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1. Chase Manhattan closes on Saipan
2. TT Education receives grant
3. 3 COM candidates withdraw from race - 2 Palau 1 Marshall

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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA FOR PAC. ISL. MONTHLY
(CHASE MANHATTAN CLOSE ON SAIPAN)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 22 (MNS)---THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK
OPERATION ON SAIPAN HAS CLOSED ITS OFFICE ON SAIPAN, THE
SAIPAN WEEKLY NEWSPAPER MARIANAS VARIETY REPORTED THIS
WEEK.

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"THE CLOSURE OF THE BANK'S OFFICE, FORMERLY LOCATED
IN THE SAIPAN PROFESSIONAL CENTER, WAS CONFIRMED BY
FRANCISCO T. ULUDONG, THE BANK'S MARKETING REPRESENTATIVE
IN THE MARIANAS AND MICRONESIA.

ULUDONG SAID THAT HE WAS INFORMED TWO MONTHS AGO BY
THE BANK'S GUAM BRANCH TO CLOSE THE OFFICE BECAUSE CHASE
IS LOSING MONEY AND WANTS TO CUT OFF ALL MARGINAL OPERATIONS.

THE CHASE'S CLOSURE STILL LEAVES SAIPAN AND THE
MARIANAS WITH FIVE LENDING INSTITUTIONS, BANK OF AMERICA,
BANK OF HAWAII, CALIFORNIA FIRST BANK, CITICORP AND AMERICAN
SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION. IT IS ALSO REPORTED THAT
THE BANK OF GUAM WILL BE ESTABLISHING A BRANCH IN SAIPAN
SOON."

2 (EDUCATION RECEIVE GRANT)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 22 (MNS)---T.T. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
HAS RECEIVED A \$10,000 GRANT FROM THE U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION
UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ACT OF 1970,
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DAVID RAMARUI HAS ANNOUNCED. THE GRANT
WAS THE RESULT OF A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED IN LATE 1975 IN OPEN
COMPETITION WITH STATES, AND LOCAL AGENCIES, AND THE AWARD

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WAS ONE OF FORTY-FOUR SUCH GRANTS SELECTED.

THE PROPOSAL CALLS FOR THREE-DAY CONVOCATIONS, OR SEMINARS,
TO BE HELD IN MAJURO, PONAPE, AND PALAU, OR, IF NOT POSSIBLE,
IN ALTERNATE DISTRICTS ONE CONVOCATION PER SITE, INVOLVING
AS MANY AS THREE HUNDRED PERSONS.

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONVOCATIONS ARE TO BETTER

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UNDERSTAND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLE AND THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, TO STIMULATE INTEREST AND CREATE POSITIVE ATTITUDES IN THE STUDY OF ECOLOGICAL RELATIONSHIPS, TO BROADEN CONCEPTS ABOUT THE NATURE OF HUMAN BEINGS LIVING IN THEIR PHYSICAL WORLD, AND TO DISTRIBUTE MATERIALS FOR USE IN THE SCHOOLS AND BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT. A REPORT OF THE CONVOCATIONS AND THEIR RESULTS WILL BE PUBLISHED.

THE CONVOCATIONS, WHICH WILL INCLUDE FILMS, ON-SITE RESEARCH, AND DISCUSSIONS, WILL BE LED BY PERSONS FROM THREE U.S. INSTITUTIONS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, NO REIMBURSEMENT, AND AT THE DISCRETION OF THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND AGREEMENT WITH DISTRICT OFFICIALS WHERE CONVOCATIONS WILL BE HELD.

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3 (THREE COM CANDIDATES WITHDRAW FROM RACES)

SAIPAN, SEPT 22 (MNS)---THREE CANDIDATES WHO FILED NOMINATION PAPERS FOR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ELECTIONS WILL NOT BE IN THE NOVEMBER BALLOT.

NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR JACKSON NGIRAINGAS AND ISAAC SOALADAOB HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY THE PALAU ELECTION COMMISSIONER BECAUSE THEY DO NOT MEET LEGAL REQUIREMENTS IN THE TT ELECTION LAW. THIS ACTION LEAVES KALEB UDUI, PRESENT LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL FOR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, AND POLYCARP BASILIUS RUNNING UNOPPOSED IN THAT DISTRICT. UDUI IS RUNNING FOR THE SENATE SEAT NOW BEING HELD BY LAZARUS SALII AND BASILIUS IS HOLDING ON TO HIS PRESENT SEAT IN THE CONGRESS.

IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT, TONY JETNIL HAS WITHDRAWN HIS CANDIDACY FOR A NEW CONGRESSIONAL SEAT FOR THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT, LEAVING IMADA KABUA, RUBEN ZACKHRAS, JACK AKEANG, AND TIPNE PHILIPPO STILL IN THE RACE.

OTHER DISTRICTS HAVE NOT REPORTED ANY CHANGES IN THEIR CONGRESSIONAL RACES.

