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Guerrero vows to push up wage

By: Gaynor L. Dumat-ol

GOVERNOR Lorenzo I. Guerrero is promising to persuade the Legislature to raise the CNMI minimum wage and to expand its coverage to include construction workers, domestic helpers, farmers and other workers.

A copy of his oral statement to be delivered on July 30 before the US House Subcommittee on Insular and International Affairs states that the governor would take several "corrective measures" to erase the impression of the powerful congressional committee that labor abuse had been

rampant in the CNMI.

Guerrero admits in his prepared oral statement that labor abuse exists but stressed that such cases were not many.

"While most of our employers treat their employees fairly and with respect, some do not," the governor said, adding, "where labor abuse exists, it must stop."

"I have pledged to my people to stop labor abuse. I pledge to you, today, to do this," he said.

Aside from his vow to ask the CNMI Legislature to increase the \$2.15 minimum wage and include other workers exempted from the minimum wage, Guerrero is also set to promise at

the oversight hearing the following:

- * Request for legislation giving equal treatment to alien and US citizen workers on wage claims;

- * Ask the Legislature to mandate the enforcement of basic legal rights for alien workers;

- * Push for passage of the proposed developer tax to "put more burden on investors for infrastructure improvement;"

- * Join the Saipan Chamber of Commerce in seeking the use of a portion of the income tax rebate for infrastructure improvement; and

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Sign in front of M's Production office at the Northern Marianas College compound.

Police eye arson in video firm fire

A STILL unidentified person spilled gasoline and partly burned the office of a video production company located in the Northern Marianas College compound Friday night, the police reported yesterday.

Deputy Police Chief Ray Camacho said the editing section of M's Production Inc. was damaged, including several video cameras and a wooden partition.

Police officers were sent to investigate the incident Saturday morning but Martin Manglona, M's Production owner, sent them away, Camacho said.

Manglona, according to Camacho, asked the police to put the burning incident on record only last Monday, three days after it happened.

The police report disclosed that

employees of the firm which provides commercial video coverage of weddings, birthdays and other occasions smelled gas when they entered their office that Saturday morning.

They found out that the editing section had been partly burned, along with some video equipment.

The video production outfit is housed in the Business Incubator building of NMC where Manglona is leasing a space.

The motive of the arson was being checked by investigators. Manglona refused to be interviewed about the incident yesterday.

Meanwhile, a man was robbed of \$210 in cash, \$200 worth of gold necklace and his car key while sleeping inside Sunny Motel in Susupe.

House OKs \$27.7M aid

THE US House of Representatives voted on July 23 to provide \$27.72 million in financial assistance to the Northern Marianas in the coming fiscal year, CNMI Resident Representative Juan N. Babauta announced yesterday.

The House approved HR measure, without change to the recommendation of the Appropriation Committee regarding CNMI funding. The committee set FY 1993 assistance at the same level as provided in the current fiscal year. The bill now moves to the Senate.

The decision by the House marks a victory for the Commonwealth, which has been deadlocked in ne-

gotiations with the bush administration over a multi-year financial assistance package to replace the seven year plan expiring this year.

The administration had suggested FY 1993 funding of \$22 million in its budget submission to Congress. In negotiations with CNMI Lt. Governor Benjamin Manglona a similar amount had been offered by Interior Department Assistant Secretary Stella Guerra.

The CNMI has insisted that the federal law establishing the present multi-year assistance program committed Congress to continue payments at the FY 1992 level in

the absence of any change in the law.

In reporting HR 5503 to the House, the Appropriations Committee sided with the CNMI saying, "...legislation passed by Congress made it clear that last year's funding level under the existing seven year agreement was to continue until a new agreement was reached..."

In its budget the administration also suggested that the nature of the appropriation for the CNMI be changed from "mandatory" to "discretionary". The meaning of these terms was established in the

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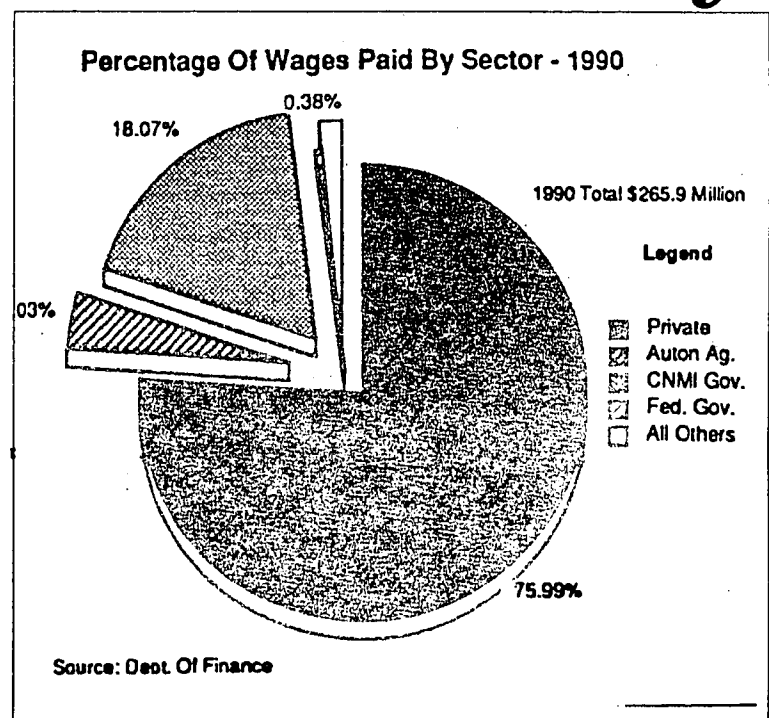
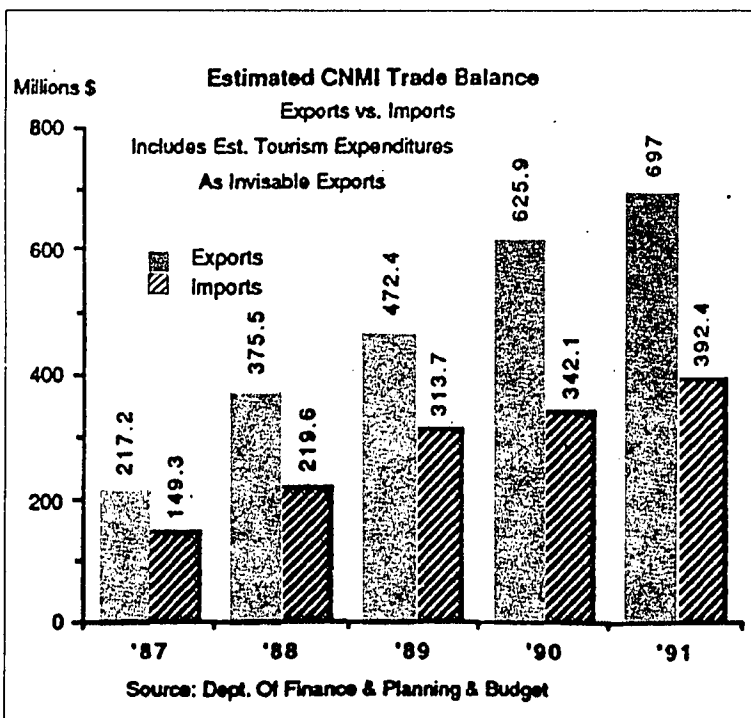
CNMI sees economic self-sufficiency

