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(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THIS WILL BE THE FINAL MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE DISPATCH FROM THE PALAU SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. IT INCLUDES REPORTS ON SEVERAL SPEECHES THAT WERE DELIVERED IN THE CLOSING HOURS, INCLUDING AN ADDRESS BY THE SENATE VICE-PRESIDENT THAT WILL SERVE AS OUR SUMMARY OF THE CONGRESS SESSION.)

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(BORJA SUMMARIZES SESSION)

PALAU, FEB. 29 (MNS)---THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, SENATOR OLYMPIO BORJA (MARIANAS), TOOK THE FLOOR LATE MONDAY NIGHT (FEB. 28), AS THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION DREW TO A CLOSE IN PALAU, TO SUMMARIZE THE WORK OF THE SESSION. HERE IS WHAT HE HAD TO SAY:
"AS THIS SESSION DRAWS TO A CLOSE I THINK WE CAN ALL TAKE HEART FROM THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY THIS FOURTH CONGRESS, AND ESPECIALLY DURING THIS SECOND REGULAR SESSION. NEVER BEFORE IN ITS SEVEN-YEAR HISTORY HAS THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY CONSIDERED SUCH A VAST NUMBER OF MEASURES; NEVER BEFORE HAS IT APPROVED SO MANY BILLS AND ADOPTED SO MANY RESOLUTIONS; NEVER BEFORE HAVE SO MANY MEASURES OF IMPORTANCE BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

"THE AREAS IN WHICH THE CONGRESS HAS CONSIDERED AND PASSED IMPORTANT MEASURES ARE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EXPANDED GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO OUR MICRONESIAN CITIZENS, NUMEROUS MEASURES DESIGNED TO AFFORD MICRONESIANS GREATER LEGAL PROTECTION AND SERVICES, AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY, AS WELL AS THE CENTRAL AND COMPLEX ISSUE OF

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OUR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS.

"ONE OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THIS CONGRESS THAT STANDS OUT ABOVE OTHERS IS THE HIGH NUMBER OF BILLS ENACTED AND LAWS SO FAR SIGNED DEALING WITH THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF OUR CITIZEN'S

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RIGHTS. THESE INCLUDE LAES DEALING WITH THE SETTING OF UN-AUTHORIZED FIRES, INTIMIDATION OF VOTERS, THE PUBLICATION OF DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS, WRITS OF EXECUTION, AND ALSO MUCH NEEDED AMENDMENTS TO THE WAGES AND SALARIES AND GROSS RECEIPTS TAX AND THE PROTECTION OF RESIDENT WORKERS ACT.

"THIS CONGRESS HAS ALSO CONSIDERED AGAIN SEVERAL VERY IMPORTANT MEASURES WHICH WERE VETOED IN PAST SESSIONS: THE MERIT SYSTEM AND ADVICE AND CONSENT BILLS AND THE MARPI AND KAGMAN AREAS HOMESTEAD BILL, ALL OF WHICH HOPEFULLY WILL SEE PASSAGE AND APPROVAL BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

"WE HAVE ALSO CONSIDERED AND ACTED UPON VALUABLE BILLS SUCH AS ONE WHICH WOULD REGULATE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AND A BILL THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW. THE CONGRESS HAS ALSO STUDIED THE NECESSITY OF FORMING A COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT BROADCAST SERVICE (NOTE: THIS BILL DID NOT

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PASS), AND TAKEN ACTION ON A MEASURE THAT WOULD ESTABLISH AND FUND A TRUST TERRITORY DISASTER CONTROL OFFICE (NOTE: ACTION ON THIS MEASURE WAS ALSO DEFERRED, AS WELL AS A MEASURE DESIGNED TO CREATE PLANNING COMMISSIONS IN EACH OF THE DISTRICTS.

"NUMEROUS APPROPRIATION MEASURES HAVE ALSO COME BEFORE US INCLUDING SEVERAL FOR ALL OF THE DISTRICTS, WHICH REFLECT INCREASED AVAILABLE REVENUES, A BILL APPROPRIATING ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND, A MEASURE APPROPRIATING NEARLY ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN ALL SIX DISTRICTS, AND AN APPROPRIATION MEASURE THAT WOULD PROVIDE \$325,000 FOR SMAPL BOAT CHANNEL BLASTING AND IMPROVEMENT.

"IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, I THINK WE ARE ALL PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS SIGNED INTO LAW A MEASURE WHICH CREATES A BANK OF MICRONESIA. SUCH A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION IS THE FIRST GIANT STEP IN AIDING THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN DEVELOPING OUR ISLANDS. APSO, THIS CONGRESS WITNESSED THE ACCEPTANCE OF A STUDY ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE TRUST TERRITORY WHICH PROVIDED MANY VALUABLE INSIGHTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT OUR ECONOMY AND HOW TO SPUR IT ON TO GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

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IN REGARD TO THIS, I UNDERSTAND THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER PLANS TO APPOINT MEMBERS TONAN ACONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WHICH WILL OVERSEE PROGRESS THROUGHOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY IN THIS VERY VITAL AREA.

"FINALLY, THIS CONGRESS HAS WITNESSED THE FOURTH IMPORTANT ROUND OF TALKS AT MAUI, HAWAII, REGARDING THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA, RECEIVED THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS DRAFT REPORT, AND THE CONGRESS IN TURN HAS CONSIDERED A RESOLUTION WHICH WILL PERMIT THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO NEGOTIATE MORE EFFECTIVELY IN THE UPCOMING ROUND OF TALKS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN THIS DISTRICT DURING APRIL

"IN SUM, MR. PRESIDENT AND FELLOW SENATORS, IT HAS BEEN-- TO SAY THE LEAST--A MOST INTERESTING AND INVIGORATING SESSION FILLED WITH MANY ACHIEVEMENTS DESIGNED TO BETTER THE SITUATION OF OUR MICRONESIAN CITIZENS AND OUR COUNTRY AND GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE.

"I THINK WE CAN ALL RETURN TO OUR HOMES WITH A VERY REAL SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT AND WITH HIGH HOPES FOR FORTHCOMING SESSIONS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA."
(RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED)

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PALAU, FEB. 29 (MNS).--DURING THE FINAL DAY OF THE SECOND
REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN PALAU, THE
LAWMAKERS ADOPTED A NUMBER OF INTERESTING RESOLUTIONS. THESE
MEASURES, UNLIKE BILL, DO NOT REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE
HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THEY DO NOT BECOME LAW. RATHER, THEY
ARE EXPRESSIONS OF THE CONCERNS OF THE CONGRESS. CERTIFIED

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COPIS ARE GENERALLY SENT TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE CONCERNED WITH
THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE RESOLUTION.

ON THE FINAL DAY, MONDAY (FEB. 28), FOR EXAMPLE, THE
CONGRESS ADOPTED A JOINT RESOLUTION INDICATING THAT THEY
WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FOURTH CONGRESS
LATER THIS YEAR IN PONAPE DISTRICT. A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS
MEASURE WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, WHO MUST
CALL ANY SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONGRESS.

IN THE HOUSE SEVERAL OTHER IMPORTANT JOINT RESOLUTIONS
RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL. THERE IS ONE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT
EXPRESSES THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF
AN AIRFIELD ON KUSAIE IN PONAPE DISTRICT SHOULD BE GIVEN THE
HIGHEST PRIORITY. ANOTHER REQUESTS THE HICOM TO EXPAND THE
IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MICRONESIANS, ANOTHER ASKS FOR
THE RELEASE OF THE LAND WHERE THE MOBIL OIL COMPANY BULK
PLANT ON SAIPAN IS LOCATED, IN ORDER THAT THE PLANT CAN BE
EXPANDED. THE LAND IS PRESENTLY MILITARY RETENTION LAND.
HOUSE MEMBERS ALSO APPROVED A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NOM-
INATING A LIST OF ELEVEN CANDIDATES FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE
TWO MICRONESIAN SPOTS ON THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION, THE

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MEMBERS OF WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE NAMED LATER.

