

(RAMARUI ON ESG)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 24 (MNS) <sup>74</sup> TRUST TERRITORY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DAVID RAMARUI REVEALED THIS WEEK THAT MICRONESIAN STUDENTS ARE ABOUT FOUR TO FIVE YEARS BEHIND THE UNITED STATES EDUCATIONAL STANDARD. BUT, IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING MADE. HE CITED THE INCREASED ACCEPTANCE OF TT STUDENTS IN US COLLEGES AS AN EXAMPLE OF THESE IMPROVEMENTS.

RAMARUI SPOKE ON THE HEADQUARTERS TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT PROGRAM "DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA."

RAMARUI DESCRIBED THE TT EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AS A COMBINATION OF THE U.S. AND JAPANESE SYSTEMS. THE US SYSTEM IS JUST A MODEL, HE SAID, AND THE TT IS NOT "STUCK WITH THIS MODEL. ADAPTATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS ARE CONSTANTLY BEING STUDIED AND MADE," HE STATED.

CONCERNING VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, THE EDUCATION DIRECTOR SAID THAT THE TT HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN THIS FIELD. HE GAVE AS EXAMPLES THE MANY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS THAT HAVE ARTS AND CRAFTS PROGRAMS LEADING TO INDUSTRIAL ARTS AND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN SOME HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE TT. HE NOTED THAT MARSHALLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BUILT THEIR OWN GYMNASIUM WITH THE AID OF THE CIVIC ACTION TEAM AND IN PALAU AN AGRICULTURE BUILDING AND THE LIBRARY WERE BUILT BY STUDENTS WITH THE HELP OF CIVIC ACTION TEAMS.

"MICRONESIA IS NO DIFFERENT FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD," RAMARUI SAID, REFERRING TO PROBLEMS OF KEEPING UP WITH THE REST OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD. "MICRONESIA HAS A DIFFICULT CHOICE TO MAKE," HE CONTINUED. "EITHER TO SPEED UP DEVELOPMENT, PRESENTLY HELD BACK BY THE TRADITIONAL CULTURE, OR TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT PACE AND LIVE LIKE WE HAVE BEEN." HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE MANY UNCONTROLLABLE FACTORS IN RESOLVING THE PROBLEM BECAUSE OF POLITICAL DECISIONS AND ECONOMICS.

REGARDING THE POSSIBLE TERMINATION OF GOVERNMENT AID TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE FORMER SENATOR SAID THAT WHILE THERE WERE PROBLEMS WITH THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE PRESENT POLICY, THE STANDARD \$212,000 WOULD BE PROVIDED TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS THROUGH FY 76. HE DID SAY THAT IT WAS A DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY TO PLAN FOR FUTURE AID TO THESE SCHOOLS. THE TT CODE, RAMARUI POINTED OUT, DOES REQUIRE CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TERMINATION OF THIS AID WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW.

"DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA" PROGRAMS ARE DUPLICATED FOR BROADCAST THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA AS PART OF THE EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.

(TAIWAN FISHERMEN SENTENCED)

SAIPAN, SEPTEMBER 24 (MNS) ---TEN TAIWANESE FISHERMEN CAPTURED WHILE IN THE ACT OF POACHING TURTLES AND SHELLFISH FROM REMOTE HELEN REEF IN PALAU DISTRICT HAVE BEEN FINED \$500 DOLLARS EACH IN TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COURT IN KOROR, AND SENTENCED TO FIVE MONTHS IN JAIL.

TWO OTHER CREWMEN, BOTH JUVENILES, WERE NOT CHARGED. ALL OF THE MEN WERE FROM THE TAIWAN FISHING BOAT TEI-SHENG NUMBER 6, WHICH FLED THE SCENE LEAVING THE MEN STRANDED ON THE REEF WHEN THEY WERE CAPTURED IN EARLY JUNE.