(Second of a two-part article)

THE NORTHERN Marianas is expected to achieve economic self-sufficiency by the turn of the century with local labor taking over many key job positions, new industries being developed and the population reflecting international and cultural diversity.

"If present trends continue, as early as the turn of the century, the CNMI may be economically self-sufficient — free of all federal taxpayer assistance for operations and basis capital needs," Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero said in his written testimony to the oversight hearing called by the House Committee on Insular and International Affairs in Washington.

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World Affairs

Bush calls meeting on Iraqi situation

By George Gedda

WASHINGTON (AP) - US President George Bush is summoning congressional leaders for discussions on the Iraqi situation after deciding to send a battery of Patriot missiles to Kuwait and a third aircraft carrier to the Middle East.

Bush stood by his get tough policy on Monday despite the compromise agreement Sunday that permits UN inspectors to search for weapons-related materials at the Agriculture Ministry in Baghdad.

The administration maintains that the Iraqis have been guilty of numerous violations of UN Security Council resolutions quite apart from the one that calls for the elimination of weapons of mass destruction.

Campaigning in Michigan on Monday, Bush laid down a challenge to President Saddam Hussein when he said the Iraqi

leader "may not know it but he is going to live up to those resolutions."

As US officials see it, one of the most serious violations involves bombing raids on the Shiite population in southern Iraq, long a hotbed of anti-Saddam sentiment.

After a three-week standoff, the chief UN weapons inspector said Monday that Iraq has promised to refrain from further interference with efforts to catalog and destroy Baghdad's weapons of mass destruction.

But no official here sees that concession by the Iraqis as anything but a temporary respite in what continues to be a potentially explosive situation.

With the elections less than 100 days away, there is no sign that Democrats are willing to pursue less aggressive policy toward Saddam than Bush.

Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., a ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said

Bush should be much tougher in enforcing economic sanctions against Iraq.

"We could, for example, just stop traffic going in and out of Iraq," Hamilton said.

On Sunday, Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Al Gore said Bush's actions after the war enabled Saddam "to consolidate his power."

The Pentagon announcement Monday night said a battery of Patriot missiles is being deployed in Kuwait as a deterrent to possible renewed hostilities by Iraq.

Defense officials also said a third aircraft carrier will be dispatched to the Middle East as an additional signal to the Iraqis of U.S. resolve.

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Pentagon deploys Patriot missiles

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Defense officials also said a third aircraft carrier will be dispatched to the Middle East as an additional signal to the Iraqis of U.S. resolve. The disclosures were announced as US President George Bush issued fresh warnings to Iraq to comply with UN Security Council resolutions.

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"The Patriot system is purely defensive," the Pentagon said in a statement. "It has been deployed for precautionary reasons and as a deterrent, to make it clear that the United States is prepared to take appropriate steps to defend the security of its friends in the region."

Meanwhile, the USS John F. Kennedy interrupted a five-day visit to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands and is now steaming toward the Mediterranean Sea, said a Defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

So hurried was the departure that 50 sailors were left behind, but all were expected to be aboard by nightfall.

The Patriot missile battery is being sent to Kuwait from Germany and is equipped with eight launchers and dozens of missiles, the official added. He said additional Patriots may be sent in the future.

The Patriot became part of Desert Shield lore 18 months ago as a deterrent to Iraqi Scud missiles. Several studies since then have questioned the missile's effectiveness during the conflict, however. There are six other Patriot batteries deployed in the region, the Pentagon said, but it did not give their location. They are reportedly in Saudi Arabia and Israel.

Comments by Bush and other administration officials made clear that they regard as only a temporary respite the Sunday agreement under which Iraq will allow UN inspectors to search the Agriculture Ministry building in Baghdad for weapons-related materials.

The consensus in the administration is that only the threat of force will induce Saddam to go along with the U.N. resolutions.

Campaigning in Michigan, Bush made that point when he said Saddam "may not know it but he is going to live up to those resolutions."

