUPERVISORS)

S SAIPAN, MARCH 28 (MNS)---A SPECIAL WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD APRIL 1ST THROUGH THE 5TH AT THE TRAINING CENTER ON SAIPAN FOR SUPERVISORS REPRESENTING THE VARIOUS DIVISIONS AT TRUST TERRITORY HEADQUARTERS, ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL ARTHUR A. AKINA, JR.

THE WORKSHOP WILL DISCUSS THE NEW REGULATIONS SUPPLEMENTING TITLE 61 OF THE TT CODE RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TT PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM.

AKINA AND PODIS PEDRUS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, WILL CONDUCT THE TRAINING SESSIONS ALONG WITH VARIOUS PERSONNEL DIVISION CHIEFS WHO WILL DISCUSS THEIR AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION WITH THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE WORKSHOP.

PEDRUS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING THE OTHER PHASE OF THE PROGRAM DEALING WITH THE TRAINING FOR SURPERSVISORS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL. HE SAID HE WILL START THE WORKSHOP IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT APRIL 8TH WITH TRAINING SESSIONS IN THE MARSHALLS, PONAPE, TRUK, YAP AND PALAU TO FOLLOW RESPECTIVELY. THIS PARTICULAR PHASE OF THE PROGRAM IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETE. IN ABOUT A MONTH, PEDRUS NOTED.

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"A SPECIAL RADIO PROGRAM IS BEING PLANNED WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON EXPLAINING THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND COMPENSATIONS, AS PROVIDED BY THE NEW REGULATIONS, FOR TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES," PEDRUS SAID.

THE NEW REGULATIONS SUPPLEMENTING TITLE 61 OF THE TT CODE WERE RECENTLY APPROVED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGERS WHO ARE IN DECISION-MAKING POSITIONS, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO PERSONNEL MATTERS.

"ALL MANAGERS MUST KNOW HOW TO USE THE AVAILABLE TOOLS TO EFFECTIVELY DISCHARGE THEIR PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES," PEDRUS SAID.

(NEW SAIPAN TELEVISION MANAGER)

SAIPAN, MARCH 28 (MNS)---A NEW GENERAL MANAGER HAS BEEN NAMED FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY BROADCASTING OPERATIONS OF THE MICRONESIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THURSDAY (MARCH 28) BY SCOTT KILLGORE, PRESIDENT OF THE FIRM.

HE IS EDGAR A. (OLE) OLSON, 65, OF GUAM, WHO WILL TAKE OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF WSZE-TV ON SAIPAN MONDAY, APRIL 1. OLSON WILL ALSO TAKE CHARGE OF THE COMPANY'S PLANNED COMMERCIAL AM AND FM RADIO STATIONS AS THEY GO ON THE AIR LATER THIS YEAR. HE AND HIS WIFE, CYNTHIA, PLAN TO RESIDE ON SAIPAN.

OLSON CAME TO GUAM 19 YEARS AGO, AND HAS BEEN IN THE RADIO AND TELEVISION BUSINESS THERE, AS WELL AS OPERATING A RESTAURANT FOR MANY YEARS IN THE VILLAGE OF INARAJAN. HE WAS STATION MANAGER OF KUAM RADIO AND TV ON GUAM FROM 1958 TO 1959, AND AGAIN FROM 1962 UNTIL 1967. KILLGORE ALSO OWNS AND OPERATES THE GUAM STATIONS.

THE SAIPAN TELEVISION OPERATION WILL MOVE SHORTLY FROM ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN THE ROYAL TAGA HOTEL TO NEW STUDIOS BEING LEASED FROM THE GOVERNMENT IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BUILDING. THE MOVE WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS CONSTRUCTION OF A BROADCASTING TOWER AT THE SITE IS COMPLETED. ONCE THE TV STATION IS RE-LOCATED, A SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEXT STEP WILL BE TO PUT THE FM RADIO STATION ON THE AIR. THE AM STATION WILL BE THE FINAL STEP, AND NO TARGET DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THAT. EVENTUALLY, HOWEVER, ALL THREE WILL BE OPERATED OUT OF THE NEW LOCATION AT SAIPAN'S LOWER BASE AREA. WSZE-TV IS THE TRUST TERRITORY'S ONLY TELEVISION OPERATION. THE TWO RADIO STATIONS WILL ALSO BE THE ONLY COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS IN THE TT.

CYNTHIA OLSON, THE WIFE OF THE NEW BROADCASTING MANAGER, IS A FORMER REPORTS OFFICER AND STUDENT ADVISOR FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT ON GUAM, AND BOTH OLSON AND HIS WIFE ARE WELL-KNOWN TO MANY FORMER MICRONESIAN STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM. MRS. OLSON WAS ALSO AT ONE TIME THE EDITOR OF THE MICRONESIAN REPORTER.