THIS RESOLUTION NOMINATES THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE: LEO FALCAM
OF PONAPE DISTRICT; VICENTE N. SANTOS OF THE MARIANAS; JOHN
RULMUL OF YAP; SINGICHI IKESAKES OF PALAU; JOHN O. NGIRAKED OF

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PALAU, FRANCISCO PALACIOS OF THE MARIANAS; BELHAIM SAKUMA OF PALAU, OLYMPIO T. BORJA OF THE MARIANAS; PHILIP KABUA OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS; JOSE C. CABRERA OF THE MARIANAS; AND MANORU NAKAMURA OF PALAU. THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION WILL BE SELECTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION OF THE U.S.

IN THE SENATE THERE WERE ALSO A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS ON THE FINAL DAY'S CALENDAR. A MEASURE REQUESTING THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO SEPARATE JUVENILE OFFENDERS FROM ADULT CRIMINALS IN JAIL WAS ADOPTED. ANOTHER ASKING FOR MORE FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR EBeye IN KWAJALEIN ATOLL IN THE MARSHALLS WAS ALSO GIVEN FINAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL. THE SENATORS ADOPTED A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TO UNDERTAKE A CONTINUING STUDY OF THE CONDITIONS ABOARD FIELD-TRIP VESSELS, AND REPORT THE RESULTS TO THE CONGRESS. AND A JOINT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING

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A COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS WAS ADOPTED.

IN BOTH HOUSES THERE ARE ALSO "SINGLE-HOUSE" RESOLUTIONS. UNLIKE JOINT RESOLUTIONS, THESE MEASURES ONLY REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF ONE HOUSE. THE SENATE APPROVED TWO SUCH MEASURES ON THE FINAL DAY. ONE ASKS THAT THE CURRICULUM OF TINIAN HIGH SCHOOL BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE A TENTH GRADE. THE OTHER ASKS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION STATION IN PONAPE, AND ASKS THAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PROJECT BE SOUGHT FROM STATIONS KUAM ON GUAM AND KGMB IN HONOLULU. IN THE HOUSE A RESOLUTION REQUESTING MORE INFORMATION ON THE RECENT RE-ORGANIZATION OF MICRONESIA INTEROCEAN LINE, INC (MILI), WHICH IS NOW CALLED TRANSPAC, WAS ADOPTED. AND BOTH THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE ADOPTED SINGLE RESOLUTIONS EXPRESSING THANKS TO THE PEOPLE OF PALAU FOR GENEROUS HOSPITALITY DURING THE SECOND REGULAR SESSIONS.

TO THE DISAPPOINTMENT OF SOME OBSERVERS, TWO RATHER UNUSUAL JOINT RESOLUTIONS IN THE SENATE FAILED TO RECEIVE APPROVAL. ONE WAS A MEASURE WHICH WOULD HAVE DIRECTED ALL THE MARRIED MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO BRING THEIR WIVES TO ALL FUTURE CONGRESS SESSIONS. THIS MEASURE

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WAS REFERRED, AFTER SOME AMUSING DEBATE, TO THE SENATE'S COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, WHOSE CHAIRMAN, UNMARRIED SENATOR BAILEY OLTER OF PONAPE, HAD INTRODUCED THE RESOLUTION. THE OTHER WAS A JOINT RESOLUTION THAT WOULD HAVE CALLED FOR AN ALIGNMENT OF THE MARIANAS AND YAP DISTRICTS SO THAT THE ISLANDS OF TINIAN AND ROTA IN THE MARIANAS WOULD BECOME OUTER ISLANDS OF YAP DISTRICT. THIS WAS APPARENTLY BASED ON THE EXPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF ROTA TO BECOME A SEPARATE DISTRICT, AND THE CLOSE TIES WITH YAP THAT MANY PEOPLE ON TINIAN HAVE. HOWEVER, THE MAKER OF THE RESOLUTION, SENATOR ISAAC LANWI OF THE MARSHALLS, SAID HIS WHOLE PURPOSE IN INTRODUCING THE MEASURE WAS TO HAVE THE SENATE FILE IT, WHICH HE MOVED, AND WHICH WAS DONE. NO ONE WAS QUITE SURE WHAT HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY THE EXERCISE.

