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Micro Political Stability Urged

TRUK (MNS) -- Potential investors look first into the political stability of an area before investing, a joint Congress of Micronesia (COM)-United Nations Development Program (UNDP) conference was told last week.

Fred M. Zeder II, director of the Office of Territorial Affairs, and Eusebio Rechucher, director of the Trust Territory (TT) Department of Resources and Development, both included in their respective speeches a call for political stability.

Acknowledging that there are about \$5 million worth of "research" studies in Washington on Micronesia, Zeder said, "Studies are not worth a damn."

"It is not what we know that counts," Zeder said, "but it is, what we do about what we know that matters." He said

Micronesia, for the first time, is about to "do something about what we know."

Zeder suggested that Micronesians "must never depend on the government to run their businesses." They must do it on an individual basis with dedication and determination to

succeed in their undertaking, he added.

"Do not be ashamed to make money. Profit is the only capital for Micronesia's economic independence," said Zeder, a millionaire businessman.

He also suggested that Micronesia must try to develop a "balanced" industrial mix in-

cluding "labor intensive" activities, especially those that do not need technical experts. Micronesia must seek to resolve its political destiny, Zeder said, adding that potential investors always look first into the political stability of an area before they begin investing, g, especially manufacturers with high capital investment operations.

Zeder also mentioned a recent COM leadership meeting with Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams. He said he understood that the COM leadership "supported an early agreement for a free-associated-state status with the United States."

"Free association may well be the last chance to hold Micronesia together," he stated.

To "enhance Micronesia's chances for economic success, the formation of a new operation within the Office of Territorial Affairs will be announced in the future."

Zeder said that an industrial commission will be formed within the Department of the Interior which will have the primary responsibilities to integrate existing and programs. The commission will translate academic and theoretical economic models into functional realities, he said. It will also outline a plan "specifically designed to enlist the interest of building basic practices and procedures..." he added.

Rechucher emphasized considering the changes that the future political status of Micronesia might bring as well as the constitution for the Federated States of Micronesia.

Rechucher said his department is analyzing the feasibility of more than 50 proposals for joint-venture projects which may result in an investment of about \$40 million if found feasible within the next five years.

2 Marines Arrested

Two Marines were arrested early yesterday and charged with violating Guam laws on deadly weapons.

Clifford M. Kimball, 20, of the Naval Magazine, was arrested at 2:15 a.m. in front of the Playboy Club in East Agana after he allegedly tried to hide a knife with a six-inch blade in a planter in front of the club.

Carrying a knife with a blade longer than three inches is a felony under Guam laws, and punishable by a prison term of at least one year with no possibility of probation or suspension.

Also arrested was William Pittit Jr., 19, of Naval Magazine, who was found with homemade brass knuckles and a 28-inch dog chain. He was charged with concealing a deadly weapon.

Possession of brass knuckles is a misdemeanor.

The men were arrested after a police patrol spotted a large crowd outside the Playboy Club, and stopped to investigate.

Pittit and Kimball were both booked and confined.

Bail Set For 16

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Elizabeth Duenas, Regina Ignacio, Antonio Bautista, Vincent Blas Cruz and Pedro Blas Cruz.

Frank and Michael Hardina and John Taitano had bail set at \$15,000 each.

Bail for Charles Unten and Joey Garcia was placed at \$20,000 each. Some bail amounts may be paid in cash only but in other cases Abbate said property could be posted in lieu of cash.

Police affidavits in each of the prisoners' court records outlined the sales of heroin to policemen.

The two arrested women, Duenas and Ignacio, had bail revoked yesterday because of previous heroin arrests.

Taken For Ride Girl 'Kidnaped,'

A 14-year-old Toto girl has told police she was kidnaped Sunday night by five unidentified girls driving a large American car.

Rosaline C. Santos told police she was walking near her home at about 6:15 when a car pulled up and the occupants asked her if she wanted a ride.

She said she refused, at which point the girls dragged her into the car, drove her up to Route 4 in Sinajana, and let her out by the RTA Mart.

William Aflague of Sinajana, discovered Santos crying in some bushes near the store some time later and drove her home.

Kidnaping is a felony punishable by 1-25 years in prison.

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