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(TRUK LEGISLATURE REQUEST REFERENDUM BE DEFERRED)

TRUK, JUNE 10 (MNS)---THE TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY A RESOLUTION MONDAY MORNING REQUESTING THAT THE DATE OF THE MICRONESIA-WIDE REFERENDUM ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS BE DEFERRED UNTIL A LATER DATE. THE TT-WIDE REFERENDUM IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 8TH.

CITING THAT THE EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT (ESG) TASK FORCE HAS RECENTLY BEGUN AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN, THE RESOLUTION ASKED THAT THE REFERENDUM BE DEFERRED UNTIL A "COMPLETE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION CAMPAIGN" CONCERNING FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED.

THE RESOLUTION ADDED THAT THE "PEOPLE ARE CONFUSED RATHER THAN ENLIGHTENED BY THE HURRIED ESG CAMPAIGN FOR THE JULY 8 REFERENDUM."

ACCORDING TO THE RESOLUTION, THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRAM BY THE ESG TO FULLY PUBLICIZE AND EXPLAIN THE DRAFT COMPACT, "LEAVING THE ONLY FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS THAT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AND ACTED UPON THE ~~THE~~ JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS OVERSHADOWED BY THE MISLEADING AND INNOCUOUS TERM OF FREE ASSOCIATION."

THE RESOLUTION WARNS THAT IF THE REFERENDUM OCCURS ON JULY 8TH AS PLANNED, THE RESULTS MAY BE "MISLEADING BASED ON CONFUSION AND A LACK OF INFORMATION" WITH REGARD TO FUTURE STATUSES FOR MICRONESIA.

COPIES OF THE RESOLUTION WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LEADERSHIP.

(SOUTHERLAND RECEIVES AWARD)

PONAPE, JUNE 10 (MNS)---DR. GAVIN SOUTHERLAND, AN INTER-DISTRICT ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON RESIDING IN PONAPE, RECEIVED A TRUST TERRITORY INCENTIVE AWARD FROM PONAPE DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR BERMIN F. WEILBACHER IN A SPECIAL CEREMONY HELD IN THE DEPUTY DISTAD'S OFFICE IN KOLOMIOA, THE DISTRICT CENTER, MONDAY (JUNE 9), ACCORDING TO ACTING STATION MANAGER FRANCISCO SIMEON OF WSZD. WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUST TERRITORY INCENTIVE AWARD COMMITTEE, JONATHAN KOSHIBA, AND DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN, DR. SOUTHERLAND WAS SELECTED 1975 RECIPIENT OF THE INCENTIVE AWARD FROM PONAPE DISTRICT.

A CASH AWARD OF \$500 WAS GIVEN TO THE ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON IN ADDITION TO A "HONORARY AWARD" FOR HIS OUTSTANDING, UNFLINCHING, AND DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. ARRIVING MICRONESIA IN 1971 AS AN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON, DR. SOUTHERLAND FIRST WORKED ON SAIPAN FOR TWO YEARS, LATER MOVING ON TO PONAPE, WHERE HE AND HIS FAMILY HAVE BEEN RESIDING FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

A GRADUATE OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY IN CANADA, DR. SOUTHERLAND HAS HAD EXTENSIVE TRAINING IN ORTHOPEDIC WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IN SAN FRANCISCO. ACCORDING TO TT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES DR. MASAO KUMANGAI, DR. SOUTHERLAND TOOK A THREE-MONTH TRAINING COURSE LAST SUMMER IN LONDON TO STUDY HIP-SURGERY TECHNIQUE. HE IS WELL KNOWN FOR THE TOTAL HIP REPLACEMENT OPERATIONS HE PERFORMED RECENTLY AT THE TRUK HOSPITAL. THE ONLY OTHER PLACE IN THE PACIFIC WHERE HIP REPLACEMENT OPERATIONS CAN BE PERFORMED IS IN HONOLULU HOSPITALS.

WITH HIS MEDICAL STINT IN MICRONESIA EXPIRING SOON, THE ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON IS EXPECTED TO DEPART PONAPE JUNE 20 FOR MAJURO, WHERE HE WILL PERFORM SEVERAL ORTHOPEDIC CASES BEFORE

CONTINUING ON TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC WHERE HE WILL WORK TEMPORARILY FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION. DR. SOUTHERLAND AND HIS WIFE NANCY AND FOUR CHILDREN HAVE PLANNED TO LIVE ON VANCOUVER ISLAND, CANADA.

ATTENDING THE BRIEF CEREMONY, IN ADDITION TO DEPUTY DISTAD WEILBACHER, WERE PONAPE DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES DR. ELIUEL PRETRICK AND DISTRICT PERSONNEL OFFICER NICK SANTOS.

