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(HICOM ARRIVES)
PALAU, FEB. 23 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD
E. JOHNSTON ARRIVED BACK IN PALAU WEDNESDAY (FEB. 23) TO BE ON
HAND FOR THE FINAL DAYS OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE
CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. IT IS THE THIRD TRIP HE HAS MADE TO
PALAU DURING THE SESSION.

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THE HICOM WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY PALAU DISTRICT AD-
MINISTRATOR THOMAS REMENGESAU. ALSO ARRIVING ON THE SAME
FLIGHT WAS MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OSCAR
DEBRUM, WHO IS IN PALAU FOR HEARINGS BEFORE THE CONGRESS'
JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING. THE COMMIT-
TEE HAS BEEN HOLDING HEARINGS FOR THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS INTO
THE TRUST TERRITORY FIVE YEAR PLAN, AND ALL OF THE SIX DISTADS
AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFFS ARE EITHER PRESENTLY IN PALAU
OR WERE ON HAND EARLIER IN THE WEEK.

THERE WAS SOME EXCITEMENT FOR THE OFFICIALS WEDNESDAY ON
THE NORMALLY ROUTINE RIDE FROM THE PALAU AIRPORT TO THE CONTINEN-
TAL HOTEL. THE HICOM'S CAR WAS ONE OF SEVERAL THAT FORMED A
SMALL MOTORCADE TO THE HOTEL. AS THE CARS DROVE DOWN THE STEEP
HILL LEADING TO THE HOTEL ENTRANCE, A CAR ABOUT FIVE BACK FROM
THE LEAD SUDDENLY WENT OUT OF CONTROL.

THE SMALL CAR WAS DRIVEN BY ROGER COTTING OF MAJURO, WHO IS
THE MARSHALLS PROGRAM AND BUDGET OFFICER AND IS ALSO IN PALAU FOR
THE HEARINGS. AS HE DESCRIBED THE INCIDENT LATER TO MICRONESIAN
NEWS SERVICE, HE WAS ABOUT HALFWAY DOWN THE HILL WHEN HE SUD-
DENLY REALIZED HE HAD NO BRAKES.

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AS THE CAR GATHERED SPEED, COTTING SWERVED THE VEHICLE
OUT AND AROUND THE CARS IN FRONT TO AVOID HITTING THEM. HE
THEN ATTEMPTED TO STOP THE OUT-OF-CONTROL CAR BY DELIBERATELY
HITTING THE EMBANKMENT BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. ONE OF

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COTTING'S PASSENGERS, MARSHALLS DISTRICT ATTORNEY RUSS WALKER, SAID THIS COULD ONLY BE TRIED ONCE, HOWEVER, BECAUSE THERE WERE PEOPLE WALKING ON THE ROAD WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN INJURED.

FINALLY THE CAR, TRAVELLING QUITE FAST, SWUNG AROUND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S VEHICLE AND COTTING DROVE INTO A SMALL HILL AT THE BASE OF THE ROAD. THE CAR TURNED ON ITS SIDE AND CAME TO REST ONLY A FEW FEET FROM THE ENTRANCE TO THE HOTEL.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, DISTAD REMENGESAU, DISTAD DEBRUM AND OTHERS RUSHED TO THE CAR TO HELP THE OCCUPANTS OUT. WALKER WAS ALBE TO EMERGE THROUGH A SIDE WINDOW, BUT COTTING AND HIS REAR-SEAT PASSENGERS, LARRY EDWARDS AND SEBEDY TARKWON OF THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, WERE ONLY ABLE TO GET OUT AFTER THE HICOM AND OTHERS REMOVED THE WINDSHIELD FROM ITS FRAME.

THE CAR WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED, BUT FORTUNATELY NONE OF THE FOUR OCCUPANTS WAS INJURED. WALKER PRAISED COTTING FOR HIS HANDLING OF THE SITUATION. A WRONG TURN, AND THE CAR COULD

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HAVE PLUNGED DOWN THE STEEP HPLL IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL. AFTER IT WAS ALL COVER COTTING NOTED WRYLY WHAT HE ONLY HAD THE CAR, IA TENTED VEHICLE FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS BEFORE THE ACCIDENT.

(LONG SESSIONS HELD)

PALAU, FEB 23 (MNS)---BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HELD LONG, INVOLVED SESSIONS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (FEB. 29), ON THE 45TH DAY OF THE CURRENT, 50-DAY SECOND REGULAR SESSION. ONCE AGAIN, FOR THE SECOND DAY IN A ROW COMMITTEE REPORTS TOOK UP A GOOD SHARE OF THE TIME, WITH SEVEN REPORTS ADOPTED IN THE HOUSE AND EIGHTEEN IN THE SENATE.

