

(UNDP OFFICIALS VISIT SAIPAN) 1975

SAIPAN, MAY 14 (MNS)---HANS MARTIN SCHMID OF WEST GERMANY, REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) IN MANILA ARRIVED ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK TO MEET WITH GOVERNMENT AND DISTRICT LEADERS TO IDENTIFY AREAS IN WHICH UNDP COULD ASSIST THE TRUST TERRITORY IN ITS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. R/S

ACCORDING TO SCHMID, THIS IS THE FIRST VISIT OF THE REGION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE TT. HE WILL LEAVE SAIPAN FRIDAY, (MAY 16).

SCHMID SAID THAT THE UNDP COULD PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE SETTING UP OF THE MICRONESIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND ADVICE ON STATISTICAL SERVICES. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WILL BE OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTION TO FIND OUT PRIORITY AREAS IN WHICH THE UNDP COULD ASSIST THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE UNDP OFFICIAL SAID THAT HE EXPECTS CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNDP TO BE PROVIDED TO MICRONESIA FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. NO DECISION YET HAS BEEN SET ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY.

THE UNDP WILL ALSO PROVIDE FUND FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EXPERTS AND CONSULTANCY SERVICES, FELLOWSHIPS FOR TRAINING OF MICRONESIANS-IN SERVICE OF TRAINING ABROAD AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED IN CONNECTION WITH ADVISORY SERVICE AND TRAINING. ALSO, THE UNDP COULD FINANCE FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR INVESTMENTS.

SCHMID POINTED OUT THAT SEVEN PARTICIPANTS FROM MICRONESIA ARE PRESENTLY ATTENDING A MARKET SEMINAR ON COCONUT PRODUCTS IN MANILA FOR TWO WEEKS. THE PARTICIPANTS TRAVEL WAS FUNDED BY THE UNDP.

SCHMID WILL MEET WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS WHILE ON SAIPAN. HE IS SCHEDULED TO GO TO AMERICAN SAMOA TO ATTEND A WORKSHOP ON CREDIT TO SMALL FARMERS.

HE IS BEING ACCOMPANIED BY ROBERT J. TRUSK, SENIOR ECONOMICS AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR THE UN DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY SERVICES HEADQUARTERED IN NEW YORK.

(MAFNAS APPOINTED NEW POLICE CHIEF)

SAIPAN, MAY 14 (MNS)---FORMER CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA REPRESENTATIVE JOSE P. MAFNAS WAS SWORN IN AS THE NEW MARIANAS DISTRICT CHIEF OF POLICE BY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON THIS WEEK.

MAFNAS, WHO RESIGNED HIS CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA POST RECENTLY, IS NOT NEW TO THE POLICE FORCE. HE HELD THAT POSITION BEFORE RESIGNING TO ENROLL IN THE COLLEGE OF IDAHO WHERE HE MAJORED IN POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH A MINOR IN POLICE SCIENCE IN 1973.

AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL MAFNAS TAUGHT AT HOPWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. HE THEN BECAME ASSISTANT CLERK OF COURTS FOR THE MARIANAS AND LATER BECAME MARIANAS DISTRICT PROSECUTOR FOR FIVE YEARS.

THAT POSITION FORMER CHIEF OF POLICE ANTONIO BENAVENTE WILL ASSUME IS STILL UNCLARIFIED.

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(DENAPAN MICRONESIA'S FIRST NAVAL ARCHITECT)

SAIPAN, MAY 14 (MNS)---JUAN SABLAP DENAPAN OF SAIPAN BECAME MICRONESIA'S FIRST NAVAL ARCHITECT WHEN HE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN EARNING A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NAVAL ARCHITECTURE AND MARINE ENGINEERING. DENAPAN IS EXPECTED TO JOIN THE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

ORTLY AND WILL BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE TRUST
TERRITORY'S SHIP MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AND NEW SHIP
CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS.

DEMAPAN GRADUATED FROM MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL IN 1971, AND
WAS AWARDED A TRANSPORTATION DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP AND A CONGRESS
OF MICRONESIA SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY NAVAL ARCHITECTURE IN
COLLEGE.

AFTER SPENDING ONE YEAR AT THE MIAMI-DADE JUNIOR COLLEGE
IN FLORIDA, HE WAS LATER TRANSFERRED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
MICHIGAN, WHERE HE GRADUATED WITH A BS DEGREE ON MAY 3, 1975,
THUS MAKING THE 21-YEAR-OLD SAIPANES THE FIRST MICRONESIAN
TO GRADUATE FROM THAT UNIVERSITY.

DEMAPAN, SECOND OLDEST IN A FAMILY OF SIX BROTHERS, AND
TWO SISTERS, IS THE SON OF MR. AND MRS. GREGORIO G. DEMAPAN
OF CHALAN KANOA, SAIPAN.

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