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Saipan, Feb. 20 (MNS)---THE SENATE BECAME THE FIRST OF THE HOUSES TO HOLD TWO FORMAL SESSIONS IN A SINGLE DAY THURSDAY (FEB. 20) AS THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA MOVED INTO ITS FINAL SIXTH WEEK OF THE CURRENT REGULAR SESSION ON SAIPAN. THE WORKLOAD IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE STEADILY BETWEEN NOW AND MONDAY, MARCH 3, AT MIDNIGHT WHEN THE SESSION MUST BY LAW, COME TO AN END. DOUBLE SESSIONS ARE INCREASINGLY LIKELY, AS ARE WEEKEND MEETINGS.

THE SENATORS VOTED TO MEET AGAIN LATE THURSDAY AFTERNOON. DURING THE MORNING SESSION, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED ONE BILL ON SECOND READING UNANIMOUSLY AND IT WILL NOW BE TRANSMITTED TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HIS ACTIONS. THE MEASURE IS TO AMEND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT (SB 6-98). ACCORDING TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS CHAIRED BY PALAU CONGRESSMAN POLYCARP BASILIUS, "THE DIVISION STRUCTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT IS REARRANGED TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE PERSONNEL SERVICES TO BOTH MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES. THE CHANGES RECOGNIZE THE SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT."

FILED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SAME COMMITTEE WAS A SIMILAR BILL TO PROVIDE FOR A REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL. (HB 6-123). SINCE BOTH HOUSES HAD ACTED ON SENATE BILL 6-28, IT RECOMMENDED THAT THE MEASURE BE FILED.

PASSED ON SECOND READING AND SENT BACK TO THE SENATE WITH MINOR AMENDMENTS WAS A BILL TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE CONCERNING RONGELAP AND UTIRIK CREATED UNDER PUBLIC LAW 40-33. (SB 6-54).

A MEASURE TO APPROPRIATE \$316,000 FOR SCHOOL BUSES FOR YAP, PALAU, TRUK AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS WAS RECOMMENDED TO THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AFTER SEVERAL MEMBERS OBJECTED TO THE ABSENCE OF PONAPE AND THE MARIANAS DISTRICTS IN THE BILL.

TWO JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED. THEY ARE: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS OF THE FOREIGN INVESTORS BUSINESS PERMIT ACT AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONGRESS. (HJR 6-5); AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO ACCEPT A GRANT OFFER FOR TRUK DISTRICT AIRPORT. (SJR 6-22).

ACTION WAS DEFERRED ON A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO MAKE AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WHEREBY VIOLATIONS OF THE IT'S TERRITORIAL WATERS BY NATIONS OF THOSE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS CAN BE PUNISHED. (SJR 6-12).

SENATOR ROMAN TNETUCL OF PALAU VOICED HIS CONCERN FOR THE UNITY OF MICRONESIA IN THE SENATE MORNING SESSION THURSDAY (FEB. 20), WHEN HE CITED THE SIGNING OF THE MARIANAS COVENANT AND THE POSSIBLE SEPARATION OF THE MARSHALLS OVER THE ISSUE OF 50 PERCENT REVENUE SHARING. HE TOLD HIS FELLOW SENATORS THAT MICRONESIAN UNITY IS NOT A "HOPELESS DREAM," FOR, HE SAID, ONE OF THE CHOICES OPEN EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT BE LATE IN THE GAME FOR THE MARIANAS IN "TO START NOW...TO BUILD SUCH BRIDGES AS WE CAN BETWEEN US SO THAT WE CAN AT LEAST REMAIN COUSINS, EVEN THOUGH NO LONGER BROTHERS." (SEE FOLLOWING STORY).

