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SAIPAN, APRIL 11 (MNS)---NINE BILLS WERE SIGNED INTO LAW BY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (APRIL 10). THEY ARE THE ELEVENTH THROUGH THE NINETEENTH BILLS TO BE SIGNED SO FAR OUT OF THE FORTY-SIX PASSED BY THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FIFTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA EARLIER THIS YEAR. COLEMAN ALSO DISSAPPROVED ONE BILL AND RETURNED IT TO THE CONGRESS.

DISAPPROVED WAS A MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR IN CERTAIN CASES INVOLVING CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS (SB 222). IN HIS VETO MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP, COLEMAN NOTED THAT THERE IS A PENDING CASE BEFORE THE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COURT WHICH INVOLVES SENATOR LAZARUS SALII VERSUS IT ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD I. MIYAMOTO WHICH INVOLVES IMPORTANT ISSUES RELATING TO IT. "WE BELIEVE THAT THIS OR ANY SIMILAR LEGISLATION SHOULD BE DISAPPROVED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE COURT HAS RULED ON THESE ISSUES," COLEMAN POINTED OUT.

SIGNED INTO LAW ARE: A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS BE CITIZENS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, (SB 239) WHICH NOW BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 5-63; A MEASURE WHICH CORRECTS A MINOR ERROR IN THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE WHICH HAS HAD THE EFFECT OF MAKING A SMALL PORTION OF ONE ATOLL IN THE MARSHALLS, MILI ATOLL, TECHNICALLY OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT, (HB 16) NOW PUBLIC LAW 5-64; A BILL TO RESTRICT THE HARVESTING OF TROCHUS TO CITIZENS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, (HB 233) BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 5-65; A \$22,000 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE REVENUE DIVISION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1974, (HB 244) IS NOW PUBLIC LAW 5-66; A MEASURE TO ADD ADDITIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS OF EMPLOYEES TO THOSE COVERED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY MERIT SYSTEM, AND CLARIFY PROVISIONS RELATING TO OVERTIME COMPENSATION AND HOLIDAY PAY, (SB 152) IS NOW PUBLIC LAW 5-67; AN APPROPRIATION BILL OF \$50,000 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONGRESS' GENERAL ELECTION THIS FALL (SB 221) NOW BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 5-68; A \$150,000 APPROPRIATION TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL LOAN FUND FOR ANIMAL AND PLANT AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS, (HB 140) IS NOW PUBLIC LAW 5-69; A MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF DUTY-FREE RETAIL CONCESSIONS IN OFFICIAL PORTS OF ENTRY IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, (SB 189) IS NOW PUBLIC LAW 5-70; AND PUBLIC LAW 5-71 IS A BILL TO CREATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IN THE HOLDER OF A HOMESTEAD CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE, (SB 260).

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS N. NEIMAN CRALEY TOLD MNS THAT TWO MORE HOUSE BILLS ARE STILL TO BE RECEIVED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. ALL SENATE BILLS HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED.

(TAIWAN VESSEL APPREHENDED)

PALAU, APRIL 11 (MNS)---AN UNIDENTIFIED TAIWANESE FISHING VESSEL HAS BEEN APPREHENDED BY THE U.S. NAVY AT UNPOPULATED HELEN REEF IN PALAU DISTRICT, FOR ILLEGALLY POACHING TURTLES AND SHELL FISH FROM THE REEF.

TWO NAVY GUNBOATS ON A ROUTINE PATROL, THE U.S.S. GALLUP AND THE U.S.S. CANON, MADE THE ARREST OF THE SHIP, AND ONE OF THE GUNBOATS, THE GALLUP, IS ESCORTING HER BACK TO KOROR, THE PALAU DISTRICT CENTER. HELEN REEF IS ABOUT 370 MILES SOUTHWEST OF KOROR IN THE EXTREME SOUTHWESTERN CORNER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY.

