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(FOUR COAST GUARD LORAN STATION IN TT TO CLOSE)
SAIPAN, JULY 29 (MNS) --- IN AN MNS INTERVIEW WEDNESDAY
(JULY 28) REAR ADMIRAL JAMES MOREAU, COMMANDER, 14TH COAST
GUARD DISTRICT, SAID THAT THE COAST GUARD INTENDS TO REDUCE
THEIR NUMBER OF ACTIVE LORAN STATIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY
TO ONE BY DECEMBER 31, 1977.

THERE ARE FIVE OPERATING STATIONS AT PRESENT AT EBWEYE,
ENIWETOK, ANGUAR, YAP AND SAIPAN. ONLY THE YAP STATION WILL
REMAIN ACTIVE AND THE SAIPAN STATION MAY STAY OPEN FOR OTHER
PURPOSES, MOREAU SAID.

CHANGES IN LORAN TECHNOLOGY HAS MADE THIS NECESSARY
MOREAU SAID. THE NEW "OMEGA" SYSTEM IS VASTLY SUPERIOR TO
THE OLD LORAN "A" AND "C" TECHNIQUES AND JUST A FEW OF THESE
LOW FREQUENCY "OMEGA" STATIONS CAN COVER THE ENTIRE WORLD.

ADM. MOREAU SAID THAT HE ANTICIPATES THAT THE STATION
FACILITIES TO BE CLOSED CAN BE PUT TO GOOD USE BY THE MICRONESIANS.
HE CITED THE EXAMPLE OF THE FORMER COAST GUARD STATION IN
ULITHI WHICH IS NOW PART OF THE OUTER ISLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
AND THE PRESENT USE OF THE COAST GUARD GENERATOR IN ANGUAR
TO PROVIDE POWER FOR A LOCAL FISH FREEZER.

ON YAP, THE ONLY LORAN STATION TO REMAIN IN OPERATION
BY 1978, ADM. MOREAU SAID HE WAS INTERESTED IN SEEING IMPROVED
ROADS AND POWER SYSTEM THERE AND PLEDGED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER
OF INDIGENOUS EMPLOYEES AT THE STATION.

FOR THE FUTURE, MOREAU SAID THE COAST GUARD IS WORKING
TO IMPROVE NAVIGATIONAL AIDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND WILL
CONTINUE TO MONITOR FOREIGN SHIP INTRUSIONS ON A LOW KEY
BASIS.

REITERATING A STATEMENT HE MADE TO THE DISTADS AT THEIR
CONFERENCE IN YAP LAST NOVEMBER, MOREAU SAID HE WOULD LIKE
TO SEE MICRONESIANS DEVELOP A COAST GUARD CAPABILITY OF
THEIR OWN. ACKNOWLEDGING THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE COAST GUARD,
MOREAU SAID THEY WILL ASSIST THE MICRONESIANS IN WHAT SMALL
WAY THEY CAN TO HELP THEM ACHIEVE SUCH A CAPABILITY. HE
NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY MICRONESIANS TO
ATTEND THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY, HE SAW NO BAR TO THEIR
ACCEPTANCE SINCE THERE ARE PRESENTLY MANY STUDENTS FROM
SOUTH AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

ADM. MOREAU IS ON AN INSPECTION TOUR OF ALL THE COAST
GUARD FACILITIES IN MICRONESIA.

PCV'S ARRIVE IN MICRONESIA

SAIPAN, JULY 29 (MNS) --- FORTY PEACE CORPS TRAINEES
ARRIVED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY LAST FRIDAY (JULY 23) AND ARE
PRESENTLY PARTICIPATING IN THE PEACE CORPS TRAINING PROGRAM
LEARNING LANGUAGE, CROSS-CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL TRAINING.
THE TRAINING WILL LAST SIX WEEKS.

ACCORDING TO JACK BURGESS, PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR, MICRONESIA.
23 OF THE TRAINEES ARE IN PONAPE, SEVEN IN PALAU AND YAP, AND
THE REST IN TRUK AND THE MARSHALLS. BURGESS SAID THAT THE MAJORITY
OF THOSE IN PONAPE WILL BE UB IN EDUCATION. THE WILL BE
OUTER ISLANDS HEALTH AIDS, ARCHITECTS AND IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT.
THE ONES IN PALAU WILL BE ATTACHED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION, MICRONESIAN MARICULTURE CENTER AND THE NEW FINANCE
MANAGEMENT PROJECT. IN YAP, MOST WILL BE IN EDUCATION, AND
ONE WILL BE IN FINANCE MANAGEMENT.

ACCORDING TO BURGESS, THIS NEW GROUP INCLUDED, THERE
WILL BE A TOTAL OF 177 PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS IN MICRONESIA.

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SPEAKING ABOUT PEACE CORPS NEEDS IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS,
BURGESS POINTED OUT THAT SINCE MOST OF THE VOLUNTEERS F WERE IN
EDUCATION, THE PEACE CORPS STAFF AND THE VOLUNTEERS FELT THAT
THIS NEED WAS NO LONGER FELT. HOWEVER, BURGESS ADDED THAT
IF THERE ARE OTHER AREAS OF NEED SUCH AS LAWYERS, ARCHITECTS,
ECT., THE DOOR IS NOT CLOSED. HE FURTHER INDICATED THAT THERE
IS A POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING VISTA TO SAIPAN. THE ADVANTAGE
OF VISTA IS THAT IT IS FOR ONE YEAR, AND TO BE IN VISTA
ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE AN AMERICAN, A CHAMORRO IS ELIGIBLE
FOR IT.

(RUSSIA TO HELP TONGA IN FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT)
TONGA (MNS VIA SATELLITE)---THE SOVIET UNION WILL PROVIDE
THE KINGDOM OF TONGA WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF ITS FISHERIES. G.V. ZHIGALOV, SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER OF
FISHERIES, MADE THE PROMISE LAST SATURDAY (JULY 24) BEFORE
HIS DELEGATION LEFT FOR NEW ZEALAND, ENROUTE BACK TO MOSCOW.
DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH TONGAN OFFICIALS, ZHIGALOV
TOLD KING TUPOU IV THAT THERE ARE DEFINITE POSSIBILITIES OF
COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF FISHERIES ON EQUAL AND MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL GROUNDS.

(SOLOMONS MAKE FIRST PALM OIL SHIPMENT)
HONIARA (MNS VIA SATELLITE)---THE FIRST LOAD OF PALM
OIL FROM THE SOLOMONS HAS BEEN SENT OVERSEAS. MORE THAN 600
METRIC TONS OF THE OIL WAS PUMPED INTO A WAITING SHIP TUESDAY
(JULY 27).
THE OIL HAD BEEN STORED NEAR HONIARA SINCE THE BEGINING
OF LAST MONTH WAITING FOR SHIPMENT. THE OIL IS TO BE TAKEN TO
LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND THE MANAGER OF THE PROCESSING PLANT IN
THE SOLOMONS SAYS THE COMPANY HOPES TO SHIP 800 TONS OF THE
OIL NEXT MONTH.

(GILBERTESE DANCING GROUP TO VISIT MARSHALLS)
TARAWA (MNS VIA SATELLITE)---MORE THAN 30 GILBERTESE
DANCERS AND SINGERS FROM SOUTH TARAWA HAVE DEFINITE PLANS
FOR A TOUR OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. THE FIRST SEVEN ARE EXPECTED
TO LEAVE TARAWA VIA AIR NAURU IN TWO WEEKS' TIME. TEN MORE
WILL FOLLOW LATER AND THE REST OF THE GROUP WILL JOIN THEM
IN THE MARSHALLS WITHIN A MONTH'S TIME.
THE TEAM, MADE UP OF 15 GIRLS AND 15 BOYS ARE PART OF A
GROUP OF 50 - MOSTLY TEENAGERS - KNOWN AS "NANORAOIN DE
RIKIRAKE."

(SHIP RESCUES DRIFTING NEW CALEDONIA POLICE)
NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA (MNS VIA SATELLITE)---AFTER HAVING
BEEN RESCUED BY POLICE FOLLOWING HER THEFT AND STRANDING SOME
WEEKS AGO, THE PLEASURE LAUNCH, "MARY D", RETURNED THE KINDNESS
BY PICKING UP FOUR YOUNG POLICEMEN FROM NOUMEA WHO HAD GONE
FISHING ON THEIR DAY OFF AND GOT LOST.
THE OFF-DUTY POLICEMEN'S BOAT HAD BROKEN DOWN AND THEY
WERE DRIFTING IN A HEAVY RAIN WOUALL WHEN THE "MARY D" HAPPENED
TO SEE THEIR DISTRESS SIGNAL AND PICKED THEM UP.