OTHER FLOOR ACTION WAS THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH MEMBERS OF A HOUSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES ON A JOINT RESOLUTION WHICH RECOMMENDS THAT THOMAS B. GROSSAN BE APPOINTED IT PROGRAM AND BUDGET OFFICER. (SJR 6-1). PALAU SENATOR LAZARUS SALII OBJECTED TO SOME OF THE LANGUAGE IN THE HOUSE DRAFT OF THE RESOLUTION, BECAUSE HE SAID IT WAS "NOT CIVILIZED." GROSSAN HAS BEEN NAMED TO THE POST BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN VIOLATION OF

STATED POLICY TO CEASE FROM HIRING U.S. CIVIL SERVANTS.

NINETEEN BILLS, NINE OF THEM APPROPRIATION MEASURES, WERE INTRODUCED DURING THE MORNING SESSION. THE BILLS WOULD APPROPRIATE: \$20,000 TO CONSTRUCT A SOUVENIR AND COFFEE SHOP AT GOING FIELD, AIRAI AIRPORT TERMINAL IN PALAU DISTRICT, (HB 6-248); \$95,000 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES, (HB 6-249); \$5,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SAN ANTONIO VILLAGE ON SAIPAN, (HB 6-253); \$1,050 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS BETWEEN LOWER BASE AND TAHAPAG, (HB 6-254); \$10,000 TO PURCHASE A BOAT TO TRANSPORT SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE FAICHUK AREA OF THE TRUK LAGOON, (HB 6-255); \$9,400 FOR TWO POLICE PATROL VEHICLES FOR TRUK DISTRICT, (HB 6-257); \$7,500 TO PROVIDE FOR ROOM AND BOARD AT THE DISTRICT CENTERS FOR TT STUDENTS WHILE IN TRANSIT TO AND FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS OR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, (HB 6-259); \$115,000 TO PROVIDE AN INTENSIVE ACADEMIC AND ATTITUDINAL EDUCATION FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS PREPARING CAREERS IN HEALTH SERVICES AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL AREAS, (HB 6-266); AND \$10,000 FOR A PILOT PROJECT TO TEST THE FEASIBILITY OF ASSEMBLING SMALL TRUCKS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, (HB 6-260).

THE OTHER MEASURES ARE: TO ADD A SECTION TO TITLE II OF THE TT CODE REGARDING RESTORATION OF CIVIC RIGHTS, (HB 6-250); AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TT CODE RELATING TO DEFINITION OF "NONCITIZEN" FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE FOREIGN INVESTORS BUSINESS PERMIT ACT, (HB 6-251); AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS IN THE TT CODE RELATING TO MARRIAGES BETWEEN TWO NONCITIZENS OR BETWEEN A NON-CITIZEN AND A CITIZEN OF THE TT, (HB 6-252); AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS ON PUBLIC LAW 40-71, AND APPROPRIATE \$6,000 FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC PROJECTS IN TRUK DISTRICT, (HB 6-256); AMEND A SECTION OF PUBLIC LAW 40-72 RELATING TO THE CHANNEL BLASTING PROJECTS IN THE OUTER ISLANDS OF YAP DISTRICT, (HB 6-258); AMEND A SECTION IN THE TT CODE RELATING TO INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR FOREIGN VESSELS VIOLATING MICRONESIAN WATERS, (HB 6-261); AMENDING CERTAIN PUBLIC LAWS AND THE TT CODE RELATIVE TO THE DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITIES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES IN MICRONESIA, (HB 6-262); TO CREATE A REVOLVING FUND IN EACH DISTRICT; AUTHORIZE THE COLLECTION OF LANDING FEES ON AIRCRAFT; AND TO EARMARK LANDING FEES FOR MAINTENANCE OF AIRPORTS, (HB 6-263); TO ESTABLISH A WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR THE TT AND APPROPRIATE \$5,000 TO CARRY OUT THIS ACT, (HB 6-264); AND A BILL TO AMEND CERTAIN PUBLIC LAWS AND THE TT CODE RELATIVE TO THE DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITIES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES IN MICRONESIA, (HB 6-265).

THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ARE: REQUESTING THE US CONGRESS TO AMEND CERTAIN PUBLIC LAWS TO EXTEND PROGRAMS OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO FISHERIES TO THE TT, (HJR 6-71); REQUESTING THE HICOM AND THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF ASSEMBLING SMALL TRUCKS IN THE TT AND EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT IF THE PROJECT PROVES TO BE FEASIBLE, THE CONGRESS SHALL GIVE THE MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE ENACTMENT OF PROTECTIVE *TARIFFS* TO HELP ASSURE THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF THE INDUSTRY, (HJR 6-72); REQUESTING THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) AND THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION (FAO) TO DO A STUDY ON ALL ASPECTS OF FISHING AND FISHERIES PROGRAM IN MICRONESIA, (HJR 6-73); REQUESTING MOBIL OIL MICRONESIA AND ITS CONTRACTOR ON MAJURO ISLAND TO ALLOW OVERTIME COMPENSATION TO THEIR EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR HOURS IN WHICH THEY ARE AT WORK, (HJR 6-65); AND REQUESTING THE HICOM AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING TO MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO CONSTRUCT A HOSPITAL IN THE MORTLOCK ISLANDS

SUBDISTRICT CENTER IN TRUK, (HJR 6-75).

THE SINGLE RESOLUTION IS REQUESTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING TO SPECIFY THE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS SET ASIDE FOR ROTA AND TINIAN IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT, (HR 6-14).

EIGHT BILLS, FOUR OF THEM APPROPRIATION MEASURES, WERE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE. THE APPROPRIATION BILLS ARE FOR: \$10,000 FOR AN EXHIBIT OF JAPANESE ART ON MICRONESIA TO BE SPONSORED BY THE PALAU MUSEUM, (SB 6-159); \$64,000 TO COVER THE SALARIES AND PERSONNEL BENEFITS OF 25 HEALTH AIDES EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IN TRUK, (SB 6-160); ANOTHER \$10,000 FOR A PILOT PROJECT TO TEST THE FEASIBILITY OF ASSEMBLING SMALL TRUCKS IN THE TT, (SB 6-162); AND \$115,000 TO PROVIDE AN INTENSIVE ACADEMIC AND ATTITUDINAL EDUCATION FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS PREPARING FOR CAREERS IN HEALTH SERVICES AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL AREAS, (SB 6-165).

THE OTHER FOUR BILLS ARE: A MEASURE CONCERNING THE OWNERSHIP OF INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS AND PRESCRIBING PROCEDURES FOR DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES, (SB 6-161); AMENDING CERTAIN PUBLIC LAWS AND THE TT CODE RELATIVE TO THE DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITIES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FISHING IN MICRONESIA, (SB 6-163); TO ESTABLISH A TT SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM, PRESCRIBE ITS GOALS AND APPROPRIATE \$100,000 FOR ITS PURPOSE, (SB 6-164); AND TO PROTECT THE ENDANGERED SPECIES OF THE TT, (SB 6-166).

THE HOUSE WILL MEET AT 10:00 FRIDAY MORNING (FEB. 21).

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(TNETUCL ON UNITY)

SAIPAN, FEB. 20 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---TAKING NOTE OF THE RECENT SIGNING OF THE MARIANAS COVENANT, PALAU SENATOR ROMAN TNETUCL WAS URGED HIS COLLEAGUES TO MEET THE NEEDS AND DESIRES OF VARIOUS DISTRICTS FOR THE SAKE OF UNITY ON SUCH ISSUES AS REVENUE-SHARING AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE SENATE THURSDAY MORNING (FEB. 20), TNETUCL SAID THAT WITH REGARD TO THE MARIANAS SITUATION, CONGRESS HAS ONLY TWO ALTERNATIVES AND THAT IS TO "DO NOTHING" ABOUT IT, OR ALTHOUGH LATE, BEGIN BUILDING THE "BRIDGES AS WE CAN BETWEEN US..."