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(MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTION'S CALLS FOR INDEPENDENCE--MANHARD)
TRUK, SEPT. 23 (MNS) ~~IF~~ IF THE CONSTITUTION
(CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA),
AS IT IS NOW DRAFTED, IS APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE OF
MICRONESIA, THAT MEANS MICRONESIA WILL BE INDEPENDENT,"
SAID AMBASSADOR PHILIP M. MANHARD. MANHARD IS THE DEPUTY
U. S. REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.

IN AN INTERVIEW ON TRUK SEPTEMBER 18, MANHARD, ON
AN ORIENTATION TRIP THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA, SAID IF THAT
HAPPENS, THEN THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION CANNOT BE
PURSUED BY THE MICRONESIAN AND U. S. NEGOTIATING TEAMS
BECAUSE THE TWO DOCUMENTS (COMPACT AND CONSTITUTION "CANNOT
EXIST TOGETHER AT THE SAME TIME."

ASKED TO EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCES THAT IS EXIST
BETWEEN THE U. S. AND THE MICRONESIAN NEGOTIATORS SINCE
THE LAST ROUND OF TALKS WHICH CONCLUDED IN MAY THIS YEAR,
MANHARD SAID THERE ARE TWO "MAJOR" ARTAS. ONE IS THE
QUESTION OF HOW THE U. S. ASSISTANCE COULD BE DIVIDED
AMONG THE DISTRICTS AND THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND THE
OTHER IS THE MARINE RESOURCES AREA IN RELATION TO THE
LAW OF THE SEA.

CONCERNING THE LATTER, THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT
BOTH SIDES ARE NOT SURE WHAT THE POSITION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE WOULD BE. "WE
NEED TO WAIT FOR THE RESULTS OF THE LAW OF THE SEA
CONFERENCE, WHICH WAS HELD RECENTLY IN NEW YORK, AND
THEN FORMULATE OUR POSITIONS," HE SAID.

ASKED ABOUT THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES
CONCERNING THE GROWING INTEREST IN THE PALAU AND THE
MARSHALLS DISTRICT FOR SEPARATE STATUS TALKS, MANHARD
REPEATED THE U. S. POSITION THAT IT WOULD BE MORE
"DESIRABLE" IF THE U. S. COULD NEGOTIATE FOR THE FUTURE
OF ALL OF MICRONESIA.

"THE BASIC IDEA OF THE COMPACT IS TO SETTLE AND
CLEAR THE RELATIONSHIP OF ALL THE DISTRICTS IN MICRONESIA
WITH THE UNITED STATES AND NOT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THE DISTRICTS AND THE CENTRAL REGIME," HE DECLARED.

UNITY OF MICRONESIA IS NOT ONLY "USEFUL" AND
"CONSTRUCTIVE" RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DISTRICTS AND
THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BUT A "RELATIONSHIP WHICH CAN
PROTECT AND GIVE ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION TO THE SPECIFIC
NEEDS AND DESIRES OF EACH DISTRICT."

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO WHY THE UNITED
STATES AGREED TO NEGOTIATE SEPARATELY WITH THE MARIANAS
AND NOT THE PALAU AND MARSHALLS DISTRICTS, WHO HAVE
INDICATED INTERESTS IN NEGOTIATING SEPARATELY, THE
AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANAS HAVE LONG DESIRED TO BE A PART OF THE AMERICAN
POLITICAL FAMILY IN A COMMONWEALTH TYPE OF GOVERNMENT.
AT THE SAME TIME, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT
COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS WANTED A DIFFERENT RELATIONSHIP--
THAT OF FREE ASSOCIATION. THE PEOPLE OF PALAU, ACCORDING
TO AMBASSADOR MANHARD, WANTS A RELATIONSHIP WHICH IS
"MUCH CLOSER TO THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION."

MANHARD TOLD THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE IN TRUK
THAT 1981 IS "ONLY A TARGET DATE" FOR THE TERMINATION
OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT. THE PROPOSED DATE WAS
SUGGESTED BY THE MICRONESIAN SIDE AND ACCEPTED BY THE
U. S. NEGOTIATORS. SAYING THAT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO
MAKE MICRONESIA SELF-SUFFICIENT WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD
OF TIME, MANHARD EMPHASIZED THAT 1981 IS "ONLY A TARGET
DATE".

AMBASSADOR MANHARD IS PRESENTLY IN PONAPE DISTRICT
WHERE HE PLANS TO MEET WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND
DISTRICT AND TRADITIONAL LEADERS

SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE. HE RETIRED IN OCTOBER 1968 AFTER WORKING AT THE TT HEADQUARTERS ON SAIPAN AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS STRIK YOMA SAID THE DEATH OF HALVORSEN IS A BIG "LOSS OF GREAT TEACHER FOR MANY PONAPEANS".

