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(HOUSE PASSED \$15 MILLION BUDGET)

WASHINGTON, MAY 8 (MNS)---THE U.S. HOUSE HAS PASSED A BILL TO GIVE THE TRUST TERRITORY (TT) AN ADDITIONAL \$15 MILLION FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, ACCORDING TO THURSDAY'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

THE BILL, APPROVED 334-27, RAISED THE AUTHORIZATION FOR MICRONESIA FROM \$60 MILLION TO \$75 MILLION. THE SENATE VERSION PROVIDED ONLY AN ADDITIONAL \$5.6 MILLION.

A STAFF-MEMBER OF THE SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE SAID THE SENATE PROBABLY WOULD ACCEPT THE HOUSE VERSION, PERMITTING IT TO MOVE TO THE WHITE HOUSE IN A FEW DAYS, PDN STORY POINTED OUT.

THE BILL ALSO INCLUDES \$1.5 MILLION REQUESTED FOR TRANSITION OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS TO THE PROPOSED COMMONWEALTH STATUS.

THE HOUSE ALSO PASSED, 346-10, A SEPARATE BILL TO PROVIDE \$3 MILLION FOR THE PEOPLE OF BIKINI AS COMPENSATION FOR HAVING BEEN DISPLACED FROM THEIR ISLAND 29 YEARS AGO WHEN THE UNITED STATES BEGAN USING BIKINI AS A NUCLEAR TESTING SITE.

SOME 400-700 BIKINIANS, WHO HAVE BEEN LIVING ON THE ISLAND OF KILI, ARE ANXIOUS TO RETURN TO BIKINI BUT WANT THEIR "EX GRATIA" PAYMENT OF \$3 MILLION FIRST.

THE ADDITIONAL \$15 MILLION TT AUTHORIZATION INCLUDES \$8 MILLION FOR FOUR NEW INTERISLAND SHIPS, \$2.5 MILLION FOR FUEL AND OPERATING COSTS; \$1.4 MILLION FOR THE YAP HOSPITAL; \$500,000 FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND \$945,000 TO REIMBURSE THE TT FOR A FISCAL 1974 DEFICIT THAT RESULTED WHEN IT ADVANCED FUNDS TO KEEP FINANCIALLY TROUBLED TRANSPACIFIC LINES OPERATING.

REP. PHILIP BURTON, (D-CALIF.), CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE INTERIOR COMMITTEE JOINED SEVERAL MEMBERS IN URGING PASSAGE OF THE BILLS.

REP. BELLA ABZUG, (D-N.Y.), WHO IS NOT ON THE COMMITTEE, ALSO URGED PASSAGE OF THE BIKINI BILL, CALLING IT A "TOKEN TRIBUTE" FOR THE SACRIFICES MADE BY THE PEOPLE THERE.

(TAIWANESE CAPTAIN FOUND GUILTY)

PALAU, MAY 8 (MNS)---THE CAPTAIN AND FISHING MASTER OF YUNG HO NO. 112, A TAIWANESE FISHING VESSEL APPREHENDED LAST WEEK AT HELEN ISLAND BY THE MS MICRONESIA PRINCESS WERE FOUND GUILTY BY THE HIGH COURT IN PALAU. HELEN ISLAND IS AN UNINHABITED ATOLL 371 MILES SOUTHWEST OF KOROR, PALAU'S DISTRICT CENTER.

CAPTAIN SHU JIN TSUN WAS FOUND GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL ENTRY AND WAS SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN PRISON AND FINE \$10,000. BOTH SENTENCES SUSPENDED. HE WAS ALSO FOUND GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OF MARINE RESOURCES AND WAS SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS PROBATION AND \$2,000 FINE.

THE TAIWANESE VESSEL DEPARTED MALAKAL HARBOR SATURDAY (MAY 3).

ACCORDING TO WORD RECEIVED ON SAIPAN 20 CLAM SHELLS AND 50 COCONUTS WERE FOUND ON THE VESSEL. THE YUNG HO 112 WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SENT TO HELEN REEF TO RESCUE THE CREW AND CARGO OF YUNG HO 101, ANOTHER TAIWANESE VESSEL THAT WENT AGROUND ON HELEN REEF.

THE CREWMEN OF YUNG HO 101, WHO WERE BROUGHT TO KOROR BY THE MICRONESIA PRINCESS, WERE ARRESTED, JAILED AND CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL ENTRY, IMMIGRATION LAW VIOLATIONS, AND PETIT LARCENY. BAIL WAS SET AT \$5,000.

THE CREWMEN OF THE TAIWANESE VESSEL ENTERED SATAWAL IN MARCH. SATAWAL IS AN OUTER ISLAND IN YAP DISTRICT. THEY WERE REPORTED TO HAVE GONE ASHORE AND TOOK FOOD FROM SEVERAL HOUSES. NO FURTHER DETAIL ARE AVAILABLE FROM SATAWAL. THE GOVERNMENT IS CONTINUING ITS INVESTIGATION.

(MAFNAS QUITTING COM POST)

SAIPAN, MAY 8 (MNS)---MARIANAS REPRESENTATIVE JOSE P. MAFNAS IS RESIGNING FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, (COM), ACCORDING TO A STORY CARRIED ON THURSDAY'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT SUBMITTED HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION, MAFNAS SAID, "I DON'T WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN POLITICS ANYMORE--I AM FED UP."

MAFNAS CHARGED THAT "PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO RUN MY LIFE AND MANIPULATE ME," BUT WOULDN'T ELABORATE OTHER THAN SAY HE WAS REFERRING TO INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS AND REQUESTS PEOPLE BRING TO HIM.