CONCERNING THE MARSHALLS WHICH HAS GIVEN THE CONGRESS AN "EXPLICIT" WARNING TO SECEDE IF NOT GRANTED ITS REQUEST OVER THE ISSUE ON REVENUE-SHARING AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ELECTION, TNETUCL SAID THAT SHOULD BE ADEQUATE EVIDENCE CONGRESS NEEDS TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR WISHES AS IT "IS NOT MERELY A MATTER OF DOLLARS; INSTEAD IT IS THE VERY UNITY OF MICRONESIA."

HE SAID HE SUPPORTS GRANTING THE MARSHALLS THE FULL 50 PERCENT REVENUE SHARING IT WAS ASKED AS A MATTER OF "PRINCIPLE AND JUSTICE" AND THAT IT IS AN ISSUE OF "SURVIVAL" AND NOT OF "GREED OR SELFISHNESS." HE ALSO SAID GRANTING THEM THEIR WISHES MAY BE A "LOSS" OF REVENUE FOR CONGRESS AND OTHER MICRONESIANS BUT THAT IT IS A "SACRIFICE" CONGRESS MUST TAKE IF IT CONSIDERS MICRONESIAN UNITY A SERIOUS ISSUE.

TNETUCL ALSO MENTIONED OF ANOTHER SERIOUS ISSUE FACING THE CONGRESS AND THAT IS THE UP-COMING MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. HE SAID AT LEAST TWO DISTRICTS HAVE ASKED CONGRESS TO BE ALLOWED TIME TO PREPARE THEIR PEOPLE ON SUCH IMPORTANT ISSUE. HE SAID IT APPEARS THAT "WE ARE RUSHING INTO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WITH PRACTICALLY NO PREPARATION..."

THE SENATOR ALSO SAID THAT MICRONESIA NEEDS MORE TIME TO CONSIDER OTHER REALISTIC ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE, AND DECIDE WHICH ONE IS THE BEST AND BEGIN "HEALING" THE WOUNDS AMONG PEOPLES FROM

THE DISTRICTS. TNETUOHL DECLARED HE DISAGREES WITH THE IDEA THAT A UNIFIED CENTRAL GOVERNMENT "IS NOT ONLY THE BEST BUT THE ONLY WAY TO ACHIEVE MICRONESIAN UNITY."

TNETUOHL NOTED THAT COUNTRIES, WHO AFTER MANY YEARS OF COLONIAL RULE FINDS ITSELF THE "STRONG INTERNAL DIFFERENCES" BETWEEN ONE SECTION AND ANOTHER. AND WHEN THESE COUNTRIES APPROACH INDEPENDENCE, THEIR CONSTITUTIONS "ALWAYS" UNDER THE CONTROL OF ITS COLONIAL POWERS HAVE WITHOUT EXCEPTION CALLED FOR A STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT WITHOUT EXCEPTION THESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE "PROVEN WEAK." HE NOTED THAT MICRONESIA IS HEADED INTO THE SAME SITUATION.

ACCORDING TO TNETUOHL, A STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IS ONLY STRONG ON PAPER "BUT CONSTANTLY FRUSTRATED BY DIVISIONS" JUST LIKE THE PRESENT SITUATION IN CONGRESS WHERE "CONTINUED" AMERICAN INTERFERENCE WHICH "WE FEEL WE ARE FORCED TO ACCEPT." HE SAID THIS IS PRIMARILY WHY HE SUGGESTED A YEAR AGO THE ALTERNATIVE OF A "LOOSE FEDERATION OF AUTONOMOUS STATES," WHERE EACH DISTRICT HAVING ITS OWN LAWS, LEADERS, AND POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS LINKED TOGETHER BY A CENTRAL AGENCY...FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY...