DESPITE THE LENGTH OF THE SESSIONS THERE WERE ONLY TWO BILLS SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WEDNESDAY. PASSED BY THE SENATE, THESE WERE THE APPROPRIATION MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. ONE OF THE BILLS MAKES A SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 1972, AND THE OTHER COVERS THE ENTIRE CONGRESS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1973. THEY WERE PASSED WITHOUT DEBATE OR OPPOSITION, ALTHOUGH ACTION ON THEM HAD EARLIER BEEN DEFERED BY SOME DISAGREEMENT

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AMONG THE SENATORS OVER CERTAIN ITEMS. THE BILLS AS FINALLY PASSED, HOWEVER, WERE AS THEY WERE PASSED IN THE HOUSE WITH NO DELETIONS OR OTHER CHANGES.

ALSO PASSED ON SECOND READING BY THE SENATORS WERE SEVERAL SENATE BILLS, INCLUDING THE MERIT SYSTEM ACT AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER BILL. BOTH OF THESE BILLS ARE MODIFIED VERSIONS OF THE BILLS DISAPPROVED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOLLOWING THE TRUK SPECIAL SESSION. THEY PASSED WITHOUT DEBATE OR OPPOSITION AND WILL BE SENT TO THE HOUSE FOR CONSIDERATION.

OTHER BILLS GIVEN FINAL PASSAGE WERE A BILL RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF INTEREST IN LAND UPON THE DEATH OF THE OWNER, AND A BILL MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN PONAPE DISTRICT.

THE SENATE HAD A NUMBER OF INTERESTING RESOLUTIONS ON THE CALENDAR WEDNESDAY, AND WITH ONE EXCEPTION THEY WERE ALL ADOPTED. THE EXCEPTION WAS A JOINT RESOLUTION THAT WOULD HAVE EXPRESSED THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT ITS MEMBER'S SALARIES SHOULD BE DELETED FROM THE BUDGET NEXT YEAR. THE REASON GIVEN WAS TO MAKE MORE BADLY NEEDED FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR VITAL DISTRICT PROJECTS.

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EXPECTED. WHAT SURPRISED SOME OBSERVERS WAS THAT THE RES-
OLUTION HAS AS MUCH SUPPORT AS IT APPARENTLY HAD. THE SUP-
PORTERS WERE NOT IN THE MAJORITY, HOWEVER, AND ACTION ON THE
MEASURE WAS FINALLY DEFERRED "INDEFINITELY."
THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OF THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED
WAS A MEASURE ASKING THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO AMEND

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SECRETARIAL ORDER 2918 TO ALLOW THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
TO OVERRIDE THE LEGISLATIVE VETO OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CASES. SENATOR BAILEY OLTER (PONAPE), IN
REPORTING THE MEASURE FAVORABLY FROM HIS COMMITTEE ON WAYS
AND MEANS, SAID, "YOUR COMMITTEE FEELS THAT THE INTERANL AFFAIRS
OF MICRONESIA SHOULD NOT BE FINALLY SUBJECT TO CONTROL BY THE
UNITED STATES."

THE RESOLUTION ASKS THAT THE CONGRESS BE ALLOWED TO OVERRIDE,
BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE IN BOTH HOUSES, ANY VETO, BUT THAT
INSTEAD OF BEING RETURNED TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SUCH RE-
CONSIDERED BILLS WOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE
INTERIOR. HE WOULD ONLY DISAPPROVE OF THEM IF THEY WERE IN
CONFLICT WITH TREATIES OR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS OF THE UNITED
STATES, LAWS OF THE U.S. APPLICABLE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY,
EXECUTIVE ORDERS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S., SECRETARIAL
ORDERS, OR SECTIONS ONE THROUGH TWELVE OF THE TT CODE.

"YOUR COMMITTEE IS CONVINCED," SENATOR OLTER CONTINUED,
"THAT THE CONCEPT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT IS BASICALLY A CONCEPT
OF POWER. A PEOPLE CAN NEVER BE SAID TO GOVERN THEMSELVES
UNLESS THEY HAVE THE POWER TO DO SO, REGARDLE OF THE

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BENEVOLENCE OF A WELL-INTENTIONED DICTATOR. THEREFOR, YOUR
COMMITTEE FEELS THAT THE VERY LEAST THE U.S. CAN DO TO FULFILL
ITS SOLEMN PROMISE UNDER THE TRUSTESHIP AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE
SELF-GOVERNMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF MICCONESIA, IS TO GIVE THE

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THOSE PEOPLE THE RIGHT AND POWER TO FINALLY DETERMINE WHAT LAWS WILL BE APPLICABLE TO THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ANYTHING LESS IS A MOCKERY," HE CONCLUDED.