But officials said privately they doubted that a military crisis was imminent. There will be a lot of "soul searching" over the next few weeks in deciding how to deal with Iraq, said one senior administration official traveling with Bush.

The administration has accused Saddam of violating the resolutions by concealing weapons and by launching air raids against dissident elements in southern Iraq and maintaining an economic blockade against the Kurdish population in the north.

Security Council retains sanctions

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The UN Security Council on Monday decided to retain sweeping economic sanctions against Iraq because it has not satisfied cease-fire and other requirements.

"We have reviewed the sanctions against Iraq. There will be no change and the sanctions will continue to be maintained," council President Jose Luis Jesus said. No vote was taken.

Jesus, the ambassador of Cape Verde who heads the council this month, later issued a written statement: "After hearing all opinions expressed in the course of consultations, the president of the council concluded that there was no agreement that the necessary conditions existed for a modification of the (sanctions) regimes."

The statement made no mention of the standoff at the Agriculture

Ministry where Iraq refused to admit UN weapons inspectors for three weeks.

The sanctions will remain until the council decides to lift them and adopts a resolution declaring the sanctions regime at an end. Sanctions are reviewed routinely every 60 days and without council action the sanctions remain in place.

They were imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990 and the original purpose was to compel Iraqi troops to withdraw from Kuwait. After troops were driven out in the Gulf War, the council decided to retain sanctions in order to force Iraq to comply with the cease-fire and other resolutions.

President Bush, however, says that sanctions will remain as long as Iraqi President Saddam Hussein remains in power.

Man hits girlfriend with hollow block

By Gaynor L. Dumat-ol

POLICE officers have arrested two brothers after one of them hit his girlfriend with a cement block during a drinking session that lasted up to midnight of Monday.

Xadior and Daniel Takao were arrested for complaints of assault with weapon and obstructing justice, respectively.

Investigation disclosed that the Takao brothers and Xadior's girlfriend Flora Barsilio, 36, were drinking beer at the back of the cemetery in Chalan Kanoa District 2 when an argument between the lovers ensued.

While Xadior and Barsilio were shouting at each other, the police report said, the man picked up a cement block and hit his girlfriend in the back and face.

The woman sustained bruises in the back and in the face near her left eye but refused to be brought by medical personnel to the hospital.

She insisted on going to the Commonwealth Health Center by herself, according to Deputy Police Chief Ray Camacho.

The police arrived at the scene shortly after the incident and arrested Xadior.

Xadior's brother interfered and tried to prevent police officers from bringing his brother, prompting the authorities to arrest Daniel as well.

Also yesterday, a police team and several relatives of the Continental Air Micronesia employee who was feared to have drowned near the reef off Beach Road continued searching for the missing man for the third day yesterday.

The police chief said the search was being conducted both in and outside the reef areas but as of yesterday morning, Francisco Chipwelong, father of three young boys, could not be found.

Chipwelong was last seen at 11:30 a.m. last Sunday wading on the reef on a spear fishing trip.

A nephew of the missing man said he and Chipwelong were each carrying their sons on their backs, wading towards a boat anchored several meters outside the reef when he saw his uncle going under water.

The nephew said he grabbed his uncle's son and his boy, brought them to shore and came back to help Chipwelong but his uncle could no longer be found.

Inos says Legislature may still pass budget

By Rafael H. Arroyo

SENATE President Joseph Inos said yesterday the Legislature may still pass an appropriations law for fiscal year 1992.

In an interview, Inos said there was still a chance that House Bill 8-135, the lower house's version of the budget, would pass the Senate upon the return of Sen. Jesus R. Sablan, who is currently off-island.

The bill, if amended by the Senate, would go back to the House and finally to the governor for his signature.

The House of Representatives on July 22 passed HB 8-135.

Voting on the same budget bill the next day, the Senate had four members voting in favor, with four not in favor and one absent. Those who voted for the passage of the budget bill were Inos, Senators Juan S. Demapan, Juan S. Torres and Henry DLG. San Nicolas. Senators Paul A. Manglona, Edward U. Maratita, David M. Cing and Francisco M. Borja rejected the said appropriations measure.

Guerrero then declared a state of emergency on the budget crisis and assumed authority to determine the appropriation levels for

not accomplished so the bill is still active," Inos said.

According to the president, what should have been done was for the presiding officer to transmit to the House a memorandum indicating H.B. 8-135 was "dead and was not approved," otherwise, everything was not official.

"I have not done that yet because not all of the Senators participated in voting on the appropriations bill. So the budget measure is still active and is still the property of the Senate. I'm going to ask that we reconsider the bill when Sen. Sablan gets back," said Inos.

After the failure of the Legislature to act on the budget measure, Inos and then acting speaker Diego T. Benavente urged Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero to take remedial action pending the reconsideration of the Senate of the budget bill.

Guerrero then declared a state of emergency on the budget crisis and assumed authority to determine the appropriation levels for

the different departments and agencies of government.

Inos explained that budget crisis declared by the governor would last only for 60 days and would terminate once the budget act for 1992 is passed by the Legislature, whichever comes first.

Guerrero, in declaring the state of emergency, said would use HB 8-135 as basis for the appropriations for government department and agencies.

"We have to set the record straight. It is very unlikely that any amendment that the Senate would have entered in the bill would be acceptable to the House. So with this belief we have to reconsider and hope that Sen. Sablan would cast the deciding vote for the fate of the FY 1992 budget," Inos said.

"I really appreciate the gestures of Senators Demapan, San Nicolas, and Torres for their intellectual behavior and for demonstrating great concern on further delays on the budget by voting for H.B. 8-135," he added.

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Marcos leaves for HK

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Former first lady Imelda Marcos left for Hong Kong yesterday after immigration authorities gave her the clearance to make the trip, officials said.

"I am glad its all over," said Mrs. Marcos before boarding a Cathay Pacific flight to the crown colony at 1:20 p.m.

Earlier yesterday, immigration officials prevented Mrs. Marcos from boarding a plane for Hong Kong, saying she needed written permission from her chief to leave.

Mrs. Marcos left with her American lawyer James Linn, an aide, Roger Peyuan, her personal nurse, a security aide, and a Filipino lawyer, according to immigration officials.

The widow of the late President Ferdinand Marcos will stay in Hong Kong for three days to discuss with former associates of her husband the possibility of settling government suits against her. Several courts hearing the more

than 80 criminal and civil suits against her had ordered the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation not to allow her to leave until she pays additional bonds.

It would be the former first lady's first trip outside the Philippines since she returned to Manila in November 1991 after nearly six years of exile in the United States.

The Marcoses were driven into exile in Hawaii by a popular revolt in February 1986. Marcos died there in 1989.

Mrs. Marcos also plans to visit Hawaii in late August to bring the body of her late husband, which is lying in state in a refrigerated crypt in Honolulu, back to the Philippines for burial, said her spokeswoman Sol Vanzi.

Mrs. Marcos announced last Friday that she has accepted government conditions for her husband to be buried in his northern home province of Ilocos Norte, 400 kilometers (250 miles) north of Manila.

Chinese dissidents leaving

By Kathy Chenault

SHANGHAI, China (AP) - Zhang Weiguo is constantly in motion even as he sits, tapping his fists together and stabbing the air with a pointed index finger to stress a point.

"Political reform is inevitable - the masses want reform, the development of society demands reform," Zhang said in a recent interview. He has made the same argument in articles published in the Hong Kong media, irritating Chinese authorities.

But his critical voice - one of few left in mainland China - may be lost soon. He has been invited to be a visiting scholar at the University of California in Berkeley beginning in September.

Zhang has not yet applied for a passport and is unsure authorities will give him one. If he goes, he will join a stream of Chinese dissidents going abroad this year.

Wang Ruowang, 73, a prominent Shanghai dissident writer, has received a passport and plans to leave in early August to be a visiting scholar at Columbia University.

Liu Qing, a leader in a 1978 democracy movement who was jailed from 1979-89, recently went to Columbia University. Three prominent participants in the 1989 democracy movement - Zhou Duo, a former sociology lecturer, Han Dongfang,

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Guerrero described the eighties as a decade of solid economic growth for the CNMI. "the combined range of businesses in the Commonwealth in 1990 reported total gross revenues of \$1.2 billion, highest ever," he said.

The hearing is scheduled to start tomorrow. The CNMI has sent nine witnesses — four from the government and five from the private sector — to defend the CNMI's position that local control of immigration and exemption from the federal minimum wage law should remain.

In addition, the CNMI said it must be allowed to continue providing the duty-free incentives under Headnote 3(a) to attract investors.

Guerrero said the CNMI government collects about \$2 million a year from employers of non-resident workers. The money funds a vocational training program under the auspices of the Northern Marianas College which trains local people for accounting, carpentry and mid-management and technical positions in the tourism industry.

"The program, in existence for

about six years, works well," Guerrero said. "The present non-resident worker program is paying to reduce the number of foreign workers."

The CNMI also expects to develop new industries through the incentives under Headnote 3(a). "Assuming advantage is not devastated by NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), Headnote 3(a) industries and possible import substitution businesses will allow economic security for the CNMI as we diversify into mariculture and light manufacturing," Guerrero said.

As some non-resident workers "stick" to the melting pot through marriage and birth in the CNMI, the Northern Marianas will experience a more international and culturally diverse society," Guerrero said.

The testimony cited the Commonwealth's accomplishments since its takeover of local government from the Trust Territory government in 1978.

Internally generated revenues and Covenant funds grew from less than \$40 million in 1978 to an estimated \$151.7 million in

1990. Wage and salary taxes, together with the gross business revenue taxes, accounted for 49.5 percent of the total revenues. Revenues generated from excise taxes (\$17.5 million) almost equalled all taxes derived from wages and salaries in 1990.

Guerrero noted that while internally generated funds maintained an upward trend, Covenant funds, which come from the federal government, continued to decline. "the CNMI's reliance on US taxpayers has decreased at the same time local revenues have increased," he said.

Dependence on government as the primary employer has also been reduced. In 1990, private sector employees received \$201.9 million as wages and salaries, or about 76 percent of the \$265.9 million payroll for that year. CNMI government employees accounted for \$58.7 million and federal and other employees \$5.2 million.

The CNMI's tourism industry also experienced a phenomenal growth in the eighties, the testimony said. Visitor expenditures increased from \$60.8 million in

1980 to \$434 million in 1991. In 1991, about 308,400 visitors from Japan spent an estimated \$311.2 million in the CNMI.

Visitor arrivals rose from 117,149 in 1980 to 429,458 in 1991 and stimulated the expansion in hotel rooms from 740 in 1980 to 2,839 last year.

While the United States as a whole continues to incur a deficit in its trade with Japan, the CNMI enjoys a positive balance. In 1991 the CNMI generated \$697 million in its trade with Japan (including tourism receipts) and spent \$392.4 million or a surplus of \$305.6 million.

Guerrero said the 26 garment factories in the CNMI led all other industries with total revenues of \$203.8 million in 1990, mainly from exports to the US mainland. In comparison, Guam sold \$122.2 million worth of garments to the US mainland in 1990.

