

MICRONESIAN HIGH SCHOOLS GRADUATE 3,000

SAIPAN, JUNE 10 (MNS) --- CLOSE TO 3,000 STUDENTS THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL THIS SCHOOL YEAR, ACCORDING TO TRUST TERRITORY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DAVID RAMARUI.

RAMARUI RETURNED TO SAIPAN THIS WEEK AFTER ATTENDING GRADUATION EXERCISES IN PALAU AT THE MICRONESIAN OCCUPATIONAL CENTER AND AT TRUK HIGH SCHOOL.

IN TRUK WHERE HE ATTENDED THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, ABOUT 300 STUDENTS GRADUATED, THE LARGEST NUMBER OF GRADUATES IN THE TRUST TERRITORY FOR A SINGLE HIGH SCHOOL. OF THAT NUMBER, SOME 150 STUDENTS HAVE APPLIED AND WERE ACCEPTED AT VARIOUS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ON THE U.S. MAINLAND.

THE TT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SAID THAT HE HEARD THE TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE IS PROPOSING TO APPROPRIATE \$250,000 FOR A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, HE SAID, ABOUT \$50,000 IS TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

"IT SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT THE TRUKESSE STUDENTS AS WELL AS THEIR LEADERS ARE VERY INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING THEIR SCHOLARS," RAMARUI REMARKED.

"THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE CONCERN AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE OVERGRADUATING A GREAT NUMBER OF MICRONESIAN YOUNGSTERS WHO MAY NOT HAVE JOBS," CONTINUED RAMARUI. "THIS REMAINS TO BE DEBATED. WE FEEL THAT DEMOCRACY AND EDUCATION MUST GO HAND IN HAND. I HOPE THAT THOSE STUDENTS AFTER THEY FINISHED THEIR EDUCATION SHOULD BE ABLE TO CREATE JOBS RATHER THAN COMING HOME AND ASKING TO BE EMPLOYED," RAMARUI POINTED OUT.

MOST HIGH SCHOOLS GRADUATED BETWEEN 150-200 STUDENTS, SAID RAMARUI.

IN ADDITION, 75 MICRONESIAN STUDENTS COMPLETED THEIR POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL YEAR. THIS TOTAL DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE STUDENTS WHO WENT ON THEIR OWN OR ARE SPONSORED BY PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS. THE 75 FIGURE REPRESENTS ONLY THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE GIVEN TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SCHOLARSHIPS.

(WSZE AM STATION GOES ON THE AIR)

SAIPAN, JUNE 10 (MNS) --- THE FIRST COMMERCIAL RADIO STATION IN THE TRUST TERRITORY BEGAN ITS BROADCASTING ACTIVITIES ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK.

SAIPAN RESIDENTS CAN EITHER CHOOSE THE GOVERNMENT OWNED KJQR RADIO OR WSZE-A.M.. WSZE-FM HAS ALSO BEGUN BROADCASTING. BOTH STATIONS ARE OWNED BY THE MICRONESIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION WHICH ALSO OWNS KUAM RADION AND KUAM-TV.

THE FULLY AUTOMATED RADIO STATION PLAYS HIT PARADE TAPES DAILY AND WILL EVENTUALLY PICK UP HOURLY NEWS BROADCAST FROM KUAM FOR REBROADCAST ON SAIPAN, ACCORDING TO OLY OLSEN, STATION MANAGER.

OLSEN SAID THE STATION WILL HIRE SOME ANNOUNCERS. THE 1,000 WATT STATION IS BROADCASTING FROM 6 A.M. TO 11 P.M. DAILY, AS IS THE FM STATION.

H. SCOTT KILGORE, PRESIDENT OF THE MICRONESIAN BROADCASTING CORP., AND FORMER DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA SIGNED A LEASE IN FEBRUARY 1975 THAT ENABLED THE MICRONESIAN BROADCASTING CORP. TO OCCUPY HALF OF KJQR'S BUILDING ON RAPUSAU (NAVY) HILL.

WSZE-TV IS ALSO BROADCASTING FROM THE SAME BUILDING FACILITIES. WHEN THE KUAM-TOWER ON GUAM IS REPAIRED, SAIPAN RESIDENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO SELECT FROM FIVE RADIO STATIONS --- KJQR, WSZE-AM, WSZE-FM, KUAM, KATB, AND RELIGIOUS STATION, KTWG.

(HOKULE'A LAYS IDLE IN TAHITI)

PAPEETE, TAHITI, JUNE 10 (MNS) --- MAU PIAILUG, A SATAWALESE SAILOR WHO WAS THE CHIEF NAVIGATOR OF THE HAWAIIAN CANOE WHICH SAILED FROM HONOLULU TO TAHITI IN 35 DAYS, HAS NOT YET DETERMINED WHETHER TO NAVIGATE THE SAME CANOE BACK TO HONOLULU.

HOKULE'A, A 60-FOOT DOUBLE-HULLED CANOE WHICH SAILED THE 3,000 MILE JOURNEY WITH A 17-CREWMAN ABOARD, REACHED PAPEETE FRIDAY MORNING (JUNE 4) AND WAS GREETED BY MORE THAN 10,000 PERSONS, SOME OF WHOM HAD SLEPT IN THEIR CARS FOR THREE DAYS AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF HOKULE'A.

MIKE MCCOY, FISHERIES SPECIALIST IN YAP DISTRICT, WAS ALSO IN TAHITI AND ACTED AS A TRANSLATOR FOR PIAILUG. IT WAS PIAILUG'S SEAMANSHIP THAT DIRECTED THE VESSEL WITHOUT INSTRUMENTS IN WHAT CERTAINLY WILL BE REGARDED AS ONE OF THE GREAT VOYAGES OF MODERN TIMES. HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD DIRECT THE SHIP BACK HOME WITHOUT INSTRUMENTS ANOTHER NAVIGATOR WHO WAS PIAILUG'S ASSISTANT WAS DR. DAVID LEWIS OF NEW ZEALAND WHO SAID DEFINITELY HE WILL NOT MAKE THE RETURN TRIP. NOR WILL RODO WILLIAMS, THE TAHITIAN NAVIGATOR WHO CAME DOWN TO ORIENT HOKULE'A WHEN SHE ARRIVED CLOSE TO TAHITI. MOST OF THE CREW WHO SAILED HOKULE'A INDICATED THEY WILL FLY BACK TO HONOLULU.