

(PIDC MEETING CONVENES ON MOEN)

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TRUK, FEB. 12 (MNS)---THE PACIFIC ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (PIDC) CONVENED ITS ANNUAL MEETING ON MOEN, TRUK DISTRICT TUESDAY (FEB. 11). ATTENDING THE THREE-DAY MEETING ARE GUAM GOVERNOR RICARDO J. BORDALLO (SEE SEPARATE STORY), ANDREW GERAKAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PIDC AND REPRESENTING THE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII, DR. STANLEY SWERDLOFF, REPRESENTING THE GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN SAMOA, AND TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON.

IN ADDITION TO THE FOUR EXECUTIVE HEADS OF THE AREAS THAT FORM THE COMMISSION, REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHO HAVE INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES IN THE PACIFIC AREA ARE ALSO ATTENDING THE MEETING AS GUESTS OF THE COMMISSION. THEY INCLUDE ROBERT L. BEAMON, PRESIDENT OF VAN CAMP; DOYLE E. GATES, OF THE TUNA RESEARCH FOUNDATION; WILVAN G. VAN CAMPEN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; AND RICHARD SHOMURA FROM THE HAWAII NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE.

THE COMMISSION'S FIRST BUSINESS WAS THE INVESTITURE OF HICOM JOHNSTON BY GOVERNOR BORDALLO AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. JOHNSTON HAS BEEN ACTING PIDC PRESIDENT SINCE THE RESIGNATION OF FORMER GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN SAMOA JOHN HAYDON LATE LAST YEAR, AND HIS NEW TERM OF OFFICE WILL EXPIRE IN FEBRUARY OF 1976.

FOLLOWING THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY, SHOMURA OF THE HAWAII NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, GAVE A DETAILED REPORT ON THE RESEARCH PROJECT WHICH HIS AGENCY HAS BEEN PERFORMING AT THE COMMISSION'S REQUEST. THE REPORT DEALT WITH RESEARCHES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE ON THE TYPE AND AVAILABILITY OF BAITS FOR TUNA FISHING AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE TUNA SPECIES THAT COULD BE COMMERCIALY HARVESTED IN THE EASTERN, CENTRAL AND WESTERN PACIFIC.

"THE ONLY TUNA SPECIES THAT HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO HAVE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IS THE SKIPJACK TUNA," SHOMURA SAID. THIS SPECIES IS ABUNDANT IN ALL AREAS OF THE PACIFIC AND AN ESTIMATED TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND TO ONE MILLION METRIC TONS CAN BE HARVESTED IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC AREA, ACCORDING TO SHOMURA. HE NOTED ALSO THAT THE JAPANESE FISHING FLEETS HAVE ALSO REALIZED THIS POTENTIAL AND HAVE MOVED FROM THEIR TRADITIONAL FISHING GROUNDS AROUND THE SEAS OF THE JAPANESE ISLANDS DOWN SOUTH TO THE TRUST TERRITORY AREA.

THERE ARE PRESENTLY TWO TYPES OF FISHING OPERATIONS IN THE TUNA INDUSTRY. THE FIRST METHOD, THE PURSE SEINE METHOD WHERE HUGE NETS ARE USED TO CATCH SCHOOLS OF TUNA, IS COMMONLY USED IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE PACIFIC (US EAST COAST), BUT HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE WATER AROUND THE TRUST TERRITORY. THIS IS BECAUSE THE WATER IN THE AREA IS SO CLEAR THAT THE TUNA SCHOOLS CAN SEE THE NETS AND ESCAPE FROM THEM BEFORE THEY CLOSE.

THE SECOND TYPE OF FISHING AND ONE WHICH IS PREDOMINANTLY USED IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC IS THE "POLE-AND-LINE" METHOD WHERE BAITS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE OPERATION. THE TWO METHODS OF TUNA FISHING, THEIR PROS AND CONS, ARE EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED MORE IN DETAIL BY THE COMMISSION WITHIN THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FIRST DAY'S MEETING, THE COMMISSION VOTED TO HAVE ITS PROGRAMS OR PROGRAMS UNDERTAKEN BY OTHER AGENCIES AT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION CREDITED TO THE COMMISSION WHEN THEY APPEAR IN REPORTS OR OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

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(GOV. BORDALLO VISIT TRUK)

MOEN, FEB. 12 (MNS)---GOVERNOR AND MRS. RICARDO J. BORDALLO OF GUAM ARRIVED ON MOEN, TUESDAY (FEB. 11) MARKING THE FIRST TIME A GOVERNOR OF GUAM HAS MADE A VISIT TO ANY OF THE DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY WHILE IN OFFICE. THE GOVERNOR IS TAKING PART IN THE PIDC CONFERENCE CURRENTLY MEETING ON TRUK.