SENATOR TNETUOHL SAID THAT HAD CONGRESS "HAD SUCH AN ALTERNATIVE UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION, THE MARIANAS MIGHT HAVE SEEN A PLACE FOR THEMSELVES WITHIN IT AND NOT TAKEN THE STEP THEY HAVE JUST TAKEN." HE SAID "A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, HASTILY DESIGNED, WILL NOT ONLY BE WEAK BUT WILL PERPETUATE FOREVER THE DIVISIONS BETWEEN US." HE SAID HE IS CONVINCED THAT CONGRESS SHOULD ALLOW EACH DISTRICT TO "SEE ITS DAYS" AND THAT WHEN THAT HAPPENS "WE CAN BEGIN TO FORGE NEW STRONGER LINKS BETWEEN US, STRONGER BECAUSE THEY ARE ONES WE MICRONESIANS SEE WE NEED AND HAVE MADE FOR OURSELVES."

HE CONCLUDED: "ONLY THE BONDS WE MAKE WILLINGLY ON OUR OWN, IN OUR MUTUAL SELF-INTEREST, WILL BE STRONG ENOUGH TO HOLD US TOGETHER IN THE YEARS AHEAD...IF WE RUSH ONWARD TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION...WITHOUT THINKING DEEPLY ABOUT OTHER POSSIBILITIES, THE OPPORTUNITY FOR REAL UNITY WILL BE LOST TO US FOREVER."

(HICOM RECEIVES TWO BILLS)

SAIPAN, FEB. 20 (MNS)---THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS RECEIVED THE FIRST TWO BILLS PASSED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA THIS WEEK. THE HICOM RECEIVED THE BILLS ON TUESDAY (FEB. 18).

THE BILLS ARE: A MEASURE APPROPRIATING \$30,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUING AND EXPANDING ONGOING VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS; (HB-6-6); AND A BILL TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 5-31 WHICH APPROPRIATED \$225,000 TO PURCHASE ROAD CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TO BE USED ONLY ON BABELTHUAP ISLAND, PALAU DISTRICT. THE MEASURE WOULD REMOVE THAT RESTRICTION AND PROVIDE THAT THE EQUIPMENT COULD BE USED ANYWHERE IN PALAU DISTRICT FOR ROAD PROJECTS, (HB 6-41).

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS 30 DAYS IN WHICH TO ACT ON THE MEASURES.

(TT COPRA PURCHASES REACH RECORDED HEIGHT)

SAIPAN, FEB. 20 (MNS)---THE UNITED MICRONESIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (UMDA), THE COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD'S (CSB) MARKETING CONTRACTOR, REPORTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CSB, THAT UMDA REIMBURSED ITS SUB-CONTRACTORS IN THE DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY SLIGHTLY MORE THAN \$205,000 LAST WEEK. THIS IS THE HIGHEST AMOUNT EVER PAID OUT FOR COPRA IN ANY SINGLE WEEK IN THE LAST 22 YEARS THAT A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR HAS MARKETED FOR THE CSB THE TRUST TERRITORY'S COPRA. UMDA'S MANAGER POINTED OUT THAT LAST WEEK'S PURCHASES WERE 700 PERCENT LARGER THAN THE \$14,000 A WEEK

THAT WAS BEING PAID OUT FOR COPRA JUST OVER A YEAR AGO.

THE RECORD AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS WERE MADE FOR THE LAST WEEK THAT THE CSB'S DISTRICT CENTER PRICE OF \$425 PER TON FOR GRADE ONE COPRA WAS IN EFFECT. EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN EXCEPTION WHERE A FIELD TRIP SHIP'S PICK-UP HAS BEEN DELAYED THE PRESENT CSB AUTHORIZED PRICE IS \$300 PER TON. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE PRICE WILL HAVE TO BE FURTHER REDUCED QUITE SOON IF WORLD COPRA PRICES DO NOT SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE OVER THE PRESENT LEVEL.

IF THE PRICE PAID TO PRODUCERS IS NOT CORRELATED WITH THE WORLD MARKET PRICE, THE COPRA STABILIZATION FUND WITH THE PRODUCERS HAVE BUILT UP IN THE LAST YEAR OF HIGH WORLD PRICES, WOULD BE COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE TRUST TERRITORY'S HISTORY THERE WOULD BE NO STABILIZATION TO PROTECT THE PRODUCERS AGAINST THE ERRATIC MOVEMENTS IN THE WORLD PRICE OF COPRA.

(EDLF FINANCES FISH FARM)

SALPAN, FEB. 20 (MNS)---THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND BOARD AT A RECENT MEETING VOTED TO APPROVE A MARINE RESOURCES LOAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND STOCKING OF MICRONESIA'S FIRST COMMERCIAL FISH FARM LOCATED IN PALAU DISTRICT.

THE FACILITY CONSISTS OF A MAN-MADE POND STOCKED WITH JUVENILE FISH WHICH FEED ONLY ON ALGAE. A WATER PLANT WHICH IS GROWN IN THE POND AS A RESULT OF INTRODUCING CHICKEN MANURE INTO THE WATER.

NO OTHER FOOD NEED BE INTRODUCED INTO THE POND. "THIS MILK FISH" DEVELOPED BY DR. JAMES MOVEY AND HIS TEAM OF MICRONESIAN AND AMERICAN SCIENTISTS AT THE MARICULTURE CENTER IN PALAU IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST EFFICIENT CONVERTERS OF ALGAE (VEGETABLE) TO PROTEIN (MEAT) IN THE WORLD AND IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF WHAT DEDICATED MICRONESIANS AND AMERICANS CAN ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER THROUGH COOPERATION" AN EDLF SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS TYPE OF LOAN IS IN KEEPING WITH THE EDLF BOARD'S POLICY TO FINANCE DEVELOPMENT TYPE PROJECTS IN THE MARINE, AGRICULTURE AND TOURIST SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY TO SUBSTITUTE IMPORTS AND DEVELOP EXPORTS RATHER THAN FINANCE LOANS TO WHOLESALE RETAIL FOOD STORES WHICH DO LITTLE TO DEVELOP THE ECONOMY," IT WAS POINTED OUT.

(NEW BOAT FOR ANGAUR)

PALAU, FEB. 20 (MNS)---APPROXIMATELY 500 GUESTS JOINED THE PEOPLE OF ANGAUR IN CELEBRATING AND CHRISTENING OF NEWLY PURCHASED BOAT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANGAUR ON JANUARY 15, ACCORDING TO PALAU DISTRICT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRMIDOL.

NGIRMIDOL REPORTED THAT THE BOAT WAS PURCHASED WITH FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE UNDER PUBLIC LAW 5-33 WHICH WAS ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN 1973 APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE PEOPLE OF THIS SOUTHERN MOST ISLAND MUNICIPALITY HAVE BEEN SERVED BY A GOVERNMENT M-BOAT EVER SINCE 1967 WHEN THEIR BOAT, REGINA, WAS DESTROYED BY TYPHOON SALLY.

PIO NGIRMIDOL ALSO REPORTED THAT OFFICIALS AND LOCAL DIGNITARIES WHO WERE AMONG THE CROWD TO WITNESS THE OCCASSION INCLUDED PALAU DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR HARUO REMELIUK, ANGAUR CHIEF JOSEPH UCHERBELAU, KOROR MAYOR RUBASCH FRITZ, REV. JUAN AND CHIEF OBAK OF PELELIU.

ANGAUR IS THE SOUTHERN MOST ISLAND OF THE PALAU CHAIN INCLUDING SONSOROL, PULO ANGA AND TORI OF SOUTHWEST ISLANDS, A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 30 MILES FROM KOROR, THE DISTRICT CENTER. 13648
BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION AND STRONG SEA CURRENT AROUND THE ISLAND, TRAVELING TO AND FROM ANGAUR IS SOMETIMES IMPOSSIBLE. THE NEWLY PURCHASED M-BOAT WILL COMMUTE BETWEEN ANGAUR, PELELIU

AND THE DISTRICT CENTER OF KOROR.

