

NEW NAME FOR SPC)

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SAIPAN, JANUARY 9 (MNS)---THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION IS LOOKING FOR A NEW NAME.

DURING A MEETING OF THE FOURTEENTH SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR HELD AT RAROTONGA, IT WAS FELT THAT THE NAME "SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION" DID NOT ADEQUATELY DESCRIBE THE GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS REPRESENTED AND SERVED BY THE COMMISSION. FOR INSTANCE, THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (MICRONESIA) AND GUAM ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION BUT THEY LIE NORTH OF THE EQUATOR AND ARE NOT GEOGRAPHICALLY PART OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC AREA.

THE CONFERENCE, THEREFORE, IS CONDUCTING A REGION-WIDE CONTEST TO FIND AN APPROPRIATE NEW NAME FOR THE COMMISSION. THE CONTEST IS OPEN TO ANYONE LIVING IN THE REGION IN WHICH THE COMMISSION WORKS AND THAT INCLUDES MICRONESIA AND GUAM.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE CONTEST SHOULD SEND HIS ENTRY NOT LATER THAN MARCH 31, 1975 TO: THE PUBLICATIONS OFFICER, SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION, B.P. D5, NOUMEA CADEX, NEW CALEDONIA. SUGGESTED NAMES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION'S PLANNING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL MEET IN MAY, AND THE FINAL DECISION ON A NEW NAME WILL BE TAKEN UP AT THE 15TH SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE AT NAURU NEXT SEPTEMBER.

A PRIZE OF ONE HUNDRED AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS WILL BE GIVEN. IF THE CHOSEN NAME IS SUBMITTED BY MORE THAN ONE PERSON, THE PRIZE WILL BE EQUALLY DIVIDED.

(FDAA REGION NINE DIRECTOR TO SAIPAN)

SAIPAN, JANUARY 9 (MNS)---MR. ROBERT C. STEVENS, REGION NINE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION (FORMERLY OEP) ARRIVED ON SAIPAN JANUARY 9 TO GIVE A TWO-DAY BRIEFING TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND HIS STAFF ON THE DISASTER RELIEF ACT OF 1974, PL-93-288.

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, THE TRUST TERRITORY IS ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UP TO AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE PLANS, PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS. A DEADLINE DATE OF MAY 22, 1975, HAS BEEN SET BY THIS ACT FOR A STATE TO APPLY FOR THIS GRANT. GRANT ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS APPLICATION MAY EXTEND OVER A 36-MONTH PERIOD OR LONGER IF APPROVED BY THE FDAA ADMINISTRATOR. ANOTHER PROVISION IS FOR AN IMPROVEMENT GRANT FOR AN AMOUNT UP TO \$25,000 ANNUALLY ON A MATCHING BASIS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT, UPDATING AND REVISING CURRENT DISASTER PLANS. THE TRUST TERRITORY IS PRESENTLY PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM.

MR. STEVENS, AS DIRECTOR OF REGION NINE, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING AND COORDINATING FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE TO THE STATES OF NEVADA, CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA, HAWAII, AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM AND THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. THIS IS HIS SECOND VISIT TO THE TRUST TERRITORY, THE FIRST ONE BEING IN 1972 ON AN ORIENTATION TRIP IN CONNECTION WITH HIS TAKING OVER THE DUTIES OF THE FORMER OEP REGIONAL DIRECTOR WHO RETIRED.

(SCHOLARSHIP OFFICER NAMED)

SAIPAN, JAN. 9 (MNS)---HERMAN T. GUERRERO OF SAIPAN HAS BEEN APPOINTED SCHOLARSHIP OFFICER FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DAVID RAMARUI.

GUERRERO FIRST JOINED THE HEADQUARTERS EDUCATION STAFF IN OCTOBER 1972 AS A STUDENT PROGRAM OFFICER. HE HAS BEEN ACTING SCHOLARSHIP OFFICER SINCE THE DEATH OF FORMER SCHOLARSHIP OFFICER HARRY UYEHARA.

GUERRERO HOLDS A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY FROM ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY IN COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA.

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(EDUCATION STAFF MEMBERS GO TO EWC)

SAIPAN, JAN. 9 (MNS)---FOUR DISTRICT EDUCATION STAFF MEMBERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UPCOMING "CULTURAL ASPECTS OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP" PROJECT WHICH WILL BE HELD JANUARY 15 TO JUNE 15, 1975, AT THE EAST-WEST CULTURE LEARNING INSTITUTE, HONOLULU, HAWAII, ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. DAVID RAMARUI.

THEY ARE VALENTINO NGIRKIKLANG OF PALAU, MENCHOR MOSES OF TRUK, CATALINO CANTERO OF PONAPE AND RENA RANG OF THE MARSHALLS.

MR. RAMARUI SAID THE FOUR WILL BE PARTICIPATING WITH OTHER EDUCATIONAL LEADERS FROM ASIA, THE PACIFIC, AND THE UNITED STATES. THEY WILL SHARE IDEAS IN THE PROFESSIONAL FIELDS RELEVANT TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN AREAS OF THE WORLD IN WHICH STUDENTS ARE EXPOSED TO THE VALUES, SOMETIMES CONFLICTING, OF TWO OR MORE CULTURES. THE PROGRAM INVOLVES TRAINING IN BILINGUAL AND BICULTURAL EDUCATION. THE PROGRAM ALSO INCLUDES VISITS TO THE CENTER FOR NORTHERN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH LOCATED IN FAIRBANKS AND ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, AND VISITS TO THE FAR WESTERN EDUCATIONAL LABORATORY IN CALIFORNIA AND NEW MEXICO.

(GUAM PERFORMERS IN YAP)

SAIPAN, JAN. 9 (MNS)---THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM MADRIGAL SINGERS AND PERFORMERS FROM THE GUAM RECORDER SOCIETY WERE WEEKEND VISITORS IN YAP LAST WEEK. THE GROUP PERFORMED AT THE YAP PROTESTANT YOUTH CENTER AND AT THE YAP HIGH SCHOOL. ACCORDING TO YAP PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER WILLIE GORONGFEL, "ATTENDANCES AT THE TWO CONCERT SITES WERE VERY HIGH AND THE PEOPLE WERE TREMENDOUSLY PLEASED BECAUSE THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME SUCH PROFESSIONAL CONCERTS HAVE EVER BEEN HELD IN YAP."

(COPRA PRICE CORRECTION)

SAIPAN, JANUARY 9 (MNS)---THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE STORY OF JANUARY 8 RELATING TO REDUCTION OF COPRA PRICE CONTAINED A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IN THE FIGURE FOR THE REDUCED PRICE OF COPRA. THE CORRECT PRICE REDUCTION IS \$125 AND NOT \$100 AS STATED.

THE NEW PRICE BREAKDOWN FOR ALL CATEGORIES WERE CORRECT AND THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS: \$300 FOR GRADE ONE, \$290 FOR GRADE TWO AND \$280 FOR GRADE THREE FOR COPRA DELIVERED TO THE DISTRICT CENTERS; \$275 FOR GRADE ONE, \$265 FOR GRADE TWO, AND \$255 FOR GRADE THREE FOR COPRA PICKED UP BY THE TT FIELD TRIP VESSELS; AND \$265 FOR GRADE ONE, \$255 FOR GRADE TWO AND \$245 FOR GRADE THREE FOR COPRA PICKED UP BY PRIVATE SHIP OWNERS AT OUTER ISLANDS LOCATIONS.

THE NEW COPRA PRICES WILL BE EFFECTIVE ON FEBRUARY 9.