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PONAPE DISTAD CONDUCTED FAMILIARIZATION MEETINGS)

PONAPE, APRIL 22 (MNS)---PONAPE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR LEO A. FALCAM CONDUCTED SEVERAL FAMILIARIZATION MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE MUNICIPALITIES IN PONAPE PROPER LAST WEEK.

THE PURPOSE OF THE VISITS WAS TO ASSIST THE PEOPLE TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING THEM IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED DURING THE VISITS INCLUDED: RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS, CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, AND THE ISSUE ON THE LEGISLATOR SALARIES.

WEDNESDAY'S (APRIL 16) MEETING COVERED THE MUNICIPALITIES OF NET, UH, AND SOKENS. ON THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS, THE MAGISTRATES, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS ATTENDING THE MEETING URGED THE DISTAD TO REQUEST THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE TO ENACT ENABLING LEGISLATION FOR THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS.

FALCAM EXPLAINED THAT A PROPOSAL ON THE CREATION OF A LEGAL ENTITY TO RECEIVE AND REGULATE PUBLIC LANDS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR CONSIDERATION.

ACCORDING TO FALCAM, A FIFTEEN-MEMBER BODY WILL BE APPOINTED WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE. THE MEASURE CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL APPEALS COURT TO RENDER JUDGMENT WHEN LAND DISPUTES ARISE. THE BILL IS YET TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

CONCERNING FUTURE STATUS, THE PONAPE DISTAD EXPLAINED THAT THE PEOPLE OF PONAPE HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE FOR AN INDEPENDENT STATUS. IN EXPLAINING THE VARIOUS KINDS OF INDEPENDENCE, FALCAM SAID THAT PONAPE COULD BECOME AN INDEPENDENT NATION AND AT THE SAME TIME RELY ON THE UNITED STATES FOR DEFENSE PURPOSES.

"WE SHOULD STUDY CAREFULLY POSSIBLE WAYS AND MEANS OF DEVELOPING OUR TECHNOLOGY, DEVELOP AND UTILIZE OUR HUMAN RESOURCES," FALCAM STRESSED.

"WE COULD BE INDEPENDENT IN OUR WAYS AND THAT MEANS UTILIZATION OF EVERY NEEDED RESOURCES TO DEVELOP OUR NATION. WE SHOULD DECIDE NOW WHETHER WE WANT AN INDEPENDENT STATUS THAT WILL APPLY TO US ALONE, OR A STATUS THAT WILL INCLUDE OUR SISTER DISTRICT," FALCAM DECLARED.

CONCERNING A CONTROVERSIAL BILL TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL SALARY FOR MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN THE VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES OBJECTED TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BILL. THEY FELT THAT SUCH A SALARY WOULD JEOPARDIZE OTHER PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN PONAPE. UNDER THE BILL WHICH WAS VETOED ONCE, AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$6,000 FOR MEMBERS AND \$7,000 FOR THE SPEAKER WOULD BE INSTITUTED. THE PEOPLE REQUESTED THAT THE LEGISLATURE AND THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD COMPROMISE ON THE AMOUNT BEING PROPOSED BY BOTH SIDES.

"WE FORSEE MORE TAX TO BE IMPOSED ON GOODS IN PONAPE IF THE LEGISLATORS WOULD BEGAN RECEIVING SUCH A SALARY," ONE SPEAKER POINTED OUT.

(ADA CONCLUDES VISIT)

TRUK, APRIL 22 (MNS)---THE PRESIDENT OF THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF LEGISLATORS GUAM SENATOR BEN ADA ENDED A TWO-DAY VISIT TO TRUK DISTRICT SATURDAY (APRIL 19), ACCORDING TO TRUK PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER NOHA RUBEN.

WHILE IN TRUK SENATOR ADA MET WITH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR MITARO DAVIS AND VARIOUS LOCAL LEADERS TO DISCUSS TOPICS WHICH WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE UPCOMING 7TH ANNUAL PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF LEGISLATORS TO BE HELD ON GUAM JULY 21-26 THIS YEAR. ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE POLITICAL STATUS; GAMBLING; DRUG ABUSE; MEANINGFUL LEGISLATION; YOUTH AND SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS; EXTRADITION TREATY;

CULTURAL PRESERVATION; EDUCATION AND MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT; FEDERAL AND LOCAL RELATIONSHIP; AND ENERGY POLICIES.

ADA NOTED THAT "...THOUGH WE ARE CLOSE NEIGHBORS IN THIS AREA, WE'VE BEEN NEGLECTING EACH OTHER FOR SO LONG. IT IS TIME WE START UNITING OURSELVES."

IN A PREPARED STATEMENT DELIVERED AT A DINNER-COCKTAIL PARTY WHICH HE HOSTED THURSDAY EVENING (APRIL 17), ADA SAID, "WE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER JOINTLY FORMING A LOOSE POLITICAL FEDERATION STATUS TO PERMIT US TO DEVELOP A UNITED FRONT ON THOSE ISSUES THAT AFFECT US ALL, TO DEVELOP OUR POLITICAL STRENGTH IN RELATION TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, WHILE NOT INFRINGING UPON THE INTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS EACH OF US HAD INDEPENDENTLY DEVELOP THROUGH OUR OWN EFFORTS."

THE PCL PRESIDENT ALSO SAID, "AT TIMES CRIMINALS FROM GUAM WOULD ESCAPE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY, AND THERE IS NOTHING THAT GUAM CAN DO TO GET THEM BACK LEGALLY. THE SAME IS ALSO TRUE FOR CRIMINALS FROM TRUST TERRITORY." HE ADDED, THAT A SOLUTION COULD BE WORKED DURING THE CONFERENCE. HE SAID, "THIS 7TH ANNUAL PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF LEGISLATORS WILL BE THE TURNING POINT OF OUR REALIZATION OF EACH OTHER, WHICH WILL BRING ABOUT A MUCH CLOSER AND LASTING RELATIONSHIP AMONG US."

SENATOR ADA LEFT TRUK SATURDAY (APRIL 19) FOR PONAPE, MAJURO, HONOLULU, AND TO AMERICAN SAMOA TO MAKE PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING CONFERENCE ON GUAM.

#### (YOUTH SERVICES WORKSHOP)

SAIPAN, APR. 22 (MNS)---TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE YMCA (YOUNG MENS CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION) PARTICIPATED IN A YOUTH SERVICES WORKSHOP IN TRUK THIS MONTH UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

TRUK YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR, MAKETO ROBERT, REPORTED THAT THE WORKSHOP COVERED THREE FULL DAYS OF MEETINGS AND INCLUDED 26 PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT.

PROFESSOR DEL KINNEY FROM GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE (A YMCA STAFF TRAINING SCHOOL NEAR CHICAGO) HELPED THE WORKSHOP REACH IMPORTANT CONCLUSIONS ON ACTIONS TO TAKE NOW TO DEVELOP BETTER YOUTH SERVICES IN TRUK. ALSO ASSISTING WAS ROBERT MASUDA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NUUONO YMCA IN HONOLULU.

TWO MAJOR ACTION OBJECTIVES WERE SET BY THE WORKSHOPS. THE FIRST WAS TO BEGIN WORK SETTING UP NON-FORMAL LEARNING CENTERS FOR YOUTH FOR TEACHING TRADITIONAL CRAFT, SOCIAL SKILLS, AND TRUKESSE CUSTOMS.

THE SECOND OBJECTIVE WAS TO WORK FOR THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY-WIDE YOUTH COMMISSION TO BE ESTABLISHED BY THE TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE THREE-DAY WORKSHOP REPRESENTED LOCAL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, PEACE CORPS, COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, POLICE, RELIGIOUS MISSIONS, TRUK LEGISLATURE, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

#### (YAP HOSPITAL OPEN FOR BIDS)

SAIPAN, APRIL 22 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT INVITES QUALIFIED, INTERESTED FIRMS TO SUBMIT BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 30,000 SQUARE FEET COMPLETE HOSPITAL FACILITY IN YAP DISTRICT.

SEALED BIDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 2P.M., MONDAY (JUNE 16) TO: OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS. 96950.

AT THAT TIME, THE SEALED BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR MAY 1, 1975, UPON PAYMENT OF \$100 PER SET. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS MAY BE PROCURED FROM OR EXAMINED WITHOUT CHARGE AT THE SAIPAN OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, OR EXAMINED WITHOUT CHARGE AT THE TT LIAISON OFFICE, MR. THOMAS PEREZ, NEW CALVO BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR, AGANA, GUAM, 96910.

THE NON-REFUNDABLE PAYMENT FOR THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS SHALL BE MADE BY CHECK PAYABLE TO THE TREASURY WITH THE FOLLOWING NOTATION ON THE FACE OF THE CHECK: CREDIT CIP PROJECT NO. C4-0615-04, YAP HOSPITAL.

BIDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED ON A DESIGNATED FORM FURNISHED WITH THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, AND ACCOMPANIED BY A BID BOND OR CERTIFIED CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT OF THE BID.

BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT PERFORMANCE AND FIFTY PERCENT PAYMENT BONDS AND ALL BONDING SHALL BE EXECUTED BY A COMPANY LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN ONE OF THE FIFTY STATES OR TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON YAP DISTRICT AT 10 A.M. THURSDAY, (MAY 29).

THE TT GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY DEFECTS IN SAID BIDS IF IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO DO SO.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(PRE CONCON)

SAIPAN, APRIL 22 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE OF THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ISSUED A STATEMENT TODAY TO REMIND ALL DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION THAT THEY SHOULD FILE CREDENTIALS WITH THE COMMITTEE--IN WRITING--NO LATER THAN THIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL THE 23RD. CREDENTIALS MAY BE MAILED, OR DELIVERED PERSONALLY TO THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE'S OFFICE ON SAIPAN.

THIS INCLUDES ALL DELEGATES, WHETHER ELECTED OR APPOINTED, ACCORDING TO THE COMMITTEE.

OBJECTIONS TO ANY DELEGATES CREDENTIALS CHALLENGING SEATING AT THE CONVENTION MUST BE SUBMITTED, IN WRITING, NO LATER THAN MAY 7, 1975.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE, FILING OF CREDENTIALS, OR CHALLENGES, MUST BE IN WRITING AND ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, POST OFFICE BOX NO. 1051, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950.

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