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WINKEL'S CONFIRMATION DELAYED

SAIPAN, MAY 24 (MNS)---HIGH COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE ADRIAN WINKEL SAID TUESDAY (MAY 24) THAT ACTION ON HIS CONFIRMATION BY THE U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES HAS BEEN DELAYED UNTIL WEDNESDAY (MAY 25) TRUST TERRITORY TIME.

WINKEL MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AT HIS FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE IN MICRONESIA. HE SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW THE CAUSE OF THE 24-HOUR DELAY. HE WAS INFORMED OF IT IN A DISPATCH FROM THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE ARRIVED ON SAIPAN MONDAY MORNING (MAY 23) TO MEET "INFORMALLY AND UNOFFICIALLY" WITH HEADQUARTERS STAFF EMPLOYEES. HE WILL LEAVE FRIDAY TO PREPARE FOR THE ANNUAL TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HEARINGS WHICH BEGIN JUNE SIXTH.

WINKEL ANNOUNCED IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HIS PRINCIPAL PLAN IS TO "WORK WITH THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA AND THE PEOPLE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT TO MAKE THE GOVERNMENT AS EFFECTIVE AND AS PRODUCTIVE AS POSSIBLE IN THE SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA."

ASKED WHETHER HE HAS ANYBODY IN MIND FOR THE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER'S POSITION, THE FORMER CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTANT REPLIED THAT HE INTENDS TO BIDE HIS TIME IN ARRIVING AT A DECISION. HE SAID THE INTERIOR SECRETARY WILL GIVE HIS CHOICE FOR THE POST "SUBSTANTIAL CONSIDERATION".

HE SAID HE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE "MORE DESIRABLE" TO APPOINT A MICRONESIAN DEPUTY BECAUSE "IT MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO BE EVEN MORE REFLECTIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE."

"THAT PREMISE IS BASED UPON FINDING A QUALIFIED" MICRONESIAN, WINKEL SAID. HE ADDED THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LEADERSHIP EXPRESSED A THOUGHT THAT A MICRONESIAN DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER "WOULD BE A BENEFIT IN EVERY RESPECT" TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. WINKEL NOTED THAT HE WILL GIVE THOROUGH CONSIDERATION OF ALL QUALIFIED MICRONESIANS FOR THE JOB. "I DO INTEND TO PROCEED WITH DUE SPEED BUT NOT WITH UNDUE HASTE," HE POINTED OUT.

(FIRST GIS LEAVE FOR ENEWETAK JOB)

SAIPAN, MAY 24 (MNS)---THE FIRST 65 ARMY ENGINEERS FROM SCHOFIELD BARRACKS IN HONOLULU WILL LEAVE WEDNESDAY (MAY 24, HONOLULU TIME) FOR ENEWETAK TO START A CLEANUP PROJECT THAT WILL TAKE UP TO THREE YEARS.

MEN OF THE 84TH ENGINEERING BATTALION ATTENDED BRIEFINGS ON WEARING ANTICONTAMINATION SUITS WHEN THEY WORK ON ISLETS AT ENEWETAK STILL "HOT" 19 YEARS AFTER THE NUCLEAR TESTING WAS CONDUCTED THERE.

ABOUT 350 MEN OF THE 84TH AND OTHER MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL HEAD FOR THE ATOLL LATER THIS YEAR.

CAPTAIN CHARLES DAY, REPRESENTING THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY, SAID THE FIRST CONTINGENT WILL HEAD FOR ENEWETAK ATOLL AND LATER SET UP A BASE FOR OPERATIONS AT LOJWA, A BARREN ISLET IN THE NORTHEAST AREA OF THE LARGE LAGOON.

THEY WILL BUILD FACILITIES FOR OTHER SOLDIERS WHO WILL WORK IN DECONTAMINATION TEAMS TO CLEAR UP SOME 7,300 CUBIC YARDS OF RADIOACTIVE SCRAP.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM J. MILLER, A CHEMICAL OFFICER WITH THE 25TH DIVISION, LECTURED THE TROOPS ON THE GEAR THEY WILL WEAR, INCLUDING HOODS, COTTON COVER-ALLS, GLOVES AND GALOSHES.

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SOME 80 NATIVES OF ENENETAK, WHO HAD LIVED ON UJELANG SINCE 1948, HAVE RETURNED TO JAPTAN, ONE OF THE INHABITABLE ISLANDS OF THE ATOLL.

JAPTAN WILL BE OFF-LIMITS TO THE SCHOFIELD SOLDIERS, DAY SAID.