DR. TARO LICENSED TO PRACTICE SURGERY & MEDICINE IN TT)
SAIPAN, FEB. 20 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY BOARD OF
LICENSURE GAVE A COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL BOARD LICENSURE
EXAMINATION TO DR. HELEN TARO OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT
ACCORDING TO DR. GASAO KUMALAI, TT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES.

DR. TARO HAS FULFILLED THE REQUIREMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION
AND INTERNSHIP TO QUALIFY FOR A MEDICAL OFFICER. SHE HAS ALSO
SUCCESSFULLY PASSED HER WRITTEN AND PRACTICAL TESTS ACCORDING
TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LICENSURE REVIEW BOARD. DR. TARO HAS
BEEN AWARDED THE BOARD OF LICENSURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND
SURGERY IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

DR. TARO GRADUATED FROM THE FIJI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ON
FEBRUARY 18, 1974. PRIOR TO HER BOARD EXAMINATION, SHE WAS DOING
HER INTERNSHIP AT DR. TORRES HOSPITAL IN SAIPAN.

(DEMPSEY VISITS TT)

SAIPAN, FEB. 20 (MNS)---JERRY DEMPSEY, DIRECTOR OF FIELD
SERVICES OF THE ALOMA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, IS CURRENTLY
VISITING THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE SCOUTING DIRECTOR ARRIVED ON
SAIPAN ON FEBRUARY 17 AND WILL LEAVE SUNDAY (FEB. 23) FOR GUAM,
WHERE HE WILL SPEND A FEW DAYS CONFERRING WITH GUAM BOY SCOUT
OFFICIALS BEFORE DEPARTING FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA.
DUE TO LIMITED TIME ALLOTTED FOR THIS TRIP TO MICRONESIA, THE BOY
SCOUT OFFICIAL POINTED OUT THAT HE IS UNABLE TO VISIT YAP AND
PALAU DISTRICTS, BUT HE MAY BE ABLE TO VISIT THEM THIS SPRING.

JERRY DEMPSEY IS NOT A STRANGER TO MICRONESIA; HE HAS BEEN
TO MICRONESIA SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER,
THAT HIS PRESENT TRIP TO THE ISLANDS SEEMS TO BE THE MOST
IMPORTANT ONE. THE DUAL PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT IS TO ANNOUNCE
THE BOY SCOUT CAMPS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SOME ISLANDS OF
MICRONESIA THIS SUMMER AND TO RECRUIT STAFF TO WORK FOR BOY
SCOUTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE BOY SCOUT CAMPS, ACCORDING TO DEMPSEY, ARE TENTATIVELY
SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE FOLLOWING PLACES AND TIMES: SAIPAN,
JULY 28-AUGUST 2; PONAPE, JUNE 23-JULY 11; TRUK, AUGUST 4-16;
MAJURO, DEC. 29-JANUARY 3, 1976. ASSIGNED TO COORDINATE THE
SUMMER CAMPS FOR THE DISTRICTS ARE ED SPALDING FOR SAIPAN; ROBIN
JOHNSTON, PONAPE; LEW SIQUEIRA AND ALFRED PAUL, TRUK; AND JOE
VIERA, MAJURO.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM, DEMPSEY SAID, IS TO
HELP THE BOYS LEARN SCOUTING SKILLS BY CAMPING OUTDOORS FOR
SEVERAL NIGHTS, AND TO LEARN HOW TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP. IT IS
HOPE THE BOYS WILL ALSO ACQUIRE RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL
VALUES WHILE THEY ENTERTAIN THEMSELVES. EXPLAINING THE BOY SCOUT
PROGRAM IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, DEMPSEY SAID THAT THE PROGRAM
INCLUDES CUB SCOUTS, BOY SCOUTS, AND THE EXPLORERS PROGRAM. HE
SAID THAT BOYS FROM SEVEN TO 11 YEARS OF AGE CAN JOIN THE CUB
SCOUTS, BOYS FROM 12 TO 13 YEARS OLD CAN JOIN BOY SCOUTS, AND
BOTH YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF HIGH SCHOOL AGE CAN JOIN THE
EXPLORERS PROGRAM.

