Ex-House officials in labor complaints

by Rafael H. Arroyo

A former high-ranking official of the Seventh House of Representatives the other week got off the hook from a labor case filed against him by three former employees, even as another former House official got into trouble with some 139 of his workers who yesterday filed a labor complaint against him at the Division of Labor.

Guerrero considers scheme to preempt IG audit

by Rafael H. Arroyo

Governor Lorenzo I. DL. Guerrero recently aired his approval on a recommendation to seek the assistance of the US Internal Revenue Service and once and for all resolve the ongoing conflict with the US Inspector General over the audit of the CNMI local tax system.

In a letter dated May 14, 1992, Guerrero disclosed plans by the administration to apply for federal tax administration advisory services (TAA/S) in another effort to remove the IG audit issue from the courts.

Earlier, Senator Juan S. Torres suggested that the CNMI government could ask the US Internal Revenue Service to consult into the Commonwealth's tax system in order to satisfy the Inspector General's interest in the tax administration functions of the local government.

In a letter to Governor Guerrero, Torres said the ongoing legal tussle between the CNMI and the federal government at the US District Court could be resolved by such a scheme without the former necessarily giving up its rights to self-government as bilaterally decided and acknowledged by the Covenant.

According to Section 105 of the Covenant, before any US law is made applicable to the Commonwealth, prior consultation must be made.

Babauta asks Congress for NMC endowment and $27.7M funding

by Rafael H. Arroyo

CNMI Resident Representative to the United States Juan N. Babauta last week urged the US Congress to authorize the CNMI government to receive $3 million endowment for the Northern Marianas College, even as he stressed that the current-level appropriation of $27.7 million for the Commonwealth could be maintained for the fiscal year 1992.

Appearing before the House Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations, Babauta sought legislative action on a provision in the recently enacted Omnibus Insular Areas Act of 1992, now known as US Public Law 102-247, that authorized the $3 million endowment for the college.

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"The twin focus of the plan are the conservation of the quality of our island environment and increasing local food production to reduce dependence on imports—extremely worthwhile goals. I hope you will carefully consider endowing the College," he said.

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Academy bells up for 21 with new firefighters

By Rafael H. Arroyo

Some twenty-one new firefighters will soon beef up the Corona del Mar Fire Academy and begin the basic boot camp of the Commonwealth's largest fire service.

The trainees went through seven weeks of training to become international and national level certified firefighters.

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Military chief wants vote count to continue

By EILEEN GUERRIERO
Associated Press Writer

HAGATNA, Guam, May 14- The military chief said Monday that the condominium units from which the week's national election should continue despite presidential pressure to stop.

Marianas Daily News

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf Jr., said he had not been notified by President Corazon Aquino to stop the vote count, which is being conducted at a hotel owned by her brother-in-law, Commodore Aspiration.

A third candidate, Edward "Dundie" Cipriano, claims he is being ignored. He accused Quick Count of re­ quiring him to withdraw his name from the ballot list.

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A military source said Monday that the military is supporting Aquino's plan to continue the vote count.

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He also said the direct support at current levels unless Congress otherwise provides for laws, which is the position of the U.S. and which was in practice in 1994, said Babauta in the May 2, 1994.

According to the Washington representative, who commented on Section 902 prop •

ings under Section 902 have not been reached, Section 902 provides for a longer period of financial assistance to the CNMI that has not been adopted in previous sessions.

Financial year 1995 marked the end of the second seven-year period of financial assistance to the CNMI under Section 902. The CNMI financial assistance ended in 1995.

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Aces shun third victory over Blue Shark

by Frank M. Palacios

Friday May 15, Baseball Game Results.

The UMDA Aces rallied for six-runs in the bottom of the first inning and went on score their third straight games with a 12-4 victory over the YCO Blue Sharks.

Center fielder Inosuke Yamada went 3 for 4 including a double, two RBI’s and scored three runs, and left fielder Anthony Pangelinan ripped two triples in three times up, two RBI’s and scored two runs. Aces pitcher Elmer Sablan went the distance allowing just five hits, four base on balls and struck out five.

The Sharks took a 3-0 lead in the top of the first on a base loaded triple by Hideo Jonathan, but the top of the first on a base loaded triple by Hideo Jonathan, but the Aces came back with their apparent winning six-runs in their half of the inning. Inosuke Yamada opened the inning with a walk, Jerry Ayuyu singled and Jess Wabol also walked that loaded the base. Yamada scored on a pass ball, the next three runs came aboard on Sharks errors.

After giving up three runs in the top of the first, Elmer Sablan pitched the next eight-innings, limiting the Sharks to one un-earned run, four hits and four walks and struck-out four. The Aces went on to score one run in the second on a lead off double by Jess Wabol, two in the third on Tony Pangelinan’s lead off triple, one in the fifth on a two-outs double by Inosuke Yamada, and two more in the seventh on Anthony Pangelinan’s second triple of the game. This is Aces third straight four-runs in the seventh inning, beating the Sablan Termites two more games to be played.

Third annual CHC-GMC games slated for May 22-25

The Third Annual CHC-GMC Goodwill Games will be slated this Memorial Day Weekend, May 22-25, 1992 on Saipan.

This was learned in a news release issued by Commonwealth Health Center Sports Association Benjamin B. Seman who disclosed the tournament schedule yesterday.

The purpose of this yearly tournament is to promote goodwill and harmony between the two major health providers.

According to the news release, the sports competition between the Commonwealth Health Center and the Guam Memorial Hospital started in 1980 when GMTI delegates came to Saipan for a friendly game of softball against the CHC Staff. After that event, the CHC staff was invited to Guam in December of 1980 for a friendly competition in softball, basketball and volleyball.

This year, which marks the third annual meet, competition in Men’s and Co-Ed Softball, Men’s and Co-Ed Volleyball, Men’s Basketball, and Golf, will be played during this three day Memorial Day weekend event.

According to Seman, the bowling competition will not be able to be part of this year’s event because of scheduling conflicts.

This year’s tournament will be kicked off with a welcoming dinner at 7:30 p.m. on May 22, 1992 at the Kili Beach Park in Chalan Kili. Competition will start Saturday, May 23, 1992. (Please see attached schedule of events).

Closing ceremonies will be at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 24, 1992 at the Kili Beach Park where the perpetual championship trophy will be presented to the team with the most points won during the competitions held on Saturday and Sunday.

This year’s defending champions are the Guam Memorial Hospital team which won last year’s tournament.

The public is invited to come and watch these exciting games between the Guam Memorial Hospital and the CHC staff.