"I BELIEVE THAT MANY PRESENT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO WERE ONCE STUDENTS OF MR. HALVORSEN OWE HIM A DEPT OF GRATITUDE FOR HIS UNDERSTANDING HELP AND WISE COUNSEL DURING THEIR FORMATIVE YEARS," YOMA SAID IN HIS CABLE TO SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

"LOOKING BACK OVER THE YEARS, I CANNOT HELP BUT RECALL THE MANY HOURS OF LABOR AND THE UNSTINTING HELPING HAND GIVEN TO THE MANY OF US WHO WERE SO ILL PREPARED, OR TOTALLY UNPREPARED, TO UNDERTAKE EVEN AN EIGHT GRADE EDUCATION. ALL OF THIS HAD TO BE DONE WITH A MEAGER BUDGET AND A HOPELESSLY UNDERSTAFFED ORGANIZATION, BUT SOMEWHAT WE MANAGED TO PULL THROUGH THE UNTIRING LEADERSHIP OF HAL."

"THE PASSING OF HALVORSEN MARKS THE END OF A GENERATION OF TRULY HUMANITARIAN AND UNDERSTANDING ADMINISTRATORS WHO UNSELFISHLY DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO MICRONESIAN INTERESTS AND WELL-BEING. BUT I ALSO KNOW FROM MANY, MANY INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS THAT MR. HALVORSEN WAS MORE THAN THAT."

AS A DEDICATED, LOYAL AMERICAN, HE HAD SERVED HIS COUNTRY HONORABLY, STARTING IN THE U.S. NAVY AS A YOUNG NAVAL OFFICER UNTIL HIS DISCHARGE FROM THE NAVY IN 1946. HE ALSO SERVED CREDITABLY AS EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR IN PONAPE, AS DISTAD YAP, TRUK, AND FINALLY DISTAD PONAPE UNTIL HE RETIRED IN 1968.

"MR. HALVORSEN WAS A MAN OF VISION AND DREAMS. NOT ONLY DID HE FALL IN LOVE WITH THE ISLANDS AND DECIDE TO ADOPT MICRONESIA AS HIS SECOND HOME, BUT HE ALSO COMMITTED HIS WHOLE LIFE TO ONE DREAM: THAT WHATEVER THE FUTURE OF THESE ISLANDS MAY BE, IT WOULD BE SUCH THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE AMERICAN FLAG TO CONTINUE TO FLY SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE MICRONESIAN FLAG TO SYMBOLIZE A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION THAT IS PERMANENT AND EVERLASTING."

"AS IS TYPICAL OF THE MAN, HE DID NOT SAY THIS IN SO MANY WORDS. HE JUST ASKED THAT IT WOULD BE IN MICRONESIA WHERE ETERNAL PEACE WOULD COME TO HIM."

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR HALVORSEN WERE CONDUCTED LAST SUNDAY (SEPT. 19). HE FIRST CAME TO PONAPE DISTRICT AS THE NAVY'S NATIVE AFFAIRS OFFICER IN SEPTEMBER 1946 AFTER TRAINING AT THE SCHOOL OF NAV&E ADMINISTRATION (SONA 1) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STANFORD, CALIFORNIA, THE SAME YEAR. HE SAW ACTION IN THE PACIFIC THEATRE, DURING THE WAR.

HALVORSEN RECEIVED A 10 YEAR SERVICE AWARD IN 1957 AND A 20 YEAR SERVICE AWARD IN 1962. HE ALSO RECEIVED A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERLOA SERVICE AWARD PIN FOR 20 YEARS OF SERVICE.

(EDUCATION GRANT RECEIVED)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 23 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS RECEIVED A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,732 FROM THE U.S. OFFICE OF EDUCATION, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DAVID RATARUI ANNOUNCED.

THE GRANT, FUNDED UNDER THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965, AMENDED, IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING MICRONESIAN COLLEGE STUDENTS THROUGH SPECIAL SERVICES, SUCH AS TUTORING, COUNSELING, REMEDIAL COURSES, CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACTIVITIES, FINANCIAL AID PLANNING, ETC.

THE PROJECT IS TITLED MICRO, WHICH STANDS FOR MICRONESIANS IN COLLEGE REACHING OUTWARD.

THE FUNDING RECEIVED IS FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF A THREE YEAR PLAN. FIRST YEAR ACTIVITIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH THREE MAINLAND INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE OF OREGON AND WILL ASSIST APPROXIMATELY 130 MICRONESIAN COLLEGE STUDENTS IN THE THREE INSTITUTIONS.

THE PROJECT HAS AN "OUT-REACH" COMPONENT THAT WILL OFFER SERVICE TO A GREATER NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN THE OREGON-WASHINGTON AREA, DURING THE FIRST YEAR, AND IN A WIDER GEOGRAPHIC AREA IF CONTINUED INTO SECOND AND THIRD YEAR OPERATIONS.

THE FOCUS OF THE SECOND YEAR, HOWEVER, WILL BE ON STUDENT SERVICE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA AND THE MICRONESIAN OCCUPATIONAL CENTER. FOR THE THIRD YEAR IT WILL BE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF STUDENT SERVICES COMPONENTS IN THE DISTRICTS. FIRST YEAR ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE ALL THREE YEARS, SECOND YEAR ACTIVITIES TWO YEAR, GIVEN FAVORABLE FUNDING.

THE PROJECT IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE FUNDED FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY.