

(HOKULE'A PREPARES FOR TAHITI TRIP)

HONOLULU, APRIL 29 (MNS) ~~THE~~ POLYNESIAN VOYAGING SOCIETY'S 60-FOOT DOUBLE HULL CANOE HOKULE'A LEFT HONOLULU HARBOR ON HER FIRST LEG OF HER HISTORIC ROUNDTRIP TO PROVE THAT POLYNESIANS NAVIGATED BETWEEN HAWAII AND TAHITI, DESPITE SOME COMPLAINTS FROM SOME CREW MEMBERS WHO CLAIMED THE CANOE WAS UNSEAWORTHY, ACCORDING TO A NEWS REPORT RECEIVED ON SAIPAN VIA PEACESAT.

THE CHIEF NAVIGATOR FOR THE VOYAGE IS PIAILUG, A TRADITIONAL PACIFIC NAVIGATOR FROM SATAVAL ATOLL, YAP DISTRICT WHO HAS MADE TWO TRIPS TO SAIPAN --- 500 MILES AWAY FROM SATAVAL IN AN OUTRIGGER CANOE IN FOUR-DAYS TIME USING TRADITIONAL NAVIGATIONAL METHODS TO CHART THEIR COURSE.

JAMES KIMO HUGO TALKED OF LOW CREW MORALE, UNSEAWORTHINESS, AND SHORTAGE OF EQUIPMENT. ALL BUT A FEW CREW MEMBERS SIGNED FOR THE VOYAGE.

HOKULE'A WAS CLEARED FOR SEA BY REAR ADMIRAL JAMES W. MOREAU, COMMANDANT FOR THE 14TH COAST GUARD DISTRICT.

MAO TAI, SKIPPED BY CAPTAIN BOB BURK, PLANS TO STAY OUT OF THE HOKULE'A'S SIGHT EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCIES. THE MAO TAI WILL FOLLOW THE CANOE THROUGHOUT THE TRIP ON RADAR.

CAPTAIN R.L. ALVERSON, DIRECTOR OF THE PACIFIC MARITIME ACADEMY, SHRUGGED OFF DISSENSION WITHIN HOKULE'A CREW. "SOMETIMES PEOPLE GET A LITTLE PANICKY BEFORE A LONG VOYAGE," HE SAID.

THE HOKULE'A SATURDAY NIGHT (APRIL 24) WAS LOADING STAPLE PROVISIONS AT HONOLULU HARBOR. DURING THE WEEK ON MAUI, IT WILL TAKE ON SOME FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

THE CREW OF 15 PLUS TWO PHOTOGRAPHERS FROM THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC WILL RECORD THE TRIP AND ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE MAUI NEXT SATURDAY (MAY 8) FOR THE PROJECTED 30-DAY TRIP FOR TAHITI, 3,000 MILES AWAY FROM HONOLULU.

DR. DAVID LEWIS, A NEW ZEALAND PHYSICIAN AND A WORLD AUTHORITY ON NON-INSTRUMENT NAVIGATION, WILL TRAVEL WITH THE GROUP AS AN ASSISTANT NAVIGATOR.

"I LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING UNDER PIAILUG, ONE OF THE 12 OUTSTANDING NATURAL NAVIGATORS LEFT IN THE WORLD," LEWIS SAID. "THERE ARE NOT TOO MANY PEOPLE IN THIS FIELD."

ASKED FOR A PREVIEW OF WHAT THE TRIP WILL BE LIKE, DR. LEWIS BASED HIS ANSWERS ON HIS PREVIOUS SAILING EXPERIENCE WITH ISLANDERS WHO RELIED SOLELY ON THE SUN AND STARS, WINDS, CURRENTS AND OCEAN SWELLS TO FIND TINY DOTS OF ISLAND IN THE PACIFIC.

"DURING THE NIGHT WE MAY USE ABOUT NINE STARS TO STEER BY AS THEY RISE IN THE HORIZON," HE SAID. "IN DAYLIGHT, WE STEER BY THE SUN. DAY AND NIGHT, AND WHEN THE SKIES ARE OBSCURED, WE NOTE THE LINES OF SEA SWELLS. EVEN IF THEY WERE DISGUISED BY SURFACE WAVES, PIAILUG COULD FEEL THEM.

"BIG WAVES ARE NO HAZARD UNLESS THEY'RE BREAKING IN STORMS. IN THAT CASE, WE LOWER THE SAILS AND THE CANOE JUST DRIFTS SIDWAYS VERY HAPPILY.

