

(HEALTH SERVICES NEEDS FOR KUSAIE--ABUNDANT)
(THE ISLAND OF KUSAIE WILL BECOME A SEPARATE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT ON JANUARY 1, 1977. FRANK ROSARIO, MNS BUREAU CHIEF, IS ON KUSAIE TAKING A LOOK AT THE PREPARATION FOR FULL DISTRICT STATUS NOW TAKING PLACE THERE. THE FOLLOWING IS THE THIRD OF FIVE REPORTS ROSARIO WILL FILE FROM KUSAIE).

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KUSAIE, SEPT. 15 (MNS)---"GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE PEOPLE OF KUSAIE ARE PRETTY HEALTHY," DR. HIROSI ISMAEL, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR KUSAIE TOLD MNS.

IN AN INTERVIEW AT THE ROADSIDE OVERLOOKING THE HARBOR IN LELU VILLAGE, DR. ISMAEL TOLD MNS THAT CASES LIKE LEPROSY AND TUBERCULOSIS ARE MINIMAL AND UNDER CONTROL. THESE CASES DID NOT ORIGINATE IN KUSAIE BUT WERE BROUGHT HERE FROM THE OTHER DISTRICTS. TUBERCULOSIS HAS COME DOWN "DRAMATICALLY" WITHIN THE PAST THREE YEARS AND THE NUMBER NOW IS LESS THAN A DOZEN. "THIS IS GOOD AS COMPARED TO THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA," HE INDICATED.

DR. ISMAEL, A GRADUATE OF FIJI MEDICAL SCHOOL, IS NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE NUMBER OF TRAINED STAFF THAT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE NEW HOSPITAL WHICH IS ABOUT TO BE COMPLETED.

"AT PRESENT," HE SAID, "WE HAVE FIVE QUALIFIED STAFF NURSES AND OTHER NURSING PERSONNEL OF HIGH CALIBER PRESENTLY ON SAIPAN FROM THIS ISLAND. THERE ARE 10 FULLY QUALIFIED NURSES IN PONAPE INCLUDING NOT ONLY THE HEAD NURSE BUT THE CHIEF NURSE. WE HAVE TWO ASSISTANTS PRACTICAL NURSES IN PONAPE AND TWO ON SAIPAN.

"ALONG WITH THESE, OVER 60 PERCENT OF THE STUDENTS AT THE TRUST TERRITORY SCHOOL OF NURSING ON SAIPAN ARE FROM KUSAIE. WE ALSO HAVE NURSING STUDENTS IN THE MAINLAND. PERHAPS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF NURSING STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOLS IN THE MAINLAND ARE FROM PONAPE OF WHOM NINETY NINE PERCENT ARE FROM KUSAIE.

"SO RELATIVE TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSING," WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH PEOPLE THAT COULD FILL OUR NEEDS. "IT'S WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE THE MONEY TO HIRE THESE PEOPLE. THE QUESTION HAS TO BE ANSWERED NOW. WE ARE ASKING THAT WE BE PERMITTED TO RECRUIT EIGHT ADDITIONAL STAFF MEMBERS IN ORDER TO MEET OUR BASIC NURSING REQUIREMENT FOR THE NEW HOSPITAL," DR. ISMAEL SAID.

"PARAMEDICAL STAFF, WE HAVE THREE (OF THEM), TWO OF WHOM WILL BE GRADUATING SOON. THE OTHER GRADUATED LAST YEAR IN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY. WE HAVE A KUSAIEAN STUDENT PURSUING DENTAL COURSES IN OREGON AND FOUR STUDENTS TAKING PRE-ED COURSES IN HAWAII. HOPEFULLY ALL THESE WILL BE GRADUATING SOON AND COME BACK TO KUSAIE TO WORK."

AT THE PRESENT, THERE ARE TWO MEDICAL OFFICERS IN KUSAIE. THEY ARE DOCTOR ARTHUR SIGRAH AND DR. ISMAEL. ONE MORE MEDICAL OFFICER IS NEEDED FOR THE NEW HOSPITAL.