ON HAND AT THE TRUK AIRPORT TO WELCOME THE BORDALLOS WERE HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON; TRUK ACTING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR MITARO DANIS; SPEAKER OF THE TRUK LEGISLATURE KOICHI SANA; MAYOR OF MOEN MUNICIPALITY FUCHITA BOSSY; A DETACHMENT OF TRUK POLICE HONOR GUARD SUPPLEMENTED BY SMARTLY DRESSED BOYS AND GIRLS SCOUTS, AND HUNDREDS OF CURIOUS MOEN CITIZENS.

OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH THE FRIENDLINESS OF THE SPECTATORS, THE GOVERNOR WADED THROUGH THE CROWD SAYING HELLOS AND SHAKING HANDS WITH EVERYONE HE CAME IN CONTACT WITH MR. BORDALLO. MOST LOYAL FANS, HOWEVER, WERE THE STUDENTS FROM MOEN'S SCHOOLS.

UNLIKE THEIR RESERVED ELDERS, THE YOUNG PEOPLE PUSHED THEIR WAY TO WHERE THE GOVERNOR WAS AND IF THEY WERE STILL TOO FAR TO SHAKE HAND, THEY CONTENTED THEMSELVES WITH HAVING THEIR PICTURES TAKEN HOPEFULLY WITH THE GOVERNOR PRESENT SOMEWHERE IN THE BACKGROUND. "I JUST TALKED WITH THE GOVERNOR AND HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO GO SAILING IN THE TRUK LAGOON---GREAT GUY, THAT'S A GOOD MAN, I WISH HE STAYS LONGER," ONE STUDENT FROM XAVIER SUMMED HIS FEELINGS ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO TRUK.

(STATUS COMMISSION MEETING CONTINUES)

SAIPAN, FEB. 12 (MNS)---MEETINGS ON SAIPAN BETWEEN THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION HEADED BY AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS ARE CONTINUING.

THE TWO SIDES HAVE BEEN WORKING TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A COVENANT CREATING A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES. WHEN FULL AGREEMENTS IS REACHED, A DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED FOR A PUBLIC SIGNING CEREMONY.

(AUTHORITIES CALL FOR CRASH PROGRAM IN FISHERIES)

SAIPAN, FEB. 12 (MNS)---A CRASH PROGRAM TO DEVELOP MICRONESIA'S FISHERIES HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MANAGERS OF MICRONESIAN FISHING AUTHORITIES.

THE MANAGERS, WHO MET LAST NOVEMBER IN SAIPAN FOR THEIR FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE SINCE THE CREATION OF THE DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITIES IN 1973 BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, FORMED THEIR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT IN MICRONESIA.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROPOSED IN A REPORT TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TWO MAJOR GOALS IN FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT, NAMELY, REEF FISHERIES TO FEED THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA AND DEEP-SEA FISHERIES TO DEVELOP EXPORTS FOR THE ISLANDS.

THE COMMITTEE CALLED UPON THE UNITED STATES TO PUT \$20,000,000 TO ESTABLISH A NETWORK OF SHORE FACILITIES AND TUNA FISHING FLEETS SIMILAR TO VAN CAMP OPERATIONS IN PALAU IN EACH OF THE DISTRICTS.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO CALLED UPON THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF ICE AND STORAGE FACILITIES NECESSARY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF REEF FISHERIES.

"WITHOUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE, THE ICEPLANTS, THE REEFERS, THE STORAGE FACILITIES, THE BOATS, THE NETS, ETC., AND THE TRAINED FISHERMEN AND FISHERIES MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, FISHERIES CAN NEVER BE DEVELOPED AND THERE WILL BE LITTLE 'FRESH FISH ON THE TABLE,'" THE MANAGERS EMPHASIZED. "IT TAKES MONEY TO DO MOST OF THESE THINGS AND THERE IS MONEY BUT IT IS NOT BEING USED FOR FISHERY DEVELOPMENT."

THE MANAGERS SAID IN THE REPORT THAT THEY "CANNOT ACCOMPLISH THIS JOB (DEVELOPING MICRONESIA'S FISHERIES) ALONE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND MUST RELY ON MANY OTHERS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT IN DEVELOPING

MICRONESIA'S GREATEST NATURAL ASSET - THE OCEAN AND ITS FISHERY RESOURCES."

ALTHOUGH THE MICRONESIANS HAVE NOT TOLD THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY WHAT AND HOW MICRONESIA WANTS HER OCEAN AND FISHERY RESOURCES DEVELOPED, THE REPORT STATED:

"THE MICRONESIANS SHOULD DECIDE WHAT THEY WANT AND HOW THEY WANT IT TO BE DONE AND THEN ASK THE UNITED STATES AND THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST. IF THE UNITED STATES AND THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT FAIL TO ASSIST, THOUGH, THEY SHOULD NOT FOR IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE U.N. AGREEMENT TO ASSIST THE MICRONESIANS TO BECOME "SELF-SUFFICIENT" PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT, THEN WE CAN WITH SOME MEASURE OF JUSTIFICATION POINT AN ACCUSING FINGER AT THE UNITED STATES."

THE MANAGERS SAW THE POSSIBILITY OF A FRAGMENTED MICRONESIA WITH ONE OR MORE SEPARATE POLITICAL ENTITIES BUT EMPHASIZED THE NEED AND NECESSITY TO STRENGTHEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES, SAYING THAT "IF PROPERLY DEVELOPED, THE OCEAN AND ITS RESOURCES CAN FORM THE BASIS OF THEIR FUTURE ECONOMIES."

"EFFORTS SHOULD BE STARTED NOW TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR CO-OPERATION AND COORDINATION IN A COMMON MARKET TYPE OF ARRANGEMENT SO AS TO STRENGTHEN THE FUTURE ECONOMIC TIES AMONG THE ISLANDS AND TO INSURE AGAINST UNNECESSARY EXPLOITATION OF OUR MARINE RESOURCES BY OUTSIDE PARTIES," THE REPORT SAID.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE MANAGERS ASKED THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES TO ESTABLISH JURISDICTION OVER ALL RESOURCES WITHIN 200 MILES AND TO RETAIN FULL CONTROL OVER ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE USE OF WATERS WITHIN THE AREA. THE MANAGERS ALSO ASKED THAT THE ON-GOING AND FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD GUARANTEE MICRONESIAN VOICE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE OCEAN SURROUNDING MICRONESIA AND THE EXPLOITATION OF ITS RESOURCES.

"IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF TALK BUT LITTLE COMMITMENT AND ACTION," THE REPORT SAID. "FISHERY DEVELOPMENT HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN THE PRIORITY IT DESERVES."

SAYING THAT THE FIRST GOAL OF FISHING DEVELOPMENT IN MICRONESIA IS TO DEVELOP REEF FISHERIES TO FEED THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE, THE MANAGERS SAID THAT DEVELOPMENT IN THIS AREA CAN BE DONE BEGINNING NOW WITHOUT RELYING ON OUTSIDE RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW.

"THE MANAGERS BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES IN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND IN THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES," THE COMMITTEE SAID. "BUT WE HAVE NOT PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS."

THE REPORT POINTED OUT THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT SPENT IN 1974, \$581,700 OR 1.1 PERCENT OF ITS OPERATIONAL BUDGET OF \$49,731,000 FOR THE MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION AND \$80,000 OR .8 PERCENT OF \$9,157,000 OF ITS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR FISHERY DEVELOPMENT. IT ALSO NOTED THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAD A SIMILAR RECORD, SPENDING IN 1974 A LITTLE OVER \$83,000 OR 1.2 PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF \$6,721,000 FOR FISHING PROGRAMS. THE REPORT ALSO SAID THAT THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES HAD THE WORST RECORD AS SOME OF THEM HAVE IGNORED FISHERY DEVELOPMENT FOR MANY YEARS.

"AS THESE STATISTICS INDICATE," THE REPORT SAID, "SOMETHING IS REALLY WRONG IN THE THINKING OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THOSE IN THE POSITION TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR MOST IMPROTANT NATURAL ASSET - THE OCEAN AND ITS FISH."

THE REPORT WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE MANAGERS STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT SOMETHING CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION BUT ONLY PROVIDED THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE REST OF THOSE WHO ARE IN THE HIGH POSITIONS MAKE TRUE COMMITMENT TO FISHERY DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSLATE IT INTO ACTION.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON PAID AN UNUSUAL COMPLIMENT TO THE CONGRESS AND THE FISHING AUTHORITIES IN HIS JANUARY 20 STATE OF THE TERRITORY MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS. HE SAID, "ONE PROGRAM RECENTLY CREATED BY THE CONGRESS - THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FISHING AUTHORITIES IN EACH DISTRICT, SHOWS EVERY INDICATION OF BEING AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS. A REPORT RECENTLY PREPARED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MANAGERS OF MICRONESIAN FISHING AUTHORITIES, IS ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE I HAVE EVER RECEIVED. I URGE EACH MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS TO READ IT AND TO ASSIST US IN IMPLEMENTING AS MANY OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AS POSSIBLE."