"GOING IN SUMMER, WE SHOULD MISS THE HURRICANE SEASON DOWN SOUTH, AND HOKULE'A'S IS SAFER THAN A LOT OF BOATS PEOPLE CROSS THE OCEAN ON."

HOKULE'A'S SAILS WAS MADE OF PANDANUS MATTING WOVEN BY THE WOMEN OF KAPINGAMARANGI ATOLL, SOUTHERNMOST ATOLL IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

(UNDEP TO CONDUCT PLANNING TRAINING)

SAIPAN, APRIL 29 (MNS) --- A UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM EXPERT IS FINIALIZING A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PLANNERS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IT WILL BE TO IMPLEMENT THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN ONCE CERTAIN DIRECTIONS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN.

DR. GERHARD DAHLKE, REPRESENTING THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, INDICATED THAT THE TRAINING WILL BE GEARED FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SUCH AS DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, DISTRICT PLANNERS AND SELECTED HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL AND WILL TAKE PLACE IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR IN TRUK DISTRICT. LAST YEAR DR. DAHLKE CARRIED OUT A SIMILAR TRAINING PROGRAM IN SAIPAN AND WAS ENCOURAGED BY ITS SUCCESS.

THE NEW PROGRAM, SCHEDULED TO LAST FOR FOUR WEEKS, WILL COVER BOTH THEORY AND PRACTICAL PROJECTS. DR. DAHLKE INDICATED ~~THAT~~ WITH THE HELP OF HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL,

SOME TEACHING MATERIALS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRODUCED.

COMPARING PLANNING IN THE PAST WITH THE NEW CONCEPT WHICH HE WILL BE TEACHING, THE UN SPECIALIST SAID THAT PLANNING AS IT WILL BE HANDLED WILL INCLUDE NOT ONLY PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC PROJECTS, BUT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP AND CULTURE, POLITICAL STATUS AND OTHER THINGS WHICH WILL INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENT. "IF THE GOAL IS BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS," HE SAID, "THEN HEALTH, EDUCATION, INCOME AND POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ELEMENTS MUST BE CONSIDERED." HE ADDED THAT PLANNING AS A PRINCIPLE WAS A NEW IDEA AND ONE OF HIS CHALLENGES IN THE JOB IS TO GET PEOPLE TO THINK IN A NEW WAY.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE HE LOOKS FORWARD TO IS GETTING PEOPLE TO REALIZE THAT PLANNING IS NOT AN END IN ITSELF AND THAT IT IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS.

DR. DAHLKE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT TRAINING FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THIS AND OTHER FIELDS WILL BECOME A PERMANENT PART OF IN-SERVICE ACTIVITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT. "LIFE IS AN EDUCATIONAL PROCESS AND THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE OPEN MINDED ABOUT IT," HE CONCLUDED.

(GROUP CRITICIZES UN FOR IGNORING PROTEST AGAINST COVENANT)
UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. APRIL 29 (MNS)---THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL NEGLECTED ITS DUTIES TOWARD MICRONESIA BY IGNORING A PROTEST BY THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN AGAINST ANNEXATION OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS BY THE UNITED STATES, THE LEAGUE CHARGED THIS WEEK.

IN A LETTER TO THE COUNCIL, LEAGUE CHAIRMAN JEROME J. SHESTACK SAID THAT THE COUNCIL HAD DELAYED PUBLICATION OF THE LEAGUE'S PETITION UNTIL AFTER THE U.S. CONGRESS APPROVED COMMONWEALTH STATUS FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANAS, "IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN EFFORT TO UNILATERALLY TERMINATE THE UN TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT." ACCORDING TO A REPORT OUT OF NEW YORK BY THE UPI.

IN A PRESS RELEASE THIS WEEK THE LEAGUE SAID IT HAD BROUGHT THE SITUATION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE 24-NATION DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ASKED IT TO "BE AWARE OF THE INTENTIONS OF THE ADMINISTERING POWER."

IT SAID IT APPROACHED THE COMMITTEE IN LIGHT OF THE "UNBALANCED" (PRO-WESTERN) COMPOSITION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, THE UPI STORY SAID.

THE U.S. SENATE APPROVED THE COMMONWEALTH STATUS FEBRUARY 24 AND SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT FORD MARCH 24TH.

