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(LOAN APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH LAW)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 13 (CNS) ~~74~~ APPLICANTS FOR LOANS FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND OF THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL HAVE THEIR APPLICATIONS RETURNED UNLESS THEY HAVE COMPLIED WITH TERMS OF PUBLIC LAW 5-85, ACCORDING TO EDLF BOARD CHAIRMAN EUSEBIO RECHUCHER.

RECHUCHER SAID FOLLOWING A MEETING OF THE BOARD THIS WEEK THAT BOTH CORPORATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO FALL UNDER THE TERMS OF THAT PARTICULAR LAW WILL HAVE TO COMPLY IF THEY HOPE TO OBTAIN A LOAN. HE SAID THE BOARD "HAS NO CHOICE" BUT TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS LAW, EVEN THOUGH MANY PEOPLE DISAGREE WITH IT.

THE LAW, PASSED EARLY THIS YEAR BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AFTER IT HAD BEEN VETOED ONCE BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, REQUIRES MICRONESIAN CITIZENS WHO ARE MARRIED TO, OR ADOPTED BY, NON-CITIZENS TO COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF THE FOREIGN INVESTMENT PERMIT ACT IN ORDER TO DO BUSINESS IN THE TT. THE LAW ALSO REQUIRES CORPORATIONS TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW IF ANY OF THEIR STOCKHOLDERS FALL INTO THOSE TWO CATEGORIES.

RECHUCHER SAID HE IS "VERY CONCERNED" BECAUSE SOME CORPORATIONS WITH EDLF LOANS MAY HAVE STOCKHOLDERS WHO ARE MARRIED TO NON-CITIZENS, OR ADOPTED BY NON-CITIZENS, YET MAY NOT REALIZE THAT THE LAW NOW REQUIRES THEM TO HAVE A FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT.

ONLY ABOUT TEN APPLICATIONS UNDER PUBLIC LAW 5-85 HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SO FAR, ACCORDING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. MOST HAVE COME FROM INDIVIDUALS, ALTHOUGH A FEW COMPANIES HAVE FILED.

FORMER CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA MEMBER CARLOS SHODA BECAME THE FIRST MICRONESIAN MAN TO FILE UNDER THE LAW THIS WEEK. SHODA, WHOSE WIFE, LOLKE, IS A U.S. CITIZEN, SAID HE "RELUCTANTLY" FILED FOR A FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT FOR HIS HOUSE RENTAL BUSINESS ON SAIPAN, EVEN THOUGH HE THINKS THE LAW IS DISCRIMINATORY. "I FEEL THIS LAW IS DEPRIVING ME OF MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS," HE TOLD KNS.

SHODA ADDED THAT HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING OTHER CITIZENS IN LEGAL ACTION TO CHALLENGE THE LAW, ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT YET DONE SO.

NUMEROUS MICRONESIAN CITIZENS WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THE LAW, AND WHO ARE ENGAGED IN BUSINESSES IN THE TT, STILL HAVE NOT FILED THEIR APPLICATIONS EVEN THOUGH THE LAW HAS BEEN IN EFFECT NOW FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. THEY HAVE UNTIL OCTOBER 250 TO FILE, OR BE IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW IF THEY CONTINUE TO RUN THEIR BUSINESSES WITHOUT THE REQUIRED PERMIT.

(HICOM SIGNS ONE MORE BILL)

SAIPAN, SEPTEMBER 13 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS SIGNED ANOTHER OF THE BILLS FROM THE SUMMER SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA INTO LAW.

IN A CEREMONY IN HIS OFFICE ATTENDED BY MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN FELIPE O. ATALIG AND OTHER DISTRICT OFFICIALS, THE HICOM AFFIXED HIS SIGNATURE TO HOUSE BILL 362, WHICH EARMARKS \$357,000 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT. THE BILL NOW BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 5-103.

MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE REPORTED EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT THE MARIANAS FUNDING BILL HAD ALREADY BEEN SIGNED. THIS WAS IN ERROR. THE FUNDING BILL SIGNED AS PART OF THE GROUP OF FIFTEEN BILLS TUESDAY (SEPT. 10) WHICH MNS INCORRECTLY

REPORTED AS THE MARIANAS BILL WAS ACTUALLY A BILL APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT (HB 347). THAT BILL IS NOW PUBLIC LAW 5-112.