THE CLEANUP CREWS WILL TRAVEL VIA AIR FORCE MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND AIRCRAFT FROM HICKAM IN HONOLULU. EQUIPMENT WILL BE TRANSPORTED BY SHIP.

A MAJOR TASK IN THE \$20 MILLION DEFENSE DEPARTMENT PHASE OF THE JOB WILL BE TO BURY "HOT" SCRAP IN AN OLD BLAST CRATER AND CAP IT WITH CEMENT.

THIS SITE IS RUNIT ISLET WHERE A NUCLEAR DEVICE CONTAINING PLUTONIUM DID NOT CHAIN REACT BUT WAS BLOWN UP BY ITS TRIGGERING DEVICE. THE RADIOACTIVE DUST SETTLED OVER 79,000 CUBIC YARDS OF CONTAMINATED SOIL.

SOLDIERS WILL NEED TO WEAR SPECIAL SUITS WHEN WORKING IN THIS ENVIRONMENT.

ANOTHER 125,000 CUBIC YARDS OF SCRAP IS NOT RADIOACTIVE AND THE KOLAR CORPORATION OF HONOLULU WAS THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER TO OBTAIN THIS JUNK METAL.

(YAP LEGISLATURE ENDORSES DEVELOPMENT PLAN)

YAP, MAY 24 (MNS)---THE YAP DISTRICT LEGISLATURE ADOPTED THIS WEEK A RESOLUTION OFFICIALLY ENDORSING THE YAP DISTRICT FIVE-YEAR INDICATIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DRAFTED RECENTLY BY THE UNDP EXPERTS, KEY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, AND OTHER DISTRICT LEADERS.

THE RESOLUTION STATED THAT THE LEGISLATURE FOR THE PAST WEEKS HAS SPENT SEVERAL HOURS EACH DAY IN CONDUCTING AN INTENSIVE REVIEW OF THE PLAN. AS A RESULT OF SUCH REVIEW, THE LEGISLATURE FOUND ITSELF "IN SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE PLAN'S SPECIFIC PROPOSALS," ACCORDING TO YAP PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER WILLIE GORONGFEL.

THE RESOLUTION STATES THAT THE PLAN IS VITAL AND ITS OBJECTIVES ARE SO NOBLE THAT IT WARRANTS THE ENDORSEMENT OF THE LEGISLATURE.

THE LEGISLATURE ALSO ADOPTED ANOTHER RESOLUTION THIS WEEK REQUESTING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICE, MARINE RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE DIVISIONS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEP TO INSURE A PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN.

PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE PLAN, THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR WAS REQUESTED TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN TO THE FULLEST EXTENT, THE RESOLUTION ADDED.

(TIT STUDENTS RECEIVE DEGREES)

SAIPAN, MAY 24 (MNS)---EIGHTEEN MICRONESIAN STUDENTS RECEIVED THEIR DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM DURING SPRING 1977, ACCORDING TO T. T. STUDENT ASSISTANCE OFFICER TERRY EDVALSON.

ALEX R. NGIRANGAS AND ABEDNEKO A. RDIALUL, BOTH OF PALAU, RECEIVED ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREES IN POLICE SCIENCE.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREES WERE GIVEN TO HENRY K. PANGELINAN AND PAUL K. PANGELINAN, BOTH FROM THE MARIANAS, WHO STUDIED CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING RESPECTIVELY.

DAIS F. ALOKA (SOCIOLOGY, KOSRAE), FLAVIAN CARLOS (POLITICAL SCIENCE, PALAU), JACK ITO (MATHEMATICS, PALAU), AND NICHOLAS J. RECHEBEI (GENERAL SOCIAL SCIENCE, PALAU) RECEIVED BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREES.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN EDUCATION DEGREES WERE CONFERRED UPON MARGARET C. CABEREA (SPECIAL EDUCATION, CUM LAUDE, MARIANAS), HERNER P. FREDERICK (ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, PONAPE), INGKELLY H. LEBENN (ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, PONAPE), JONA J. ROBERT (ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, MARSHALLS), AND JOHNNY P. SABINO (GENERAL SOCIAL SCIENCE SECONDARY, PONAPE).

PILIKA K. PALIK (KOSRAE), EDWARD C. SABLAN (MARIANAS), TIMOTHY E. SEMUDA (PONAPE), BARBARA J. TELLEI (PALAU), AND LORINDA WENTY (PALAU), ALL RECEIVED BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREES IN MANAGEMENT.

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