

(MICRO COMPACT DELAY LIKELY)

SAIPAN, JUNE 14 (MNSL)---IT IS "VERY LIKELY" THAT THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN THE SPECIAL SESSION IN JULY AND THEN PUT ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT FOR A REFERENDUM, ACCORDING TO ONE STATUS COMMISSION OFFICIAL.

ANDON AMARAICH OF TRUK, RECENTLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF MICRONESIA'S NEW COMMISSION ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND TRANSITION, TOLD GUAM'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS THAT HE EXPECTS A DELAY.

AMARAICH SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS "POSSIBLE" THAT THE COMPACT WILL BE READY, DEPENDING ON HOW QUICKLY THE UNITED STATES MOVES ON THE "LAW OF THE SEA" ISSUE.

THE U. S. DELEGATION IS BACK IN WASHINGTON CONFERRING WITH U. S. OFFICIALS.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EIGHTH ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS LAST WEEK, BOTH U. S. AND MICRONESIAN SIDES SEEMED PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS BUT THE ISSUE OF WHO SHOULD CONTROL MICRONESIA'S MARINE RESOURCES WAS NOT SETTLED.

AMARAICH SAID THAT THE NEW COMMISSION'S MANDATE, BESIDES COMPLETING NEGOTIATIONS, IS TO BE SURE THAT THE COMPACT CONFORMS TO THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION. THE COMMISSION WILL BE ANALYZING THE COMPACT TO SEE THAT PROVISIONS ALREADY NEGOTIATED ARE NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE CONSTITUTIONS, AMARAICH ADDED.

WHEN ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE COMPACT TO GO ON THE BALLOT, IF THE COMPACT WERE NOT PRESENTED TO THE CONGRESS FIRST, AMARAICH SAID THAT AS FAR AS THE COMMISSION IS CONCERNED, THERE IS NO WAY THE COMPACT COULD BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT UNTIL THE COMPACT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE COM.

"OUR (THE COMMISSION) MANDATE IS TO GO TO THE COM," AMARAICH SAID.

THE COMMISSION HEADED BY AMARAICH, REPLACED THE FORMER JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS CHAIRED BY PALAU SENATOR LAZARUS SALII WHICH NEGOTIATED THE COMPACT THROUGH LAST WEEK'S EIGHTH ROUND.

(DISTADS TO DISCUSS DECENTRALIZATION ISSUE)

SAIPAN, JUNE 14 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY'S DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR WILL DISCUSS THE FUNCTIONAL DECENTRALIZATION ISSUE BEGINNING ON TUESDAY (JUNE 15) AT THE HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCE ROOM ON SAIPAN.

J. BOYD MACKENZIE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS WHO IS THE OVERALL COORDINATOR OF THE DECENTRALIZATION PROGRAM, SAID THAT TUESDAY'S DISCUSSION TOPIC IS PART OF THE TIMETABLE FOR DECENTRALIZATION---THE GIVING OF MORE RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENTS SO THAT THEY CAN RUN THEIR OWN AFFAIRS --- WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1981.

MACKENZIE TOLD THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE THAT "PHYSICAL DECENTRALIZATION" WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED BUT NOT TO A GREAT EXTENT.

FOUR OF THE TRUST TERRITORY'S FIVE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE ONE-WEEK MEETINGS. MARSHALLS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OSCAR DEBRUM WILL NOT ATTEND BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS ON KWAJALEIN. HE WILL BE REPRESENTED BY ROGER COTTING, MARSHALLS DISTRICT BUDGET OFFICER.

ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN IS EXPECTED TO OPEN THE CONFERENCE. OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS WILL ATTEND THE MEETINGS.

(ANGRY PIAILUG LEAVES TAHITI)

PAPEETE, TAHITI, JUNE 14 (MNS)---MAU PIAILUG, CHIEF NAVIGATOR FOR THE HAWAIIAN CANOE WHICH SAILED FROM HAWAII TO TAHITI LAST WEEK, IS REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT PAPEETE ON HIS WAY BACK TO HIS NATIVE ISLAND OF SATAWAL IN YAP DISTRICT.

ACCORDING TO UPI, PIAILUG HAD LEFT A CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENT RECORDED ON A CASSETTE TAPE ADDRESSED TO THE 17-CREW OF HOKULE'A. PEOPLE WHO HEARD THE TAPE SAID PIAILUG DENOUNCED THE PROJECT OF A RETURN VOYAGE AND SAID THAT HE WILL NEVER SET FOOT IN HAWAII, ACCORDING TO REPORTS.

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PIAILING'S DEPARTURE LEFT THE SPONSORS LOOKING FOR A NEW NAVIGATOR. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT THERE IS DISSENSION AMONG THE CREW MEMBERS DIVIDING THOSE OF POLYNESIAN, HAWAIIAN AND EUROPEAN DESCENT.

THE SPONSORS OF THE VOYAGE, KENNETH EMORY, HERB KANE AND RUBY CHOY OF HONOLULU, ARRIVED IN PAPEETE LAST WEEK AND HUDDLED WITH OFFICIALS OF THE POLYNESIAN VOYAGING SOCIETY. INFORMED SOURCES SAID THEY DECIDED TO FLY BACK TO HONOLULU THREE ALLEGED "BLACK SHEEP" ACCUSED OF CAUSING MUCH OF THE DISSENSION DURING THE VOYAGE.

THE 60-FOOT DOUBLE-HULLED CANOE IS IN DRYDOCK BEING READIED FOR THE RETURN TRIP. MOST OF THE CREW WILL BE NEW, INCLUDING TWO WOMEN.

THE HOKULE'A COMPLETED THE 2,800 MILE VOYAGE FROM HONOLULU TO TAHITI IN 34 DAYS.

(AKIMOTO APPOINTED SPECIAL CONSULTANT)

SAIPAN, JUNE 14 (MNS)---NORTHERN MARIANAS RESIDENT COMMISSIONER ERWIN D. CANNHAM HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF FORMER DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR DANNY AKIMOTO TO BE A SPECIAL CONSULTANT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS, ACCORDING TO KJGR NEWS.

AKIMOTO'S RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE TO ADVISE AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE AREAS OF BUDGET, FINANCE AND SUPPLY. HE WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS THE COORDINATOR OF JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS.

IN ADDITION, AKIMOTO WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS THE AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICER.

THE FORMER DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR WILL ALSO BE ASSIGNED TO SPECIAL PROJECT, SUCH AS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE TO THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN THE FINALIZATION OF THE "MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING" WITH THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT.

AKIMOTO SERVED A BRIEF STINT AS THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ACTING RESIDENT COMMISSIONER FRANK C. ADA NOW THE NORTHERN MARIANAS GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE OFFICER.