

(POSITIONS TO BE ANALYZED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 17 (MNS)---EVERY POSITION IN EACH DEPARTMENT AT THE HEADQUARTERS LEVEL WILL BE ANALYZED BEGINNING MONDAY (JUNE 21,) AS PART OF THE DECENTRALIZATION PROGRAM.

J. BOYD MACKENZIE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS, WHO IS COORDINATING THE DECENTRALIZATION PROGRAM IN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, MADE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY (JUNE 16) AT THE WEEKLY MEETING OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S CABINET OFFICERS. HE ASKED THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS TO BRING THE UP-TO-DATE LISTINGS ON ALL POSITIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT TO THE MEETING.

THE TRUST TERRITORY'S DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS ARE ALSO WINDING UP THEIR MEETING HERE ON SAIPAN ON THE SAME ISSUE THIS WEEK.

MACKENZIE, ALONG WITH ALAN MACQUARRIE AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL WILL REVIEW WITH EACH DIRECTOR EACH POSITION.

"THE PROCESS OF DECENTRALIZATION HAS BEEN GOING ON" FOR SOMETIME NOW, MACKENZIE SAID. "BUT YOU HAVE AN EMPLOYEE IN THE DISTRICTS DOING THE SAME JOB AS HIS COUNTERPART AT HEADQUARTERS. AND THESE ARE THE REASONS WHY WE HAVE TO GO OVER EACH POSITIONS TO SEE THAT WE ARE NOT DUPLICATING WORK."

HE ADDED THAT SOME DEPARTMENTS ARE GOING TO OPPOSE SUCH DECISIONS. IN THIS CASE, ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN WILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY. "IF HE SAYS CUT," MACKENZIE POINTED OUT, "WE CUT."

"LET'S FACE THE FACTS. NEXT YEAR'S (HEADQUARTERS') BUDGET, IS GOING TO BE CUT. WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ALL THE MONEY (WE NEED) TO OPERATE. AND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FACE THIS ISSUE AND YOU WILL HAVE TO CUT YOUR STAFF. THERE ARE NOT TWO WAYS ABOUT IT." MACKENZIE TOLD HIS FELLOW CABINET OFFICERS.

MACKENZIE SAID THAT BECAUSE NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET IS EXPECTED TO BE CUT THAT MEANS "WE'RE GOING TO GET RID OF SOME WARM BODIES."

"WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT (NEXT WEEK) WHETHER A DEPARTMENT REALLY NEEDS SIX CLERK TYPISTS OR DIRECTORS ARE JUST FILLING POSITIONS TO HAVE BODIES SITTING AROUND THERE."

THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS RECALLED THAT HE HAS WALKED AROUND SOME DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES AND HAS SEEN CLERKS SITTING AROUND "DOING NOTHING."

"WHY DO WE HAVE THESE PEOPLE SITTING IN THESE OFFICES (DOING NOTHING)?" HE ASKED. "I'VE HEARD SOME PEOPLE SAY 'I'M DOING MY OWN TYPING BECAUSE THE CLERK TYPIST CAN'T DO IT.' SO WE'RE PAYING SOMEONE \$20,000 A YEAR AND HE IS DOING HIS OWN TYPING AND WHY DO WE STILL HIRE A TYPIST?"

AT THIS POINT ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN INTERJECTED THE REQUEST THAT THE DIRECTORS TO GIVE A "VERY CLOSE AND HARD-LOOK" AT THEIR PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS.

"MAKE SURE THAT THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THE PERSON IS HIGH AND AVOID DUPLICATIONS BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING WORSE THAN A PERSON SITTING THERE DOING NOTHING," COLEMAN SAID.

(ONE KILLED AND ONE PARALYZED)

PONAPE, JUNE 17 (MNS)---A KOREAN WORKING FOR THE HANIL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WAS FATALY ELECTROCUTED LAST WEDNESDAY (JUNE 9) AT THE SITE FOR THE NEW PONAPE HOSPITAL IN NET MUNICIPALITY, PONAPE.

TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS TOLD THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE THAT THE CONSTRUCTION WORKER WAS USING A HANDRILL WHEN HE WAS ELECTROCUTED. FURTHER INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF THE KOREAN IS UNDERWAY IN PONAPE.

HIS BODY WAS FLOWN TO KOREA ON JUNE 14 FOR BURIAL. ONE OF THE 60 KOREANS WORKING FOR HANIL ON PONAPE, KIM IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS. HE HAD BEEN ON PONAPE FOR ONLY THREE MONTHS.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT TOOK PLACE ON KUSAIE, 347 MILES SOUTHEAST OF PONAPE ON JUNE 14. RAMON JIMERA, A FILIPINO, WAS INJURED WHEN THE SCAFFOLD ON WHICH HE WAS WORKING ON AT LULU DOCK COLLAPSED AND HIT HIM ON THE BACK. REPORTS FROM KUSAIE INDICATE THAT JIMERA IS PARALYZED FROM A "BROKEN BACK."

THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT VESSEL, MS KASELEHLIA, LEFT PONAPE FOR KUSAIE JUNE 15 TO PICK UP JIMERA, AND RETURNED TO PONAPE THURSDAY MORNING (JUNE 17).

JIMERA, A MASON CARPENTER, IS ONE OF THE 28 FILIPINOS WORKING FOR THE MICRONESIAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ON KUSAIE.

THE MASON CARPENTER WILL BE SENT TO THE PHILIPPINES FOR HOSPITALIZATION.

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(EAST-WEST CENTER CINEMA STUDY ANNOUNCED)

RARATONGA, COOK ISLANDS, JUNE 17 (MNS)---A DEGREE SCHOLAR AT THE EAST-WEST CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, FLOYD TAKEUCHI, WILL BE VISITING THE COOK ISLANDS JULY 7-14 ON A FIELD STUDY OF THE PRESENT STATUS OF MOTION PICTURES IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION.

ACCORDING TO A PEACESAT STELLITE NEWS REPORT, TAKEUCHI HOPES TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE PRESENT DISTRIBUTION OF FILMS IN THE REGION, THE KIND OF FILMS BEING SCREENED, THEATERS AND PROJECTION FACILITIES AND THE EXISTENCE OF LOCAL FILM CONTROL BOARDS THROUGH INTERVIEWS WITH MOVIE THEATER OWNERS, LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA, WHERE POSSIBLE.

THE STUDY WILL INCLUDE INFORMATION GATHERED IN AMERICAN AND WESTERN SAMOA, FIJI, THITI, NAURU, NEW CALDONIA, THE NEW HEBRIDES, PAPUA-NEW GUINEA, THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, PONAPE, TRUK, PALAU, YAP AND THE NORTHERN MARIANAS.

REPORTS FROM THE EAST-WEST CENTER INDICATE THE STUDY WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF MOTION PICTURES AS A COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA IN EXISTING INDIGENOUS CULTURAL ELEMENTS OF PACIFIC ISLANDS SOCIETIES.

TAKEUCHI, IN HIS EXTENDED TRIP THROUGH THE PACIFIC, ALSO IS PLANNING TO GATHER INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPH FROM PEACESAT (SATELLITE) TERMINALS IN MANY OF THE PACIFIC ISLAND REGIONS. HE WAS BORN IN MAJURO, MARSHALL ISLANDS. TAKEUCHI IS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY LATE THIS SUMMER, ARRIVING IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS EARLY IN OCTOBER.

(SKILLING GRADUATES WITH HONORS)

OKMUGEE, OKLAHOMA, JUNE 17 (MNS)---FOREIGN STUDENTS ARE RARE AT OKMULGEE HIGH SCHOOL IN OKLAHOMA, BUT ONE STUDENT WHO HAS TRAVELED ALMOST 10,000 MILES FROM HER HOME ISLAND OF KUSAIE RECEIVED HER DIPLOMA WITH HONORS AT THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES THERE RECENTLY.

LUCY SKILLING WENT TO THE UNITED STATES TWO YEARS AGO WHERE SHE HAS LIVED WITH MR. AND MRS. A. L. BASS IN OKMULGEE.

SHE HAS BEEN AN HONOR STUDENT AT KOMULTEE HIGH AND BEEN ACTIVE IN THE JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT, POSSIBLY ONE OF THE MORE DIFFICULT CLASSES FOR A STUDENT NOT SPEAKING ENGLISH AS A NATIVE LANGUAGE.

SHE HAS BEEN THE HEADLINE EDITOR FOR THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER, "THE TORCHLIGHT", AND RECEIVED A SPECIAL AWARD AT THE AWARDS ASSEMBLY THERE.

LUCY PLANS TO RETURN TO HER HOME SOON AND THEN TRAVEL TO HONOLULU, HAWAII, WHERE SHE PLANS TO PURSUE A DEGREE IN NURSING.

(HERE ARE SOME NEWS BRIEFS RECEIVED BY PEACESAT SATELLITE)
(OCEAN ISLAND PHOSPHATE TALKS UNDERWAY IN GILBERTS)

TARAWA, JUNE 17 (MNS)---FIVE DELEGATIONS ARRIVED JUNE 16 TO BEGIN TALKS WITH THE GILBERT ISLANDS GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE PHOSPHATE INDUSTRY ON OCEAN ISLAND. THE FIVE DELEGATIONS REPRESENTED THE BRITISH, AUSTRALIAN, AND NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENTS, THE BRITISH PHOSPHATE COMMISSION, AND THE BANABAS.