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF CARLOS SHODA, MANAGER OF THE MARIANAS FISHING AUTHORITY; TONY GAANYGAN, MANAGER OF THE YAP FISHING AUTHORITY; FRANCISCO T. ULUDONG, MANAGER OF THE PALAU FISHING AUTHORITY; PAULINO MAIPE, MANAGER OF THE TRUK FISHING AUTHORITY; BUMIO SILBANUZ, MANAGER OF THE PONAPE FISHING AUTHORITY; AND RIEN MORRIS, MANAGER OF THE MARSHALLS FISHING AUTHORITY.

(MEDEX GRADUATES)

TRUK, FEB. 12 (MNS)---THE MEDEX/PACIFIC PROGRAM GRADUATED FIFTEEN MEDEX HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TUESDAY, (FEB. 11) WHO WILL SERVE THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF MICRONESIANS LIVING IN OUTER ISLAND AREAS. THE CURRENT CLASS IS THE THIRD SINCE THE PROGRAM WAS STARTED AT TRUK HOSPITAL FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE IDEA OF MEDEX/MICRONESIA IS TO DEVELOP A NEW CLASS OF PROFESSIONAL HEALTH WORKERS WHO CAN BRING RELIABLE MEDICAL JUDGEMENT AND SKILLS INTO THE OUTER ISLANDS. MEDEX TRAINING IS PLANNED SPECIFICALLY AROUND THE KINDS OF ILLNESSES AND INJURIES THAT OCCUR IN REMOTE AREAS OF MICRONESIA. IN THE MEDEX CONCEPT, THE PHYSICIAN, THE MEDEX, AND THE NURSE FORM A BASIC UNIT FOR THE DELIVERY OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, EACH DOING WHAT HE CAN DO BEST AND COMPLEMENTING THE OTHERS.

SPEAKING AT THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY WERE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON; TERENCE A. ROGERS, DEAN, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII; TRUK ACTING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR MITARO DANIS; KOLOHY SANA, TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE SPEAKER; DR. NGAS KANSOU, DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES; AND DR. WILLIAM M. PECK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MEDEX/PACIFIC PROGRAM.

PRESENTING GRADUATION CERTIFICATES WERE GOVERNOR RICARDO J. BORDALLO OF GUAM; DR. ROGERS, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND JOHN E. PADGETT, MEDEX, PACIFIC PROGRAM.

MEDEX III GRADUATES INCLUDE: MARTIN EMUCHOILUG, MARY GERNGUN, JOSEPH HALEYALMANG, AND ISIDORE EPAINUG FROM YAP; SIMAO NORMAN, JOHN ERNEST, DENIONG JACK FROM PONAPE; MARY IRANK CALEB AND MENGYOR EMESIOLCH FROM PALAU; JUD KIIMA, BITHEN BATOL, JOE SAUL AND RISONG ANKIEN FROM MARSHALLS; ATITOR EDMOND FROM TRUK, AND CRISENCIA CHONSKY FROM SAIPAN.

(COMMUNICATIONS STAFF RECEIVED CERTIFICATE)

SAIPAN, FEB. 12 (MNS)---ELEVEN COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISORS AND OPERATORS ON SAIPAN RECENTLY COMPLETED A TRAINING COURSE IN AIR TRAFFIC COMMUNICATIONS AND CONTROL ZONE PROCEDURES.

THE TWO WEEK COURSE WAS GIVEN BY LARRY GRAJEK, TRAINING SPECIALIST AT GUAM CENTER-RADAR APPROACH CONTROL (CERAP), AT THE REQUEST OF TT CHIEF OF COMMUNICATIONS VICTORINO T. BORJA. BORJA EXPLAINED THAT, "RAPIDLY EXPANDING AIR TRAFFIC AND THE FACT THAT SAIPAN IS INCLUDED WITHIN THE GUAM AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL ZONE, REQUIRE UPGRADED TRAINING FOR OUR AIRPORT ADVISORY SERVICES."

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION IN THIS SECOND COURSE CONDUCTED BY FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TRAINING PERSONNEL WERE PRESENTED TO: YUSIM R. SOKAU, RIOKY R. TOWAI, LOWA L. JOAB, JUAN G. VILLAGOMEZ, FRANCISCO T. ALFONSO, GIDEON OMENGEBAR,

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FRANCISCO C. AGULTO, KORO G. TOWAI, PAUL A. DONRE, MARINO M. TORWAL, AND MARINO NESTOR.

THESE PERSONNEL WILL USE THEIR TRAINING AT KOBLER AND ISLEY AIRPORTS ON SAIPAN.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THERE WILL BE A SECOND MNS DISPATCH ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. PLEASE CHECK YOUR COM STATIONS FOR THIS DISPATCH LATER.)