

(THREE BILLS BECOME LAW)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 2 (MNS) ~~TRUST~~ TRUST TERRITORY ACTING DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER JUAN A. SABLAN, HAS SIGNED THREE BILLS INTO LAW. THE BILLS WERE ENACTED BY THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HELD RECENTLY IN PONAPE. Sett
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HOUSE BILL 6-505, AN ACT TO PRESCRIBE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE OBLIGATION OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. THE BILL BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 6-111. 11

HOUSE BILL 6-518, AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$15,000 TO DEFRAY THE ~~OPERATING~~ AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMMISSION BECOME PUBLIC LAW 6-112; AND

SENATE BILL 6-409, AN ACT AMENDING PUBLIC LAW 6-87 REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND TRANSITION. THE BILL BECOMES PUBLIC LAW 6-113.

THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS SO FAR VETED ONLY ONE BILL FROM THE SPECIAL SESSION. IT IS A BILL REQUESTING AN AMOUNT OF \$30,000 TO BE USED BY AN INDEPENDENT FIRM TO AUDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FUNDED PROJECTS.

A TOTAL OF 31 BILLS FROM THE SPECIAL SESSION HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. TWENTY SEVEN MEASURES ARE STILL AWAITING NCOM ACTION.

(ADMIRAL CARROLL TO VISIT TRUK)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 2 (MNS)---REAR ADMIRAL KENT CARROLL, COMMANDER OF NAVAL FORCES MARIANAS, WILL VISIT TRUK NEXT WEEK. THE ADMIRAL WILL ARRIVE ON MOEN ON SEPTEMBER 7 AND RETURN TO GUAM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

WHILE ON TRUK, CARROLL WILL HOLD MEETINGS WITH TRUK DISTRICT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SEVERAL TRUK TRADITIONAL LEADERS. THE ADMIRAL IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE NAVY CIVIC ACTION TEAM ON DUBLON ISLAND. THE TRUK CAT TEAM IS STATIONED ON DUBLON BUT IS CONSTRUCTING A CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD AND THE NEARBY ISLAND OF FEFAN.

THE ADMIRAL WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY COMMANDER DAVID BURT AND LT. COMMANDER DAVID WETHERELL. COMMANDER BURT IS CARROLL'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT ON TRUST TERRITORY AFFAIRS. WETHERELL IS IN CHARGE OF THE NAVY SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM ON GUAM. THE TWO WILL REMAIN ON TRUK UNTIL SEPTEMBER 10 AND THEY WILL DISCUSS WITH TRUK OFFICIALS, IN DETAIL, THE CIVIC ACTION TEAM PROGRAM THERE AND SURVEILLANCE ASSISTANTS TO THE ISLANDS OF TRUK DISTRICT.

(T. I. LABOR ACT ENFORCED)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 2 (MNS)---PROTECTING THE WORKING RIGHTS OF MICRONESIAN PEOPLE IN THE PRIVATE SECTORS' EMPLOYMENT IS THE "PRIME RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LABOR DIVISION AND ITS FIVE DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICES."

C.W. GARRAT, CHIEF OF THE T. I. LABOR DIVISION, SAID MANY EMPLOYEES HAVE NOT FOLLOWED THE T. I. LABOR LAWS.

GARRAT SAID THE LABOR ACT CLEARLY INDICATES EXPLICIT STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN HIRING NONRESIDENTS. HE ADDED THAT THEIR FILES SHOW THAT THE MAJORITY OF "EMPLOYERS HAVE PLAINLY IGNORED MUCH OF THE LAW". GARRAT SAID BECAUSE OF THIS "MANY MICRONESIAN WORKERS HAVE BEEN DEPRIVED OF THEIR RIGHTS."

HE ADMITS THAT "IN CERTAIN JOB CATEGORIES, IT IS NECESSARY FOR EMPLOYERS TO HIRE ALIEN WORKERS". "BUT EVEN IN THESE CASES, THE CORRECT HIRING PROCEDURES ARE RARELY FOLLOWED."

"NO ALIEN CAN LEGALLY WORK (IN THE T. I.) WITHOUT A WORK PERMIT, AND SUCH DOCUMENTS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE CHIEF OF LABOR DIVISION BEFORE ANY ALIEN CAN BE PUT TO WORK", HE SAID.

"THIS DIVISION PREFERS TO WORK WITH EACH EMPLOYER IN A POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE MANNER AND WE SINCERELY TRUST THAT THE FEELING IS RECIPROCAL. HOWEVER, IT IS OUR PRIME RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THE WORKING RIGHTS OF ALL MICRONESIANS WHERE THE PRIVATE SECTORS ARE INVOLVED. WE INTEND TO DO SO. IT IS HOPED THAT OTHER COURSES OF ACTION WILL NOT BE NECESSARY", HE CONCLUDED.

(TROCHUS SEASON IN TRUK TO OPEN)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 2 (MNS)---ACTING DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER JUAN A. SABLAN HAS DECLARED AN OPEN SEASON FOR HARVESTING TROCHUS IN TRUK DISTRICT.

MR. SABLAN SAID THE OPEN SEASON WILL RUN FROM SEPTEMBER 4 TO SEPTEMBER 18. IN THE DECLARATION, THE ACTING DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER SAID THAT TROCHUS MAY BE HARVESTED IN ALL AREAS OF TRUK DISTRICT EXCEPT THOSE DESIGNATED AS "SANCTUARIES."

"NO TROCHUS SHALL BE TAKEN WHOSE SHELL IS LESS THAN THREE INCHES IN DIAMETER AT THE BASE", THE DECLARATION SAID. IT WAS INDICATED THAT THIS RULING WILL BE ENFORCED STRICTLY.

THE OPEN SEASON DECLARATION WAS MADE UPON REQUEST FROM TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR HITARO DANIS.

RAMON RECHEBEL, ACTING CHIEF OF T.I. MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION, SAID PONAPE AND PALAU DISTRICTS HAVE ALREADY OPENED THEIR TROCHUS SEASON. PALAU'S SEASON RAN FROM JUNE 10 TO JULY 10. PONAPE BEGAN ITS TROCHUS HARVEST FROM AUGUST 31 AND THE SEASON WILL END ON SEPTEMBER 18.

TROCHUS HARVESTED IN MICRONESIA ARE NORMALLY MARKETED IN JAPAN AND HONG KONG.

(TOURISM CONFERENCE STARTED)

TONGA, SEPT. 2 (MNS)---VIA SATELLITE)---THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE GOT UNDERWAY TODAY (SEPT. 2) AT THE DATELINE HOTEL IN TONGA.

THE NATIONS AND TERRITORIES PARTICIPATING IN THE HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE, IN ADDITION TO TONGA, INCLUDE FIJI, AMERICAN SAMOA, AUSTRALIA, GUAM, COOK ISLANDS, HAWAII, JAPAN, NAURU, NEW ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA, NORTH AMERICA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, TAHITI, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, AND WESTERN SAMOA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY IS REPRESENTED IN THE CONFERENCE BY ACTING HICOM PETER T. COLEMAN. HE IS ACCOMPANIED BY CHIEF OF TOURISM MIKE ASHMAN AND TOURISM SPECIALIST IHLEN JOSEPH.

FORMER TRUST TERRITORY HICOM EDWARD E. JOHNSTON IS ALSO ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE. HE WAS A KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND SPOKE ON THE ROLE OF PATA "IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PACIFIC ISLANDS TOURISM,"

(TAIWANESE CAPTAINS FREED)

PAPUA, NEW GUINEA, SEPT. 2 (MNS--VIA SATELLITE)---CHINESE RESIDENTS IN PORT MORESBY HAVE GONE TO THE AID OF TWO TAIWANESE CAPTAINS ARRESTED BY THE WENAK DISTRICT COURT RECENTLY AND FINED A TOTAL OF 1,600 PAPUA NEW GUINEAN DOLLARS FOR ILLEGAL FISHING IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA WATERS.

THE CHINESE RESIDENTS COLLECTED THE MONEY AND PAID THE FINE ON BEHALF OF THE TWO TAIWANESE CAPTAINS.

THE CHINESE COMMUNITY HAS ALSO PROMISED TO PROVIDE RETURN TICKETS FOR TWO MEN.

THE TWO POACHERS, NOW UNDER CUSTODY OF THE COMMANDER OF THE WENAK POLICE STATION, ARE WAITING FOR THEIR PLANE TICKETS TO FLY BACK TO TAIWAN.

ONE OF THE FREED MEN, CAPTAIN WUN CHAN YEE, SHOOK HANDS WITH WARDENS AS HE WALKED OUT OF THE BORAM PRISON. HE STOOD AT ATTENTION AND SALUTED THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA FLAG AND THE GROUP OF WARDENS.

CAPTAIN YEE LEARN PIGDIN AND WAS ABLE TO SPEAK SOME PIGDIN WORDS AS HE LEFT PRISON.