

ENERGY CRISIS HURTS DEVELOPMENT

SAIPAN—"Reduced fuel allocations, power outages, and curtailed air flights, have occurred in the Trust Territory. They may seriously impede socio-economic development of the islands, by interfering the transportation, communication, electrical production and other government services; particularly such essentials such as health and education."

So said Thomas Remengesau, Deputy Director of the Headquarters Office of Planning and Statistics, (Sept. 1) in an address to an Energy Technology Conference now being held at the Fujita Hotel on Guam. He addressed the conference

on behalf of High Commissioner Adrian Winkel, Micronesian News Service said.

"Existing power plants operate only on deisel fuel, all of which must be imported," Remengesau said. "This total dependence on imported fuels makes Micronesia extremely vulnerable to global reductions in oil supplies, as Micronesia is economically disadvantaged in competition with industrial nations bidding for oil."

Remengesau said there is a growing need to identify and develop renewable energy resources and employ alternative energy technologies in the Trust Territory. "Equally im-

portant is the promotion of energy conservation. These are the objectives of this workshop," he said.

Energy planning in Micronesia requires two focal points, the OPS Deputy Director indicated. These points are examination of indigenous energy resources and conservation.

"Solar, wind, hydropower, ocean thermal, and fuel from biomass can have immediate and long run effects on the energy production capacity of the islands," Remengesau told the conference, adding that the technology for utilizing these resources has already been developed and made commercially available in different parts of the world.

On conservation of energy, Remengesau noted that the efficient use of energy will enable existing resources to better meet current needs. "Conservation efforts may include taxes and incentives, restructuring power rates, efficient use of equipment and vehicles, and substitution, where possible, of renew-



A 500-pound Leatherback Sea Turtle was captured on Kosrae recently by a fisherman in Utwe Harbor. The carapace (the shell which covers the back) measured 52 inches long and 46 inches wide. The turtle was determined unfit for consumption and had to be buried. (PIO Photo).

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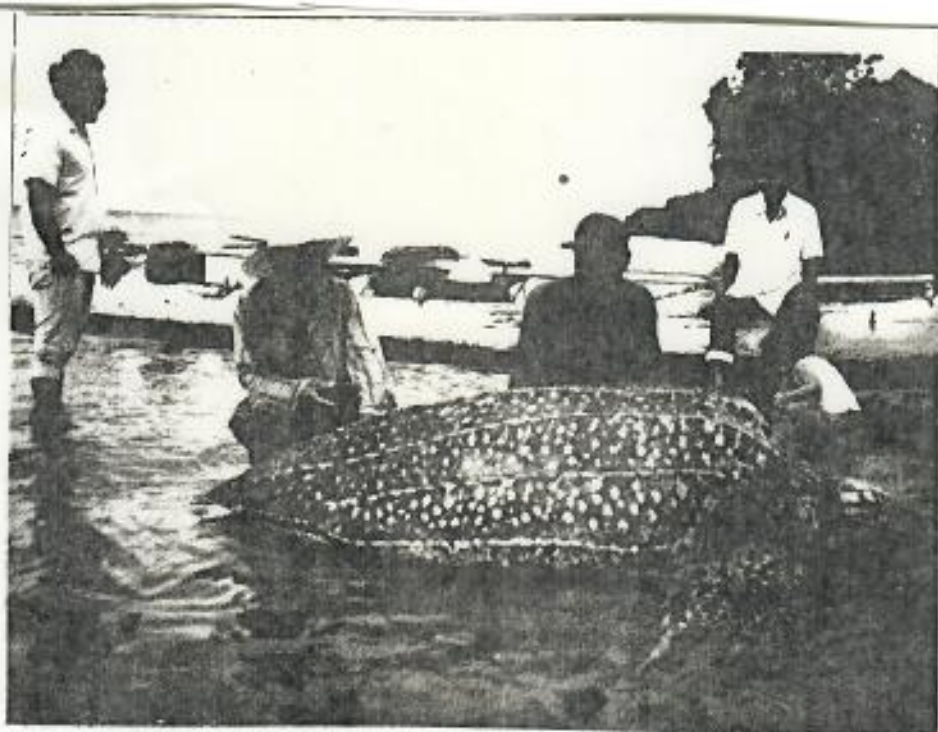
SAIPAN — Saipan's WSZE-TV went off-the-air Thursday (Aug. 30) to await the arrival of an engineer from San Francisco to make "technical adjustments" in an effort to improve its quality.

Wally Schick, General Manager of WSZE-Radio and TV, told the Examiner the "temporary shut-down" will be for about a month and possibly longer. He has "no idea" when the engineer is coming.

Schick said the owner and President of the Micronesian Broadcasting Company, Scott Kilgore, has ordered the money-losing television station closed. Schick refused to release the contents of Kilgore's letter to the Examiners other than to say that the station will make "structural changes" in its operations. He added the TV will increase its "quality" but again declined to say how this may be accomplished.

He did not anticipate hiring more people to man the TV station nor purchasing new equipments. "But it will be a change for the better of our operations", Schick said in an interview.

Schick admitted that the TV operation and the FM radio "are a waste of money in our operation." He said he wanted to rent out FM



This leatherback turtle caught in Kapingamarangi in 1975 weights 300 pounds. The turtle is on the U.S. Endangered Species List. The Leatherbacks are the largest of all known turtles living today often weighing as much as 1000 to 1300 pounds.