(SECESSIONIST LEADER ATTACKS PRIME MINISTER)

PORT MORESBY, APRIL 29 (MNS)---THE BOUGAINVILLE SECESSIONIST LEADER FR. JOHN MOMIS HAS ATTACKED PAPUA NEW GUINEA PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL SOMARE FOR BREAKING THE SPIRIT OF AGREEMENT AND FOR ATTEMPTING TO BYPASS THE SECESSIONIST LEADERSHIP IN BOUGAINVILLE.

FR. MOMIS WAS REPLAYING TO A STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER SOMARE WHICH WAS BROADCAST BY RADIO BOUGAINVILLE THIS WEEK. HE SAID IT APPEARS THAT THE SOMARE'S STATEMENT WAS INFLUENCED BY INCORRECT REPORTS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SECESSIONIST LEADERSHIP IN BOUGAINVILLE. BY IGNORING SECESSIONIST LEADERSHIP AND LEADING A ONE SIDED BOYCOTT, SOMARE "BROKE THE SPIRIT OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SECESSIONIST AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT," MOMIS SAID.

FR. MOMIS SAID IT LOOKS AS THOUGH PRIME MINISTER SOMARE IS STILL NOT SURE ABOUT THE BASIC ARGUMENT OF THE BOUGAINVILLE PEOPLE AND IS TRYING TO FORCE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ON THEM. HE SAID, "MR. SOMARE'S BROADCAST MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THE SECESSIONIST LEADERS HAVE SERVED THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE." BUT, HE SAID, IT IS NOT TURE.

FR. MOMIS SAID THE SECESSIONISTS AGREED TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ONLY AS AN INTERIM MEASURE WHILE A JOINT COMMITTEE NEGOTIATES AND MAKES DECISIONS. HE BITTERLY ATTACKED GOVERNMENT LEADERS WHO ARE SUPPORTING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND SAID THEY ARE A "SELFISH PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT A SYSTEM WHICH HELPS ONLY THE RICH AND THE POWERFUL."

IN HIS BROADCAST IN BOUGAINVILLE, SOMARE ASKED THE NATIONAL PARTY SUPPORTERS IN BOUGAINVILLE TO SPELL OUT EXACTLY WHAT THE REINSTATEMENT OF "PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS.

HE URGED THE PEOPLE OF BOUGAINVILLE TO WORK TOWARD SOLVING PROBLEMS THROUGH THEIR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND THROUGH THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

(JORKAN JOINS TT BROADCAST DIVISION)

SAIPAN, APRIL 29 (MNS)---THE FORMER NEWS DIRECTOR OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT RADIO STATION WSZO HAS JOINED THE TRUST TERRITORY HEADQUARTERS BROADCAST DIVISION AS A BROADCAST INFORMATION SPECIALIST, ACCORDING TO CHIEF OF BROADCAST DIVISION ELIAS THOMAS.

IN HIS NEW POSITION, EDINAL JORKAN WILL BE WORKING ON SAIPAN TO HELP IMPROVE THE RADIO PROGRAMS PUT OUT BY THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT. HE JOINED THE TRUST TERRITORY BROADCAST DIVISION ON MARCH 19, 1976.

JORKAN WORKED AS THE NEWS DIRECTOR OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT RADIO STATION WSZO IN MAJURO FROM 1974 UP TO THE TIME THAT HE MOVED UP TO SAIPAN. HE ATTENDED THE JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL ON GUAM FROM 1966 TO 1968, AND WENT ON TO THE DREHER HIGH SCHOOL IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO COMPLETE HIS HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. HE ATTENDED THE TEXAS SOUTHWEST COLLEGE IN BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, FROM 1969 TO 1970.

HE JOINED THE MARSHALL ISLANDS IMPORTS EXPORTS COMPANY IN MAJURO SHORTLY AFTER IN 1970 AS A PAYROLL CLERK, AND SUBSEQUENTLY WENT TO WORK FOR WSZO AS A REGULAR NEWSMAN, A POSITION WHICH HE HELD FROM 1972 TO 1974. HE BECAME THE NEWS DIRECTOR OF THAT RADIO STATION IN 1974.

WHILE WITH WSZO, JORKAN ATTENDED AN INTENSIVE, ONE-MONTH TRAINING IN RADIO MEDIA OFFERED IN MAJURO IN THE SUMMER OF 1974. BY CHAMINADE COLLEGE OF HONOLULU.

JORKAN HAS BEEN REGULARLY COVERING THE SESSIONS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SINCE THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONGRESS HELD IN PONAPE IN 1972.

JORKAN AND HIS FAMILY ARE PRESENTLY LIVING IN GARAPAN VILLAGE IN SAIPAN.