Combined deposits held by banks in the CNMI totaled \$473 million in 1990, or four times the amount of loans (\$121.5 million) extended during the same year. Interest paid by banks on all deposits amounted to \$2.2 million, almost double the amount paid in the previous year. (NL)

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budget agreement of 1990 which sought to cap the federal deficit. Mandatory funds could not be touched by budget cutters, discretionary funds were fair game. The Appropriations Committee rejected this proposed change of designation for Covenant funding.

"I am very pleased that the House accepted the Committee's recommendations regarding fi-

nancial assistance for the Commonwealth," Babauta commented on learning of passage. "Now we must take our case to the Senate."

In another provision of the bill passed by the House the CNMI and Guam will again share \$1.025 million to offset the impact of immigration from the Federated States of Micronesia and the Re-

public of the Marshall Islands. Citizens of these countries are allowed to enter any part of the United States freely. Because the Northern Marianas and Guam are relatively nearby, culturally familiar, and offer economic opportunity many Micronesians and Marshallese have settled there.

The same amount was appropriated for FY 1992 and the Northern Marianas is expected to be awarded a grant of almost \$400,000 of that money this week as impact assistance by the Department of the Interior.

The House also approved the restoration of \$200,000 for brown tree snake containment and eradication. The administration recommended a cut in this program.

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* Request the federal government to provide more technical assistance to increase the strength of local labor law enforcement.

The July 30 oversight hearing was prompted by news reports carried even by national dailies in the US, about labor abuses in the CNMI particularly in the garment industry.

In his prepared oral statement, Guerrero says he was accepting the blame for the labor abuses.

"...while these labor abuse problems didn't originate with my administration, as governor, I must accept the blame for them. I do not seek to avoid this responsibility," he said.

Guerrero says the reported labor abuse cases in the CNMI has become a human rights issue. "The issue is not the exclusive concern of any one political party. The issue cuts across party lines," he said.

The labor abuse controversy caused the federal government to start considering the taking over of immigration and labor controls in the CNMI.

Guerrero is expected to persuade the US Congress against pushing through with the plan. "Please have faith in the commonwealth you have created," the governor said.

"The people of the Northern Marianas are also concerned with human rights. We ask you to re-

member that our people were denied local self-government for over 300 years," his statement says.

Guerrero will also tell the powerful US House committee that self-government "means a great deal" to the people of the Northern Marianas.

"No other member of the US political family could hunger more for self-government over local affairs. Three hundred years is a long time to wait," says the governor's statement.

Guerrero will emphasize at the oversight hearing that the Northern Marianas is unhappy over the reported labor abuses, mostly committed on alien workers.

"We are not a brutal people. We are not slave owners. The Chamorro and Carolinian is not a cruel person. We, too, care about human condition," the statement says.

The governor would ask the federal government for "a little patience."

Guerrero says the CNMI government is willing to be taught further in terms of labor law enforcement.

"...let us work at the local level to improve minimum wage. Let us work at the local level to improve immigration and improve our local tax system," says the statement.

Auditor notes delay, even speedy work at Immigration

By Rafael H. Arroyo

THE OFFICE of the Public Auditor has noted delays in the processing of applications for entry permits and the lack of an alien tracking system at the Immigration Office.

At the same time, the auditor also considered as unusual the speedy (as short as one day) processing of applications for entry permits, although it said this was not against any existing law or regulations.

The Public Auditor conducted a review of the procedures in processing entry permit and alien registration card applications.

"We reviewed the major operating activities of the Immigration Office for the fiscal year that ended September 30, 1991 in an effort to determine compliance with the regulations. Our review of the financial activities of the office for the same period is ongoing and will be covered in a separate report," Public Auditor Scott K. Tan said in a letter to Attorney General Robert C. Naraja, whose office has jurisdiction over the Immigration Office.

According to Tan, the objective of the review were to

determine whether INO procedures covering its major operating activities are properly complied with and whether these procedures are adequate, efficient and cost-effective, aside from whether INO complied with the provisions of applicable CNMI laws.

The report said the auditors examined selected entry permit files for completeness and propriety of supporting documents. As samples, the auditors selected newly issued permits — 50 each for non-resident workers and regular-term business, 24 each for long-term tourist, immediate relative of alien and non-alien and foreign student and 12 each for minister of religion and religious missionary.

According to the report, processing of entry permit applications sometimes took more than the seven days provided by law.

The delays were attributed to the late or incomplete submission of required documents by the applicant, non-processing of the application while waiting for the actual interview of the applicant and incomplete documentation by the Department of Commerce and Labor for working permits.

Manglona backs drive against immorality

ACTING Gov. Benjamin T. Manglona has expressed support to efforts by Catholic church leaders in Saipan and other Pacific nations to contain, if not correct, the perceived rise in immoral practices of people.

"Your task is not an easy one," Manglona said during last Monday's opening of the Pacific-wide convention of church leaders.

"At present all of our islands and communities are undergoing rapid social and economic change," he said. "Therefore it is very critical that we make every effort to protect and preserve our culture and traditions to help our young people."

A representative from the Vatican as well as bishops from Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and the CNMI were attending the convention of the Pacific Partnership for Human Development at the Diamond Hotel. The Diocese of Chalan Kanoa hosted the convention.

Manglona said the teaching of good moral values should be started at home by the parents. "Proper (moral) education in our homes must start with a good example by the parents," he said.

The acting governor also said schools must help build good moral values in children but added that it was up to parents, govern-

ment leaders and churches to teach their children well.

He said it is wrong for some adults to say that good values cannot be taught.

Attaining good character, Manglona said, can be done if a person practices "decency and fairness, honesty and patience, tolerance, self-discipline, respect for the law, and, above all, mutual respect for one another."

"We must all work together to provide the beacon, the guiding light, to provide direction not only to our young, but to all the people in our communities, regardless of their race, creed, color, or religious affiliation," Manglona said.

Events

Business degree

ARE YOU interested in obtaining a bachelor's degree in business by attending classes after working hours? If so, then Dr. Jose Nededog of the University of Guam wants to talk to you this Friday at 9 a.m. in Room V-215 of Northern Marianas College.

UOG, in conjunction with NMC, is interested in offering a bachelor's degree in business for

working people, but wants to know how many Saipan residents would be interested in participating in the program.

If you're interested, come to the meeting this Friday at 9 a.m. at NMC vocational building or contact Dr. Robert Stahlnecker at 234-5498.

Money from books

FORMER and current Northern Marianas College students now have a chance to make some easy money — by selling their old textbooks to new students. Dean of Instruction Leo Boyer

wants all NMC students to know there's a need for some used textbooks in fields such as nursing, English, business and accounting and even art history.

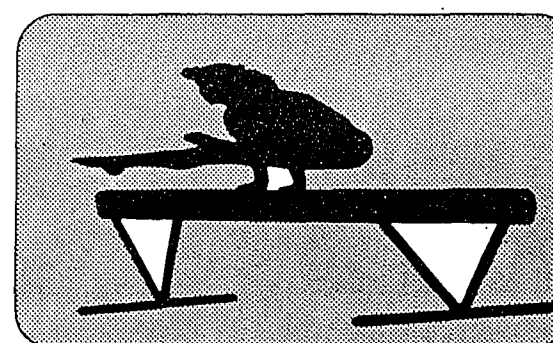
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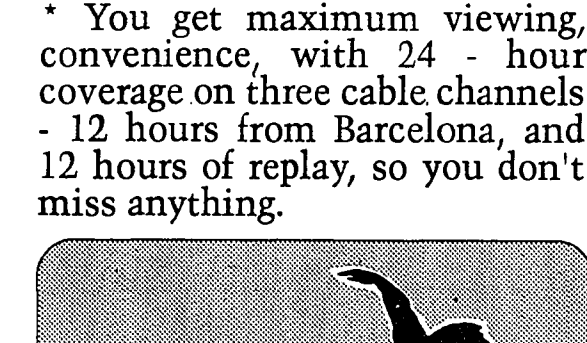
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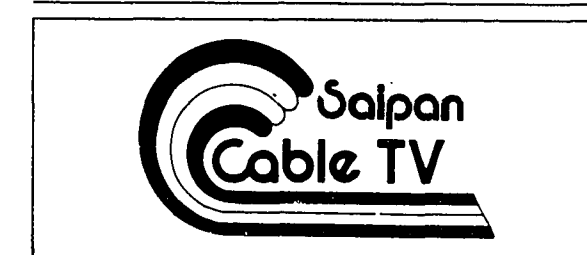
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FEMA cites need to join flood insurance program

By Rafael H. Arroyo

A REPRESENTATIVE from the Federal Emergency Management Agency the other day briefed members of the House of Representatives on the possible effects of not having the CNMI as a member community of the National Flood Insurance Program.

FEMA Region IX representative Raymond T. Lenaburg, in a meeting with the House leadership, clarified that CNMI citizens might not be eligible for federal disaster assistance in the event of a major flood disaster.

The House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Organization chaired by Rep. Pete P. Reyes is currently studying the merits of a Senate bill that would bring the Commonwealth into full compliance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 in order to qualify CNMI citizens and the government for federally subsidized flood insurance.

Senate Bill 8-57 was passed by the Senate last March 11 and has remained unacted at the House of Representatives. The committee is yet to schedule a hearing on the measure which was authored by Senate President Joseph S. Inos.

Reyes recently wrote FEMA Regional Director William M. Medigovich requesting that a representative from the agency assist his committee in its deliberations on the measure.

During the meeting Monday, Lenaburg stressed the importance of participating in the flood insur-

ance program as a member community.

According to the FEMA official, without the CNMI's participation in the NFIP, flood insurance will not be available here. Local residents will not will be able to buy flood insurance policy.

This also means that no federal grants or loans for building or development may be made in identified flood hazard areas, including those from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Another effect of non-participation is that no federal mortgage insurance may be provided in identified flood hazard areas.

According to the FEMA, the local governing body may be susceptible to some form of liability by not participating because its action denies the ability of its citizens to purchase flood and related water damage insurance; does not take positive steps to reduce the exposure of life and property in the face of authoritative scientific and technological data.

"As chairman, I'm more inclined to recommend the passage of this bill simply because we do not want the people to suffer the consequences of not having availed of the program's benefits," Reyes said in an interview.

He said, the insurance cost would be shouldered by individual homeowners on designated areas and not by the government.

"We do not want to later on face a situation wherein our people have experienced a disas-



P. P. Reyes

ter and would be blaming the Legislature for not making the program available to them," Reyes said.

During the meeting, Rep. Heinz Hofschneider aired his concern over the capability of some CNMI residents to for flood insurance.

"We may be unduly burdening our people with such a requirement, so I would have to urge the committee to be more deliberate in making a decision on the bill," Hofschneider said.

The measure is recognizes that certain areas of the Commonwealth are subject to periodic flooding, mudslides, or flood-related erosion, causing serious damage to properties within these areas.

"Federal law provides that individual property owners, businesses, and government agencies within these areas would not continue to be eligible for federal disaster assistance in the event of flooding and will not be eligible to purchase federally subsidized flood insurance unless the CNMI becomes a participating community in the NFIP," the bill said.