✓✓ (COMMONWEALTH PARTY SWEEPS TINIAN ELECTION)

SAIPAN, JUNE 10 (MNS)---UNOFFICIAL RETURNS FROM TINIAN SHOWED THAT ALL FOUR COMMONWEALTH PARTY CANDIDATES VYING FOR THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL'S SEATS HAVE ON. THE ELECTION WAS HELD SUNDAY, JUNE 8.

ALL FOUR TERRITORIAL PARTY CANDIDATES LOST, WITH MARTIN SAN NICOLAS, A STRONG ANTICOVENANT SPOKESMAN COLLECTING THE FEWEST VOTES.

SAN NICOLAS ATTENDED A UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HEARING LAST WEEK. THE TINIAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER WAS SPONSORED BY THE CONFERENCE FOR A NUCLEAR FREE PACIFIC WHICH SAN NICOLAS HAD ATTENDED IN FIJI.

THE UNOFFICIAL TABULATION SHOWED ALFONSO BORJA RECEIVING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES WITH 168. FORMER MAYOR ANTONIO S. BORJA, WHO RAN UNDER THE PUBLIC PARTY TICKET, GARNERED 71 VOTES.

FORMER COUNCIL SPEAKER SILVESTRE CRUZ WAS SECOND WITH 160, WHILE HARRY CRUZ RECEIVED 152 AND LEONARD DIAZ, 144.

TERRITORIAL PARTY CANDIDATES FRANCISCO HOCOS, HAD 81, FRANCISCO CABRERA, 70, STEVEN KING, 70, AND SAN NICOLAS, 51.

(PALAUAN STUDENT GRADUATES)

SAIPAN, JUNE 10 (MNS)---SINGERU SINGEO, OF KOROR, PALAU, WILL RECEIVE HIS DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREE THIS WEEK AT THE LA SIERRA CAMPUS OF LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA.

ACCORDING TO TUESDAY'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS, SINGEO WAS AMONG THE 269 GRADUATES AT THE 70TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT AND WILL BE ONE OF 112 DEGREE CANDIDATES FROM THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY.

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY HAS CAMPUSES IN RIVERSIDE AND LOMA LINDA, CALIFORNIA AND IS COMPOSED OF EIGHT SCHOOLS ON THESE CAMPUSES, THE PDN STORY SAID.

(RASA SAYS STATEMENTS DISTORTED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 10 (MNS)---MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN OSCAR CRUZ RASA SAID TUESDAY THAT HE WAS "GROSSLY MISQUOTED" IN MONDAY'S (JUNE 9) ISSUE OF THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS AND CHARGED THAT DIRECT QUOTES HE MADE IN A CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA-PREPARED NEWS RELEASE WERE "EDITED BEYOND RECOGNITION" BY THE GUAM NEWSPAPER.

IN HIS STATEMENT WHERE HE ACCUSED THE MARIANAS PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER ERWIN CANHAM OF PRESENTING "PERSONAL VIEWS AND SPECULATION" INSTEAD OF BALANCED POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM, RASA SAID CONCEPTS SUCH AS "EMINENT DOMAIN" WERE NOT EXPLAINED TO MARIANAS IN THE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS PREPARED BY CANHAM, AND THAT THE PEOPLE WERE MERELY BEING TOLD THEY CAN GO TO COURT TO KEEP THE GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING THEIR LANDS.

"THE PEOPLE ARE NOT EVEN TOLD THAT THE U.S. FEDERAL COURTS, NOT THE MARIANAS COURTS, WILL HAVE FINAL AUTHORITY

OVER DECISIONS MADE BY THE MARIANAS COURTS," RASA SAID IN HIS STATEMENT ON MONDAY. HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS REPORT SAID THAT THE "PEOPLE WILL HAVE AUTHORITY OVER DECISIONS MADE BY MARIANAS COURTS."

"THIS IS A DISTORTION OF THE FACTS," SAID RASA, "IT IS NOT A MATTER OF BEING MISQUOTED BY A REPORTER, BUT OF SOMEONE DELIBERATELY CHANGING STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN A GOVERNMENT- PREPARED NEWS RELEASE."

RASA SAID HE WAS CONSIDERING FILING A LAWSUIT UNLESS THE GUAM NEWSPAPER "STRAIGHTENS OUT THE FACTS", DUE TO THE "EXTREMELY SENSITIVE POLITICAL SITUATION IN THE MARIANAS."

THE MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH PLEBISCITE IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT TUESDAY, JUNE 17.