

CRICE APPOINTED NEW DOTA)

WASHINGTON, D.C., JAN. 10 (MNS) --- FORMER TRUST TERRITORY AND LAW EXAMINER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS, ENNET M. RICE, HAS BEEN NAMED ACTING DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS (DOTA), BY THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, ACCORDING TO A GANNET NEWS SERVICE STORY PUBLISHED ON FRIDAY'S (JAN. 10) EDITION OF GUAM'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS. R/b
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RICE, 43, WHO WORKED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY FOR TWO YEARS, FILLS THE VACANCY LEFT 10 DAYS AGO BY THE DEPARTURE OF STANLEY S. CARPENTER, WHO HAS RETURNED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

ACCORDING TO THE GANNET STORY, FRED RADEWAGEN, CARPENTER'S ASSISTANT, MADE IT KNOWN WEDNESDAY IN WASHINGTON THAT HE IS ALSO LEAVING ON FEBRUARY 15, BUT HAS NO DEFINITE PLANS.

AFTER HIS TOUR ON SAIPAN, RICE WENT TO WASHINGTON AND SERVED AS AN INTERIOR DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATING TEAM UNDER FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS. IN OCTOBER, HE BECAME CARPENTER'S "ASSISTANT FOR MICRONESIAN AFFAIRS." RICE SAID HE EXPECTS TO CONTINUE WORKING IN THE MICRONESIAN FIELD AND CONSIDERS IT HIS SECOND CAREER.

HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON SAID OF RICE'S APPOINTMENT: "WE HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH ENNET RICE IN THE PAST AND WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM IN THE FUTURE. HIS PAST EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF MICRONESIAN AFFAIRS WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE AND WE KNOW HE WILL CONTINUE TO DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB."

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(CONGRESS CONVENE MONDAY)

SAIPAN, JANUARY 10 (CONGRESS RELEASE) --- THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, WHICH WILL MARK ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY, IS SCHEDULED TO CONVENE AT 10 A.M. MONDAY MORNING (JAN. 13), ON SAIPAN.

THE OPENING SESSION WILL BE LARGELY CEREMONIAL AND DEVOTED TO ORGANIZING THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

INCLUDED IN THE INITIAL ACTIVITIES OF BOTH HOUSES WILL BE EXAMINATION OF THE CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS ELECT, ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE, ELECTION OF THE PRESIDING OFFICERS, AND ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICERS.

OTHER ORGANIZING WORK WILL INCLUDE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS TO STANDING AND JOINT COMMITTEES OF THE CONGRESS.

THE ANNUAL STATE OF THE TERRITORY MESSAGE IS EXPECTED TO BE DELIVERED BY TT HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON AS SOON AS BOTH HOUSES ARE DULY ORGANIZED AND READY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS.

THE CONVENING OF THE CONGRESS THIS YEAR WILL MARK THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WHICH CONVENEED ITS FIRST HISTORIC MEETING IN JULY 1965.

THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS, WILL ADJOURN AFTER 50 COSECUTIVE DAYS ON MIDNIGHT OF MARCH 3, 1975.

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(CONGRESS DIGEST PUBLISHED)

SAIPAN, JAN. 10 (CONGRESS RELEASE) -- THE RETURN OF MICRONESIAN PUBLIC LANDS, THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE JOINT COMMITTEE AND AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, ARE AMONG THE TOPICS OF DISCUSSION IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DIGEST RELEASED FRIDAY.

IN THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE, THE POSITION OF THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP CONCERNING THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS BY EXECUTIVE ORDER IS OUTLINED IN DETAIL BY HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY DURING THE HONOLULU MEETINGS CALLED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR LAST MONTH. 13017

ALSO IN THE DIGEST SENATOR LAZARUS SALII WHO CHAIRS THE CONGRESS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, EXPLAINED WHY HE PLANS TO RECOMMEND TERMINATION OF FURTHER STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS.

AN ARTICLE ON MICRONESIAN UNITY IS ALSO DISCUSSED IN THE LATEST ISSUE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN TRUK DURING THE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS CONFERENCE, WHERE SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA AND HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY APPEARED AND EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS.

OTHER ITEMS IN THE DIGEST INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF SHIPPING SURVEY BY THE CONGRESS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; THE WORK OF THE PRE CONVENTION COMMITTEE AND ITS DECISION TO HOLD THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ON JULY 12 OF THIS YEAR ON SAIPAN; THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA; AN ARTICLE ON THE NEW TT BUDGET CEILING AND REPRESENTATIVE MASAO NAKAYAMA'S ADDRESS TO THE FOURTEENTH CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION.

THE DIGEST IS BEING PUBLISHED BY THE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, ON SAIPAN.