THE OPERATIONAL COST FOR THE HOSPITAL, DENTAL AND SANITATION SECTIONS IS CLOSE TO \$270,000. DR. ISMAEL IS ANTICIPATING AN INCREASE TO \$330,000 IN ORDER TO RUN THE NEW HOSPITAL EFFICIENTLY. THE HOSPITAL ALSO USES \$27,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROGRAMS.

"HOPEFULLY," HE COMMENTED, "WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CUT DOWN SOME OF THESE (PROGRAMS) UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) EXPERTS. BUT BY NECESSITY, THE CUTTING OF STAFF SHOULD BEGIN FROM SUPPORTING STAFF, AND IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO CUT (OUR STAFF), WE WOULD BEGIN WITH PRACTICAL AIDES AND NURSES AIDES."

ASKED WHETHER THE COMPLETION OF THE AIRPORT AND THE DOCK WOULD INCREASE THE MEDICAL PROBLEMS THERE, THE KUSAIE DOCTOR REPLIED THAT IT WILL NOT, EXCEPT FROM ONE PARTICULAR PORT-NAURU. IF THE SHIP COMES DIRECTLY FROM NAURU, SANITATION AND IMMIGRATION PERSONNEL WILL HAVE TO INSPECT NOT ONLY THE SHIP BUT THE CREWS AS WELL. BUT MOST SHIPS ARRIVE EITHER ON PONAPE OR MAJURO AND ARE INSPECTED THERE BEFORE REACHING KUSAIE.

DURING THE INTERVIEW, DR. ISMAEL ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL SEEK ONE OF THE TWO SENATE SEATS IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ALLOTTED FOR KUSAIE. HE HAS SERVED IN THAT BODY ONCE REPRESENTING KUSAIE AND PONAPE. BUT HE RESIGNED TO CONTINUE HIS MEDICAL PROFESSION. THE NATIVE KUSAIEAN DOCTOR BELIEVES THAT HE CAN DO MORE FOR KUSAIE BY BEING A POLITICIAN THAN HIS PRESENT POSITION AS A PHYSICIAN.

"I WAS PERSUADED TO ACCEPT THE CANDIDACY IN THE SENATE (BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED TIME WE HAVE) BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTESHIP AGREEMENT (IN 1981) INTO SOME FORM OF GOVERNMENT," HE POINTED OUT.

NOTING THAT KUSAIE IS THE LEAST DEVELOPED DISTRICT IN MICRONESIA AND THAT THE CONDITION OF THE ISLAND IS IN

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PRETTY BAD SHAPES, DR. ISMAEL WOULD TO GET SOME OF THE MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE ISLAND GOING. HE EXPLAINS HIS DECISION TO CHANGE JOBS THIS WAY:

"BY THE TIME WE BECOME A DISTRICT, IT WOULD BE SOMETIME IN THE MIDDLE OF 1970. WITHIN TWO AND A HALF YEARS FROM THAT DATE, MORE THAN 27 MAJOR PROJECTS (CIP) THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA WOULD BE COMPLETED BY FISCAL YEAR 1980.

"OF THE \$45 MILLION OBLIGATED FOR CIP'S IN MICRONESIA, LESS THAN \$48 MILLION REMAIN. WE HAVE NO AIRPORT, NO DOCK, THE CONDITIONS OF OUR ROADS ARE BAD, OUR WATER IS NOT GOOD, NO SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT, THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX IN OUR NEW CAPITAL OF KUSAIE HASN'T BEEN TOUCHED. THERE ARE MILLIONS OF THINGS TO BE DONE."

"THEREFORE, WHETHER I STICK TO MY PROFESSION AND TREAT FIVE TO 10 PEOPLE A DAY, OR DO SOMETHING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WHOLE POPULATION INCLUDING THE FUTURE OF THE PEOPLE OF KUSAIE, WOULD BE A QUESTION WHICH WOULD MAKE ME BELIEVE THAT I COULD CONTRIBUTE MORE WHERE THE TOTAL CONCERN OF THE PEOPLE OF KUSAIE IS CONCERNED RATHER THAN LIMITING MYSELF TO MY SURGERY."