THE FIVE MONTH PRISON SENTENCES INCLUDE CREDIT FOR TIME ALREADY SERVED, MEANING THE MEN WILL BE RELEASED ON NOVEMBER 3 FROM THE KOROR JAIL PROVIDED THE FINES HAVE BEEN PAID. TT AUTHORITIES ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE SHIP'S OWNERS CONCERNING PAYMENT OF THE FINES AND REPATRIATION OF THE CREW.

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THE TEI-SHENG WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AT HELEN REEF, AN UNINHABITED ATOLL ABOUT 350 MILES SOUTHWEST OF THE PALAU DISTRICT CENTER, IN APRIL. SHE WAS BROUGHT TO KOROR, WHERE HER CAPTAIN AND CREW WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$10,000 DOLLARS. THE SHIP WAS RELEASED UPON PAYMENT OF THE FINES, BUT WITHIN JUST A FEW DAYS SHE WAS DISCOVERED BACK AGAIN AT HELEN REEF, WITH ELEVEN OF HER MEN ASHORE TAKING MARINE RESOURCES WHILE THE SHIP STOOD OFFSHORE WAITING.

THE TRUST TERRITORY FIELD TRIP VESSEL M/V Hafa Adai MADE THE SECOND DISCOVERY, BUT WAS UNABLE TO APPREHEND THE TEI-SHENG, WHICH LEFT IN A GREAT HURRY WITHOUT MOST OF HER CREW. THE TEI-SHENG LATER TURNED UP BACK IN TAIWAN, WHERE HER CAPTAIN WAS DISCIPLINED BY THE TAIWAN GOVERNMENT AND HER OWNERS WERE FORBIDDEN TO PERMIT THE SHIP TO GO BACK TO SEA FOR A TIME BECAUSE OF THE TWO INCIDENTS OF ILLEGALLY ENTERING THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY AND TAKING MARINE RESOURCES.

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(APPOINTMENT HEARINGS NEXT MONTH)

SAIPAN, SEPTEMBER 24 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD HEARINGS ON SAIPAN BEGINNING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 CONCERNING SEVEN NOMINATIONS FOR KEY POSITIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT SUBMITTED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH OF TRUK HAS DRAWN UP THE SCHEDULE OF HEARINGS AS FOLLOWS: OCTOBER 12, 9 A.M., BERMIN F. WEILBACHER, NOMINATED FOR DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FOR PONAPE DISTRICT; OCTOBER 13, 1 P.M., TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR JUAN A. SABLAN, NOMINATED FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER; OCTOBER 14, 7 P.M., MITARO DANIS, NOMINATED FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, TRUK DISTRICT.

ON OCTOBER 16 AT 9 A.M., PODIS PEDRUS, NOMINATED FOR DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL; OCTOBER 17 AT 9 A.M., ELIAS OKAMURA, NOMINATED FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS; OCTOBER 17 AT 7 P.M., HARIHO REMELIHK, NOMINATED TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD FOR THE TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMMISSION; AND OCTOBER 18, 9 A.M., WILLIAM STEWART, NOMINATED FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.

THE HEARINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE SENATE CHAMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ON SAIPAN AND WILL BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. ALL PERSONS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE HEARINGS AND TO TESTIFY IF THEY SO DESIRE.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE BESIDES CHAIRMAN AMARAICH ARE: REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES DOMNICK OF THE MARSHALLS; SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA OF THE MARIANAS; REPRESENTATIVE TARKONG PEDRO OF PALAU; REPRESENTATIVE JOAB SIGRAH OF PONAPE; AND SENATOR PETRUS TUN OF YAP.

(BUSINESS PERMITS)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 24 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN HAS APPROVED TWO FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND REJECTED A THIRD, ACCORDING TO THE WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT OF FOREIGN BUSINESS ACTIVITY FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT. TWO NEW APPLICATIONS WERE ALSO RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK, A DIVISION SPOKESPERSON SAID.

APPROVED WERE PALMER, WIGGS AND HESTON, CERTIFIED PUBLIC

ACCOUNTANTS FOR ACCOUNTING, AUDITING AND CONSULTING SERVICES IN PALAU DISTRICT. PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY IS G. LEE PALMER; GARRY R. WIGGS IS VICE-PRESIDENT; AND WILLIAM L. HESTON, IS SECRETARY-TREASURER. ITS LOCAL AGENT IS RAMON DIAZ OS SAIPAN.