MNS HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT THE PALAU DISTRICT FUNDING BILL, APPROPRIATING \$356,033 FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS IN THAT DISTRICT, WAS SIGNED INTO LAW EARLIER THIS WEEK AS PUBLIC LAW 5-123.

THERE ARE NOW FOUR BILLS REMAINING UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. TWO OF THEM MUST BE ACTED UPON ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 22; THE OTHER TWO ON OCTOBER 3.

#### (NISHIO ON TOURISM IN MICRONESIA)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 13 (MNS)---THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JAPAN ASSOCIATION OF TRAVEL AGENTS HAVE WARNED THAT IF TOURIST FACILITIES IN MICRONESIA ARE BUILT BEYOND CAPACITY, THE AREA WILL SEE AN "OVER-FLOW" OF VISITORS THAT WILL CAUSE MORE DESTRUCTION TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

TOSHIO NISHIO, WHO IS ALSO EXECUTIVE ADVISOR FOR THE JAPAN TRAVEL BUREAU INCORPORATED, SAID THAT "SUCH STEREOTYPED AND HIGHLY ARTIFICIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL CAUSE IRREVERSABLE DAMAGE TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND THIS MUST BE PREVENTED AT ALL COST.

"I STRONGLY DESIRE," HE CONTINUED, "THAT THE TOURISM WILL BE SO DEVELOPED AS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROMOTION OF THE ECONOMY AND CULTURE OF THE MICRONESIAN COMMUNITY, AND THAT AN IDEAL SYSTEM WILL BE ESTABLISHED SO THAT THE JAPANESE TOURISTS ARE HEARTILY WELCOMED AND WARM HEART TO HEART FRIENDSHIP IS POSSIBLE."

NISHIO SPOKE AT THE JAPAN-HAWAII ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SAIPAN THURSDAY (SEPT. 12) AT THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL.

NOTING THAT MICRONESIA'S LAND AREA COMPRISES ONLY 700 SQUARE MILES AND THE POPULATION IS A LITTLE OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND, NISHIO SAID THAT THE ABILITY OF MICRONESIA TO ACCOMMODATE TOURISTS ON ONE ISLAND IS "PHYSICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY LIMITED."

HE MENTIONED A REPORT SUBMITTED BY A COMMITTEE FROM JAPAN WHICH STUDIED FUTURE TRENDS OF LEISURE LIFE AND A GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL TO RECOMMEND A FIVE-DAY WORK WEEK AND A LONGER VACATION SYSTEM. THE SYSTEM, WHICH CALLS FOR PAID VACATIONS, WILL INCREASE JAPANESE TOURISTS OVERSEAS AND THEY WILL STAY LONGER IN ONE RESORT, HE SAID.

THE SO-CALLED "ONE-DESTINATION TOURS" WHICH THE GOVERNMENT BUSINESSMEN, "FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF MICRONESIA AS A POTENTIAL RESORT TO BE DEVELOPED AND JAPAN AS ITS MAJOR MARKET, I THINK THAT MICRONESIA WILL BE CHOSEN AS MOST SUITABLE PLACE FOR THE 'ONE-DESTINATION TOUR' FROM JAPAN." HE ADDED THAT HE HOPES MICRONESIA WILL DEVELOP INTO A NEW AND UNIQUE RESORT DIFFERENT FROM OTHER AREAS LIKE HAWAII AND TAHITI. "NO ONE, I AM SURE, EXPECTS A SECOND VERSION OF WAIKIKI IN MICRONESIA," HE SAID.

CONCLUDING HIS REMARKS, NISHIO SAID THAT AT A MEETING HELD IN TOKYO ON MICRONESIA IN JULY, THE CONFEREES CONCLUDED THAT "MICRONESIA, WHICH IS POLITICALLY CONNECTED WITH THE USA, WILL BE INFLUENCED BY JAPAN ECONOMICALLY, AND THAT THE JAPANESE TOURIST FLOW TO GUAM AT PRESENT WILL EXPAND TO SAIPAN, TRUK AND PALAU."

(AEC WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR ENEWETAK)

ENEWETAK, SEPT. 13 (MNS)---THE UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT TESTS AND MONITOR THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE OF ENEWETAK EVEN AFTER THEY RETURN TO THEIR ATOLL.

THIS WAS CONFIRMED DURING MEETINGS LAST WEEKEND ON ENEWETAK INVOLVING COMMUNITY LEADERS OF THE PEOPLE AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS.

