

(MICRO BUDGET HEARINGS)

WASHINGTON, APRIL 5 (GANNETT NEWS SERVICE)---TRUST TERRITORY OFFICIALS TESTIFIED IN WASHINGTON THURSDAY (APRIL 4) IN SUPPORT OF A \$61 MILLION BUDGET APPROPRIATION, WHICH THEY HOPE TO RAISE TO \$75 MILLION NEXT YEAR, ACCORDING TO A GANNETT NEWS REPORT CARRIED IN FRIDAY'S EDITION OF GUAM'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

STANLEY S. CARPENTER, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS, TOLD CHAIRMAN ALAN BIBLE, OF THE SENATE APPROPRIATION SUBCOMMITTEE THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY WANTS PROGRESSIVELY INCREASED CEILINGS OF \$75 MILLION, \$80 MILLION AND \$85 MILLION OVER THE NEXT THREE FISCAL YEARS.

THIS PROPOSAL IS NOW BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATION'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. THE PRESENT CEILING IS \$61 MILLION. THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION ALSO ASKED FOR EXPEDITED HANDLING OF A REQUEST FOR \$1.6 MILLION TO HELP BUILD NEW INTER-ISLAND SHIPS.

REPRESENTATIVE RAYMOND SETIK (TRUK), CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING, SAID RESIDENTS OF THE TT ARE TRAVELLING BETWEEN ISLANDS ON OUTDATED SHIPS, SOME 30 YEARS OLD. HE SAID MONEY FOR THE VESSEL ALREADY IS AVAILABLE UNDER UNSPENT FUNDS FOR THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR.

THE U.S. PROGRAM TO BUILD EIGHT NEW SHIPS FOR INTER-ISLAND PASSENGER AND CARGO SERVICE AMONG THE ISLANDS OF MICRONESIA IS IN THE WORKS. THE FIRST VESSEL, THE 225-FOOT MICRONESIA PRINCESS, HAS BEEN BUILT IN PUSAN, KOREA, AND WILL BE READY FOR USE THIS SUMMER.

CARPENTER SAID MICRONESIA IS HAVING "ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT YEARS IN ITS HISTORY" AS IT IS "PROGRESSING RAPIDLY TOWARDS THE JOINT GOAL OF SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR MICRONESIA WITH A MUCH STRONGER ECONOMIC BASE," THE GANNETT STORY REPORTED.

HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON SAID THE \$61 MILLION SOUGHT IN FISCAL 1975 INCLUDES \$2.2 MILLION FOR A NEW HOSPITAL IN YAP DISTRICT; \$13 MILLION FOR THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM INVOLVING 34,000 STUDENTS IN 234 SCHOOLS; \$2 MILLION FOR SURVEYS REQUIRED TO RETURN PUBLIC LANDS TO LOCAL DISTRICT CONTROL; \$1 MILLION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS; AND \$667,000 FOR REHABILITATING THE ISLAND OF BIKINI.

JOHNSTON ALSO REQUESTED \$1.4 MILLION TO INITIATE PAYMENT OF MICRONESIAN POST-SECURE CLAIMS BETWEEN 1944 AND 1951 FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY U.S. OCCUPATION. THERE IS \$5 MILLION AVAILABLE TO PAY THE U.S. SHARE, WITH MATCHING JAPANESE INDEMNITY, FOR DAMAGES DURING THE WAR ITSELF. JOHNSTON SAID A TOTAL OF 11,098 CLAIMS HAS BEEN FILED.

THE TOTAL FILED FOR THE POST-WAR PERIOD IS MORE THAN \$11 BILLION, MICRONESIA OFFICIALS SAID, BECAUSE IT INCLUDES CLAIMS BY THE MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORP., FOR DAMAGES THROUGH NUCLEAR TESTING ON BIKINI AND ENIWETOK.

IN ADDITION TO HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON AND CONGRESSMAN SETIK, SEVERAL OTHER TT AND CONGRESS STAFF ARE IN WASHINGTON FOR THE CURRENT ROUND OF BUDGET HEARINGS.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(DRESS CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED)

SAIPAN, APRIL 5 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TERRITORIAL PANEL ON OFFICIAL MICRONESIAN ATTIRE, REPRESENTATIVE POLYCARP BASILIUS OF PALAU, HAS ANNOUNCED THE SELECTION OF TWO FINALISTS IN THE CONTEST FOR AN APPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOR ALL FORMAL OCCASIONS IN MICRONESIA.

THE TWO WINNERS ARE OPHIN RESELAP OF TRUK AND BELHAIM SAKUMA OF PALAU.

ACCORDING TO THE CHAIRMAN, RESELAP WAS SELECTED FOR SUBMITTING THE BEST DESIGN AND SAKUMA, THE BEST MOTIF AND DETAILS FOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DRESS.

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IN A LETTER TO THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE CONGRESS, CONGRESSMAN BASILIUS SAID THAT BOTH ENTRIES WOULD BE USED AND THAT THE FINAL PRODUCT WOULD COMBINE THE BEST FEATURES OF BOTH.

THE PANEL USED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA IN SELECTING THE BEST ENTRIES: SIMPLICITY, REPRESENTATION OF MICRONESIAN CULTURE, ORIGINALITY, DIGNITY, COMFORT, FASHION, AND A MICRONESIAN CREATION.