THE OTHER APPLICATION APPROVED IS THAT OF JOHN H. ROBINSON, A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP. HIS COMPANY PLANS TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY PROFESSIONAL ADJUSTING SERVICES, HANDLING ALL TYPES OF AVERAGE (LOSS) CLAIMS, AND TO PROVIDE MARINE SURVEYING (HULLS AND CARGO) AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES. ROBINSON'S APPROVAL CAME FOR PALAU DISTRICT. HIS APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH THE SAME BUSINESS IN THE MARIANAS WAS APPROVED EARLIER.

THE PALAU DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD ALSO HAS REJECTED AN APPLICATION FROM JOAQUIN CUNANAN AND COMPANY, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS. THE BOARD FELT "THAT THERE WAS NO ECONOMIC NEED" FOR THE COMPANY'S SERVICES "AT THE PRESENT TIME."

RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK WERE APPLICATIONS FROM HAWAII ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS AND PACIFICA DEVELOPMENT INCORPORATED. THE HAWAII ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS BUSINESS PERMIT EXPIRED RECENTLY AND THEY ARE APPLYING FOR A RENEWAL. THE COMPANY'S PRESIDENT IS GORDON BRADLEY, FORMER TT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

PACIFICA DEVELOPMENT INCORPORATED PLANS TO OPEN ITS BUSINESS ON SAIPAN, TO ENGAGE IN THE OPERATION OF A TRAVEL BUREAU AND LAND AND SEA TRANSPORTATION.

THE PROPOSED TT CORPORATION IS A JOINT VENTURE WITH KINKI NIPPON TOURIST CORPORATION LTD., A SUBSIDIARY OF KINTENTSU INTERNATIONAL OF JAPAN. HERMAN R. GUERRERO OF SAIPAN IS LISTED AS PRESIDENT, WHILE SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA IS THE SECRETARY. OTHER LOCAL PARTICIPANTS ARE CONGRESSMAN HERMAN Q. GUERRERO AND JUSUS T. GUERRERO, ALL OF SAIPAN.

THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN SET TO THE MARIANAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION.

(FOREIGN CORPORATIONS WARNED)

SAIPAN, SEPTEMBER 24 (MNS)---THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD HAS BEGUN WARNING FOREIGN CORPORATIONS WHICH HAVE APPLIED FOR BUSINESS PERMITS IN THE MARIANAS THAT UNLESS THEY ACTUALLY GO INTO BUSINESS SOON, THEIR BUSINESS PERMITS WILL BE CANCELLED.

PEDRO DELA CRUZ TOLD KJOR RADIO NEWS THIS WEEK THAT FIFTEEN FOREIGN CORPORATIONS MIGHT BE AFFECTED. HE POINTED OUT THAT FOREIGN INVESTORS ARE REQUIRED TO COMMENCE BUSINESS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE APPROVED. NONE OF THE FIFTEEN HAS YET BEGUN ITS BUSINESS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD CHAIRMAN ADDED THAT THE TT LAW ALLOWS THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO "ABRIDGE, MODIFY, SUSTAIN AND REVOKE" THE PERMITS OF OTHER BUSINESSES WHICH DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

AMONG THE FOREIGN CORPORATIONS MENTIONED BY DELA CRUZ THAT MIGHT BE AFFECTED ARE: MARIANAS AIRWAYS INC., MICRONESIA CABLE TV COMPANY; MCKINLEY, WINNACKER AND ASSOCIATES; INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA; GREAT COMMONWEALTH INSURANCE CO.; PACIFIC BASIN HOTEL AND DEVELOPMENT CORP.; MICRONESIAN INDEPENDENT OIL REFINERY INC.; STAR OF THE MARIANAS INC.; MARIANAS TROPICAL CLUB INC.; MARINE CHARTERING INC.; HAWAII DREDGING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF MICRONESIA; FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL AND AMERICAN ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS.