

VEHICLES FOR THE ROTA PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM; \$12,000 FOR
SCHOLARSHIP GRANT-IN-AIDS FOR ROTA STUDENTS; \$2,000 FOR
CAROLINIAN STUDENTS; \$45,000 FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR
DISTRICT SCHOOLS; AND \$108,000 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)

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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 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.

A SECOND RESPONSE TO SENATOR TENORIO'S CHARGES CAME FROM
THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION,
ABEL 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 TOSIVO
NAKAYAMA AND HOUSE SPEAKER BEIHWEL 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 03-022307

SHIP "A DISGRACE", AND SAID THEIR GROUP HAS RECEIVED
ONLY ONE-SIXTH OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF UNITY FUNDS
APPROPRIATED, AND REMINDED SENATOR TENORIO THAT THE TRUST
TERRITORY IS STILL A SINGLE POLITICAL ENTITY.

OLOPAI, REPRESENTING UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT FELIX RABAUJIMAN 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 TT GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST THE T.T.
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE WITH ITS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

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

LINDERMAN, A DATA PROCESSING SPECIALIST, AND GARRETT,
A FINANCIAL SYSTEMS SPECIALISTS, 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 BYSTROM OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY

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