

(KOREAN SHIP RETURNS TO TAKE COCONUTS)

YAP, JUNE 19 (MNS)---A KOREAN FISHING VESSEL HAS GONE BACK TO WOLEAI ATOLL IN YAP DISTRICT AND TAKEN COCONUTS FROM THE ATOLL, ACCORDING TO SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS BOYD MACKENZIE.

THE VESSEL, THE NAM HAE 232, WAS ONE OF THE TWO KOREAN VESSELS WHICH WENT TO THE RESCUE OF ANOTHER KOREAN VESSEL, THE NAM HAE 212, WHICH WENT AGROUND JUNE 6 ON WOLEAI ATOLL, 370 MILES WEST OF COLONIA, YAP'S DISTRICT CENTER.

THE CREW OF THE VESSELS, UNABLE TO PULL THE STRICKEN VESSEL OFF THE REEF, WENT ASHORE AT WOLEAI AND STARTED DRINKING AND CHASING WOMEN, ACCORDING TO EARLIER REPORTS. THE VESSELS DEPARTED THE ATOLL JUNE 10 TAKING ALONG THE CREW OF THE STRICKEN VESSEL.

HOWEVER, ON MONDAY (JUNE 16), ONE OF THE TWO SHIPS RETURNED TO WOLEAI AND STARTED TAKING COCONUTS, ACCORDING TO MACKENZIE. THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT REPORTED THAT THE CREW OF THE NAM HAE 232 RETURNED AND BOARDED THE STRICKEN VESSEL AND TOOK ITS ENGINE PARTS AND FISHING GEAR, AND THEN LATER WENT ASHORE AND TOOK COCONUTS.

THE NAVY ON GUAM WAS NOTIFIED OF THE INCIDENT, AND EARLY TUESDAY (JUNE 17) THE NAVY SENT A PLANE DOWN TO WOLEAI TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT. HOWEVER, WHEN THE PLANE ARRIVED AT THE ATOLL, THE KOREAN FISHING VESSEL HAD ALREADY GONE.

THE OLD STRICKEN SHIP, THE NAM HAE 212, IS STILL STUCK ON THE REEF AT WOLEAI WITH ITS ELECTRICAL PARTS AND FISHING GEAR TAKEN AWAY BY THE KOREANS. THE TRADITIONAL CHIEF OF WOLEAI HAS REQUESTED THE TT GOVERNMENT TO REMOVE THE SHIP FROM THE REEF.

(FARMERS HELD FAIR IN TRUK)

TRUK, JUNE 19 (MNS)---FIFTY-TWO (52) FARMERS IN TRUK DISTRICT HAVE DISPLAYED MORE THAN TWENTY (20) DIFFERENT VARIETIES OF VEGETABLES, ROOT CROPS, AND FRUITS IN AN ANNUAL AGRICULTURE FAIR HELD RECENTLY ON MOEN, TRUK'S DISTRICT CENTER.

ACCORDING TO ACTING CHIEF OF AGRICULTURE LEO MIGVAR, THE ANNUAL AGRICULTURE FAIR WAS CONDUCTED BY THE TRUK DISTRICT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE PREPARATION AND COOKING OF VEGETABLES WERE ALSO CONDUCTED DURING THE FAIR, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 2,000 PEOPLE, MIGVAR REPORTED.

THE FOOD CROPS DISPLAYED WERE JUDGED BY FREDA GIBBONS WHO HAS WRITTEN ARTICLES FOR THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE ON THE PREPARATION OF LOCAL FOODS. PRIZES WERE GIVEN TO THE BEST ENTRIES.