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 (MARIANAS SEPARATION GOES INTO EFFECT TODAY)  
 SAIPAN, APRIL 1 (MNS)---THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHERN

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MARIANAS ISLANDS OFFICIALLY BECAME EFFECTIVE TODAY (APRIL 1), ACCORDING TO A SECRETARIAL ORDER ISSUED BY KENT FRIZZELL, ACTING SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR.

FORMER DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA IS SERVING AS ACTING RESIDENT COMMISSIONER UNTIL ONE IS APPOINTED. HE WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS, FRED M. ZEDER. ACCORDING TO THE ORDER, THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER WILL REORGANIZE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES, AND LINES OF AUTHORITY, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS.

THE FIVE LAWMAKERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FROM THE MARIANAS ARE NOW IN THE MARIANAS LEGISLATURE. PRESIDENT VICENTE M. SANTOS' TITLE WILL NOW BE CHANGED TO A "SPEAKER" AND THE MEMBERS WILL BE CALLED "SENATORS."

EDWARD PANGELINAN, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, DESCRIBED THE MARIANAS SEPARATION FROM THE OTHER DISTRICTS AS "WONDERFUL."

"IT IS UP TO US TO WORK AMONG OURSELVES," PANGELINAN SAID, AND MAKE THIS "A SHOWPLACE FOR DEMOCRACY."

ALTHOUGH MARIANAS LEADERS ARE PLEASED BY THE SEPARATION, SANTOS SAID, CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE SECRETARIAL ORDER TOOK THE LEADERS BY SURPRISE--SUCH AS THE ONE THAT 50 PERCENT OF THE IMPORT TAXES COLLECTED IN THE MARIANAS GO TO CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AS IS DONE NOW. ANOTHER "MINOR" DISAPPOINTMENT IS THAT THE ORDER DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEAT FOR TINIAN.

THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO APPROVE AND DISAPPROVE BILLS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE. THE PROCEDURE IS SIMILAR TO THE ONE BEING USED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE VARIOUS TT LEGISLATURES. THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER SHALL PREPARE A PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR FOR SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS.

THE TT LAWS AND THE COURT SYSTEM WILL REMAIN IN FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL ALTERED OR REPEALED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS LEGISLATURE. THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER SHALL ENFORCE THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE SECRETARIAL ORDER. ALL CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS NOW PENDING BEFORE THE TT HIGH COURT SHALL REMAIN UNAFFECTED BY THE SEPARATION.

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