THUS THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CAN BE BOTH FRIVOLOUS AND SERIOUS, BUT THE PROCESS OF DEBATING AND ACTING ON THESE EXPRESSIONS OF THE WILL OF THE CONGRESS IS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE, AND ONE THAT TOO OFTEN IS OVERSHADOWED BY THE BILLS.

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PALAU, FEB. 29 (MNS)--PALAU'S SENATOR ROMAN TMETUHL DELIVERED
ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING SPEECHES ON THE CLOSING DAY OF THE
CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SESSION MONDAY (FEB. 28). IT WAS AN
ADDRESS WHICH SUMMARIZED WHAT LIMITED DEBATE THERE HAD BEEN
DURING THE SESSION, AND WHICH ALSO PUT FORTH A NEW IDEA ON
MICRONESIA'S FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS--THE IDEA OF A LOOSE

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FEDERATION OF "RELATIVELY INDEPENDENT STATES" AS AN APPROPRIATE
POLITICAL ENTITY FOR MICRONESIA.

SENATOR TMTUCTOGI WHO HAS BEEN COUNTED IN THE PAST AMONG
THE SUPPORTERS OF COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE FOR MICRONESIA, OFFERED
THE FEDERATION IDEA AFTER HE HAD CALLED THE ATTENTION OF HIS
SENATE COLLEAGUES TO THE DISUNITY THAT SURFACED DURING THE LAST
FEW DAYS OF THE SESSION.

THE PALAU SENATOR PREFACED THESE REMARKS BY SAYING THAT HE
FEELS THE SESSION WAS A PRODUCTIVE ONE, AND "THE QUALITY OF THE
LEGISLATION ENACTED WILL REFLECT A GOOD DEAL MORE THOUGHTFULNESS
AND CONGRESSIONAL EXPERTISE THAN HAS BEEN TRUE OF PRIOR SESSIONS.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, "THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE FOURTH
CONGRESS WILL ALSO BE NOTED FOR THE ISSUE WHICH WAS NOT WIDELY
DEBATED, AND ABOUT WHICH, IN FACT, VERY LITTLE WAS SAID UNTIL
THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS..." "AN UNIFORMED OBSERVER," HE CONTINUED,
"COULD HAVE HARDLY DESCERNED THE GRAVITY OF THE FUTURE POLITICAL
STATUS ISSUE TO THE MEMBERS OF THIS CONGRESS, AND THE IMPACT OF
ITS DETERMINATION UPON THE LIVES OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE
AND THEIR DESCENDANTS".

TMETUHL SAID THAT DESPITE THIS SEEMING LACK OF CONCERN ON

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THE PART OF THE CONGRESS WITH STATUS, TWO DEVELOPMENTS WHICH
DID OCCUR IN PALAU ARE WORTHY OF NOTICE. ONE WAS THE ADOPTION
BY THE CONGRESS OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 91, WHICH GIVES THE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE FUTURE
ROUNDS OF TALKS WITH THE U.S.

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"WHILE THIS IS DESIRABLE FOR THE RAPID COMPLETION OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS," SENATOR TMETUHL SAID, "WE MEMBERS OF THE STATUS COMMITTEE MUST RECOGNIZE THE NEW BURDEN PLACED UPON US AND THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY WHICH WE HAVE WILLINGLY ASSUMED BY REQUESTING AND RECEIVING THIS AUTHORIZATION FROM THE CONGRESS. WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT OUR NEW RELATIVE FREEDOM TO AGREE TO UNITED STATES PROPOSALS FACILITATES OUR OPPONENT'S BERGAINING POSITION, SINCE IT NOW MUST DEAL WITH TWELVE AND NOT THIRTY-THREE PEOPLE. WE MUST ALSO ADMIT THAT THE THREAT OF UNDERMINING THE POSITION OF THE CONGRESS IS A REAL POSSIBILITY NOW THAT THE U.S. POTENTIAL FOR EXERCISING UNDUE INFLUENCE ON A RELATIVELY FEW MEMBERS HAS BEEN CONSIDERBLY ENHANCED. ONLY THE FUTURE WILL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT A DOZEN INDIVIDUALS FROM A HALF DOZEN VARIOUS UNDERDEVELOPED ISLAND DISTRICTS HAVE THE MORAL FIBRE TO WITHSTAND THE TEMPTATIONS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF A

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UNIFIED PEOPLE TWO HUNDRED YEARS OLD."

