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(HATHAWAY NOMINATION APPROVED)

WASHINGTON, MAY 23 (MNS)---FORMER WYOMING GOVERNOR STANLEY HATHAWAY WAS APPROVED BY THE SENATE INTERIOR COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, (MAY 21), TO BE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, ACCORDING TO AN ASSOCIATED PRESS STORY FROM WASHINGTON.

THE NOMINATION NOW GOES TO THE FULL SENATE, BUT ACTION IS NOT EXPECTED UNTIL AFTER THE TEN-DAY MEMORIAL DAY RECESS, WHICH BEGAN THURSDAY.

HATHAWAY HAS COME UNDER FIRE FROM ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS, BUT THAT ISSUE WAS NOT RAISED AT WEDNESDAY'S HEARINGS. THE ENTIRE SESSION WAS GIVEN OVER TO A REPORT OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO HATHAWAY'S CONNECTION WITH A BANK IN HIS HOME TOWN AND THE FORMER GOVERNOR'S EXPLANATION OF HIS DEALING WITH THE BANK.

THE COMMITTEE VOTED NINE-TO-FOUR TO APPROVE THE HATHAWAY NOMINATION.

(PENDLETON TO LEAVE TT)

SAIPAN, MAY 23 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ALAN R. PENDLETON WILL LEAVE NEXT WEEK FOR A NEW ASSIGNMENT ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER U.S.S. LEXINGTON HOMEPORTED IN PENSACOLA, FLORIDA.

IN HIS NEW POST, PENDLETON WILL SERVE AS THE MAINTENANCE MATERIEL MANAGEMENT COODINATOR. HE WILL BE COORDINATING THE MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES OF THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS ON THE CARRIER.

PENDLETON HAS HELPED COORDINATE AND BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE VARIOUS MILITARY ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY. THIS INCLUDES THE CIVIC ACTION TEAM (CAT) PROGRAM, MEDICAL REFERRALS OF MILITARY HOSPITALS, SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION, EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION AND OTHER EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.

CONCERNING THE CAT TEAM ACTIVITIES, PENDLETON SAID THAT WHEN HE FIRST ARRIVED IN MARCH 1972, THERE WERE SIX TEAMS STATIONED THROUGHOUT THE TT. NOW THERE ARE ONLY THREE. KUSAIE AND THE MARIANAS TEAMS WERE PHASED OUT. THE MILITARY IS IN THE PROCESS OF TERMINATING THE TEAM ASSIGNED TO THE MARSHALLS.

PENDLETON SAID THE CAT TEAMS COMMONLY KNOW AS SEABEES, BUT MADE UP OF ARMY & AF TEAMS AS WELL AS NAVY HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN CONSTRUCTING SCHOOL BUILDINGS, DISPENSARIES, ROADS, ATHLETIC FIELDS, VOLLEBALL AND BASKETBALL COURTS AND WATER CATCHMENT TANKS IN THE OUTER ISLANDS.

REGARDING SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS, HE SAID THAT THE NUMBER HAS REDUCED SINCE HE CAME TO THE TT. HE ATTRIBUTED THE REDUCTION TO BETTER TYPES OF BOATS AND EQUIPMENTS USED IN MICRONESIA RESULTING IN FEWER INCIDENTS, HE ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN COORDINATING ABOUT 100 SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS DURING HIS ASSIGNMENT TO THE TT.

BECAUSE OF THE OVERALL REDUCTION IN THE MILITARY BUDGET, PENDLETON SAID THAT THE MILITARY HAS REDUCE ITS FORCE LEVELS AND ASSETS TO THE EXTENT THAT "WE'RE NOT ABLE TO RESPOND TO MANY OF THE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN SEARCH AND RESCUE AND MEDICAL EVACUATION" THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED FOR BY THE MILITARY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE SA 16 AIRCRAFT WERE TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE BECAUSE OF AGE, MANY OF THE RESCUE ASSISTANCE REQUESTS FROM KUSAIE CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF AIRCRAFT.

KUSAIE IS ONE OF THE MAJOR ISLANDS IN THE TT THAT DOES NOT HAVE AN AIRPORT. OUTER ISLAND PATIENTS WILL NOW HAVE

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TO RELY ON SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TO BRING THEM TO THE DISTRICT CENTERS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

PENDLETON WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN COORDINATING THE EMERGENCY POWER SUPPLY WHEN THE OLD POWER PLANT ON SAIPAN BURNED DOWN. HE ALSO PROVIDED HELP AND ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE NEW POWER BARGE FOR SAIPAN WHICH WILL BE COMING IN THE SUMMER.

PENDLETON ALSO SAID THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO TRANSPORT MICRONESIAN ATHLETES TO SAIPAN FROM YAP AND PALAU ON SEABEES RE-SUPPLY FLIGHTS FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES TO BE HELD ON GUAM AUGUST 1-10. BUT REAR ADMIRAL GEORGE MORRISON WILL HAVE TO GET AUTHORIZATION FROM THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT TO DO SO, ACCORDING TO COMMANDER PENDLETON.

THE CAREER NAVAL OFFICER SAID HIS JOB IS "EXTREMELY INTERESTING AND CHALLENGING.

"IT'S CERTAINLY DIFFERENT FROM MANY THAT I'VE HAD IN THE PAST," PENDLETON SAID. "YOU'RE NOT REALLY ASSOCIATED ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS AS A NAVY MAN WITH THE ACTIVE NAVY OPERATIONS.

"HERE, YOU'RE INVOLVED WITHIN AREAS THAT ARE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU'RE MORE COMMONLY ACCUSTOMED TO AS A NAVY OFFICER," HE CONCLUDED.

COMMANDER PENDLETON WILL BE REPLACED BY LT. CMDR. JAMES BATEMAN, WHO IS ALREADY ON SAIPAN.

(MPSC MEMBERS TRAVEL TO UN)

SAIPAN, MAY 23 (MNS)---FOUR MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC) WILL TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS WEEK TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS AND OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE COMMONWEALTH COVENANT, ACCORDING TO A RELEASE FROM THE MPSC.

FROM WASHINGTON, THE DELEGATION WILL PROCEED TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK TO APPEAR BEFORE THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MEETING TO PRESENT TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMONWEALTH STATUS FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANAS.

THE FOUR EXPECT TO BRIEF MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS ON THE PROGRESS OF POLITICAL EDUCATION AND THE PLEBISCITE EDUCATION PROGRAMS. THEY ALSO ARE EXPECTED TO MEET WITH KEY CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS TO SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR U.S. CONGRESS APPROVAL OF THE COVENANT.

ACCORDING TO THE RELEASE, THE MPSC DELEGATION WILL EXTEND AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO BOTH THE U.S. CONGRESS MEMBERS AND THE UNITED NATIONS TO OBSERVE THE MARIANAS PLEBISCITE ON JUNE 17.

ON THEIR WAY BACK, THE GROUP WILL MEET WITH MARIANAS STUDENTS IN HONOLULU TO DISCUSS WITH THEM PROVISIONS OF THE COVENANT AND TO CONDUCT GENERAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE COMMONWEALTH STATUS FOR THE MARIANAS.

THE DELEGATION CONSIST OF EDWARD PANGELINAN CHAIRMAN, SEN. PEDRO TENORIO, JOSE CRUZ AND DR. FRANCISCO PALACIOS.