Japanese show in Susupe



Traditional Japanese drummers performed during the recent Japan-CNMI cultural exchange at Susupe Regional Park. The event, which attracted about 500 persons to the park, was sponsored by a group from Shioyama City in Northern Japan. The Shioyama City Mayor and the Japan Consul to the CNMI spoke to the festival-goers, who later received Japanese "Happi" coats. (Photo: MVB)



The traditional Japanese martial art of Sumo wrestling was on display last weekend at Susupe Regional Park. The Japan-CNMI cultural exchange was sponsored by a group from Shioyama City in northern Japan. (Photo: MVB)

Bush invites Japanese TV viewers to visit US

By GENE KRAMER

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush's televised invitation to British tourists to visit America got rave notices from the travel industry. Now it's Japan's turn, months earlier than planned.

Viewers of TBS - Tokyo Broadcasting System - start getting Bush's personal invitation this week. Sponsors hope it will calm Japanese unease about the Los Angeles riots and earthquakes in Southern California, long a major Japanese destination.

"Our survey indicates we could have up to 225,000 additional visitors from the United Kingdom as a result of the president's appearances over British television last winter," Commerce Secretary Barbara Hackman Franklin told reporters.

This means \$480 million more revenue for the US travel industry,

"creating 9,700 new jobs in the United States," she said.

She predicted the extra visitors in addition to 2,673,000 Britons earlier projected for 1992. Inquiries at the US tourism office in London during Bush's six weeks as a videotaped pitchman soared 72 percent over 1991, said John G. Keller, undersecretary of commerce for travel and tourism. Several Britons wrote personal acceptances to Bush, he added, one advising that "we will be arriving through the back door via Toronto (Canada) and Niagara Falls."

Keller and US Ambassador Michael Armacost were launching a \$1 million four-week Japanese TV campaign Tuesday in Tokyo, in company with Japan Air Lines President Susumu Yamaji, Hyatt Hotels Corp. President Darryl Hartley-Leonard, and other executives of participating companies and organizations.

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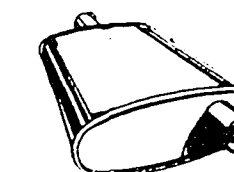
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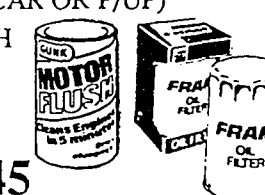
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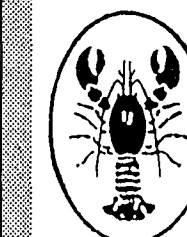


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SPORTS

Former Soviets set pace in gymnastics

By Peter Herrera

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) - So good is 19-year-old Vitaly Scherbo and the United Team that world champion Valeri Misutin is now the No. 3 athlete on the squad competing as one in the Olympics for the last time. Scherbo owned the Olympic leaderboard after Monday's competition and the team from what once was the Soviet Union dictates the pace in men's gymnastics.

He had the high score in five of the six events, including 9.90s in the floor, rings and parallel bars.

The Unified Team led China 292.650 to 290.025 - a huge lead in gymnastics the equivalent. Japan was third with 289.375 points. Germany was fourth with 287.925 and the United States fifth with 286.525.

Beaten by Misutin for the all-around title at last year's World Championships in Indianapolis, Ind. Scherbo began the final session of compulsories with a 9.90 on floor.

Igor Korobchinski, the world champion in 1989 and gold medalist on floor exercise at the indi-



vidual event world finals in April, gave Scherbo something to shoot at moments earlier with a score of 9.80.

Scherbo, his blond hair barely ruffled during his series of hand stands and somersaults, took the grading curve higher with a routine that featured a final somersault whose elevation was easily the best of the day.

It was that way the entire night as both Scherbo and Korobchinski performed on the same apparatus during the six rotations. Korobchinski scored 9.70 on pommel horse and Scherbo took it a notch higher with a 9.75.

Next up were the rings, where Scherbo is rated the world's best after taking the gold in Paris. Korobchinski again played leader with a 9.80, then nudged his teammate in the ribs on the sidelines after Scherbo went by him again with a 9.90.

By this time Scherbo was having fun and playing to the crowd. His vault of 9.825 was followed by a pair of waves to the crowd and slapping hands with Korobchinski, Japan's Daisuke Nishikawa and anyone else available. Valeri Belenki and Misutin, 21, got the Unified Team going earlier in the day.

Belenki, 22, scored 9.85s on rings and high bar, while Misutin's highs were a trio of 9.80s on floor, rings and high bar.

The Unified Team had the top four scorers in compulsories with Scherbo topping the shutout with 59.000 points. Belenki was second with 58.775, with Korobchinski at 58.525 and Misutin fourth with 58.500.

The United States saw its hopes to remain in team medal contention fall flat with by overall low scores that included two crashing vaults by Chris Waller and Jair Lynch.

Olympic highlights

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) - Monday, Day 3, at the Summer Olympics:

VOLLEYBALL

Japan awarded victory in Sunday's disputed volleyball match against United States. Officials agreed with Japan that American player should have been ejected at decisive moment.

BASKETBALL

United States beat Croatia 103-70 in game that promised to be toughest test for the U.S. men. Michael Jordan led Americans with 21 points.

Angola, a heavily cheered underdog, is edged 64-63 by Germany.

SWIMMING

Twenty-seven-year-old Pablo Morales, oldest member of U.S. swim team, capped comeback from 3-year layoff by winning 100-meter butterfly. Nicole Haislett won 200 freestyle for first U.S. women's gold at Barcelona. Unified Team set world record in freestyle relay, snapped 36-year US success in race.

Japan's 14-year-old Kyoko Iwasaki upsets American Anita Nall in women's 200 breaststroke.

DIVING

China's 13-year-old Fu Mingxia won women's 10-meter platform diving, taking gold with one round

Medals table

Through Monday, July 27 21 total medals				
	G	S	B	Total
China	3	6	1	10
United States	3	2	5	10
Unified Team	6	1	0	7
Germany	1	1	3	5
France	0	2	3	5
Hungary	2	1	1	4
Australia	1	1	1	3
Japan	1	1	1	3
Sweden	0	2	1	3
South Korea	2	0	0	2
Bulgaria	1	1	0	2
Italy	0	1	1	2
Spain	1	0	0	1
Cuba	0	1	0	1
Poland	0	1	0	1
Finland	0	0	1	1
Mongolia	0	0	1	1
Netherlands	0	0	1	1
Romania	0	0	1	1
Surinam	0	0	1	1
Yugoslavia	0	0	1	1

remaining. She became one of youngest to win Olympic gold.

MEDALS

The United States and China each had 10 overall and three gold. Unified Team had most golds, six. Twenty-one of 171 nations entered have won medals.

QUOTEBOOK

"The man told me I can't talk to the fans. I couldn't get through an NBA game if I couldn't talk to the fans."

- Charles Barkley, after he was assessed a technical foul for cursing at the crowd in the Dream Team's 103-70 victory over Croatia.

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	W	L
Marfran Ent.	4	0
CMSI	3	1
RB Elect.	2	1
FT.SNE	2	1
Sablan Ent.	2	1
MPI	2	2
Black Micro	2	2
SCCL	1	3
Valdez Const.	0	3
BPR Royal	0	4
Game Result		
July 26, 1992		
CMSI	82	vs. Black Micro 80
R. Santos	27	vs. M. Juacalla 18
E. Cequena	16	vs. J. Cleofas 15
J. Tinio	8	vs. R. Darag 12
L. Nagui	8	vs. A. Bisnar 8
R. Laitan	7	vs. Lopez 8
R. Reyes	6	vs. N. Galang 6
R. Dizon	6	vs. J. Sablan 5
B. Cabildo	3	vs. D. Edora 4
E. Sumugat	1	vs. A. Serquina 2
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R. Torres	28	vs. R. Manalac 27
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Arayata	7	vs. J. Orsua 10
J. Ednave	6	vs. B. Malig 9
Reside	6	vs. D. Lopez 4
Mercanese	4	vs. N. Manuzon 2
Flores	4	
Marfran	116	vs. RB/ECSI 112
T. Alegre	26	vs. A. Magcalas 22
A. Aguas	26	vs. R. Itaas 20
E. Mendoza	20	vs. J. Soliva 19
R. Rendon	12	vs. R. Layon 19
E. Tadeo	11	vs. R. Pineda 14
O. Suing	7	vs. F. Delos Reyes 8
J. Alvarado	7	vs. G. Mornies 8
P. Elmer	6	vs. M. Isip
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Hall sets up potential play with idol Borg

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) - Local qualifier David Hall won his third match in two days Monday to set up a potential meeting with his boyhood idol, Bjorn Borg, in the US Pro Tennis Championships at Longwood Cricket Club.

Hall, 21, a star at Duke University, was moving up to face the winner of a Tuesday night match between the 36-year-old Borg and American George Bezecky.

Hall earned a berth in the \$250,000 tournament with a pair of Sunday qualifying wins. On Monday, he eliminated Peter Svensson of Sweden 6-2, 6-4, before a slender opening-day gallery. While he had never seen Borg play in person, Hall said had posters of the Swedish veteran on his bedroom walls as a boy.

Borg won the Longwood title in 1974, 1975 and 1976. Hall was born in 1971.

Wild-card entry Tim Donovan of Brookline, ranked 539 on the computer list, ambushed Australian Mark Woodforde 7-5, 6-4 in another first-round surprise.

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Cuban boxers see bright prospects

By Tim Dahlberg

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) - Juan Lemus, a world champion at 71 kilograms, and Raul Gonzalez, an international newcomer at 51 kilograms, won Monday and became the third and fourth members of the powerful Cuban team to advance.

Two German boxers also won, making the surprising German team 4-0. But fighters from the former Soviet Union, a major power in amateur boxing for years, were off to a stumbling start.

Two Unified Team boxers lost Monday, making the team 0-4 in two days of competition.

Lemus shut out Arkadii Topaev of the Unified Team, taking a 11-0 decision. Lemus forced Topaev to take two standing 8 counts, the first one coming when Topaev dropped his hands after a break and took a right hand square on the face.

Gonzalez fell behind Leszek Olszewski of Poland 5-3 in the first round, then turned up the pressure and won a 15-7 decision.

"If we continue to fight the way we have been, we'll take the golds,"

Lemus said.

For Germany, Mario Loch, a silver medalist at the 1991 European championships, won his 51-kilogram bout in the second round when Vichai Khadpo of Thailand could not continue because of a severe cut over his right eye.

Markus Beyer had an easy time in his 71-kilogram bout, pounding out a decision over Sililo Figota of New Zealand.

Istvan Kovacs of Hungary, a world flyweight champion in 1991, easily outboxed Dharmendra Yadav of India 21-5 in a 51-kilogram bout.

Raul Marquez kept the American team unbeaten after three bouts.

The U.S. 71-kilogram boxer, by one punch, managed to outpoint Nigeria's David Defiagbon, who danced and moved and almost pulled off the biggest upset so far in the young boxing competition.

To win 8-7 over David Defiagbon in his opening Olympic bout, Marquez had to fight his way to a 4-4 tie with one round left under the new computer scoring system being used in the Games.

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