SENATOR TMETUHL SAID THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE DURING THE PALAU SESSION IS OF MUCH MORE CONCERN. "THIS," HE SAID, "IS THE CONTINUATION AND HEIGHTENING OF THE SPIRIT OF FRACTIONALIZATION WHICH I NOTED IN TRUK, AND WHICH I CAUTIONED COULD ONLY BE ABATED BY ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE SIX CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS. WE CAN NOW NUMBER AS TWO," THE SENATOR STATED, "THOSE DISTRICTS WHICH ARE MAGCHING AWAY FROM A MICRONESIAN UNION TOWARD A SEPARATE STATUS. AND WE IN THIS CONGRESS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE STATEMENT OF SEPARATION VOICED BY THE CONGRESSMEN FROM THE MARSHALL ISLANDS BY OUR BLIND INCONSIDERATION OF THE NEEDS OF THEIR PEOPLE."

SENATOR TMETUHL THEN LEVELED ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS CRITICISMS AGAINST HIS FELLOW LAWMAKERS EVER HEARD ON THE FLOOR OF EITHER HOUSE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE MEBERS FROM THE MARSHALLS HAD SUPPORTED A JOINT-BANKING VENTURE IN MICRO-NEZIA WITH THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK; HAD SUPPORTED THE MARIANAS IN THEIR DESIRE TO SEE PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS GET A ROUTE THAT WOULD AFFECT PRIMARILY THE MARIANAS; AND HAD BEEN REFLECTING THE S AIRTRONG WISHES OF THEIR CONSTITUENTS IN SUPPORTING A BILL THAT

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WOULD HAVE RETURNED HALF OF THE REVENUE RAISED FROM THE WAGE AND SALARY TAX IN EACH DISTRICT TO THE DISTRICT.

"ALL THREE TIMES THE NUMBERS OF THIS CONGRESS OVERWHELMINGLY DENIED THESE WISHES AND REFUSED TO SUPPORT THEIR MODEST REQUESTS," SENATOR TMETUHL SAID. AND AS A DIRECT RESULT, HE SAID THE CONGRESS IS NOW FACED WITH NOT ONLY THE MARIANAS, BUT THE MARSHALLS AS WELL DESIRING TO GO THEIR SEPARATE WAY.

"WE SHOULD RECALL," TMETUHL STATED, "THAT BECAUSE EACH OF OUR PEOPLES IS DISTINCT IN ITS CULTURE, ASPIRATIONS AND BACKGROUND, NO ONE DISTRICT OR DISTRICTS POSSESSES THE RIGHT TO POLITICALLY OVERPOWER ANY OTHER DISTRICT... THE RESULT OF SUCH CALLOUS TREATMENT OF OUR COLLEAGUES, AS WE HAVE SEEN, CAN BE DISASTROUS..."

TMETUHL WENT ON TO CALL FOR RESPECT FOR EACH OTHERS ASPIRATIONS AND BELIEFS AMONG THE VARIOUS DISTRICT DELEGATIONS, AND HE ALSO LEVELED A BLAST AT THE SENIORITY SYSTEM OF CHOOSING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THIS SYSTEM, HE SAID, PERPETUATES THE POWER AND PREROGATIVE OF ONE CONGRESSMAN FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD....CAN WE," HE ASKED, "TRULY BELIEVE IN THE FAIRNESS OF A PRACTICE WHICH PERMITS A FEW

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CONTROL THE FLOW OF FUNDS WHICH ARE CONTRIBUTED BY THE PEOPLE OF ALL THE DISTRICTS?"

