By Rafael H. Arroyo

A FORMER chief inspector of the Pacific Island Aviation Inc. (PIA) yesterday told a Senate panel hearing interisland air safety issues that the airline company should be barred from operating in the Commonwealth and anywhere else.

In his presentation before the Senate Standing Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communication, Dan Collins also urged government to take steps in protecting travelers from the danger they are allegedly exposed to by flying with PIA.

PIA is considered a main carrier serving interisland travelers between the islands of Saipan, Rota and Guam.

Recently, the safety record of the airline has been seriously questioned in view of incidents that seem to confirm allegations from former PIA mechanics themselves that PIA aircrafts are unsafe.

Such allegations prompted the Senate Committee chaired by Rota Sen. Paul A. Manglona to call for a public hearing to gather information about how safe interisland air travel is.

During the hearing yesterday, Collins joined other officials from the Commonwealth Ports Authority in dissecting safety issues. His testimony centered on the danger faced by the traveling public by flying PIA.

Only recently, PIA has been involved in at least two incidents concerning its aircrafts.

Last October 14th, PIA Flt. No. 1041 reportedly had one of its engines shut down, prompting a distress call to Saipan Airport. The pilot managed to safely land the aircraft.

Days after, another PIA plane, Flight 896, landed on Rota with a flat tire. There were also nothing untoward that happened.

During yesterday's hearing, Collins cited three incidents to state his point about PIA's safety record. He said in 1992, PIA's Cessna 402-B landed with its nose landing gear jammed in up position prompting the plane to slam its nose upon landing and shut down Saipan runway. He said fortunately, there were no fuel leaks, lest there could have been a fiery explosion.

On November 26, 1991, Collins

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Abuses to be acted on, says Rota Labor chief

By Rafael L. Santos

THE CHIEF of the labor office on Rota said abuses against guest workers on the island will not be tolerated.

This assurance was made as a Filipino waitress complained her manager insisted that she "go out" with a male customer.

On Friday, a waitress at the Blue Peninsula Restaurant and Karaoke alleged she was locked up inside her room after she refused to become a "take-out girl."

She also claimed that when he attempted to leave the island, she was harassed by some labor and immigration personnel.

Leilani Villar, 24, left the island for Saipan on November 2 and forwarded a copy of her complaint to the office of the Philippine Labor Attaché to the CNMI, Atty. Vicente Manzano.

She has also talked to some members of the Saipan media, relating her story and how she was sheltered by a fellow Filipino

Democratic Party chairman resigns

By Rafael H. Arroyo

FORMER Governor Carlos S. Camacho has resigned from the chairmanship of the ruling Democratic Party, this was learned yesterday.

A copy of Camacho's resignation letter to the party's central executive committee was obtained by the Variety yesterday. Indicated Camacho was quitting effective November 7th.

"I hereby submit my resignation as chairman of the CNMI Democratic Party effective this date. Please let me know in writing who to transfer the Party's checking account," went the two-paragraph letter he sent to all committee members.

Camacho, who is the first-ever governor the NMI had since it became a US commonwealth, played

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WASHINGTON -Despite Congress' few victories won in the past week, it will be a long road to recovery for the National Guard in the遂Repeatedly during his State of the Union address, President Clinton mentioned the need for a strong National Guard, which has been called to duty across the country in recent months.

The National Guard has been activated in states such as New York, New Jersey, and Washington, in response to the terrorist attacks on September 11.

During his address, Clinton emphasized the importance of the Guard in maintaining national security and ensuring public safety.

The Guard, which is a reserve component of the Army and Air Force, has a long history of service in times of crisis and has played a key role in many important events over the years.

Under current law, the Guard is activated by the president or by the secretary of defense in response to a national emergency.

However, the current state of emergency has required the Guard to be activated in multiple states simultaneously, putting a strain on its resources and personnel.

Clinton's remarks were widely praised for their bipartisan tone and focus on unity in the face of adversity.

The speech also included mentions of other key issues, such as health care, education, and infrastructure, with the president calling for increased investment in these areas.

Overall, the address was viewed as a strong call to action for Congress and the American people, as they work together to address the challenges that lie ahead.
Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

HAVING considered our island's welfare, we national human rights, I believe I have at least one duty with regard to the idea of giving them investment incentives. It's not that we shouldn't give them investment incentives, but that we should do it in such a way that it is clear where the money is going. And it is clear that it is being used for good purposes.

