

(TINIAN COUNCIL RAPS MAFNAS)

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SAIPAN, MARCH 7 (MNS)---THE TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL THIS WEEK PASSED A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING CONGRESSMAN JOSE P. MAFNAS FOR HIS "IRRESPONSIBLE ACTION" IN INSTITUTING A SUIT TO STOP THE SIGNING OF THE COVENANT TO FORM A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS, ACCORDING TO FRIDAY'S (MAR. 7) ISSUE OF THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

THE RESOLUTION STATES THAT MAFNAS TRIED TO "RESTRAIN AND PREVENT THE AUTHORIZED TINIAN REPRESENTATIVES IN THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION FROM SIGNING THE COVENANT," AND FURTHER ATTEMPTED TO DENY TO THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, ACCORDING TO PDN.

THE RESOLUTION MAINTAINS THAT MAFNAS' ACTION "REFLECTS HIS TOTAL DESREGARD AND DISRESPECT TO THE VIEWS, WISHES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE TINIAN PEOPLE REGARDING THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS."

IN ADDITION TO THE RESOLUTION AGAINST MAFNAS, THE TINIAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ALSO PASSED A MEASURE "OFFICIALLY INDICATING WHO SHALL REPRESENTS THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN RELATIVE TO THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS," PDN POINTED OUT.

THE RESOLUTION POINTS OUT THAT CURRENT MPSC MEMBERS JOSE R. CRUZ AND BERNARD V. HOFSENEIDER ARE THE DULY AUTHORIZED AND THE ONLY OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN AND TO REPRESENT THEIR VIEWS ON POLITICAL STATUS.

BOTH TINIAN RESOLUTIONS ARE TO BE SENT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND INTERIOR, MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, SENATE PRESIDENT AND HOUSE SPEAKER OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA AND F. HAYDN WILLIAMS, CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR THE U.S. IN THE STATUS TALKS.

(TT RECIPIENTS OF VISITOR GRANTS)

SAIPAN, MARCH 7 (MNS)---THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCED THAT TWELVE MICRONESIANS HAVE BEEN AWARDED INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT. THE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT FOR THE HONOR.

THE RECIPIENTS OF THE GRANT INCLUDED: MRS. CARMEN M. BIGLER, FIRST WOMEN ELECTED TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA; AND IRON ALBERT LOEAK, OF AILINGLAPLAP ATOLL, MARSHALLS; MS. GLORIA GIBBONS, DISTRICT LEGISLATURE STAFF, SISTER OF HIGH CHIEF IBEDUL, PALAU; FRITZ RUBASH, MAYOR OF KOROR, PALAU; ITOR HARRIS, PONAPE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE SPEAKER AND IOANIS ARTUL, NANMWARKI (TRADITIONAL CHIEF) OF SOKEHS, PONAPE.

ALSO CHOSE ARE: FULJITA BOSSY, MAYOR OF MOEN ISLAND, TRUK; KOICHI SANA, SPEAKER, TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE; FELIX RABAULIMAN, MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION MEMBER; HERMAN R. GUERRERO, NEWLY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARIANAS AT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA; MRS. CARMEN TUN, WOMEN'S INTERESTS OFFICER, YAP DISTRICT; AND BELARMINO HATHY, TRADITIONAL CHIEF OF ULITHI ATOLL, YAP DISTRICT.

IN MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT, THE HICOM SAID: "I AM

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CONFIDENT THAT THE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE GAINED FROM TRAVELLING THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND MEETING DIFFERENT PEOPLE DURING THIS TOUR WILL BE MOST BENEFICIAL AND HELPFUL IN UNDERSTANDING CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

"I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE PLACES YOU WILL VISIT AND THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM YOU WILL TALK WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A REWARDING EXPERIENCE WHICH WILL BE OF VALUE TO YOU IN THE IMPORTANT POSITION YOU HOLD IN THE COMMUNITY AT THE PRESENT TIME AS WELL AS IN THE FUTURE."

TRAVEL PLANS FOR THE GRANTEEES ARE BEING COORDINATED BY STRIK YOMA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT THE TT HEADQUARTERS ON SAIPAN.

(WILLIAMS APPOINTED ASSOCIATED JUSTICE)

SAIPAN, MARCH. 7 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COURT CHIEF JUSTICE HAROLD W. BURNETT ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF DOUGLAS C. WILLIAMS AS A NEW ASSOCIATE JUSTICE TO THE TT HIGH COURT THIS WEEK. HIS APPOINTMENT BECAME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 19, 1975.

RAISED IN VENTURA, COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, WILLIAMS GRADUATED FROM SANTA PAULA HIGH SCHOOL IN SANTA PAULA, CALIFORNIA, AND ATTENDED VENTURA JUNIOR COLLEGE, SAN FRANCISCO STATE COLLEGE, AND GRADUATED FROM FRESNO COLLEGE IN FRESNO, CALIFORNIA WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GENERAL BUSINESS IN 1963.

WILLIAMS RECEIVED HIS DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE FROM WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL IN SALEM, OREGON IN 1967 AND BECAME A MEMBER OF OREGON BAR ASSOCIATION THE SAME YEAR. HE ENTERED PRIVATE PRACTICE OF LAW IN GRANTS PASS, OREGON IN 1967 AND BECAME PARTNER IN LAW FIRM OF MYRICK, SEAGRAVES, WILLIAMS AND NEALY. HE SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED AS ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR AMERICAN SAMOA FROM 1970 TO 1971 AND LATER APPOINTED ATTORNEY GENERAL OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN FEBRUARY 1971, AND SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY FOR ALMOST FOUR YEARS.

THE 35 YEAR OLD ASSOCIATE JUSTICE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE OREGON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE AMERICAN SAMOA BAR ASSOCIATION. SUBSEQUENTLY, WILLIAMS SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF JUDICIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TERRITORIAL CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION COMMITTEE IN 1972-1973, AND PRESENTLY CHAIRMAN OF THE TERRITORIAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUPERVISORY BOARD IN AMERICAN SAMOA.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE WILLIAMS WILL BE STATIONED IN SAIPAN BUT WILL ALSO HEAR HIGH COURT CASES IN OTHER DISTRICTS AS OTHER HIGH COURT JUSTICES ARE DOING.

WILLIAMS AND HIS WIFE, MIRIAM, HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS, THREE AND FIVE YEARS OLD.

(CALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(HARUO APPOINTMENT)

SAIPAN, MARCH. 7 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---REPRESENTATIVE SASAUO HARUO OF TRUK HAS BEEN APPOINTED THE OFFICIAL DELEGATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO THE 15TH CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION, (SPC).

THE 15TH CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU DURING SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR.

CONGRESSMAN HARUO WILL REPRESENT CONGRESS IN THE SPC FOR THE SECOND TIME. HE WAS THE OFFICIAL DELEGATE OF THE TT DURING THE 13TH CONFERENCE OF THE SPC HELD ON GUAM TWO YEARS AGO AND WAS SELECTED BY HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE HOUSE DURING THE LAST DAY OF THE SESSION.

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THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WILL APPOINT AN ALTERNATE IN THE EVENT THAT CONGRESSMAN HARUO CAN NOT ATTEND THE MEETING.

MEANWHILE, THE HOUSE SPEAKER HAS ALSO BEEN MANDATED BY MEMBERS TO APPOINT ONE HOUSE MEMBER TO ACCOMPANY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THIS YEAR'S UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS. WHOEVER IS APPOINTED WILL JOIN MARSHALLS SENATOR WILFRED KENDALL AS A SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

THIS YEAR, KENDALL WILL SERVE HIS SECOND AND LAST APPEARANCE AS AN ADVISOR. CONGRESSMAN JOAB SIGRAH SERVED HIS SECOND AND LAST TERM DURING LAST YEAR'S UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS.

IT HAS BEEN A PRACTICE OF THE CONGRESS TO SEND MEMBERS TO SERVE AS ADVISORS TO THE NICOM FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS ON AN OVERLAPPING BASIS.

THE PRESIDING OFFICERS WILL ALSO APPOINT AN ALTERNATE IN CASE EITHER OF THE TWO ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS. THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HOUSE MEMBER TO SERVE THE EXPIRED TERM OF REPRESENTATIVE SIGRAH WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

(PRESS OFFICER APPOINTED)

SAIPAN, MARCH 7 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF JAMES V. HALL, 44, OF HONOLULU TO BE HIS PRESS OFFICER.

HALL'S JOB CONCERNS PRIMARILY WITH PUBLIC RELATIONS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT OUTSIDE OF THE IT. HE WILL ALSO PREPARE STATEMENTS, PRESS RELEASE, SPEECHES, ASSIST IN PLANNING, DEVELOPING AND COORDINATING ACTIVITIES OF VISITING MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

HALL'S MOST RECENT POSITION WAS THAT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN HAWAII.

HE RECEIVED HIS B. A. DEGREE IN JOURNALISM AT UNIVERSITY OF IOWA IN 1958 AND A MASTERS DEGREE FROM THE EAST-WEST CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

THE PRESS OFFICER'S WORK EXPERIENCE INCLUDES: INFORMATION COMMUNICATION MEDIA ADVISOR WITH THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID) IN TAIWAN IN 1961-1962; PROVINCIAL REPORTS OFFICER FOR AID IN VIETNAM FROM 1964-1966; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ASIA TRAINING CENTER IN HAWAII FOR TWO YEARS AND SUBSEQUENTLY, BECAME A RESEARCHER FOR THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE FROM 1969-1971.

HALL RAN UNSUCCESSFULLY THREE TIMES FOR THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE AND ONCE FOR THE U. S. CONGRESS IN HONOLULU.

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