THE JOINT RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, AND NOW GOES TO THE HOUSE OF CONSIDERATION. EVEN IF FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESS, HOWEVER, IT WILL NOT HAVE THE FORCE OF LAW. THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR WILL STILL HAVE TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST AND ONLY HE CAN MAKE CHANGES IN A SECRETARIAL ORDER.

THE SENATORS ALSO ADOPTED WEDNESDAY JOINT RESOLUTIONS REQUESTING THE SERVICES OF CLINTON E. ATKISON FISHERIES ATTACHE AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN JAPAN TO COUNSEL THE TT GOVERNMENT ON FISHERIES PROGRAM; REQUESTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO PROVIDE FOR A MARKETING AGENT ON GUAM FOR THE TT; AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, OR THEIR DESIGNEES TO ATTEND THE UPCOMING PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF LEGISLATORS IN HONOLULU AS OBSERVERS; REQUESTING INFORMATION

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RELATING TO A PROPOSED SHIPYARD PROJECT ON PELELIU; AND REQUESTING THE HICOM TO RELOCATE THE NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT ON KOROR. OF THESE, ONLY THE LAST WAS A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION. THE REST OF THEM MUST STILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE HOUSE.

ONLY ONE NEW BILL WAS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE WEDNESDAY.

IT IS AN APPROPRIATION MEASURE TO ALLOW THE CONGRESS TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN THE ACQUISITION OF TRUK'S MIZPAH HIGH SCHOOL.

IN THE HOUSE WEDNESDAY, THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE FLOOR DEBATE ON HOUSE BILL 183, A MEASURE WHICH WOULD RETURN 50 PER CENT OF THE REVENUE GENERATED UNDER THE INCOME AND BUSINESS RECEIPTS TAX LAW IN EACH DISTRICT TO THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE. PRESENTLY ALL REVENUE UNDER THE NEW LAW ACCRUES TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR APPROPRIATION. THE ISSUE IS ONE WHICH SHARPLY DIVIDES THE DELEGATIONS, AND ACTION ON IT HAD BEEN DEFERRED BEFORE.

REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES DOMNICK (MARSHALLS), ARGUED STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THE BILL. IN AN IMPASSIONED STATEMENT, HE SAID THE MARSHALLS SHOULD RECEIVE HALF OF THE TAX INCOME IT GENERATES BECAUSE MOST OF THAT INCOME COMES FROM THE U.S. ARMY MISSILE RANGE AT KWAJALEIN, AND IT IS THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALLS WHO

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HAVE SUFFERED THE MOST FROM THE U.S. MILITARY USE OF THEIR ISLAND. AS DOMNICK AND THE OTHER CONGRESSMEN FROM THE MARSHALLS SEE IT, IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT THEY SHOULD RECEIVE A SHARE OF THE MONETARY BENEFITS OF THE MILITARY PRESENCE.

"WHICH OF THE FIVE DISTRICTS," DOMNICK SAID, "IN TIME OF PEACE HAS SEEN SEVERAL OF ITS WHOLE COMMUNITIES REMOVED FROM THEIR BIRTHPLACE TO MAKE WAY FOR MILITARY ACTIVITIES?" HE CITED AGAIN THE EXAMPLES OF THE PEOPLE OF BIKINI, ENIWETOK, LIB AND OTHERS. "WHICH OF THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS HAS EXPERIENCED ATOMIC BOMB EXPLOSIONS AND THEIR DRAMATIC EFFECTS... WITH WHOLE ISLAND BLOWN AWAY?" HE ASKED. AND, "WHICH OF THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS HAS A SMALL MODEL U.S. CITY WITH ALL THE MODERN CONVENIENCES ONLY A MILE AWAY FROM THE GHETTO THAT IS EBEBE?"