The point is quite simple however complicated: We build, through our own money, a better society. When we give them investment incentives, we are funding a better society for them. When we don't give them investment incentives, we are not funding a better society for them. And we are right to do it this way.

Sincerely and satirically,

MICHAEL F. REBEL, JR

Church ransacked

UNKNOWN suspects were caught ransacking the Holy Rosary Church in San Antonio and ransacked the Church of the St. Joseph in Saipan.

Last Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000, Director of the Department of Public Safety, Jose R. Villar, was just making up his mind whether to file charges against a man accused of stealing a mobile phone. He had been informed by the carrier that the phone was returned, but he did not know who had returned it.

Villar's office was in the process of removing the phone from the evidence bag when the phone rang. When he answered the phone, he was told that the phone was returned by a woman who said that she had found it on the beach.

Villar was not happy with the outcome of the investigation. He said that he would seek a new investigation to find out who had returned the phone.

In yesterday's regular press conference at the Commonwealth Insular Corps headquarters, Villar said:

"The charges that have been filed against the man are not justified. He was not involved in any manner in the case."

The case was still under investigation. It is not known when the man will be charged.

Widow in limbo over hubby's case

Kaplan - a man completely innocent of any wrongdoing - has been denied access to his wife's files.

Her body was found in July last year and since then, she has not been seen again.

Her husband, Kaplan, who is a resident of the Mariana Islands, has been denied access to her files.

Kaplan has been denied access to her files because they are considered confidential.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform private firms interested in hiring locals that the JTPA Office may be able to assist you in this effort. Specifically JTPA can provide the following:

a. Referral of Eligible Applicant,
b. Limited Training Period,
c. Subsidized Wages, and

d. Other Training Related Services.

Furthermore, the program is according priority consideration in training and placement of women in non-traditional occupations, therefore, anyone interested is encouraged to visit the Office located directly across CUC compound.

Although such effort will be initiated on a case by case basis, we will be glad to provide assistance as possible in this endeavor. This initiative will ensure full participation of our local people and enhance our labor force within the private sector.

Should you be interested or need more information regarding the program, give us a call at 664-1700-1.

Respectfully,

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JTPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Extended school days for Hopwood

By ERNE ALAIO

Starting today, a new and much needed school has been operating a Homework Center, which is an after-school program, for the last four years. The center provides academic assistance in students, particularly for those having difficulties with their studies.

Suspected burglar put on trial

By Rafael Santos

THE TRIAL of a man accused of burglarizing a Kagman house began yesterday morning in a Saipan courtroom. Santos is charged with two counts of burglary.

MTC to improve billing system

IN ORDER to improve customer service and efficiency, MTC announced that the new state-of-the-art billing system, which has been tested and implemented at the company's Toll Collection Center, has been tested and implemented at the company's Toll Collection Center.

Students participate in the Family Recharge Revival Project are shown engaging in meaningful activity.
Memorandum

From: Daniel Quichoquita  
To: Carol Garcia

Subject: Personal Checking Account

I am writing to inform you about the new Personal Checking Account that we are offering to our customers. The account offers various benefits such as

1. Free checking account with no minimum balance required.
2. Free check printing and online banking services.
3. Competitive interest rates on deposits.
4. Free online statements and mobile banking capabilities.
5. 24/7 customer support available.

I believe this account will be very beneficial for your personal finances. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to open an account.

Thank you.

Daniel Quichoquita

Bank of the Pacific
Gunman fires in Ohio school, killing one, wounding 4 others

WICKLIFE, Ohio (AP) — A student armed with a Heaven Defense laser scope opened fire at his high school Monday, killing one student, wounding four others, police said.

The suspect, 17-year-old Eric Halpern, was arrested and charged with four counts of murder and three counts of attempted murder, according to the Tuscarawas County sheriff’s office.

Halpern was transported to the Tuscarawas County Jail, where he was booked on the charges.

Police said they were still investigating the incident and did not release any additional information.

People gathered outside the school to pay their respects and offer support to those affected.

Truck crashes into school, killing four people

A truck crashed into a school in Ohio on Monday morning, killing four people and injuring at least seven others.

The crash occurred at about 8 a.m. at the Johnstown High School, located in Licking County, according to reports.

Police said the truck was traveling north on Ohio State Route 16 when it collided with a building at the school. The driver of the truck was not hurt and no other vehicles were involved in the crash.

The cause of the crash is under investigation, and police have not released any further details.

