

(DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION INITIALED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 2 (MNS)---AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS INITIALED ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 2) AT 4:00 P.M. THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION AT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HOUSE CHAMBER ON SAIPAN. BOTH NEGOTIATING TEAMS HAVE AGREED ON ALL PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT EXCEPT THE AREA DEALING WITH THE OCEAN RESOURCES AND THE LAW OF THE SEA. A DETAILED REPORT ON THE APPROVED DOCUMENT WILL BE IN THURSDAY'S (JUNE 3) MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE DISPATCH.

(YAP LEGISLATURE ADOPTS HICOM RESOLUTION)

YAP, JUNE 2 (MNS)---PRIOR TO ITS ADJOURNMENT THIS WEEK SUNDAY (MAY 30), THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FOURTH YAP DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION "COMMENDING TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, FOR THE GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN MICRONESIA DURING HIS TENURE AS THE TRUST TERRITORY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE; EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO HIM FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA AND EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF YAP DISTRICT TO HIM IN HIS FUTURE POSITION WITH PACIFIC AREA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION." THE RESOLUTION WAS AUTHORED BY SPEAKER JOACHIM FALMOG.

THE RESOLUTION STATED THAT DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON THE TERRITORY HAD MADE GREAT ADVANCES IN SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. "MR. JOHNSTON HAS CONTRIBUTED IMMEASURABLY TO THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF MICRONESIA AND HAS PERFORMED THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE IN A CONSCIENTIOUS AND ADMIRABLE MANNER," THE RESOLUTION STATED.

IT ADDED THAT THE PEOPLE OF YAP AND MICRONESIA WILL REMEMBER HICOM JOHNSTON AS A MAN "WITH INTEGRITY WHO RECOGNIZES THE PERSONAL VALUE OF COMMUNICATION AND IS DEDICATED TO RELATIONSHIPS BASED ON HUMAN UNDERSTANDING."

SPEAKER FALMOG'S RESOLUTION REQUESTS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO CONTINUE SERVING THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA BY OFFERING HIS ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN THE AREA OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN HIS NEW POSITION AT PATA.

HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON WAS GIVEN A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION IN A SPECIAL CEREMONY ON SUNDAY AT THE LEGISLATURE CHAMBER BY SPEAKER FALMOG. JOHNSTON WAS IN YAP SINCE FRIDAY (MAY 28) AND ADDRESS THE GRADUATES OF THE OUTER ISLANDS HIGH SCHOOL IN ULITHI ON SATURDAY (MAY 29).

BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM YAP DISTRICT ON MONDAY, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO EDMUND GILMAR AS THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF YAP IN A SHORT CEREMONY HELD AT THE YAP AIRPORT. MANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND SPECTATORS WERE THERE TO WITNESS THE EVENT.

COPIES OF THE RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WERE SENT TO ALL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, CHAIRMAN OF THE YAP OUTER ISLANDS CHIEFS COUNCIL, CHAIRMAN OF THE YAP ISLANDS COUNCIL AND THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR.

(ADA APPOINTED EXECUTIVE OFFICER)

SAIPAN, JUNE 2 (MNS)---FRANCISCO C. ADA, FORMER MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR AND ACTING RESIDENT COMMISSIONER SINCE APRIL, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS BY RESIDENT COMMISSIONER ERWIN D. CANHAM.

CANHAM MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT TUESDAY (JUNE 1), HIS FIRST DAY AT WORK UPON RETURNING FROM THE MAINLAND.

IN MAKING THE APPOINTMENT, CANHAM ANNOUNCED THAT ADA'S "LONG EXPERIENCE AND GREAT KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS" ASSURED HIM AND THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS OF CONTINUING EFFECTIVE PUBLIC SERVICE.

"...I HAVE GREATLY VALUED HIS FINE TALENTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO CLOSE COOPERATION AS WE PROCEED WITH OUR MANY RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS VITAL PERIOD FOR THE MARIANAS PEOPLE," CANHAM STATED.

(I.T. RECEIVES \$86,000 WATER GRANT)

SAIPAN, JUNE 2 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD RECEIVED A GRANT OFFER FROM UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FOR A SUM OF \$86,000, TO ASSUME THE ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS WITHIN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,000) OF THIS TOTAL IS AN OUTRIGHT GRANT TO DEVELOP AND EXPAND THE PROGRAM CAPABILITIES TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSE OF THE U.S. SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT, WHICH INCLUDES THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE TRUST TERRITORY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD PLANS TO COMPILE COMPREHENSIVE DATA ON ALL PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THESE DATA WILL PROVIDE THE BOARD AND WATER PRODUCING AGENCIES WITH A BETTER PLANNING CONCEPT OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO IMPROVE EXISTING WATER SUPPLIES, AND TO FORECAST FUTURE REQUIREMENTS.

(SAIPAN ROTARY AIDS GUAM TYPHOON VICTIMS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 2 (MNS)---THE ROTARY CLUB OF SAIPAN HAS GIVEN \$6,000 AND AN ESTIMATED HALF-TON OF CLOTHING AND HOUSEWARES TO THE THREE ROTARY CLUBS OF GUAM TO ASSIST IN SUPER-TYPHOON PAMELA RELIEF EFFORTS.

SAIPAN ROTARY PRESIDENT, DAVID M. SABLAN, ANNOUNCED THE ACTION AT THE CLUB'S REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING TUESDAY (JUNE 1) EVENING. THE CLUB'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAD APPROVED THE MOVE AT A SPECIAL MEETING LATE LAST WEEK MEANWHILE, WIVES OF SEVERAL ROTARIANS SUPERVISED THE GATHERING OF CLOTHING OVER THE WEEKEND.

SABLAN SAID A CHECK FOR \$6,000 HAD BEEN SENT TO ROBERT J. BARRY, DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ON GUAM, TO BE PRO-RATED AMONG THE GUAM ROTARY CLUB, AGANA, THE TUMON BAY CLUB AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHERN GUAM, DEDEDO, FOR TYPHOON RELIEF AS THE THREE CLUBS DIRECT. THE CLOTHING WILL BE AIRLIFTED TO GUAM THIS WEEK.

THE SAIPAN ROTARY CLUB WILL CONTINUE TO GATHER CLOTHING AND HOUSEWARES ITEMS ALL THIS WEEK, SABLAN SAID, FOR DISTRIBUTION AMONG TYPHOON VICTIMS OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS, PRINCIPALLY ON THE ISLAND OF ROTA.

A CLUB COMMITTEE WILL STUDY THE DISASTER INSPECTION TEAM REPORT OF ITS VISIT TO ROTA AND, IF THE RESULTS WARRANT IT, WILL RECOMMEND TO THE ROTARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT THE CLUB ALSO MAKE A MONETARY CONTRIBUTION TO TYPHOON VICTIMS ON ROTA.

IN ANNOUNCING THE GUAM TYPHOON RELIEF CHECK, SABLAN, WHO ALSO WAS SAIPAN ROTARY'S FIRST PRESIDENT IN 1968, RECALLED THAT WHEN SAIPAN WAS STRUCK BY TYPHOON JEAN THAT YEAR, THE GUAM ROTARY CLUB - THEN THE ONLY CLUB ON THE ISLAND - CAME TO SAIPAN'S AID THROUGH THE LOCAL ROTARY ORGANIZATION.