MAFNAS, WHO BROUGHT A LAST-MINUTE LAWSUIT TO STOP THE FEBRUARY 15 SIGNING OF THE COVENANT, SAID HE HAS NOT CHANGED HIS POSITION.

"MY RESIGNATION DOESN'T ERASE MY FEELING ABOUT CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THE COVENANT," HE SAID. "THE ANTICOVENANT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE AND WE'RE GOING TO GROW."

CHARGING THAT THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC) EDUCATION PROGRAM "HASN'T BEEN EFFECTIVE," MAFNAS SAID: "I DON'T THINK THEY'RE BEING FRANK. THE PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW THE PROS AND THE CONS OF THE COVENANT."

THE FRESHMAN MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN INDICATED THAT HE WILL BECOME MARIANAS DISTRICT CHIEF OF POLICE. PRESENT CHIEF OF POLICE ANTONIO M. BENAVENTE SAID THAT HE WANTS TO LEAVE HIS "HIGH PRESSURE" JOB AND BE TRANSFERRED TO HEADQUARTERS, PDN STORY POINTED OUT. BOTH EXPECT THEIR NEW JOBS TO BE EFFECTIVE NEXT WEEK.

ACCORDING TO LAW, MAFNAS' CONGRESS SEAT WOULD BE FILLED BY A SPECIAL ELECTION AFTER THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NOTIFIES THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE VACANCY.

THERE IS SPECULATION THAT NOTHING WILL BE DONE UNTIL RESULTS OF THE PLEBISCITE ARE KNOWN. IF THE MARIANAS PEOPLE APPROVE THE COVENANT AND THEN ARE ADMINISTERED SEPARATELY, THE MARIANAS NO LONGER WILL BE PART OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, PDN INDICATED.

(DR. GONZALES VISITED TT)

SAIPAN, MAY 8 (MNS)---DR. EUGENE GONZALES, REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, SAN FRANCISCO (FORMERLY THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY), HAS JUST CONDUCTED A FIVE-DAY VISIT TO THE TRUST TERRITORY.

DR. GONZALES' ITINERARY TOOK HIM FIRST TO PALAU, WHERE HE MET DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND CAA STAFF, DISCUSSED CAA PROGRAMS, AND VISITED SEVERAL COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECTS. DR. GONZALES THEN TRAVELLED TO SAIPAN TO MEET WITH THE MIDCAA STAFF, TO ATTEND THE MICRONESIA COMMUNITY ACTION DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION MEETING, AND TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM IN THE TRUST TERRITORY WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN, AND THE STAFF OF THE TERRITORIAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY OFFICE.

DR. GONZALES INDICATED HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE PROGRAMS BEING OPERATED BY THE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, AND WAS VERY PLEASED TO NOTE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER REQUESTED DR. GONZALES AND THE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF REESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM IN YAP AND OF ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE PROGRAM IN KUSAIE ISLAND. DR. GONZALES

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DECLARED THAT THE C.S.A. WILL PLAN FOR THESE TWO POSSIBILITIES.
THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR SAID HE HOPED TO RETURN TO THE TRUST
TERRITORY IN THE FALL, ACCOMPANIED BY THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF
CSA, BERT GALLEGOS.

(YOUNG APPOINTED AGING OFFICER)
SAIPAN, MAY 8 (MNS)---THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ANNOUNCED THURSDAY, (MAY 8), THAT MRS. ORAH YOUNG HAS BEEN
APPOINTED AS THE NEW ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OFFICE
ON AGING, EFFECTIVE MAY 11, 1975.

MRS. YOUNG ATTENDED MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY IN ENGLAND AND
RECEIVED HER BA DEGREEE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. SHE
HAS A WIDE RANGE OF SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
RELATED TO HER NEW POSITION AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD OF THE
TRUST TERRITORY'S PROGRAM OF SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY OF
MICRONESIA.

FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROGRAM CURRENTLY
TOTAL ABOUT \$600,000. GRANTS FOR SERVICE PROJECTS ARE MADE TO
DISTRICT LEVEL PUBLIC OR NON-PROFIT PRIVATE AGENCIES INTERESTED
IN IMPROVING THE GENERAL WELFARE OF MICRONESIAN ELDERLY PERSONS
AND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

(DEMPSEY VISITS IT)

SAIPAN, MAY 8 (MNS)---JERRY DEMPSEY, DIRECTOR OF FIELD
SERVICES OF THE ALOHA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, IS
CURRENTLY VISITING THE TRUST TERRITORY. DEMPSEY ARRIVED ON
SAIPAN WEDNESDAY (MAY 7), AND WILL LEAVE SATURDAY (MAY 10) FOR
TRUK, PONAPE AND THE MARSHALLS.

DEMPSEY HAS VISITED MICRONESIA SEVERAL TIMES. HE SAID THAT
HE WILL BE WORKING WITH LOCAL SCOUT ORGANIZERS IN THE DISTRICTS
TO STRENGTHEN SCOUTING PROGRAM AND MAKE PLANS FOR SUMMER CAMPS
TO BE HELD DURING THE SUMMER.

THERE ARE OVER 7,000 BOY SCOUTS IN MICRONESIA, ACCORDING
TO DEMPSEY. THE BOY SCOUT PROGRAM STARTED IN MICRONESIA IN
1965 WITH 15 BOYS.

ALSO, THERE WILL BE A NEW PROGRAM TO GIVE EMBLEMS TO BOYS
WHO ACHIEVED SCOUTING SKILLS USED IN SCOUT CAMPING, DEMPSEY
SAID. THE PROGRAM IS TO BUILD LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP, PHYSICAL
FITNESS AND CHARACTER, HE ADDED.