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TRUST TERRITORY
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(NIGON LAUNCHES NEW TT CITIZEN EMPLOYEES TRAINING PROG.)
SAIPAN, APR. 3 (MNS)---AT ITS FIRST MEETING ON TUESDAY
(APRIL 3), IN THE HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCE ROOM, THE NEWLY
ESTABLISHED COMMITTEE ON TRAINING OF TRUST TERRITORY CITIZEN
EMPLOYEES HEARD HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON STRESSED
THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING AND ESPECIALLY TRAINING FROM BOTTOM
LEVEL TO TOP LEVEL IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.

"THE BASIC PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO PLAN, MONITOR,
AND EVALUATE DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS FOR THE SYSTEMATIC
TRAINING OF TT CITIZEN EMPLOYEES TOWARD THEIR IMPROVEMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT TO ASSUME GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES, TO REPLACE
EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES, AND TO FILL PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS OF
THE PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM," HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON TOLD THE
COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE, WHICH IS REQUIRED TO MEET AT LEAST ONCE
A MONTH, IS COMPOSED OF DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL POBIS PDRUS,
CHAIRMAN; THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DAVID RAMARUII, HEALTH
SERVICES DIRECTOR DR. MASAGO KUMANGAI; JIM WHEELER, DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC WORKS; EUSEBIO RECHUCHER, DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND
DEVELOPMENT; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TT PERSONNEL BOARD BOYD
MACKENZIE; TOM CROSSAN JR., PROGRAM AND BUDGET OFFICER; AND
THE MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS OFFICER, AS MEMBERS.

THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS AND DEPARTMENT OF DIRECTORS, NOT
REGULARLY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, ARE AD HOC MEMBERS WHEN
THE COMMITTEE IS DISCUSSING SITUATIONS WHICH COME UNDER THEIR
DIRECTION.

DURING TUESDAY'S ORGANIZATION SESSION, THE IMMEDIATE
TRAINING AREAS DEFINED FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION WERE
STRENGTHENING IN AREAS OF PRESENT RESPONSIBILITY, EXECUTIVE
DEVELOPMENT, AND SECRETARIAL SKILLS IMPROVEMENT. TRAINING
WILL BE TOWARD IMPROVEMENT IN PRESENT JOB REQUIREMENTS,
AS WELL AS PROVIDING A BACKGROUND FOR ACCEPTING INCREASING
RESPONSIBILITY AND HIGHER LEVEL RESPONSIBILITY. ORIGINALLY,
TRAINING WILL BE PRINCIPALLY THROUGH TT PRESENT EMPLOYEES AND
FACILITIES AND EVENTUALLY, OUTSIDE TRAINERS WILL BE BROUGHT
INTO THE TERRITORY AND PROMISING EMPLOYEES WILL BE SENT TO
STUDY OUTSIDE THE TT, OR TO EXCHANGE WITH A COUNTERPART
EMPLOYEE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION TO GAIN EXPERIENCE THERE TO
BE APPLIED WITHIN THE TERRITORY UPON RETURN.

ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT WILL BE CONSTANTLY MONITORED
TOWARD TRAINING MICROBESTARS TO INCREASINGLY ASSUME FULL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

(JOHNSTON INKS SIX BILLS)

SAIPAN, APR. 3 (MNS)---SIX BILLS PASSED BY THE CONGRESS OF
MICROONESIA IN ITS RECENT SESSION HAVE BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW BY
THE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON. THE
BILLS WERE SIGNED LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON (APRIL 4).

THEY ARE : A MEASURE TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE JOINT
COMMITTEE ON ROUGELAP AND UTIRAN ATOLLS, (SB 6-54). THE
BILL WILL AUTHORIZE THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO SEEK COMPENSATION
FOR PERSONAL INJURIES AND PROPERTY DAMAGE AND TO INVESTIGATE
THE EFFECT OF THE ATOMIC WEAPONS TEST ON THE REEF, LAND, AND
MARINE LIFE OF THE ATOLL. THE BILL NOW BECOMES PUBLIC LAW
6-12.

PUBLIC LAW 6-13 IS A BILL APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FOR
CERTAIN PUBLIC PURCHASES AND PROJECTS FOR YAP DISTRICTS,
(SB 6-93).

A MEASURE TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE TRUST
TERRITORY FORT OF ENTRY REGULATIONS, (SES-137), BECOMES PUBLIC

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LAW 6-14. THE BILL ALSO PROVIDE A PENALTY OF A MINIMUM FINE OF \$2,000 AND/OR MAXIMUM IMPRISONMENT OF SIX MONTHS.

A BILL MAKING A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO SECTION TWO OF PUBLIC LAW 5-78 BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 6-15.

PUBLIC LAW 6-16 ALLOWS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS TO LOWER MOTOR VEHICLE SPEED LIMITS IN PARTICULARLY HAZARDOUS AREAS, (SB 6-13). THE PRESENT LAW ALLOWS DISTRICTS TO RAISE SPEED LIMITS BUT THERE IS NO PROVISION IN THE LAW WHICH AUTHORIZE THEM TO LOWER SPEED LIMITS.

A BILL TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PL 40-72 TO PERMIT THE \$20,000 APPROPRIATED FOR CHANNEL BLASTING PROJECTS IN THE OUTER ISLANDS OF YAP TO BE USED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES IN ADDITION TO ACTUAL BLASTING, (SB 6-156), BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 6-17. WITHOUT THIS PROVISION, THESE FUNDS CANNOT BE USED AND THE PROJECTS CANNOT BE COMPLETED.

(MARIANAS APPROPRIATION BILL SIGNED)

SAIPAN, APR. 8 (MNS)---HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON SIGNED INTO LAW TUESDAY (APRIL 8), A BILL AUTHORIZING \$225,000 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC PROJECTS IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT. PRESENT AT THE SIGNING WERE SEN. OLYMPIC T. BORJA AND SEN. PEDRO A. TENORIO, INTRODUCER OF THE MEASURE.

SEN. BORJA COMMENTED THAT THE MEASURE REPRESENTED THE LARGEST SUCH OFF ELECTION YEAR APPROPRIATION FOR THE MARIANAS DISTRICT IN HIS TEN YEARS IN THE SENATE. HE SAID THAT HE WAS PLEASED WITH ITS EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION AND UTILITIES ESPECIALLY WATER AND HOPED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CATCHMENT PROVIDED FOR IN THE BILL WOULD ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR FUTURE WATER RATIONING.

SEN. TENORIO REMARKED THAT THE BILL ALMOST FAILED TO PASS THE CONGRESS BECAUSE OF AMENDMENTS PLACED ON IT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. WITHOUT MENTIONING THE CONGRESSMEN BY NAME, HE SAID THE "CERTAIN HOUSE MEMBERS FROM THE MARIANAS", FOR "PURELY POLITICAL REASONS" ADDED AMENDMENTS WHICH WOULD HAVE ELIMINATED THE PROVISIONS FOR THE WATER PROJECT AND PLACED THE ENTIRE MEASURE IN JEOPARDY.

SEN. BORJA ADDED THAT ONLY BY HAVING A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CONSIDER THE BILL AT THE LAST MOMENT WERE THEY ABLE TO RESTORE \$47,000 OF THE REQUESTED \$90,000 FOR A SURFACE WATER CATCHMENT SYSTEM AT THE NEW SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

IN ADDITION TO THE WATER PROJECT, THE LAW CONTAINS FUNDS FOR VEHICLES FOR THE ROTA PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM; \$12,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIP GRANT-IN-AIDS FOR ROTA STUDENTS; \$8,000 FOR TIGIAN STUDENTS; \$45,000 FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR DISTRICT SCHOOLS; AND \$105,000 FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS INCLUDING A LIBRARY IN SAN ANTONIO, AN AUDITORIUM IN TANAPAG AND A COMMUNITY HALL IN SAN JOSE.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)

(REPS. ANSWER TENORIO'S CHARGES)

SAIPAN, APR. 8 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---REACTING TO CRITICISM MONDAY (APRIL 7) BY MARIANAS SENATOR PEDRO TENORIO DIRECTED AT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR PROVIDING \$10,000 IN "UNITY FUNDS" TO THE MARIANAS, CONGRESSMEN OSCAR CRUZ RASAK AND JOSE P. MAFNAS ACCUSED TENORIO OF OPPOSING FREE EXPRESSION OF OPINIONS AND INFORMATION, A FUNDAMENTAL AMERICAN FREEDOM, AND SAID THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO ENSURE THAT A BALANCE POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IS PRESENTED BEFORE THE JUNE PLEBISCITE.

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A SECOND RESPONSE TO SENATOR TENORIO'S CHARGES CAME FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION, ABEL OLOPAI, WHOSE GROUP ALSO RECEIVED PART OF THE FUNDS. OLOPAI SAID TENORIO'S ACCUSATIONS WERE "ABSURD" AND ACCUSED THE SENATOR OF "DECEIVING" THE CAROLINIAN POPULATION IN THE LAST ELECTION.

OLOPAI, ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION, DEMANDED THAT TENORIO SEND A LETTER OF APOLOGY TO THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE CONGRESS, AND INVITED THE SENATOR TO "PERSONALLY EXAMINE" THE GROUP'S FINANCIAL RECORDS WHEN THEIR POLITICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES ARE COMPLETED.

CONCERNING TENORIO'S CHARGES TO SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIHO NAKAYAMA AND HOUSE SPEAKER BEINHUEL HENRY THAT THE \$10,000 AUTHORIZATION WOULD BE USED FOR "UNDERMINING" THE COMMONWEALTH COVENANT, RASA AND MAFNAS SAID THE FACT THAT SUCH CHARGES WERE MADE BEFORE A PROGRAM HAS EVEN BEGAN INDICATES THAT TENORIO WAS "CRYING WOLF" WHEN "THERE IS NO WOLF TO BE SEEN."

SUGGESTING THAT TENORIO'S CHARGE OF "SUBVERSION" MONDAY WAS AN OVERREACTION, THE MARIANAS REPRESENTATIVES SAID UTILIZING UNITY FUNDS TO EDUCATE THE MARIANAS PEOPLE REGARDING BOTH SIDES OF THE COVENANT PROPOSAL WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE "BASIC PHILOSOPHY OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AS PRACTICED IN THE UNITED STATES".

"WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT YOU DO NOT WISH THE VOTERS IN THE MARIANAS TO HAVE ACCESS TO A VARIETY OF INFORMATION, AND TO EXERCISE THEIR GOD-GIVEN RIGHTS IN PRIVATE JUDGEMENT AND FREE WILL," RASA AND MAFNAS SAID.

THE TWO MARIANAS REPRESENTATIVES POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THEY ARE NOT OPPOSED TO A COMMONWEALTH RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES, BUT SAID THEY ARE OPPOSED TO CERTAIN PARTS OF THE COVENANT AGREEMENT, WHICH THEY EMPHASIZED "MUST BE RENEGOTIATED."

CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT SENATOR TENORIO WAS A SUPPORTER OF A "GO-SLOW" APPROACH DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS WHEN HE DEFEATED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION IN THE NOVEMBER 1974 ELECTION, RASA AND MAFNAS SAID BY CHANGING HIS POSITION AFTER THE ELECTION, TENORIO "FOOLED" HIS CONSTITUENTS IN THE MARIANAS TERRITORIAL PARTY AND UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION.

"IT IS OUR POSITION," RASA AND MAFNAS SAID, "THAT ANY POLITICAL EDUCATION UNDERTAKEN BY OPPONENTS OF THIS PARTICULAR COVENANT--WITH OR WITHOUT "UNITY MONEY"--IS NOT SUBVERSIVE; BUT RATHER IT IS THE CURRENT 'SHOTGUN WEDDING' APPROACH USED BY THE U.S. AND CERTAIN MICRONESIANS THAT IS SUBVERSIVE TO A FUTURE ARRANGEMENT WHICH WILL PROTECT THE RIGHT OF ALL MARIANAS CITIZENS."

RASA AND MAFNAS CALLED TENORIO'S ATTACK ON THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP "A DISGRACE", AND SAID THEIR GROUP HAS RECEIVED EXACTLY ONE-SIXTH OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF UNITY FUNDS APPROPRIATED, AND REQUESTED SENATOR TENORIO THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY IS STILL A SINGLE POLITICAL ENTITY.

OLOPAI, REPRESENTING UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT FELIX RABAULMAN WHO IS CURRENTLY IN THE U.S. SAID THE CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION PLANS TO USE THEIR PART OF THE CONGRESS FUNDS TO ENSURE THAT A "BALANCED POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE CAROLINIAN LANGUAGE IS PRESENTED." HE SAID IF TENORIO WAS "TRULY INTERESTED" IN "OPEN Minded POLITICAL EDUCATION," HE SHOULD HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO SUCH A PROGRAM.

HE SAID CAROLINIANS HAVE BEEN NEGLECTED "TOO LONG ON TOO MANY DIFFERENT ISSUES" BY THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, THE SAIPAN COUNCIL AND MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION.

NOTING THAT CAROLINIAN COMMUNITIES IN THE MARIANAS HAVE BEEN "DECEIVED" BY POLITICIANS WHO HAVE MADE PROMISES DURING CAMPAIGNS AND "TURNED TRAITOR" TO THEIR PROMISES LATER ON, OLOPAI TOLD TENORIO THAT HE WAS "INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY."

"WE HAVE NOW APPEALED TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR HELP," SAID OLOPAI. "WE FEEL THE CONGRESS IS THE ONLY RESPONSIBLE BODY THAT CAN PROTECT CAROLINIAN INTERESTS."

OLOPAI SAID HE WAS "PERSONALLY APPALLED" AT SENATOR TENORIO'S ACCUSATIONS AND DEMANDED THAT HE SEND A LETTER OF APOLOGY TO THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP.

IT IS NOT YET KNOWN IF SENATOR TENORIO'S APRIL 3RD LETTER HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE CONGRESS.

(INTERIOR MEN ON IT)

SAIPAN, APR. 8 (MNS)---TWO SPECIALISTS FROM THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT CONSULTING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR HAVE BEEN DETAILED TO THE IT GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST THE T.T. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE WITH ITS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

THE SYSTEM WAS DESIGNED BY PEAT, MARVIC AND MITCHELL, A U.S. NATIONAL CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FIRM.

LINDERMAN, A DATA PROCESSING SPECIALIST, AND GARRETT, A FINANCIAL SYSTEMS SPECIALIST, WILL ALSO BE TRAVELING TO ALL THE DISTRICTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEIR MANAGEMENT REPORTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS MEET THE REQUIREMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

(ERNEST LIBBY DIES)

SAIPAN, APR. 8 (MNS)---A LONG TIME TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE, ERNEST LIBBY, DIED IN HONOLULU LAST THURSDAY, (APRIL 3), AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.

THE HEALTH SERVICES STAFF JOIN WITH THE FAMILY IN PAYING SPECIAL RESPECTS TO LIBBY, WHO HAS WORKED WITH THE HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR NINE YEARS.

LIBBY WAS IN CHARGE OF THE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT REPAIR FACILITIES. DURING HIS TENURE WITH THE DEPARTMENT, HE HELPED ORGANIZE A TRAINING FACILITY IN SAIPAN, THUS ENABLING X-RAY TECHNICIANS AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT REPAIR TECHNICIANS TO RECEIVE EXTRA TRAINING IN MEDICAL REPAIR AND X-RAY OPERATIONS. HE ALSO ORGANIZED AND SET UP X-RAY REPAIR FACILITIES IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

LIBBY IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CECILIA, AND FOUR CHILDREN.

(PEACESAT PROGRAM GETS TWO YEARS EXTENSION)

SAIPAN, APR. 8 (MNS)---THE FUTURE OF THE PEACESAT (COMMUNICATION BY SATELLITE) PROGRAM IN WHICH THE TRUST TERRITORY HAS PARTICIPATED FOR TWO YEARS THROUGH ITS SAIPAN TERMINAL APPEARS TO BE ASSURED FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS, ACCORDING TO GEORGE CALLISON, TERMINAL MANAGER.

DURING A TERMINAL MANAGERS' MEETING OVER THE SATELLITE SYSTEM APRIL 7, PEACESAT DIRECTOR, DR. JOHN BYSTRON OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY

NASA (NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION) THAT THE ATS-1 PROGRAM WOULD BE CONTINUED FOR ANOTHER TWO YEARS. ATS-1 IS THE SATELLITE USED IN THE PEACESAT PROJECT. DR. BYSTRON POINTED OUT THAT THIS DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY MEAN THE PEACESAT PROJECT WILL ALWAYS HAVE ACCESS TO THE SATELLITE. THE PEACESAT PROGRAM, LIKE ANY OTHER EXPERIMENT USING ATS-1, MUST JUSTIFY ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE REPORTS MADE TO NASA FROM TIME TO TIME.

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BECAUSE ONE SUCH EXPERIMENT IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATES AREA OF THE U.S. HAS BEEN COMPLETED, TOTAL SATELLITE TIME, BEGINNING JULY 1, WILL BE CUT BACK TO 16 HOURS PER DAY. ACCORDING TO CALLISON, PEACESAT MANAGERS ARE HOPEFUL THEIR DAILY TIME ALLOTMENT MAY BE EXTENDED TO PERMIT A FULL HOUR OF DISCUSSION ON THE VARIOUS CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES THAT ARE SCHEDULED OVER THE 11-STATION NETWORK.

(DEMAPAN RESIGNS COUNCIL POST)

SAIPAN, APR. 8 (HNS)---SAIPAN COUNCILMAN JUAN DLG. DEMAPAN HAS RESIGNED FROM HIS POST. SAYING THAT HIS "FAMILY HAS EXPERIENCED HARDSHIPS" SINCE ENTERED POLITICS, DEMAPAN, IN HIS LETTER TO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SPEAKER VICENTE T. CAMACHO STATED, "I CAN NO LONGER SUBJECT THEM TO THE HARSH TREATMENT THEY HAVE SUFFERED." HE DECLINED TO ELABORATE.

SPEAKER CAMACHO DENIED DEMAPAN'S RESIGNATION. HOWEVER, DEMAPAN TOLD THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE THAT HE WILL NOT ATTEND ANY MORE COUNCIL MEETINGS AND THAT HE HAS DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM THE SAIPAN POPULAR PARTY.

DEMAPAN, A VOCAL OPPONENT OF LEGALIZED COMMERCIAL GAMBLING, CHARGED THAT MOST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ARE "DIRTY POLITICIANS." HE SAID THAT EVERY COUNCILMAN SHOULD COMPLY WITH HIS OATH OF OFFICE TO WORK FOR THE PEOPLE "WITHOUT PROMISE OR HOPE OF PERSONAL GAIN."

CITING THE RECENT DEFEAT OF HIS ORDINANCE TO OUTLAW SLOT MACHINES IN SAIPAN, DEMAPAN, IN A LETTER TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA, ASKED THE DISTAD TO EXERCISE HIS AUTHORITY UNDER THE IT CODE, TO "INVALIDATE THE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE PLAYING OF SLOT MACHINES" ON SAIPAN.

DEMAPAN INFORMED THE DISTAD "THAT ORGANIZED CRIME IS GAINING A Foothold ON SAIPAN AND THAT STEPS MUST BE TAKEN TO RECTIFY THE PROBLEMS CREATED SINCE THE ADVENT OF SLOT MACHINES ON SAIPAN."

ACCORDING TO DEMAPAN, CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL SUFFER FINANCIALLY IF SLOT MACHINES ARE OUTLAWED. HE SAID ONE MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL PRESENTLY SERVES AS A "TECHNICIAN" FOR THE SLOT MACHINES; ANOTHER HAS STATED THAT HE MAY LOSE HIS "NEW CAR" IF THE MACHINES ARE OUTLAWED, AND STILL ANOTHER, VOICED HIS DESIRE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL THROUGH THE MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP BUT IF THE MACHINES ARE OUTLAWED, THE SCHOLARSHIP BOARD MAY NOT HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO HIS APPLICATION.