A REPORT FROM THE NAVY BOATS SAID THE 70-FOOT TAIWAN VESSEL, WITH A CREW OF 17, WAS NOT ACTUALLY IN TERRITORIAL WATERS ITSELF, BUT WAS THE "MOTHER SHIP" OF TWO SMALLER

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BOATS WHICH WERE ENGAGED IN SCUBA DIVING AND SHELL FISHING ON THE REEF. NAVY CREWMEN TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE POACHERS ON THE REEF, AND OBSERVED THREE TURTLES AND SIX BAGS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF SHELL FISH BEING TAKEN.

THE FISHING BOAT IS LIABLE FOR POSSIBLE CONFISCATION BY THE GOVERNMENT IF CHARGES OF ILLEGAL ENTRY AND POACHING ARE SUSTAINED IN COURT. FISHING WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY IS AGAINST THE LAW, AS IS FISHING WITHIN A "FISHERY ZONE" WHICH EXTENDS NINE MILES BEYOND THE THREE MILE TERRITORIAL WATER LIMIT. HELEN REEF, A TURTLE BREEDING AREA AND ABUNDANT SOURCE OF TROCHUS AND OTHER HIGHLY VALUED MICRONESIAN SEAFOOD SPECIES, IS A SPECIAL PROBLEM AREA. THE PERIODIC PATROLS BY THE NAVY, AND THE INFREQUENT TT FIELD TRIPS, ARE ABOUT THE ONLY REGULAR CHECK THE GOVERNMENT HAS ON FISHING ACTIVITY AT THE REEF.

THE NAVY SAID ALTHOUGH NO-ONE ON BOARD THE CHINESE BOAT SPOKE ENGLISH, THE VESSEL PROCEEDED TOWARD KOROR UNDER ESCORT WITHOUT RESISTANCE. LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES WILL INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT WHEN THE SHIPS REACH KOROR.

(TRADITIONAL LEADERS CONFERENCE UPDATE)

KOLONIA, APRIL 11 (MNS)---THE SECOND DAY SESSION OF THE MICRONESIAN TRADITIONAL LEADERS CONFERENCE IN KOLONIA, PONAPE, TUESDAY (APRIL 9), WAS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSIONS ON MICRONESIAN UNITY, AN ISSUE CONSIDERED TO BE THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE AMONG ALL OTHER TOPICS TO BE CONSIDERED DURING THE TWO-WEEK CONFERENCE.

ACCORDING TO HALVORSEN JOHNNY, PONAPE RADIO STATION MANAGER, CHAIRMAN OF THE MICRONESIAN UNITY SESSION HEINRICH IRIARTE STRESSED THAT DURING THE COURSE OF THIS CONFERENCE, THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS MUST BEAR ONE THING IN MIND: THEY WANT COOPERATION, LOVE, AND ONE VOICE. HE NOTED THAT SEVERAL OBSTACLES DO EXIST. ONE, THERE IS AN APPARENT LACK OF COOPERATION; THE OTHER IS MONEY WHICH IS A DIVISIVE FACTOR BETWEEN THE DISTRICTS; AND THE OTHER IS PLAYING POLITICS WHICH WILL FURTHER DIVIDE THEM.

FUJITA BOSSY, MAYOR OF MOEN, TRUK, WAS THE FIRST SPEAKER OF THE TRUK TRADITIONAL DELEGATION. HE POINTED OUT THAT ONE DIFFICULTY WAS THAT THE NANMWARDIS HAD NOT MET BEFORE THE MEETING. DURING THE AFTERNOON SESSION, MAYOR BOSSY AND JOHNNY MOSES, NANMWARDI OF UH MUNICIPALITY, SHOOK HANDS TO SIGNIFY COOPERATION BETWEEN TRUK AND PONAPE DISTRICTS.

IOANIS ARTUI, NANMWARDI OF SOKEKS RAISED A QUESTION IN REGARDS TO A LEADERSHIP GRANT WHICH ENABLED SOME MICRONESIAN LEADERS TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES. HE WONDERED WHY THE GRANTS ARE NOT BEING USED FOR MICRONESIAN LEADERS TO VISIT THE OTHER DISTRICTS. ISKIA SONY, INTERPRETER FOR TRUK TRADITIONAL LEADERS CLARIFIED THAT BY SAYING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS THE SOURCE OF THE GRANTS AND THE AUTHORITY WHICH ADMINISTERS THEM.