DOMNICK SAID IT IS VERY EASY TO APPRECIATE THE BENEFITS OF THE MILITARY'S PRESENCE, "BUT IT IS VERY HARD TO SHARE THE BURDEN ENDURED BY THAT PRESENCE." "ALL IN ALL," HE ADDED, "WE IN THE MARSHALLS HAVE UNDERTAKEN THE TOTAL BURDEN OF THE MILITARY'S PRESENCE IN THE PAST QUARTER OF A CENTURY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WHOLE TERRITORY... NOW THAT A SMALL BENEFIT SEEMS APPARENT, YOU IN THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS REFUSE TO SHARE

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EVEN A HALF OF IT WITH US."

DOVNICK'S STATEMENT WAS SOMEWHAT OF A SURPRISE, ALTHOUGH IT IS BELIEVED THAT UNHAPPINESS OVER THE REVENUEJHARING BILL HAS BEEN BENEATH THE SURFACE IN THE HOUSE, AND ALSO IN THE SENATE, FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. SPEAK NG AGAINST PASSAGE OF THE BILL,

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REPRESENTATIVE RAYMOND SETIK (TRUK) ARGUED THAT "WE SHOULD ALL WORK FOR THE UNITY OF MICRONESIA, AND THEREFOR WE SHOULD ALL SHARE THE REVENUES EQUALLY." REPRESENTATIVE SASAUO HARUO (TRUK) AGREED, POINTING OUT THAT ALL THE DISTRICTS, INCLUDING THE MARSHALLS, BENEFIT FROM THE TAX REVENUES THROUGH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMS AND OTHERS.

CONGRESSMAN DOMNICK OFFERED AN AMENDMENT TO THE BILL TO LET IT TAKE EFFECT ONE YEAR LATER THAN ORIGINALLY INTENDED. THE AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED IN A VERY CLOSE VOTE, AND THE HOUSE MEMBERS THEN VOTED TO DEFER ACTION ON THE BILL ONCE AGAIN.

PASSED TN SECOND READING WEDNESDAY WERE FIVE HOUSE BILLS AND TWO SENATE MEASURES, ALL OF THEM MUST GO TO THE SENATE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION, HOWEVER, EVEN THE SENATE BILLS WHICH THE HOUSE HAS AMENDED.

HOUSE BILLS PASSED RELATE TO LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS; AMENDING THE INCOME TAX LAW TO EXEMPT UNITED NATIONS AND SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION PERSONNEL WORKING IN MICRONESIA FROM TAXATION; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN THE MARSHALLS; ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR CHANNEl BLASTING PROJECTS

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IN THE MARSHALLS, TRUK, PONAPE, YAP AND PALAU DISTRICTS; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PRORECTS IN THE MARIANAS.

SENATE BILLS GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL BY THE HOUSE, BUT WITH HOUSE AMENDMENTS, RELATE TO THE PANALTY FOR CONTEMPT OF CONVRESS AND TO THE ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN DISTRICT

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LEGISLATURES.

AT THE CLOSE OF THE HOUSE SESSION, A NEWLY INTRODUCED BILL WAS PASSED ON FIRST READING AFTER THE RULES WERE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW THE QUICK VOTE. THE BILL WOULD APPROPRIATE \$100,000 OFR THE CONTRUSTION OF NEW, TEMPORARY MEETING CHMBERS FOR THE CONGRESS ON SAIPAN. TME BILL WOULD ALSO DECREE THAT THOSE CHAMBERS CANNOT BE BUILT ON TME SITE OF THE CHAMBERS THAT WERE DESTROYED BY FIRE A YEAR AGO, AND THAT THAT SITE SHOULD BE DECLARED A HISTORICAL SITE. THERE WAS SOME OPPOSITION TO THE MEASURE, CENTERED ON WHETHER THE CONGRESS SHOULD SPEND MONEY ON A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE WHEN IT HAS NOT YET DEC DED ON A PERMANENT CAPITOL LOCATION, BUT THE BILL PASSED FIRST READING.

OTHER NEW MEASURES INTRODUCED WEDNESDAY IN THE HOUSE WERE A BILL APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE MARIANAS DISTRICT HEAD START PROGRAM, AND A JOINT RESOLUTION CENSURING THE TRUST

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TERRITORY GOVERNMENT FOR ITS HANDLING OF THE VISIT BY THE JAPANESE MEDICAL TEAM TO THE MARSHALLS RECENTLY.

THURSDAY, TME 46TH DAY OF THE SESSION, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE CUTOFF DATE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION. BOTH HOUSES WILL AGAIN MEET AT THREE IN THE AFTERNOON.