THIS IS THE SECOND MEETING ON THE PHOSPHATE INDUSTRY HELD IN THE GILBERTS DURING THE PRESENT BANABAN ISSUE OVER PHOSPHATE ROYALTIES AND THE QUESTION OF THE SEPARATION OF THE BANABAS FROM THE GILBERT ISLANDS. THE TALKS BEGAN JUNE 17 IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY IN BAIRIKI.

THE FIRST MEETING ON THE BANABAN ISSUE WAS HELD IN OCTOBER 1975, CHAIRED BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF FIJI.

(WORLD WAR II BOMBER FOUND ON TARAWA REEF)

TARAWA, JUNE 17 (MNS)---EARLIER THIS MONTH A GROUP OF DIVERS - FIVE GILBERTESE AND TWO EXPATRIATES - RECOVERED A THREE-BLADED AIRCRAFT PROPELLOR FROM THE OCEAN REEF EAST OF TARAWA IN ABOUT 20 FEET OF WATER. THE BLADES ARE FIVE FEET LONG. THERE WERE THREE SUCH PROPELLORS ON THE REEF, AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT A FOURTH IS IN DEEPER WATER, ATTACHED TO A SECTION OF THE WING OF THE ORIGINAL AIRCRAFT.

THE PROPELLOR HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY MERCER AIRLINES PILOT AS A B-24 LIBERATOR. UNCONFIRMED STORIES ABOUT THE AIRCRAFT INDICATE THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS CRIPPLED DURING A BOMBING RAID ON THE MARSHALLS IN 1944 AND WAS UNABLE TO LAND ON EITHER OF TARAWA'S TWO AIR STRIPS. IT IS REPORTED TO HAVE CRASHED ON THE REEF DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE UNITED STATES MILITARY HOSPITAL, KILLING ALL CREW MEMBERS. REPORTS INDICATE AN AMERICAN FIGHTER PLANE LIES SUBMERGED IN THE WATER NEXT TO THE B-24 LIBERATOR BOMBER.

THE UNITED STATES USED B-24'S EXTENSIVELY IN BOTH THE EUROPEAN AND PACIFIC THEATERS DURING THE LATTER STAGES OF WORLD WAR II.

(ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY TO VISIT THE SOLOMONS NEXT YEAR)
HONIARA JUNE 17 (MNS)---THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY WILL VISIT THE SOLOMON ISLANDS NEXT YEAR. HE IS THE MOST REVEREND DOCTOR DONALD COGGAN, AND HE WILL TRAVEL FIRST TO PAPUA-NEW GUINEA TO HELP CELEBRATE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE CHURCH OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA.

DR. COGGAN IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HONIARA THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH FOR THE MEETING OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC ANGLICAN COUNCIL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CHURCH OF MELANESIA, LEBLNE WILLIAMS, SAID THAT WHILE ARCHBISHOP COGGAN IS IN THE SOLOMONS HE WILL VISIT AT LEAST TWO OTHER ISLANDS BESIDES GUADALCANAL.

(FIRST SHIPMENT OF VEGETABLE OIL TO BE MADE SOON)
HONIARA, JUNE 17 (MNS)---THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF VEGETABLE OIL IS EXPECTED TO BE SENT OVERSEAS FROM HONIARA EARLY IN JULY. THE OIL IS PRODUCED AT THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY'S FACTORY ON GUADALCANAL.

THE COMPANY MANAGER SAYS ABOUT 600-METRIC TONS OF OIL WILL BE SENT ON THE FIRST AVAILABLE SHIP. IT WILL BE SENT TO LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND.

(SHORT DRESSES CAUSE FUROR IN SOLOMONS)

HONIARA, JUNE 17 (MNS)---RESIDENTS OF MALAITA, ONE OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, ARE ARGUING OVER THE SHORT SKIRTS SOME OF THE YOUNGER WOMEN ARE WEARING THESE DAYS.

IT IS REPORTED THE NEW SKIRTS ARE BECOMING VERY POPULAR AND A LOT OF WOMEN - ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER ONES - NO LONGER WANT TO WEAR LONG DRESSES.

MINISTERS AND PASTORS SAY THE SHORT SKIRTS ARE NOT TO BE WORN TO CHURCH SERVICES BECAUSE OF THE ATTRACTION THEY HAVE FOR THE MEN IN THE CONGREGATION. A NUMBER OF WOMEN DISAGREE WITH THE COMPLAINT, HOWEVER. THEY SAY THAT THE WORLD IS NOT STANDING STILL AND THINGS ARE NOT THE SAME AS THEY WERE 100 YEARS AGO.