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NORWOODS TO ATTEND TUNA BOAT CHRISTENING CEREMONY IN PALAU

Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands - -
June 2, - - * Acting High Commissioner and Mrs. William R. Norwood
are scheduled to make their first official visit to the other districts
of the Territory today, when they leave for Palau District to attend
the christening and launching ceremony of the recently built 75-foot
Hawaiian-type tuna fishing vessel slated to be held on June 4 at the
Malakal Boatyard in Koror.

As an experimental project to prove the effectiveness of the
Hawaiian-type tuna fishing boat, the vessel was built by the Palau
Boatbuilders Association under the direction of Trust Territory Boat-
building Specialist Kiyoshi Matsumoto of Hawaii. The project also
afforded members of the Palau Boatbuilders Association the opportunity
to learn new methods and techniques of building larger craft, especially
the Hawaiian-type fishing vessel which has a sturdy hull and carries
a smaller crew as compared with the Japanese or Okinawan type.

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Believed to be the largest ocean craft built in the Trust Territory since the war, the 75-foot vessel has been named the Emeraech, meaning Morning Star in the Palauan vernacular.

While en route to Palau, the Norwoods will make a brief stop at Yap where they will meet briefly with members of the District Administration staff and local dignitaries.

After the ceremony Mr. Norwood will catch the Coast Guard flight on Tuesday, June 7, to Guam where he will pay courtesy calls on Governor Manuel Guerrero and Rear Admiral Horace Bird. Mrs. Norwood will remain in Koror until Friday, June 10, and return to Saipan on the regular Trust Territory DC-4 flight.

The Acting High Commissioner is expected to return to Saipan on June 9.

Mr. Norwood said he plans to visit the other districts of the Trust Territory "at the earliest possible opportunity."

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