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Friends Of Micronesia

BERKELEY, California (MNS)-Friends of Micronesia, a nationwide organization of Americans concerned with guaranteeing self-determination for the Micronesian people, has announced the opening of both East and West Coast offices to provide a variety of new services.

A large scale information program was inaugurated with a prime-time television show recently in Boston. A number of additional programs, including multi-media programs, is planned at schools, colleges and civic organizations across the United States in order to make people more familiar with Micronesia and the problems of the area. Lapel buttons and bumper stickers have been distributed to more than one thousand Americans who have lived in Micronesia. And a bi-monthly newsletter provides news-briefs and analyses as well as information on regional activities.

Friends of Micronesia lists as its objective working to guarantee Micronesians free choice in determining their future and says it is pledged to support whatever political status is chosen by the Micronesian people. The organization believes that "no decisions should be made about political status until Micronesians are enabled to act independently with their wishes taking precedence over the economic and military interests of the United States."

The group has started a letter-writing campaign to members of the U.S. Congress, and a lobbyist is already at work in Washington on behalf of the group.

The two offices of Friends of Micronesia are located at 2325 McKinley Avenue in Berkeley, California; and at 268 Newbury Street in Boston, Massachusetts. (MNS Radio Wire)