

(STABBING IN KOROR)

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KOROR, JAN. 29 (MNS)---A MARSHALLESE STUDENT AT THE MICRONESIAN OCCUPATIONAL CENTER (MOC) IN KOROR, PALAU, DIED SATURDAY (JAN. 25) AS A RESULT OF A WOUND SUSTAINED FROM A STABBING ACCORDING TO PALAU PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRMIIDOL.

PIEM LAKI, 29, OF THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT DIED SHORTLY AFTER HE WAS STABBED BY HARRY HENRY, WHO ALSO ATTENDS MOC FROM THE MARSHALLS.

A POLICE REPORT INDICATED THAT LAKI AND HENRY WERE SEEN ARGUING AT THE MOC DORMITORY SHORTLY BEFORE THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE 200 FEET FROM THE DORMITORY. BOTH WERE REPORTED DRUNK.

ALTHOUGH POLICE DETECTIVES HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE RECORD OF MEDICAL AUTOPSY, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE SUSPECT'S WEAPON MIGHT HAVE BEEN AN ICE PICK, BUT THE SUSPECT STATED THAT THE WEAPON MIGHT HAVE BEEN A SCREW DRIVER.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES TO IDENTIFY THE SUSPECT'S WEAPON. IN THE MEANTIME, HENRY IS IN CUSTODY AWAITING TRIAL. (DISTRICT DISASTER PLANS BEING DEVELOPED)

SAIPAN, JAN. 29 (MNS)---THE HEADQUARTERS DISASTER CONTROL OFFICE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT WORK IS UNDERWAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLANS FOR THE SIX DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY. UNDER THE ON-SITE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE DEFENSE CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AGENCY, REGION SEVEN, ONE OF ITS STAFF MEMBERS CAME TO THE TRUST TERRITORY IN JUNE, 1974, AND ASSISTED THE DISASTER CONTROL OFFICER AND HIS STAFF IN DEVELOPING SAMPLE PLAN FOR THE DISTRICTS.

BRIEFLY, THE PLAN DEVELOPED COVERS PRE-DISASTER PREPARATIONS AND DISASTER OPERATIONS ASCENDING FROM TYPHOON CONDITION THREE TO TYPHOON CONDITION ONE AND THEN DESCENDING AGAIN TO ALL CLEAR CONDITION. SECONDLY, IT PROVIDES FOR AN ORDERLY DEMOBILIZATION IF THE THREATENING STORM OR TYPHOON SHOULD FAIL TO MATERIALIZE AFTER THE DISTRICT HAS ATTAINED A STATE OF FULL MOBILIZATION. THE FORMAT HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO TRIGGER APPROPRIATE ACTIONS AT THE PROPER TIMES, BUT IT ALSO SERVES AS A MASTER CHECKLIST FOR ACTIONS COMPLETED OR STILL PENDING. A THIRD FEATURE OF THIS PLAN IS ITS SEPARABILITY. IN OTHER WORDS, THOSE PARTS OR ACTIONS WHICH APPLY TO SPECIFIC DEPARTMENTS OR ACTIVITIES MAY BE EXTRACTED AND BOUNDED SEPARATELY WITHOUT LOSING CONTINUITY OF THE ENTIRE PLAN.

THE DISASTER CONTROL OFFICER AND HIS STAFF HAVE TRAVELLED TO PALAU, YAP AND TRUK FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR IN THE PREPARATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT PLANS. DISASTER PLANS FOR THESE THREE DISTRICTS HAVE NOW BEEN COMPLETED AND DISSEMINATED TO THE ACTIVITIES AND DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED WITH DISASTER EMERGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES. A RECENT LETTER FROM REGIONAL DIRECTOR, MRS. FRANCES K. DIAS, EXPRESSED HER SATISFACTION WITH THE QUALITY OF THE WORK PERFORMED BY THE HEADQUARTERS DCO STAFF (MESSRS. KOSHIBA & DUMATOL) AND THOSE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICTS STAFF WHO PRODUCED THE DISASTER PLANS. TRAVELS TO THE DISTRICTS OF PONAPE AND THE MARSHALLS, AS WELL AS THE MARIANAS, TO ASSIST THEM IN DEVELOPING THEIR INDIVIDUAL DISASTER PLANS ARE NOW BEING FIRMED UP.

(INCOME TAX STATEMENT)

SAIPAN, JAN. 29 (MNS)---PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION TWO, SECTION 254 OF TITLE 77 OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE, ALL TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES SHOULD RECEIVE THEIR COPY OF THE 1974 TRUST TERRITORY WAGE AND TAX STATEMENT TOGETHER WITH THEIR PAYCHECK FRIDAY, JANUARY 31.

THE STATEMENT, WHICH PERTAINS TO THE TOTAL SALARIES AND WAGES RECEIVED, EARNED, OR CREDITED TO THE EMPLOYEES ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIS SERVICES WITH THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT DURING 1974, IS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY.

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A COPY OF THIS STATEMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY HEADQUARTERS REVENUE DIVISION WHICH WILL BE USED AS A BASIS IN PROCESSING THE 1974 INCOME TAX REFUND. THEREFORE, EMPLOYEES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE RETURNS OR CLAIM A REFUND. REFUNDS WILL BE PROCESSED WITHOUT ANY ACTION ON THEIR PART.