(SALII PRAISES FRIENDS)

PALAU, FEB. 23 (MNS).--THE FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA, A UNITED STATES GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING TO PUBLICIZE MICRONESIA IN THE U.S. AND TO CALL ATTENTION TO ITS PROBLEMS, WAS PRAISED

FOR ITS EFFORTS WEDNESDAY (FEB. 23) ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE BY SENATOR ALZARUS SALII (PALAU).

IN A PREPARED STATEMENT, SENATOR SALII SAID THE GROUP REALLY IS A GROUP OF "FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA." HE NOTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM OF THE FRIENDS IN MICRONESIA IN RECENT MONTHS, PARTICULARLY JUST AXTER THE RECENT STATUS TALKS IN HAWAII, WHEN, IN THE SENATOR'S WORDS, THE FRIENDS "RELEASED SOME MATERIAL THAT BROUGHT SOME AMUSING OVERREACTION BY CERTAIN OFFICIALS HERE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

"LET US NOT, HOWEVER, LOOK TOO LONG AT THIS CRITICISM," SENATOR SALII CONTINUED. "THE OVEREXUBERANCE OF THE FRIENDS

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OF MICRONESIA IS EASY FOR US TO UNDERSTAND. IS THERE ONE OF
US HERE IN THIS CHAMBER WHO HAS NOT, DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE,
BECOME OVERWROUGHT WITH SOME ABITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS ACTION OF
THE TRUST TERRITORY OR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT?"

SENATOR SALII ASKED HIS COLLEAGUES TO RECOGNIZE THE
"VALUABLE SERVICE THAT THIS GROUP AND ITS DEDICATED MEMBERS
PERFORM." HE NOTED THAT THE FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA ARE THE
ONLY GROUP IN THE U.S. THAT TAKES ANY INTEREST IN MICRONESIA
AND HER PROBLEMS. "THEY BRING OUR PROBELMS TO THE ATTENTION
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE PEOPLE OF
THE UNITED STATES, WHICH NO OTHER AMERICANS ARE DOING IN AN
ORGANIZED FSHION," HE SAID.

"THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SYMPATHETIC PRESS COVERAGE WITH
REGARD TO MICROENSIA'S PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD NEVER OCCUC IF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR WERE THE ONLY SOURCE FOR NEWS
FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY IN THE UNITED STATES," THE SENATOR
CONTINUED, ADDING "THEIR HEARTS ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE."

SENATOR SALII CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY SAYING, "THEY WANT
TO HELP. AND, CONTRARY TO THE OPINIONS OF SOME OF THOSE WHO
HAVE SPOKEN OUT AGAINST THEM IN THE PAST, THEY ARE HELPING.

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AND THAT," HE SAID, "IS MORE THAN I CAN SAY FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE
IN WASHINGTON AND EVEN HERE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.
"LET US NOT CRITICIZE THESE PEOPLE. LET US SUPPORT THEM,
AND ENCOURAGE THEM IN THEIR ENTHUSIASM, FOR THEY--NOT THE
UNITED STATES STATE DEPARTMENT, NO THE MAN BEHIND THE DESK

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AT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ARE TRULY THE REAL 'FRIENDS
OF MICRONESIA'; AND I AM GLAD TO HAVE THEM ON OUR SIDE," SENATOR
SALII SAID.
(TANKER GROUNDED)
PALAU, FEB. 23 (MNS).--A TANKER DELIVERING BULK FUEL AND OIL
TO PALAU DISTRICT WENT AGROUND AT THE ENTRANCE TO MALAKUL
A PANAMANIAN REGISTERED VESSEL OUT OF THE PHILIPPINES.
ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM THE PALAU DISTRICT ADMIN-
ISTRATORS OFFICE, THE TANKER ARRIVED IN THE HARBOR ON MONDAY.
AS SHE DOCKED, SHE WAS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY STRIKING A PORTION
OF THE PIER, ALTHOUGH THE PIER ITSELF WAS NOT BADLY DAMAGED.
THAT WAS ONLY THE FIRST BIT OF BAD LUCK FOR THE SHIP, HOWEVER.
TUESDAY AT ABOUT NOON, AS SHE WAS LEAVING THEY WENT AGROUND NEAR THE
HARBOR ENTRANCE.
AS OF LATE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON THE TANKER WAS STILL
GROUNDED AND EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO REFLOAT HER. THE
SHIP IS REPORTEDLY BLOCKING A PORTION OF THE HARBOR ENTRANCE.
THE M/T HALEKUNLANI'S MASTER WAS IDENTIFIED AS ALEREDO
JESENA OF THE PHILIPPINES. SHE HAS 35 CREWMEN, ALL FILIPINOS.

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