TMETUHL SAID HE WAS NOT SUGGESTING THAT THE METHOD OF SELECTING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WAS THE CAUSE OF THE DISSENTION

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BETWEEN THE DISTRICTS, HOWEVER. RATHER, HE SAID HE FEELS THIS DISUNITY HAS STEMMED FROM CONSIDERATION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF A POST-STATUS RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE DISTRICTS. THE PALAU SENATOR SAID HE HAD HOPED SUCH A CONSIDERATION COULD BE PUT OFF UNTIL AFTER THE QUESTION OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF MICRONESIA WITH THE UNITED STATES WAS SETTLED, BUT APPARENTLY THIS CANNOT BE.

"APPARENTLY THE FEELING OF SOME DISTRICTS REFLECTS THE IDEA THAT THERE IS AN INTERRELATION BETWEEN THE QUESTION OF FUTURE STATUS WITH AN EXTERNAL GOVERNMENT AND THE QUESTION OF FUTURE STATUS IN RELATION TO THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA," HE SAID. "AND THE IMPLICATION OF THIS THINKING APPEARS TO BE THAT THE QUESTION OF BOTH STATUS ISSUES MUST BE CONSIDERED TOGETHER. THIS IDEA, ALTHOUGH QUITE NEW, MUST BE EXPLORED BY THE MEMBERS OF THIS CONGRESS, FOR IT OFFERS ENTIRELY NEW CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE STATUS COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT DELEGATIONS."

IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT SENATOR TMETUHL OFFERED HIS NEW SUGGESTION FOR A POSSIBLE FUTURE RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE DISTRICTS. HE REFERRED TO THE WORDS OF REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES DOMINICK (MARSHALLS), WHO SAID EARLIER IN DEBATE IN THE HOUSE THAT "THE NATION

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OF MICRONESIA, LIKE THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, IS AN ILLUSION... I CANNOT PRETEND ANY LONGER THAT THE ONLY FUTURE FOR MICRONESIA CAN BE FOUND IN A NATION OF MICRONESIA COMPOSED OF SIX DIFFERENT PEOPLES, NINE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES AND SEVERAL DIFFERENT ASPIRATIONS."

THESE WORDS, SAID TMETUHL, SHOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED, FOR "THEY INDICATE THAT THE YOUNGEST MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS RECOGNIZED THE CENTRAL CHARACTERISTIC OF THE DEVERSITY OF OUR ISLANDS, A RECOGNITION WHICH WE MUST ALL SOONER OR LATER ACKNOWLEDGE AS A PRIMARY DETERMINATE OF OUR

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POST STATUS RELATIONSHIP."

A LOOSE POLITICAL FEDERATION OF MICRONESIA IS AN APPEALING IDEA, SAID SENATOR TMETUHL, BECAUSE IT "WOULD BE THE MOST LIKELY TYPE OF RELATIONSHIP TO PERMIT EACH DISTRICT THE UTMOST AUTONOMY WHILE AT THE SAME TIME INSURING A MUTUAL RESOLUTION OF THOSE COMMON PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE PEOPLES IN HALL THE DISTRICTS." TMETUHL SAID SUCH A FEDERATION MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO ACCOMODATE THE DESIRES AND NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS.

HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH TMETUHL SAID HE RECONIZES MICRONESIA'S DIVERSITY AND THE NEED TO PRESERVE DISTRICT IDENTITY, HE DOES

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NOT FEEL THAT SEPARATE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. BY THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS IS A GOOD IDEA.

"INDEED," HE SAID, "I AM OF THE FIRM CONVICTION THAT THE NEGOTIATE INDIVIDUALLY SHOWS A LACK OF WISDOM AND A DISREGARD FOR THE STRATEGIC VALUE OF POOLING OUR NEGOTIATING TALENTS SO AS TO HELP EACH DISTRICT ESTABLISH THE RELATION IT WISHES WITH THE UNITED STATES. IN THIS RESPECT, THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT COOPERATION WILL FACILITATE ACCOMODATION."

SENATOR TMETUHL CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY CALLING AGAIN FOR MORE DIALOGUE AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICT DELATIONS. "UNTIL WE BEGIN EARNEST DISCUSSION AMONG OURSELVES, WE WILL NEVER KNOW THAT TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL DELEGATIONS, EITHER IN RELATION TO A FUTURE STATUS WITH THE UNITED STATES OR RELATION TO A FUTURE MICRONESIAN POLITICAL ENTITY. IT WILL ONLY BE AS A RESULT OF SUCH DISCUSSION THAT WE CAN ATTAIN A UNITY ACCEPTABLE TO ALL; A UNITY WHICH IS NOT THE RESULT OF BUT THE PRODUCT OF DEEDS" HE CONCLUDE.

(TUN DECRIES GOVERNMENT INACTION)
PALAU, FEB. 29 (MNS) --- SENATOR PETRUS TUN OF YAP LASHED OUT AT

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THE TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION MONDAY (FEB. 29) IN A SENATE SPEECH CHARGING THAT THE GOVERNMENT FAILED TO TAKE ANY ACTION TO PREVENT AN OIL SPILL AT WEST FAYU ATOLL FROM THE GROUNDED FREIGHTER M/V SOLAR TRADERS.

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REFERRING TO A MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE STORY REPORTING THAT CONSIDERABLE OIL IS LEAKING FROM THE SHIP, SENATOR TUN SAID THE CHIEFS AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF YAP DISTRICT HAD WARNED THE GOVERNMENT IN DECEMBER THAT THIS MIGHT HAPPEN, AND HAD ASKED THAT SOMETHING BE DONE TO PREVENT IT.

INSTEAD, SAID THE SENATOR, "THEY WERE MORE CONCERNED WITH SALVAGE OF THE AUTOMOBILES THAN WITH OIL SPILLS." HE SAID THE ONLY RESPONSE FROM THE GOVERNMENT WAS THAT THERE WAS "NO DANGER" TO WEST FAYU ATOLL FROM AN OIL SPILL.

TUN SAID THE ATOLL, ALTHOUGH UNINHABITED, IS A MAJOR SOURCE OF FOOD FOR NEARBY ISLANDERS, AND IS ONE OF ONLY EIGHT MAJOR BREEDING SPOTS FOR GREEN TURTLES IN THE ENTIRE PACIFIC. IT IS AN AREA WITH VERY DELICATE ECOLOGY, HE SAID, AND THIS ECOLOGY IS NOW IN DANGER OF BEING RUINED BY OIL. SENATOR SAID THIS IS A "GREAT TRAGEDY" FOR THE PEOPLE OF YAP DISTRICT.

"WE HAVE BEEN IGNORED AND AVOIDED," BY THE GOVERNMENT,

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SANATOR TUN STATED. "WE HAVE ASKED, AND BEEN TURNED ASIDE." HE SAID
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IT BEGAN LEAKING. THE ANSWER FROM THE GOVERNMENT, SAID TUN, WAS A FLAT NO, OR, IN THE CASE OF AT LEAST ONE COMMUNICATION, NO RESPONSE AT ALL.

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THIS IS AN "ABOMINABLE" SITUATION, SAID THE NORMALLY SOFT-SPOKEN SENATOR. HE ASKED THAT THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS BE REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE THE "FAILURE OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY TO PREVENT OIL SPILLAGE AT WEST FAYU."

HARUO ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

PALAU, FEB. 29 (MNS)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S NOT OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT DELIVERED A PARTING SHOT IN THAT DIRECTION MONDAY (FEB. 28), IN REMARKS INSERTED INTO THE RECORD ON THE CLOSING DAY OF THE CONGRESS SESSION.

REPRESENTATIVE SASAUO HARUO OF TRUK SAID IT WAS HIS LAST STATEMENT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SESSION, BUT BY NO MEANS HIS LAST WORDS ON THE SUBJECT. HE SAID HE INTENDS TO SEE THAT RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY HIS COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT IN A MAJOR REPORT SUBMITTED LAST MONTH ARE FOLLOWED THROUGH BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE CONGRESSMAN SAID ONE PROGRAM THAT NEEDS FAST IMPROVEMENT IS THE HANDLING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND. "HERE IS A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE AVERAGE MICRONESIAN

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~~BUSINESSMAN THAT IS NOT REACHING THEM, BUT RATHER PEOPLE WHO~~ ALREADY HAVE LARGE, ON-GOING BUSINESSES." MICRONESIA'S ECONOMY ALREADY HAS TOO MANY SMALL, PART-TIME BUSINESS VENTURES, HE SAID, AND IT IS THE JOB OF THE LOAN FUND TO HELP THESE PEOPLE BECOME FULL-TIME.

HARUO ALSO SAID IT SEEMS THAT "THE GOVERNMENT'S IMPLIED POLICY OF 'BUY AMERICAN'S GOING TO KEEP US ON THE VERGE OF ECONOMIC BANKRUPTCY, WHEN A 'BUY SENSIBLY' POLICY, NO MATTER FROM WHAT COUNTRY, WOULD ALLOW US TO SAVE MONEY AND KEEP US FROM SCRAMBLING AROUND LOOKING FOR ALL THE PENNIES WE CAN FIND."

HARUO ALSO SAID HE IS TIRED OF BEING TOLD BY THE GOVERNMENT

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THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PROGRAMS, SUCH AS COPRA PROCESSING PLANTS AND CANNERIES, IS "PREMATURE." HE SUGGESTED THAT IF SUCH PROGRAMS ARE NOT FEASIBLE FOR MICRONESIA ALONE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATING WITH OTHER PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS IN ESTABLISHING THEM.

"AN AREA THAT ALSO CONCERNS AND DISTURBS ME GREATLY," THE TRUKESE LAWMAKER CONTINUED, "IS THAT OF OUR SEA TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR MICRONESIA. THIS CONGRESSED A REPORT ON SHIPPING BY A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OVER A YEAR AGO. AS FAR AS I KNOW, NONE OF

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THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHAT THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT COULD DO TO STRENGTHEN MILI WERE IMPLEMENTED." HOW, HE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN OVER MILI, THE SHIPPING LINE IS HEAVILY IN DEBT, AND HARUO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW JUST WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS UP TO IN THIS REGARD;

REPRESENTATIVE HARUO ALSO ASKED JUST WHAT THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT IS DOING WITH ITS NEARLY FIVE MILLION DOLLAR ANNUAL BUDGET. HE SAID DESPITE THIS LARGE SUM OF MONEY, "I HAVE YET TO SEE ANY GREAT IMPROVEMENTS IN AGRICULTURE FISHERIES, OR THE PRIVATE SECTOR."

MAYBE HE SUGGESTED, "IT WOULD BE BETTER TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT AND JUST MAKE ALL THAT MONEY AVAILABLE TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND."

HARUO ALSO SAID HE FINDS IT "APPALLING" THAT IN THE FIVE-YEAR TT BUDGETARY PLAN THERE ARE "NO PROVISIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARINE RESOURCESE." HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NEW PLANNING AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WILL TRULY IMPLEMENT THE NECESSARY PROGRAMS SO THAT "WE MIGHT SEE SOME REAL ECONOMIC GROWTH TAKE PLACE IN MICRONESIA."

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IF, HOWEVER, THIS COMMITTEE BECOMES JUST A "RUBBER STAMP" FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, HARUO PLEDGED TO SEEK, THROUGH THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, LEGISLATION RE-ORGANIZING THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH SO THAT "THEY WILL BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS AND DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA AND WILL

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BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE REALITIES OF OUR ECONOMY."
(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEW DIRECTORS: SOME OF THE ABOVE STORIES
ARE QUITE LONG, AND ARE PERHPAS NOT SUITABLE FOR INCLUSION IN
YOUR REGULAR NEWCASTS. MNS FEE ON HOWEVER, THAT THE COMMENTS
OF THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SHOULD BE DISSEMINATED, AND WE HOPE
YOU WILL FIND ONE WAY TO WORK EVEN THE LONGER STATEMENTS INTO
YOUR PROGRAMMING.)

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