PRIVATE EMPLOYEES MUST ALSO OBTAIN A COPY OF THEIR 1974 TT WAGE AND TAX STATEMENT FROM THEIR EMPLOYERS BY JANUARY 31. THEY SHOULD URGE THEIR EMPLOYERS TO BE SURE THAT SUCH STATEMENTS ARE FILE SO THAT REFUNDS MAY BE PROCESSED.

HOWEVER, EMPLOYEES WHOSE EMPLOYERS DID NOT WITHHOLD THE THREE PERCENT TAX FROM THEIR SALARIES AND WAGES MUST FILE RETURNS AND CLAIM A REFUND. IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICE OR CALL REVENUE DIVISION AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 9716/9717.

(MICRONESIAN SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING)

SAIPAN, JAN. 29 (MNS)---THE MICRONESIAN SPORTS COUNCIL WILL BE MEETING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3, TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR MICRONESIA'S ENTRY IN THE FIFTH SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES.

FINAL SELECTION OF HEAD COACHES WILL BE MADE BY THE COUNCIL DURING THIS MEETING. THE COACHING POSITIONS WILL BE IN TRACK AND FIELD, SWIMMING, MEN'S BASKETBALL, MEN'S VOLLEYBALL, AND MEN'S SOFTBALL. MICRONESIA WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN UNDERWATER FISHING, TABLE TENNIS, AND GOLF.

THIS WILL BE MICRONESIA'S FIRST ENTRY IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES WHICH WILL BE HELD IN GUAM FROM AUGUST 1-10. THE MICRONESIAN TEAM WILL BE COMPETING AGAINST TEAMS FROM FOURTEEN OTHER PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS AND TERRITORIES.

PERSONS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY CONTACT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN FELIX F. RABAULIMAN, HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR STEVE REMLEY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE COUNCIL, HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

(EARL B. RUTH NAMED GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN SAMOA)

WASHINGTON, D.C. JAN. 29 (MNS)---SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ROGERS C.B. MORTON ANNOUNCED THE SELECTION OF DR. EARL BAKER RUTH TO BE GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN SAMOA.

DR. RUTH, 58, WAS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S EIGHTH DISTRICT (1963-74), WHERE HE SERVED ON THE APPROPRIATIONS, THE VETERAN AFFAIRS AND THE EDUCATION AND LABOR COMMITTEES. HE SUCCEEDS JOHN M. HAYDON, WHO HAD BEEN GOVERNOR OF SAMOA FOR OVER FIVE YEARS.

THE POST IS APPOINTIVE BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR. SAMOA CAME UNDER THE U.S. FLAG IN 1900, AND WAS ADMINISTERED AS A NAVAL STATION UNTIL 1951. IT HAD BEEN UNDER INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIONS SINCE 1951, DURING WHICH PERIOD AN ELECTIVE BICAMERAL LEGISLATURE HAS DEVELOPED. THREE REFERENDA WERE HELD DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS PROVIDING FOR AN ELECTIVE GOVERNOR BUT THE SAMOAN ELECTORATE REJECTED THE OPTION EACH TIME.

DR. RUTH, WHO HOLDS A DOCTORAL DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINE, WAS DEAN OF STUDENTS AT CATAMBA COLLEGE, SALISBURY, N.C. PRIOR TO HIS ELECTION TO CONGRESS, ACTIVE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HE SERVED THREE TERMS ON THE SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL AND WAS MAYOR PRO TEM FROM JUNE 1957 TO NOVEMBER 1968. HIS CAREER HAS ALSO INCLUDED STATE PARK ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE TEACHING.

A VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II, DR. RUTH SERVED IN THE PACIFIC AS A LIEUTENANT IN THE NAVY FROM 1942 TO 1945. HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER JANE WILEY OF CHARLOTTE, N.C. THEY HAVE THREE MARRIED DAUGHTERS AND ONE MARRIED SON.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AIRED FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS) (INCOME TAX RETURNS DUE)

SAIPAN, JAN. 29 (MNS)---ALL BUSINESSSES, EMPLOYERS AND INDIVIDUALS ARE AGAIN REMINDED THAT THE QUARTERLY INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1974 THRU DECEMBER 31, 1974 ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 1975.

ALSO, EMPLOYERS WHO WITHHELD THE THREE PERCENT TRUST TERRITORY INCOME TAX FROM THE SALARIES AND WAGES OF THEIR EMPLOYEES DURING THE YEAR 1974 MUST FILE THE 1974 TRUST TERRITORY WAGE AND TAX STATEMENT (TT FORM 1169 OR U.S. FORM W-2) BEFORE JANUARY 31, 1975.

EMPLOYERS WHO FILE THESE STATEMENTS AFTER JANUARY 31, WILL BE ASSESSED A FIVE DOLLARS PENALTY ON EACH STATEMENT SO FILED. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER OR THE CHIEF OF REVENUE DIVISION AT HEADQUARTERS, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, 96950.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: BOTH HOUSES WILL MEET LATE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (JAN. 29). MNS WILL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THAT SESSION, WHICH IS THE SECOND MNS DISPATCH FOR JAN. 29. PLEASE CHECK YOUR COMSTATIONS FOR THE SECOND MNS DISPATCH ON THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ACTIVITIES.)