DR. ISMAEL POINTED OUT THAT HE HAS NOTIFIED DR. MASAO KUMANGAI, TT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES; AND DR. EIDEL PRETRICK, POUAPE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, THAT HE WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT NEXT YEAR -- CONTINGENT UPON THE RESULT OF THE UPCOMING ELECTION. BUT HE IS A SHOO-IN FOR THE SENATE'S SEAT IN KUSAIE SINCE THERE ARE ONLY TWO CANDIDATES FOR THOSE TWO SEATS. THE OTHER CANDIDATE IS JOAB SIGRAH, A PRESENT MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DR. ISMAEL IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE OF KUSAIE AS A DISTRICT. "THIS DISTRICT WOULD BE VERY AGGRESSIVE. WE HAVE ONE ISLAND SO WE WOULDN'T BE HAVING PROBLEMS LIKE TRANSPORTATION TO THE OUTER ISLANDS. WE SHOULD DEVELOP FAIRLY RAPIDLY IN ALL PHASES OF LIFE."

(TT SAYS CONGRESS AUDIT BILL LEGITIMATELY VETOED)

SAPLAN, SEPT. 15 (UPI) --- ACTING DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER JUAN A. SABLAN TODAY STATED THAT THE VETO OF H.R. 6-385, AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION TO AID THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, WILL STAND DESPITE A CONTROVERSY OVER THE TIMING OF THE VETO.

IN A LETTER TO THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS, SABLAN DENIED THE CONTENTION PUT FORTH BY THE ACTING LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, DANA SMITH, THAT THE VETO WAS "INEFFECTIVE" BECAUSE IT WAS ACTED ON AFTER THE THIRTY DAY PERIOD ALLOWED BY SECRETARIAL ORDER FOR VETO HAD EXPIRED. SABLAN STATED IN HIS LETTER THAT THE THIRTY DAY PERIOD BEGINS WHEN THE BILL IS "FORMALLY PRESENTED TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HIS SIGNATURE."

CITING LEGAL PRECEDENCE, SABLAN'S LETTER POINTED OUT THAT AN OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION OF SECTION 13 OF THE SECRETARIAL ORDER DEALING WITH THE PRESENTATION OF A BILL TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS MADE BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN 1971 AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MEMORANDUM STATED THAT THE PRESENTATION OF A BILL MUST BE IN SUCH A MANNER THAT WILL AFFORD THE HIGH COMMISSIONER REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO INSPECT AND CONSIDER IT. THE 1971 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MEMORANDUM ALSO STATED THAT "THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH LEGISLATION BECOMING LOST OR MISLAID IN TRANSIT OF HANDLING IS VERY REAL. SUCH POSSIBILITIES THREATEN TO LIMIT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S VETO POWER."

SMITH HAD CONTENDED THAT A MEMORANDUM SIGNED BY ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN ON JULY 21, DESIGNATING THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR DISTRICT AFFAIRS, J. BOYD MACKENZIE "TO TRANSMIT AND RECEIVE ALL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION," PLACED THE DATE OF PRESENTATION TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE AT 32 DAYS BEFORE RECEIPT OF THE VETO MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, OUTSIDE THE 30 DAYS ALLOWED BY SECRETARIAL ORDER.

SABLAN, HOWEVER, POINTED OUT THAT COLEMAN'S MEMORANDUM WAS NOT INTENDED TO MODIFY OR AMEND THE STATUTORY SECTION OF THE SECRETARIAL ORDER PROVIDING FOR THE PHYSICAL PRESENTATION OF BILLS TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. SABLAN FURTHER STATED THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS NO AUTHORITY TO REPEAL OR AMEND ANY PROVISIONS OF SECRETARIAL ORDERS OR IN THE TT CODE.