ROGER RAY, ASSISTANT MANAGER FOR OPERATIONS AT THE AEC'S NEVADA OPERATIONS OFFICE IN LAS VEGAS, SAID THE AEC PLANS A PROGRAM OF MONITORING THE CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE AND THEIR ATOLL SIMILAR TO THOSE ALREADY BEING CONDUCTED AT BIKINI, RONGELAP AND UTIRIK IN THE MARCHALLS.

"THE AEC HAS A RESEARCH VESSEL BASED AT KWAJALEIN THAT CAN BE EQUIPPED AS A FIELD STATION, DOCTORS OFFICE, MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY, OR FOR MOST ANY KIND OF RESEARCH WORK," RAY STATED, "AND THAT VESSEL WILL BE PREPARED TO VISIT, QUITE FREQUENTLY, ENEWETAK, BIKINI AND THE OTHER ATOLLS."

RAY, WHO SUPERVISED THE RESEARCH EFFORT DURING LATE 1972 AND EARLY 1973 WHICH PRODUCED THE RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY OF ENEWETAK, ALSO EXPLAINED THE RESTRICTIONS THAT WILL APPLY TO SOME OF THE ISLANDS IN THE ATOLL WHEN THE PEOPLE RETURN, ESPECIALLY ENJEBI, WHERE THE PEOPLE HAD HOPED TO BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH A SETTLEMENT.

"THE PRINCIPLE CONCERN THERE," RAY SAID, "IS NOT WITH THE EXPOSURE OF PEOPLE TO RADIATION THAT EXISTS ON THE ISLAND, SO MUCH AS IT IS A CONCERN FOR THE FOOD CHAIN THAT PEOPLE LIVING ON ENJEBI MIGHT HAVE. THE DIET THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE FROM PLANTS AND ANIMALS INDIGENOUS TO THE ISLAND, THE UPTAKE OF RADIOACTIVITY INTO THE CHAIN BEING THROUGH BOTH THE PLANTS AND THE FOOD ANIMALS, WOULD BE BEYOND THE STANDARDS THAT WE BELIEVE ARE APPROPRIATE."

"THIS IS A MATTER THAT WILL BE STUDIED CONTINUALLY DURING THE CLEANUP AND AFTER RESETTLEMENT. AND WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE CAN DO TO ALLEVIATE THAT SITUATION," RAY CONTINUED. "WE KNOW THAT WITH THE COOPERATION, ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE OF THE PEOPLE--FOR EXAMPLE THEIR DIET CAN BE MODIFIED. THINGS CAN BE DONE IN THE WAY OF AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTATION. A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CLEANUP CAN BE DONE."

"WE HAVE NOT YET EVOLVED A PLAN WHICH WE FEEL WOULD BE PRUDENT FOR THE RETURN TO THAT ISLAND AT THIS TIME, BUT WE CERTAINLY EXPECT THAT THAT WILL OCCUR BEFORE TOO MANY YEARS," RAY CONCLUDED.

DURING THE WEEKEND MEETINGS, THE PEOPLE OF ENEWETAK LEARNED THAT THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO LIVE ON THE ISLANDS IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE ATOLL, BUT THAT SEVERAL ISLANDS IN THE NORTH, INCLUDING ENJEBI, CANNOT BE LIVED ON YET.

THE ENEWETAK PEOPLE ARE PRESENTLY STUDYING THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT CONTAINING THESE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH MUST BE FINALIZED AND APPROVED BEFORE THE CLEANUP PROJECT CAN BEGIN.

(PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 13 (MNS)---ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT NEW PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ARE PRESENTLY SERVING IN THE VARIOUS

DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF NINE WEEKS OF IN-DISTRICT TRAINING.

HOWARD TAKATA, PEACE CORPS TRAINING OFFICER, SAID ON SAIPAN FRIDAY (SEPT. 13) THAT THE TRAINING CONSISTED OF LANGUAGE, CROSS CULTURAL, TECHNICAL, AND SKILL TRANSFERRAL. HE NOTED THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT HAD REQUESTED 147 PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS.

OF THE 138 VOLUNTEERS, 75 ARE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, 40 ARE SECONDARY EDUCATION TEACHER, EIGHT ARE COMMISSIONER ASSISTANTS ON SAIPAN, SEVEN ARE FIELD DISPENSARY ADVISERS, THREE ARE MAGISTRATES ASSISTANTS, TWO ARE ARCHITECTS, ONE IS A FISHERIES RESEARCHER, ONE IS A LIBRARY SERVICES ASSISTANT, AND THERE IS ONE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR.