

(VIETNAMESE EVACUEES TO ARRIVE SAIPAN)

SAIPAN, APRIL 25 (MNS)---ABOUT 56 VIETNAMESE DEPENDENTS OF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN FROM SAIGON ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ON SAIPAN AT 11:50 FRIDAY NIGHT, ACCORDING TO DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN.

THE DEPENDENTS WILL BE STAYING ON SAIPAN FOR "ABOUT TEN DAYS", OR UNTIL THEY GET VISA CLEARANCE FOR ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES. THE GROUP WILL BE THE FIRST SUCH IN THE IT.

THE DEPENDENTS WILL ARRIVE ON A PAN AMERICAN CHARTERED FLIGHT COMMISSIONED IN SINGAPORE. THE ROUTING OF THE DEPENDENTS WAS THE DECISION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, COLEMAN SAID.

THERE ARE NO PLANS AT PRESENT FOR FURTHER VIETNAMESE EVACUEES TO COME TO THE TRUST TERRITORY.

DAN AKIMOTO, MARIANAS DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, IS COORDINATING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO WILL HELP THE EVACUEES DURING THEIR STAY ON SAIPAN.

THE GROUP WAS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE THURSDAY MORNING (APRIL 24), BUT THE FLIGHT WAS POSTPONED.

(JOHNSTON SIGNS TWO MORE BILLS)

SAIPAN, APRIL 25 (MNS)---TWO MORE BILLS BECOME LAW, ONE WITHOUT THE SIGNATURE OF HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON. THE HICOM TOOK ACTION ON THE OTHER BILL THURSDAY (APRIL 24).

A BILL TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE AND BALANCED DEVELOPMENTAL POLICY FOR MICRONESIA (HB 6-97) BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 6-54 WITHOUT THE HICOM'S SIGNATURE.

IN A LETTER TO HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY INFORMING HIM OF HIS ACTION, JOHNSTON STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT "LAST MINUTE AMENDMENTS DELEGATING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO A SOMEWHAT 'SECONDARY ROLE.'"

"IF THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS LEGISLATION ARE TO BE REALIZED, THE CONCENTRATED EFFORTS OF TRAINED AND SKILLED PERSONNEL AT BOTH DISTRICT AND HEADQUARTERS LEVEL WILL BE REQUIRED," THE HICOM'S LETTER READS.

HE ADDED THAT THE PREPARATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE AND BALANCED DEVELOPMENTAL POLICY FOR MICRONESIA IS VITAL. WHILE THE BILL "IS NOT THE BEST LEGISLATION FOR ACCOMPLISHING THIS GOAL, IT IS THE ONLY VEHICLE THAT IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE," JOHNSTON POINTED OUT.

THE OTHER MEASURE SIGNED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IS A BILL TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES WHEREBY SPECIES OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS WHICH ARE IN DANGER OF BECOMING EXTINCT CAN BE PROTECTED, (HB 6-243). THE BILL IS NOW PL 6-55.

TWO MORE BILLS ARE AWAITING ACTION OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(PALAU RESOLUTION CREATES COMMISSION)

PALAU, APRIL 25 (MNS)---A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF THE PALAU POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE FIFTH PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, ACCORDING TO PALAU PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRMIDOL.

INTRODUCED BY VICE SPEAKER SADANG SILMAL, THE RESOLUTION MANDATES ELEVEN-MEMBER COMMISSION TO CONDUCT STUDIES ON THE ISSUE OF THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE PALAU DISTRICT AND ITS RELATIONS WITH THE REST OF MICRONESIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OR OTHER NATIONS; ESTABLISH CONTACTS AND CONDUCT DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US GOVERNMENT ON THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE PALAU DISTRICT; CONDUCT POLITICAL EDUCATION IN PALAU DISTRICT AND REVEIW

THE DRAFT CONSTITUTIONS PREPARED BY THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND THE PALAU CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE RESOLUTION IF PASSED WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL; AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS; THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA; ALL DISTRICT LEGISLATURES; TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER; AND THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, NGIRMIDOL REPORTED.

(FOOD POISONING KILLED 7 CHINESE SEAMEN)

TAIWAN, APRIL 25 (MNS)---AN AUTOPSY HAS SHOWN THAT SEVEN SEAMEN WHO DIED ABOARD THE 40-TON MV CHI HENG, WHICH ARRIVED IN ITS KAOSHIUNG PORT MARCH 30, DIED OF FOOD POISONING, ACCORDING TO FRIDAY'S (APRIL 25) EDITION OF THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

CORONER HUNG WEN-LIANG OF THE KAOSHIUNG DISTRICT COURT ATTRIBUTED THE POISONING TO RAW FISH, THE SPOKESMAN IN TAIWAN SAID.

THE BODIES OF ALL SEVEN SEAMEN ALREADY HAVE BEEN CLAIMED BY THEIR FAMILIES FOR BURIAL AND THE KAOSHIUNG CITY COUNCIL HAS SETTLED COMPENSATION TERMS.

HE DID NOT CONFIRM, AS EARLIER REPORTED, THAT THE VESSEL WAS ONE OF FOUR FISHING BOATS RESPONDING TO DISTRESS SIGNALS SENT BY THE SHIN CHIFAH NO. 1 AND THE YUNG HO 101, FISHING CRAFT FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA STRANDED ON HELEN REEF IN MARCH.

HELEN REEF IS 371 MILES SOUTHWEST OF KOROR, PALAU.

THE MV CHI HENG RETURNED TO KAOSHIUNG WITH SEVEN DEAD SEAMEN ABOARD AND ONE CREWMAN MISSING. IT WENT TO SEA EARLY LAST DECEMBER WITH 18 CREW MEMBERS.

THE POLICE SPOKESMAN QUOTED LU SHUI-SHIH, CAPTAIN OF THE VESSEL, AS SAYING THAT ONE OF HIS CREW, FEN KWEI-SHENG, WAS REPORTED MISSING AFTER DIVING FOR SCALLOPS.

THE SEVEN CREWMEN DIED SHORTLY AFTERWARD, HE SAID, AND HE KEPT THEIR BODIES IN THE COLD-STORAGE ROOM FOR HEALTH OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE DEATH.

(CREWMEN REPATRIATED TO KOROR)

PALAU, APRIL 25 (MNS)---THE 18 CREWMEN OF THE YUNG HO 101 THAT RAN AGROUND AT HELEN REEF LAST MONTH HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED TO KOROR, PALAU, ACCORDING TO PALAU PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRMIDOL.

THEY ARE NOW STAYING AT THE ROYAL PALAUAN HOTEL AWAITING REPATRIATION TO THEIR HOMELAND, NGIRMIDOL REPORTED.

THE CREWMEN OF THE OTHER FISHING VESSEL, YUNG HO 112, APPREHENDED LAST WEEK BY MS MICRONESIA, ARE ALSO IN PALAU. THEY ARE CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO TT WATERS AND REMOVAL OF MARINE RESOURCES FROM HELEN REEF. DISPOSITION OF THEIR CASE IS STILL PENDING.

THE PALAU FISHING AUTHORITY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CREWMEN OF THE TWO VESSELS DURING THEIR STAY IN PALAU.