IN THE ORIGINAL VETO MESSAGE, ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER COLEMAN HAD STATED THAT THE REASON FOR THE VETO OF THE CONGRESSIONAL AUDIT BILL WAS NOT BECAUSE OF ANY DISAGREEMENT WITH THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATION ONLY THAT THE U.S.

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COMPTROLLER IN GUAM WAS THE PROPER BODY TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT AND IN ORDER TO AVOID A DUPLICATION OF EFFORT AND SAVE THE \$30,000 AUTHORIZED BY THE MEASURE.

(ENERGY FLIGHT TO PALAU)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 15 (MNS)---AN AIR FORCE WEATHER 54TH SQUADRON C130 AIRCRAFT WAS DISPATCHED TUESDAY (SEPT. 14) TO EVACUATE A FOUR-YEAR OLD BOY INJURED IN A CAR ACCIDENT IN PALAU TO GUAM.

DR. SHELDON SHARPE, A NAVAL AIR STATION FLIGHT SURGEON, FLEW ON THE AIR FORCE PLANE TO PALAU TO BRING THE INJURED BOY TO GUAM. THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS REPORTED THAT HE WAS IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION AT THE GUAM NAVAL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.

WE SAID IT LAST WEEK WHEN A SIMILAR JOB HAD TO BE DONE ON TINIAN AND WE'LL SAY IT AGAIN THIS WEEK AND WE'LL CONTINUE TO SAY IT AS LONG AS THERE ARE PEOPLE READING MNS. THANK YOU GENTLEMEN FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

(CALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(NEW COY ATTORNEYS)

SAIPAN --SEPTEMBER 15, 1976 (CONGRESS RELEASED)---TWO NEW STAFF ATTORNEYS HAVE JOINED THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, ACCORDING TO ACTING LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL DANA SMITH.

THEY ARE: ARTHUR NGIRAKELSON, 35, A MICRONESIAN CITIZEN, WHO GRADUATED IN 1974 FROM RUTGERS UNIVERSITY WITH A DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE IN 1974, AND BRAD A. COATES, 23, A 1976 GRADUATE OF THE LAW SCHOOL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES.

NGIRAKELSON IS A PERMANENT STAFF EMPLOYEE, AND COATES HAS BEEN HIRED TO FILL A POSITION LEFT VACANT BY AN ATTORNEY WHO IS ON LEAVE ATTENDING SCHOOL OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, ACCORDING TO SMITH.

NGIRAKELSON EARNED HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI IN 1967, AND HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII IN 1966.

AFTER RECEIVING HIS M.A. DEGREE, NGIRAKELSON WORKED IN THE U.S. AS A COLLEGE RECRUITER AND LATER AS A CROSS-CULTURAL CONSULTANT TO THE PEACE CORPS.

MORE RECENTLY, HE WORKED WITH THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIAN ON A TEMPORARY BASIS DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION IN PONAPE. AND PRIOR TO THAT HE WAS RECRUITED FROM THE U.S. TO WORK AS AN ATTORNEY WITH THE 1975 MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WHERE HE SERVED AS COUNSEL TO THE CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE.

AFTER THE CONVENTION, HE WAS DETAILED TO WORK ON CONCON RELATED MATTERS FOR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DURING ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION THIS YEAR, AND HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND REGULAR, AND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE SIXTH PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE.

COATES HAS DONE UNDERGRADUATE WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, ENGLAND AND RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN HISTORY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN 1973. FROM MARCH TO AUGUST OF 1975, HE WAS A UCLA LAW INTERN ASSIGNED TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

DURING HIS PREVIOUS TENURE WITH THE CONGRESS, COATES ALSO WORKED AS LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO THE YAP DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, AND SERVED AS LEGAL STAFF FOR THE CONCON SERVING ON THE GENERAL PROVISIONS COMMITTEE.

COATES, WHO MAKES HIS HOME IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WAS CLERKING WITH THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN THAT CITY PRIOR TO HIS RECRUITMENT.