IT WAS INDICATED DURING THE DISCUSSION THAT THE LEADERS WANTED TO USE THE MONEY. TOL MAGISTRATE SUSUMA AIZAWA MOVED THAT AN ATTEMPT BE MADE TO GET THE MONEY. THAT MOTION PASSED. ANOTHER MOTION WAS MADE AND PASSED WHICH WILL PROCLAIM THE EXPRESSED UNITY DEMONSTRATED EARLIER. THE CONFERENCE THEN CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON MICRONESIAN UNITY. FOLLOWING THAT, THE SECOND ISSUE ON THE AGENDA, THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE DISCUSSED.

IT WAS ALSO REPORTED ON SAIPAN THAT THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS FROM YAP DISTRICT ARE ON THEIR WAY TO PONAPE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. LAST WEEK THE YAP TRADITIONAL LEADERS SAID THAT DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS, THEY WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. THE MARSHALL ISLANDS TRADITIONAL LEADERS

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ARE INVOLVED WITH THE CURRENT NITIJELA'S SESSION AND ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND. SINCE THERE ARE NO TRADITIONAL LEADERS FROM THE MARIANAS DISTRICT, THE MARIANAS AREN'T REPRESENTED. NO REASON HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE LACK OF PARTICIPATION FROM PALAU, BUT THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE THERE IS ALSO CURRENTLY IN SESSION.

(REMELIIK DELIVERS MESSAGE TO LEGISLATURE)

KOROR, APRIL 11 (MNS)---PALAU DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR HARUO T. REMELIIK DELIVERED THE ANNUAL "STATE OF THE DISTRICT MESSAGE" AT THE PALAU LEGISLATURE BUILDING IN KOROR THIS YEAR. REMELIIK REPRESENTED DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR THOMAS REMENGESAU, WHO IS IN WASHINGTON ATTENDING BUDGET HEARINGS.

THE DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR SPOKE ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL MATTERS THAT MUST BE GIVEN SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BY THE PALAU LEGISLATURE AS WELL AS THE PEOPLE OF PALAU, ACCORDING TO PALAU PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRMIDOL.

IN THE AREA OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, THE DEPUTY DISTAD SAID IN PART: "WE ARE NOW FACING THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION WHICH WILL AFFECT OUR DAILY LIVES AND THAT IS OUR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS." WITH THIS, REMELIIK URGED THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE TO SEE TO IT THAT "OUR ENTIRE GOVERNMENT WILL ENSURE PEACE, JUSTICE, UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD AMONG EACH AND EVERYONE OF US." HE WENT ON TO STATE THAT WITH THE EFFORT PUT OUT BY ADMINISTRATION AND THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEGISLATURE, IT IS HOPED THAT WHEN A PLEBESCITE TAKES PLACE, EVERYONE WILL HAVE BEEN EDUCATED POLITICALLY.

TURNING TO THE AREA OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE DEPUTY DISTAD INFORMED THE LAWMAKERS THAT BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE SCHEDULE OF SHIPS, THE PALAU LEGISLATURE IS UNABLE TO FUNCTION TO THE FULLEST DUE TO LACK OF REVENUE TO RUN ITS OWN ACTIVITIES. "HOWEVER," REMELIIK ADDED, "THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD SET THE PRIORITY LISTS OF MEASURES TO BE CONSIDERED SO THAT THE PROJECTS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED."

AMONG OTHER PROBLEMS THAT THE DEPUTY DISTAD DEALT WITH WERE THE PRICES OF GOODS THAT ARE CONSTANTLY RISING AND THE SERIOUSNESS OF DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE. IN LINE WITH THIS, THE DEPUTY DISTAD INFORMED THE LAWMAKERS THAT A MEASURE WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION WHICH WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM IN PALAU DISTRICT.

CONCLUDING HIS REMARKS, REMELIIK MADE IT CLEAR THAT, "ALTHOUGH WE COME FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE, HAVING DIFFERENT EXPECTATIONS OF LIFE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE SHOULD JOINTLY WORK TOGETHER FOR OUR ISLANDS."

LEGISLATURE SPEAKER ITELBAŃ LUII ALSO SPOKE TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS ON WHAT HE CALLS PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGE WHICH ARE INEVITABLE TO ANY DEVELOPING SOCIETY. HE POINTED OUT FOUR THINGS WHICH HAVE OCCURED TO WHICH THE LEGISLATURE MUST GIVE ITS UTMOST ATTENTION. FIRST, HE EXPRESSED HIS CONCERNED OVER THE FACT THAT AS OF APRIL 1 OF THIS YEAR, THE BAN ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT HAS BEEN LIFTED. "IT IS GOOD FOR US BECAUSE FOREIGN BUSINESSES WILL BRING IN MORE MONEY INTO OUR ECONOMY," LUII POINTED OUT. "BUT," HE CAUTIONED, "WE SHOULD DELIBERATE ON HOW BEST TO CONTROL AND REGULATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT TO THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF PALAU."

SECOND, HE SAID, THE COURSE OF ACTION WHICH THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS AND THE MARSHALLS HAVE TAKEN MAKE THE POSSIBILITY OF UNITY IN MICRONESIA MORE REMOTE. HE WENT ON TO URGE HIS COLLEAGUES TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THIS QUESTION OF UNITY DURING THE SESSION. HE SUGGESTED THAT

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PALAU DISTRICT SHOULD REEVALUATE THEIR POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THEIR RELATION WITH THE OTHER DISTRICTS. THIRD, HE RAISED A QUESTION REGARDING THE PRESENT PROGRAM OF EDUCATION FOR SELF--GOVERNMENT PREPARED BY THE ADMINISTRATION. HE ASKED WHETHER THE PROGRAM IS PROVIDING INFORMATION WHICH HE NEEDED IN ORDER FOR THE PEOPLE TO BE ABLE NOT ONLY TO VOTE INTELLIGENTLY ON THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL STATUS BUT TO BE ABLE TO KNOW OF THE PROBLEMS, BENEFITS, AS WELL AS OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT ARE INCIDENT TO EACH TYPE OF POLITICAL STATUS AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE.

THE LEGISLATURE SPEAKER CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS SAYING, "WE SHOULD CONSIDER SERIOUSLY THE UTILITY OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AS IT NOW CONSTITUTED. IT APPEARS THAT BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT EACH DISTRICT'S STRENGTH IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE POLITICAL REALITIES IN MICRONESIA AS WHOLE BUT IS BASED UPON MORE POLITICS, AND THIS HAS LED TO DISENCHANTMENT AND STRAINED RELATIONS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA."

(TRANSPORTATION CHIEF PLEADS NOT GUILTY)

SAIPAN, APRIL 11 (MNS)---THE CHIEF OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT'S TRANSPORTATION DIVISION, WAYNE C. THIESSEN, PLEADED NOT GUILTY IN MARIANAS DISTRICT COURT WEDNESDAY (APRIL 10) TWO CHARGES OF OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE AND INTERFERING WITH THE SERVICE OF AN ARREST WARRANT. TRIAL WAS TENTATIVELY SET FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, AT 9:00 A.M., ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN GUAM'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

THE CHARGES WERE BROUGHT BY MARIANAS POLICE CAPTAIN JOSE P. MAFNAS, AND GREW OUT OF ATTEMPTS BY MAFNAS TO ARREST THE GERMAN SHIP M/V LOTTE REITH AT SAIPAN'S HARBOR ON MARCH 14. MAFNAS CONTENDS THAT THIESSEN INTERFERED WITH HIS EFFORTS TO ARREST THE SHIP AND CAUSED A DELAY IN HIS CARRYING OUT THE ARREST ACTION. MAFNAS WAS AT THE TIME ACTING POLICE CHIEF FOR THE MARIANAS DISTRICT.

THIESSEN WAS REPRESENTED IN THE COURT APPEARANCE BY JOSE A. TENORIO OF THE MARIANAS PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE.

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