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(MARIANAS CONGRESSMEN)
I SAIPAN, MAY 11 (MNS) --- THREE MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS DELE-
GATION FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAVE DECIDED TO JOIN
REPRESENTATIVE FELIPE ATALIO IN ATTENDING THE SPECIAL SESSION
OF CONGRESS NOW UNDERWAY IN TRUK DISTRICT, BUT INDICATIONS ARE



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THAT THE DELEGATION REMAINS SPLIT IN THE REASONS FOR BOYCOTTING AND THEN BREAKING THE BOYCOTT OF THE SESSION.

SENATORS OLYMPIO BORJA AND EDWARD PANGELINAN TUESDAY CONFIRMED THAT THEY PLAN TO FLY TO TRUK ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 12) ALONG WITH CONGRESSMAN CARLOS SHODA. REPRESENTATIVE HERMAN Q. GUERRERO HAS DECIDED NOT TO FLY TO TRUK. HE INDICATED IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE THAT HIS WAS STRICTLY PERSONAL DECISION, AND THAT HE STILL PERSONALLY SUPPORTS THE ORIGINAL

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MOTIVES FOR THE BOYCOTT, THAT IS SUPPORT FOR THE SECESSION MOVEMENT. GUERRERO SAID THAT HE DOES NOT DOUBT THE ABILITIES OR MOTIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA BUT FEELS THAT THE MARIANAS MUST NOW EXPLORE OTHER AVENUES OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

SENATOR BORJA WHO IS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE INDICATED THAT HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE TURN OF EVENTS. HE CONFIRMED THAT HE DID NOT ESPECIALLY AGREE WITH THE BOYCOTT ACTION TAKEN BY HIS COLLEAGUES AND HAD HOPED TO PERSUADE THEM TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL SESSION EVEN AFTER THEIR STRONGLY WORDED JOINT STATEMENT THAT THEY WOULD NOT ATTEND.

REPRESENTATIVE FELIPE ATALIG BROKE THE BOYCOTT BY THE MARIANAS DELEGATION WHEN HE FLEW TO TRUK LAST SATURDAY, "TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS" IN THE IMPORTANT SESSION.

ATALIG'S ACTION HAS BEEN TERMED BY SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN AS THAT OF A "TURNCOAT," AND A "BENEDICT ARNOLD," A REFERENCE TO A TRAITOR IN AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY. ATALIG, PANGELINAN SAID, IS NOT REPRESENTING ANYONE, LEAST OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS.

REFERRING TO A STORY PUBLISHED IN THE MICRONESIA STAR AND TO REMARKS MADE BY ATALIG IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE MICRONESIAN NEWS

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SERVICE IN TRUK, PANGELINAN SAID THE REPRESENTATIVE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT, AND "HAD NO AUTHORITY WHATSOEVER TO SPEAK ABOUT THE DISCUSSION WITH U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN PATSY MINK.

ATALIG HAD SAID THAT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE PATSY MINK HAD INDICATED SUPPORT FOR THE IDEA OF THE BOYCOTT BY THE MARIANAS DELEGATION AND HAD INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD BE U.S. FINANCIAL AID

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TO AN INDEPENDENT MARIANAS. PANGELINAN SAID THAT IN CONVERSATIONS HE HAD WITH MRS. MINK THE U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN HAD INQUIRED ABOUT HOW SERIOUS THE MARIANAS PEOPLE WERE ABOUT THEIR RECENTLY-ADVOCATED SECESSION MOVEMENT TO GET OUT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY. PANGELINAN HAD SAID THAT THEY WERE VERY SERIOUS AND THAT REPRESENTATIVE MINK HAD REPLIED THAT IF THEY WERE SINCERE, THEN THEY WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION AND TAKE ACTION AND THAT WHATEVER DECISION WAS MADE WOULD HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFULLY CONSIDERED.

PANGELINAN SAID THAT AT NO TIME IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH MRS. MINK DID THE SUBJECT OF FINANCING AN INDEPENDENT MARIANAS COME UP. MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REASONS FOR THE BOYCOTT OF THE SESSION AND THE REASONS FOR ENDING THE BOYCOTT REMAIN UNANSWERED AT THIS POINT ALTHOUGH SENATOR PANGELINAN INDICATED THAT MATTERS WILL BE CLARIFIED WHEN THE DELEGATION ARRIVES IN TRUK ON WEDNESDAY TO

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BEGIN ATTENDING THE SPECIAL SESSION.

MEANWHILE THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION HAVE MOVED REPRESENTATIVE ATALIG'S OFFICE FILES AND OTHER EFFECTS OUT OF THE COMMON BUILDING WHICH THE MARIANAS DELEGATION HAS BEEN USING AS AN OFFICE AND ATALIG'S COLLEAGUES ARE MOST UNHAPPY WITH HIM.

IN THE WORDS OF SENATOR PANGELINAN: "FELIPE ATALIG HAS LOST THE CONFIDENCE OF HIS COLLEAGUES AND CAN NO LONGER BE TRUSTED. HE IS A PUBLICITY SEEKER WHO WILL STOP AT NOTHING AND THEREFORE WE FEEL THAT HE SHOULD BE KEPT OUT OF OUR OFFICE."
(MOONFELL CONDITION)

SAIPAN MAY 11 (MNS)---REPORTS REACHING SAIPAN INDICATE THAT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATOR RAFAEL MOONFELL FROM YAP, IS IN GOOD CONDITION AT THE NAVAL HOSPITAL ON GUAM.

THE SENATOR WAS ADMITTED TO TRUK HOSPITAL LAST WEEK WITH SEVERE INTERNAL BLEEDING AND WAS THEN EVACUATED BY AIR TO GUAM FOR FURTHER TREATMENT AND OBSERVATION OF THE CONDITION.

THE REPORTS SAY THAT MOONFELL IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY OVER THE WEEKEND THAT HE WAS SCHEDULED TO UNDERGO FURTHER TESTS THIS WEEK AND THAT HE WAS EXPECTED TO BE HOSPITALIZED FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER WEEK OR POSSIBLY TWO WEEKS.

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