THE TERRITORIAL PANEL ON OFFICIAL MICRONESIAN ATTIRE WAS CREATED BY SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 108, WHICH WAS ADOPTED DURING THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FOURTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN 1972.

THE RESOLUTION PROVIDES FOR A MONETARY AWARD. RESELAP AND SAKUMA WILL EACH RECEIVE \$250 FOR SUBMITTING THE WINNING ENTRIES.

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL ARE REPRESENTATIVE BASILIUS, CHAIRMAN, SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA, QUIRINO MENDIOLA, MRS. HATTIE BAKER, MRS. MARY LANWI, MRS. RAYMOND SETIK, AND KALEB UDUI, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL FOR THE CONGRESS.

THE PANEL MET ON SAIPAN AFTER THE AJOURNMENT OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONGRESS TO MAKE THE FINAL SELECTIONS IN THE CONTEST.

(DENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE)

SAIPAN, APRIL 5 (MNS)---THE SEVENTH ANNUAL TRUST TERRITORY DENTAL CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN YAP DISTRICT THIS YEAR, BEGINNING APRIL 8TH THROUGH THE 12TH, ACCORDING TO DR. JACK HELKENA, CHIEF OF THE TT DENTAL HEALTH DIVISION.

IN ADDITION TO DR. SABINO HENARO, YAP DISTRICT CHIEF OF DENTAL SERVICES, WHO WILL GIVE THE OPENING REMARKS, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR LEONARD O. AGUIGUI WILL ALSO DELIVER WELCOMING REMARKS. THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS WILL BE GIVEN BY DR. MASAO KUMANGAI, TT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES WITH REMARKS TO BE GIVEN BY DR. ANTONIO GOLBUU, YAP DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES.

CHIEF ANDREW ROBOMAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE YAP ISLAND COUNCIL AND THE HON. JOACHIM FALMONG, PRESIDENT OF THE YAP DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, WILL ALSO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF YAP. GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE OCCASSION IS SENATOR PETRUS TUN, MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

ACCORDING TO HELKENA, THE CONFERENCE WILL DISCUSS PRE-NATAL AND MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH CARE IN THE DENTAL PROGRAM: ORAL SURGERY; SPECIAL DELIVERATION, HEALTH EDUCATION; A REVIEW OF ALL CURRENT DENTAL FORMS; AND PROSTHETICS.

LECTURERS AT THE SEMINAR INCLUDE DR. WILLA A. FISHER, CHIEF OF TT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE AND CRIPPLED CHILDREN SERVICES; LT. T.L. CARLBERG, ORAL SURGEON, U.S. NAVAL DENTAL CLINIC, GUAM; AND SPECIAL CONSULTANT FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, DR. CHELLIE J. SUNDRAM.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE: ISAMU ABRAHAM, HEALTH SPECIALIST; ALAN KAY, PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICIAN, DR. HENARO SABINO, CHIEF OF DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR YAP. DR. ENTA PETER, DISTRICT CHIEF, DENTAL SERVICES AND AGNES H. ELIZABETH, DENTAL NURSE, BOTH REPRESENTING THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT. PARTICIPANTS FROM PONAPE DISTRICT ARE: DR. ETSIN ETSE, DISTRICT CHIEF, DENTAL SERVICES; DR. ITOR A. HARRIS, SENIOR DENTAL OFFICER; AND MISS JOSEPHA HALLEN, DENTAL NURSE. TRUK DISTRICT PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE: DR. NAKAUO SONISH, DISTRICT CHIEF, DENTAL SERVICES; DR. SANCIRO LEWIS, SENIOR DENTAL OFFICER; DR. YALBERT ENTEL, DENTAL OFFICER; AND MISS ELIZABETH JAIN, DENTAL NURSE.

DR. JUAN CH. REYES, DISTRICT CHIEF, DENTAL SERVICES AND DR. MANUEL SABLAN, DENTAL OFFICER WILL REPRESENT THE MARIANAS DISTRICT.

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IN ADDITION TO DRS. GOLBUU AND HENARO, PARTICIPANTS FROM YAP DISTRICT INCLUDE DR. STAN GUFSAI, DENTAL OFFICER; DR. IGNATIUS REQUE, DENTAL OFFICER, AND JAMES MANGTAMAG, DENTAL NURSE.

(MARSHALLS LIBRARY RECEIVES GIA)

SAIPAN, APRIL 5 (MNS)---THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT LIBRARY MUSEUM BUILDING HAS BEEN AWARDED A \$9,000 GRANT-IN-AID BY THE HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR A PAINTING AND LANDSCAPING JOB. THE GRANT WAS SIGNED LAST MONTH BY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION.

THE COMMUNITY IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION AMOUNTS TO \$1,000 FOR THIS PROJECT. THE PAINTING JOB WILL BE DONE BY A MARSHALLESE CONTRACTOR, ACCORDING TO JOE ROTHOLZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ADVISOR, WHO COORDINATED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING. THE NEW BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED BY AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTORS (AIC).

THE LANDSCAPING JOB WILL BE SUPERVISED BY A PEACE CORP ARCHITECT, ROTHOLZ SAID. THE NEW BUILDING IS LOCATED IN MAJURO ADJACENT TO THE NEW COURT HOUSE.

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