Firefighters and paramedics responded to the scene and transported some of the injured to area hospitals.

The school was evacuated and classes were canceled for the day.

Meanwhile, police said they were still on the scene and would be providing updates as the investigation continues.

Fire and police departments from surrounding areas were also on the scene to help with the response.
Italy: heavy rains caused $3.5B damage, killed 51

By PAOLO VERGOLI

ALBA (AP) - About one-third of Italy was flooded Friday, sending the government to Venice to confer on how to cope with the worst floods in decades. The government has declared a state of emergency.

At least 51 people are dead, most in Venice where three canals were closed to traffic.

A lack of official death tolls or any other demographic information makes it impossible to estimate the number of casualties.

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and five ministers were flown to Venice.

A state of emergency has been declared over the entire country.
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THREE weeks of rest from the court after bagging the pennant crown, the Takai Hawks squad left the court victorious anew after demolishing MarPac Brothers, 119-82.

The Ol’ Aces quintet also defeated L.A. Cyclones 88-84, in the playoff series of the Saipan Amateur Basketball Association, Monday at the gym.

The Hawks bested the Brothers by a wide 37-point margin, while the Ol’ Aces established a 4-point distance from the Cyclones at game’s end.

The Hawks put up an early eleven-point lead from the Brothers in the first half, 56-45. Robert Quigtuaga of the Hawks unloaded 21 points right in the first half, converting three from the three point area and six jumpers from within to establish the early lead.

Quigtuaga pumped in eight more points in the second half with a hundred percent accuracy. He connected a four-pointer and overhead and topping the Hawks’ score chart with a total of 29 points.

Teammate Poland Yamada scored seven points in first half and took the cudgel from Quigtuaga when he slowed down with eight points in the second half. Yamada scored 14 points at the bottom of the game for a total of 21 points.

Edel Mendoza contributed 17 points, 6 points at the top and 11 in the second half while Edwin Bubos fired 16 points — two from the stripe and 14 jumpers spread in the game, as Allan Macaglas paddled 12 points.

Tony Susuico and John Carpio scored 7 points each as Rey Lizama and Yoush Gabaldon chanted 6 points apiece. Mario Continued on page 15.

Jerry Jones said the injury “didn’t look good.”

“I could be a tear and we’re worried about him being out for the year,” Jones said in the press box during the game. “The way the doctors were talking, I didn’t like the way it sounded.”

Dallas plays at San Francisco (7-2) next Soul Sunday in an important game for playoff home-field advantage. But the Cowboys apparently weren’t thinking about San Francisco as they handled the Giants (3-6) their sixth consecutive loss.

New SABA playoff sked

Due to the unwelcome visit of Typhoon Zelda, the playoff game schedule for the 1994 Saipan Amateur Basketball Association has been revised anew.

Earlier, the playoff schedule was also revised when Super Typhoon Wilda passed by and ravaged Saipan.

Below is the new schedule provided by official SABA statistician Tony Rogolofoi.

1994 REVISED PABA PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 9:

7:30 p.m. game: Game F winner vs. Game G winner

7:30 p.m. game: Game H vs. Ol’ Aces

Thursday, November 16:

7:30 p.m. game: Game I winner vs. Game H loser

Monday, November 21:

7:30 p.m. game: Game J vs. Game I winner

Monday, November 28 (if necessary):

7:30 p.m. game: Game K vs. Game H winner vs. Game I winner

Sports Date

November 9

1994 Youth Volleyball League. Olesai Dream Team vs Garapa (boys’ junior division) at 5:30 p.m. and (boys’ senior division) at 6:45 p.m. Talabawg vs. Lalii (girls’ junior division) at 5:30 p.m. and Angels vs. girls’ senior division) at 6:45 p.m.

November 10

SABA playoffs games. 7 p.m. game F: Lite vs. Cyclones. 8:30 p.m. game F: Sunrisers vs. MarPac Brothers

November 13

NMTFT Triadion. 4 p.m. at Pau Pau beach near Hotel Nikko. Corric Stuart Smith at 256-0292 for more info. The events include a 500-meter swim, 12-mile bike race and a 3-mile run.

November 13

CMNC YFL match between Eastern and Southern Divisions at noon. Northern faces Central at 2:30 p.m.

November 14

SABA playoffs games. Game E winner vs. Game F winner at 7 p.m. and Hawks vs. Ol’ Aces at 8:30 at the Ada gym basketball court.