"EACH PROGRAM IS DIFFERENT AND IS DESIGNED TO THE NEEDS AND
INTERESTS OF EACH AGE GROUP THAT IT SERVES," DEMPSEY SAID. "THE
SPECIFIC GOALS OF THESE PROGRAMS ARE BUILDING CHARACTER,
INTEGRITY, GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND TO PROMOTE PERSONAL PHYSICAL
FITNESS."

THE BOY SCOUT PROGRAM STARTED IN MICRONESIA IN 1966 WITH
ONE UNIT OF FIFTEEN BOYS. ITS MEMBERSHIP HAS NOW INCREASED TO
INCLUDE 135 UNITS WITH 7,212 BOYS IN 1974. SCOUTING ACTIVITIES
INCLUDE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, INSTRUCTION IN SELF-HELP FIRST
AID, SAFE SWIMMING DEFENSE PLAN, LIFE SAVING TECHNIQUES INCLUDING
ARTIFICIAL RESUSCITATION.

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(THIRTEEN COMPLETED CLERK STENO TRAINING)

SAIPAN, FEB. 20 (MNS)---THIRTEEN YOUNG GIRLS FROM THE MARIANAS DISTRICT GOVERNMENT, HEADQUARTERS, AND THE PRIVATE SECTORS OF SAIPAN COMPLETED A CLERK STENO TRAINING UNDER THE CANNON'S INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COLLEGE (CIBC) OF HONOLULU AND RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES ON FEBRUARY 14, ACCORDING TO A RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR. THE NINE MONTHS TRAINING PROGRAM WAS SPONSORED BY THE MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING ACT (MDTA) THROUGH THE COORDINATION OF THE MARIANA DISTRICT TRAINING OFFICE. ACCORDING TO THE RELEASE, THE COURSE WAS CONDUCTED AT THE POLICE ACADEMY ON SAIPAN.

GRADUATION CEREMONIES MARKING THE OCCASION WAS HELD IN THE LUXURIOUS OCEANA ROOM AT THE SAIPAN CONTINENTAL HOTEL WITH ABOUT A HUNDRED GUESTS AND OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE. MAIN SPEAKER FOR THE OCCASION WAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA FOLLOWED BY SONGS FROM THE GRADUATING CLASS.

DISTAD ADA, IN HIS REMARKS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO THE CANNON'S INSTRUCTOR, MRS. L. BRAILLES, AND TO MDTA FOR THE FUNDS AND TO MRS. DULCE PANGELINAN, DISTRICT TRAINING OFFICER FOR DEVELOPING AND COORDINATING SUCH SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM.

THE THIRTEEN YOUNG WOMEN WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE COURSE AND RECEIVED CERTIFICATES FROM CIBC AND FROM MDTA ARE: MARGARET BOYER, MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE; BERNADITA CABRERA, ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE; RANONA CANACHO, DISTRICT EDUCATION; VIRGINIA DEMAPAN, ARRIOLA, CUSHNIE AND STEVENS LAW OFFICE; DOLORES CASTRO, DISTRICT EDUCATION; AGNES DAGFEL, DISTRICT IMMIGRATION OFFICE; REGINA GUERRERO, SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL; FATIMA D. PALACIOS, DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE; FRANCES RAMON, HEADQUARTERS TRANSPORTATION; WINNIE SASANTO, ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE; JOSEPHA SEMAN, DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITY; LOZITA MAFNAS, HOPWOOD JR. HIGH SCHOOL; AND NICOLASA S. MASGA, DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE. (NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: BECAUSE THE SENATE IS HOLDING DOUBLE SESSION THURSDAY (FEB. 20), THERE WILL BE A SECOND MNS DISPATCH FOR THURSDAY. PLEASE CHECK YOUR COMSTATIONS LATER FOR THIS DISPATCH).