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(TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL)

SAIPAN JUNE 3 (MNS) - THE SOVIET UNION HAS ATTACKED THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION OF MICRONESIA FOR RETAINING COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE TRUST TERRITORY AND FOR "REFUSING TO GRANT

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IT SELF-GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENCE."

THE ATTACK CAME DURING THE TUESDAY (JUNE 1) SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, WHICH IS HOLDING ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN NEW YORK.

ACCORDING TO UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL, SOVIET DELEGATE PAVEL S. SHAKOV CHARGED THE UNITED STATES IS HANGING ON TO THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TO USE THEM AS "ROCKET AND FALL-BACK MILITARY BASES." STATEMENTS AND REPLIES OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVES IN THE COUNCIL, HE SAID, JUSTIFIED THE CONCLUSION THAT, DESPITE GROWING DEMANDS OF THE ISLAND PEOPLE, THE UNITED STATES HAS NO PLANS

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FOR MAKING IT INDEPENDENT. THE U.S. POLICY, HE ADDED, AMOUNTS TO THE CONVERSION OF THE TERRITORY INTO AN APPENDAGE OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY.

SHAKOV CLAIMED THAT JUDGING FROM THE REPLIES TO HIS QUESTIONS GIVEN BY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, THE TERRITORY IS UNDER COMPLETE CONTROL OF U.S. CITIZENS AND ALL REALLY IMPORTANT POSTS REMAINED IN THEIR HANDS. HE CLAIMED THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO TAKE URGENT ACTION TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION.

HE ALSO STATED, ACCORDING TO UPI, THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS NO REAL POWER AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IS FUNCTIONING AS "A SORT OF UNCROWNED KING IN THE TERRITORY." HE ALSO ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES OF ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION OF THE ISLANDS, AND OF NOT HONORING THEIR OBLIGATIONS IN THE ISLANDS UNDER THE U.N. CHARTER FOR STRATEGIC REASONS.

THE SOVIET CRITICISM WAS THE HARSHTEST OFFERED DURING THE CURRENT TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MEETING. TRADITIONALLY, THE UNITED STATES HAS ALWAYS COME UNDER HEAVY CRITICISM FROM THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH MISSES NO OPPORTUNITY TO EMBARRASS THE UNITED STATES IN THE PUBLIC FORUM OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL. LATER

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THIS WEEK, IN ITS CLOSING STATEMENT TO THE COUNCIL, THE U.S. IS EXPECTED TO ANSWER THE SOVIET CRITICISMS. THE U.S. HAS MAINTAINED IN PREVIOUS SESSIONS THAT THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY IS MAKING SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE ISLANDS, AND THAT PROGRESS ON THE FUTURE STATUS ISSUE IS ALSO BEING MADE.

ANOTHER CRITICISM OF U.S. ADMINISTRATION MADE DURING THE TUESDAY COUNCIL SESSION WAS A COMMENT FROM THE BRITISH DELEGATE, THOMAS N. HAINING, WHO URGED THE UNITED STATES TO FINALLY SETTLE THE TERRITORY'S CLAIMS FROM WORLD WAR TWO.

(AGING CONFERENCE)

SAIPAN JUNE 3 (MNS)---A CONFERENCE ON AGING WILL BE HELD ON SAIPAN FOR FIVE DAYS BEGINNING JUNE 14, ACCORDING TO WILLIAM ALLEN, CHIEF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. AN EXPERT ON AGING, MEL SPEAR AN ASSOCIATE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FROM SAN FRANCISCO WILL BE THE PRINCIPLE SPEAKER.

THE CONFERENCE IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE ON AGING WITHIN THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO MAKE ASSESSMENTS ON THE REAL NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY PEOPLE IN EACH DISTRICT IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. ISSUES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

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DERIVED FROM THE CONFERENCE WILL BE USED IN THE FUTURE AS GUIDELINES IN AN EFFORT TO BETTER THE LIVES OF THE ELDERLY.

ALLEN ALSO MENTIONED THAT CAA DIRECTORS FROM EACH DISTRICT HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ESTABLISH AN ELDERLY CONSULTANT AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL TO DETERMINE THE FELT NEEDS OF THE OLDER PEOPLE RELEVANT TO THE DISTRICT. PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE TWO COUNCIL PEOPLE APPOINTED BY CAA DIRECTORS IN EACH DISTRICT PLUS STAFF MEMBERS OF THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

ALLEN ALSO SAID THAT A WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON DC ON NOVEMBER 28 OF THIS YEAR. HE SAID THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE AND PLANS ARE NOW WELL UNDERWAY TO SEND A DELEGATION. PARTICIPANTS FOR THE WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING FROM THE TT WILL BE COUNCIL MEMBERS PLUS TWO OUTSTANDING MICRONESIANS.

(LITTERING CAMPAIGN)

SAIPAN JUNE 3 (MNS)---THE PUBLIC CAMPAIGN AGAINST LITTERING OF BEACHES AND HIGHWAYS HAS RECEIVED A BOOST ON SAIPAN FROM THE SAN JOSE CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION. LAST WEEKEND THE GROUP MUSTERED 35 YOUNG PEOPLE TO COLLECT EMPTY BOTTLES AND CANS

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ALONG THE BEACH FRONTING THE VILLAGE.

SAN JOSE COMMISSIONER ESTANISLAO TORRES SPONSORED THE CAMPAIGN, AND LOANED THE YOUNG PEOPLE THE USE OF HIS PERSONAL PICK-UP TRUCK FOR HAULING AWAY THE TRASH. THE CHIEF OF THE TRUST TERRITORY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION, NASCHA SIREN, ALSO LOANED A TRUCK FOR USE IN THE PROJECT.

COMMENTING ON THE WORK OF THESE YOUNGSTERS, SIREN SAID THEY HAD DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB OF RECOGNIZING A COMMUNITY NEED AND DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT. HE URGED THE GENERAL PUBLIC, NOT JUST ON SAIPAN BUT EVERYWHERE IN THE IT, TO HELP BY NOT LITTERING PUBLIC PLACES. HE SAID IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO KEEP OUR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN AND FREE OF POLLUTION.

COMMISSIONER TORRES HAS ALSO TAKEN FURTHER STEPS IN THE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN, BY REQUESTING THAT GARBAGE CANS BE PLACED ALONG THE ROAD AND AT THE PUBLIC BEACHES IN ORDER TO GIVE PEOPLE SOMEPLACE TO DISPOSE OF THEIR GARBAGE, AND HE IS PLANNING TO HAVE SIGNS ERECTED ALONG THE ROAD REMINDING THE PUBLIC NOT TO LITTER

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