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1. TT Undertakes Conservation Measures
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3. Guerrero Scores LNO Guam.
4. Slot Machines Discussed at Municipal Council

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 (TT UNDERTAKES CONSERVATION MEASURES)
 SAIPAN, MAR. 24 (MNS)---DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER.

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T. COLEMAN LAST WEEK ISSUED A MEMORANDUM TO ALL T.T. SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL PLACING BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS ON ALL T.T. OPERATIONS PROGRAMS INCLUDING RECRUITMENT, TRAVEL AND CONSTRUCTION.

COLEMAN SAID THAT THESE RESTRICTIONS WERE MADE NECESSARY BY INFLATIONARY PRESSURES WORKING ON THE COSTS OF ALL PROGRAMS CAUSING AN OVEROBLIGATION OF FUNDS DURING THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. HE CITED THE EXAMPLE OF HOW

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INCREASED FUEL COSTS ALONG HAVE ADDED \$3 MILLION TO THE COST OF POWER.

IN HIS MESSAGE, COLEMAN URGED ALL EMPLOYEES, SUPERVISORS AND PROGRAM MANAGERS TO "IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY, EFFICIENCY, AND PERFORMANCE AND STRIVE TO MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS OF SERVICE WITH A LOWER LEVEL OF RESOURCES."

THE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER NOTED THAT EVEN WITH THE APPROVAL OF A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION BY THE U.S. CONGRESS THERE WOULD STILL BE A SHORTFALL IF SPENDING CONTINUED AT THE CURRENT RATE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THESE NEW RESTRICTIONS WOULD NOT APPLY TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OR OTHER FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS.

SOME OF THE SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY INCLUDE FILLING ONLY PERSONNEL VACANCIES WHICH ARE ESSENTIAL TO ONGOING PROGRAMS; DELAYING POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS UNTIL THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR WHERE POSSIBLE; POSTPONING NEW CONSTRUCTION, REMODELING AND RENOVATIONS; CURTAILING TRAVEL; POSTPONING CONFERENCES; DELAYING THE REQUISITION OF NON-ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES; AND REDUCING PRINTING, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CONSULTING SERVICES.

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THE MESSAGE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THE EFFORT TO REDUCE COSTS SHOULD IN NO WAY AFFECT THE PROGRAM SO AS TO ENDANGER THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF ANY RESIDENT OR VISITOR IN THE T.T.

(SEVEN BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW)

SAIPAN, MAR. 24 (MNS)---DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER

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T. COLEMAN SIGNED INTO LAW SEVEN BILLS LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON (MAR. 21). THE MEASURES WERE PASSED DURING THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN ITS SESSION ON SAIPAN.

THE BILLS INCLUDE: A MEASURE TO MAKE AN ACROSS-THE BOARD INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, INCLUDING AN INCREASE IN THE MINIMUM BENEFIT FROM \$20 PER MONTH TO \$24 PER MONTH, (HB (HB 6-1)). THE BILL IS NOW PUBLIC LAW 6-5.

A BILL APPROPRIATING \$31,000 FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY BOARD FOR FY 176 AND TO CHANGE THE BUDGET CYCLE FOR THE PERSONNEL BOARD FROM THE TT FISCAL YEAR TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FISCAL YEAR, PUBLIC LAW 6-6.

MARSHALL'S CONGRESSMAN EKPAP SILK AUTHORED THE BILL TO GRANT OUTRIGHT TO THE COPRA STABILIZATION FUND THE BALANCE OF \$79,570.92 APPROPRIATED UNDER PUBLIC LAWS 5-4 (HB 6-26). PL 5-4

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APPROPRIATED \$300,000 TO BE PAID INTO THE COPRA STABILIZATION FUND WHEN THE BALANCE OF THE FUND DROPPED BELOW \$500,000. (THE BILL NOW BECOME PUBLIC LAW 6-7.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE (HB 6-68), BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 6-8.

A MEASURE TO LAPSE THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE REVENUE DIVISION ON MARCH 31, 1975 (HB 6-117), BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 6-9.

A BILL APPROPRIATING \$297,500 FOR THE OPERATION AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE REVENUE DIVISION FOR FY 176 (HB 6-5) IS NOW PUBLIC LAW 6-10.

A BILL TO AMEND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT (SB 6-78) BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 6-11. THE STRUCTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT IS REARRANGED TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE PERSONNEL SERVICES TO BOTH MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES.

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(GUERRERO SCORES LNO GUAM)

SAIPAN, MARCH 24 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---"THE SERVICES GIVEN MICRONESIAN MEDICAL REFERRALS EMPLOYEES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY LIAISON OFFICE ON GUAM ARE POOR AND INEFFICIENT,"

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MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN HERMAN R. GUERRERO SAID THIS WEEK. CONGRESSMAN GUERRERO, WHO RECENTLY TRAVELED TO GUAM TO ASSIST A PATIENT, SAID MANY MICRONESIAN PATIENTS WHO ARE SENT TO GUAM BY THE TT GOVERNMENT ARE GIVEN WHAT HE CALLED THE "RUN-AROUND" WHEN THEY SHOULD RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE TT LIAISON OFFICE.

GUERRERO SAID INDIVIDUALS FROM SAIPAN SENT TO GUAM FOR A MEDICAL REFERRAL WERE "REFUSED ASSISTANCE TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME DISTRICT BY LNO BECAUSE THEY DID NOT STAY OVERNIGHT AT GOVERNMENT DESIGNATED ACCOMMODATIONS." HE SAID THAT ACCORDING TO LNO ON GUAM, IT IS A POLICY OF THE TT GOVERNMENT THAT PATIENTS WHO STAY IN PLACES OTHER THAN THE GOVERNMENT DESIGNATED HOTEL MUST THEREFORE SEEK ASSISTANCE ON THEIR OWN.

THE MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN CONTENDS THAT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TT GOVERNMENT TO TAKE CARE OF PATIENTS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY CHOOSE TO STAY AT A HOTEL OR WITH RELATIVES. HE SAID LNO EMPLOYEES MUST TAKE CARE OF EVERY REFERRAL PATIENT FROM THE TIME HE ARRIVES ON GUAM UNTIL HE LEAVES.

HE SAID MICRONESIANS ARRIVING ON GUAM FOR THE FIRST TIME

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