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 (SPECIAL REPORT CALLS FOR MAJOR CHANGES)

SAIPAN, JUNE 19, (MNS) -- A SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE JOINT COMMITTEE

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ON FUTURE STATUS TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, RELEASED THIS WEEK ON
SAIPAN, CALLS FOR A MAJOR NEW APPROACH TO GOVERNMENT IN THE TRUST TER
RITORY. THE REPORT MAKES SEVERAL SWEEPING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE
AREAS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAM AND
PERSONNEL POLICY, AND CALLS FOR CREATION OF A THREE YEAR PLAN, COVER
ING THE TRANSITION YEARS OF 1973 TO 1975.

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BY 1975, THE REPORT SAYS, THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT SHOULD END AND
MICRONESIA WOULD BECOME SELF-GOVERNING, "IT IS NOW NECESSARY, AND
URGENT," THEREFORE, "THAT MICRONESIA AND ITS LEADERS START LOOKING
INWARD TO REDEFINE ITS AND THEIR OWN GOALS AND STRATEGY IN POLITICAL
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS...
MICRONESIA'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE KIND OF
PROPOSALS AND LEGISLATION PROGRAMS" THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CON-
SIDERS DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

THE REPORT WAS PREPARED BY FOUR MEN--THREE MICRONESIANS AND AN
AMERICAN--WHO TRAVELLED LAST MONTH TO PAPUA/NEW GUINEA TO ATTEND AN
EMERGING NATIONS SEMINAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA/NEW GUINEA.
SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE
STATUS, HAS SUBMITTED THE REPORT TO THE CONGRESS FOR ITS CONSIDERA-
TION ON BEHALF OF PMSELF AND CARL HEINE, STAFF DIRECTOR FOR THE
COMMITTEE; DWIGHT HEINE, SPECIAL CONSULTANT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER;
AND N. NEIMAN CRALEY, JR., DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
AFFAIRS. THE REPORT INCLUDES MANY IDEAS GAINED BY THE GROUP FROM
THEIR EXPERIENCE IN NEW GUINEA AND OTHER COUNTRIES THEY VISITED ON
THEIR TRIP.

THE REPORT LAYS GREAT STRESS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BEGINNING NOW
TO

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PREPARE FOR THE TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY FROM THE AMERICAN TO THE MICRO-
NESIAN GOVERNMENT. AN OFFICE IS NEEDED DURING THE NEXT THREE YEARS
"TO ASSUME INTERNAL AUTONOMY." THIS OFFICE, IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE
MUST BE MADE RESPONSIBLE TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, AND WITH

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COMPLETE RECOGNITION AND SANCTION OF WASHINGTON," THE REPORT STATES. THE GOAL SHOULD BE THAT ON THE EVENT OF TERMINATION OR ACTUAL TAKE-OVER OF THE MACHINERY OF GOVERNMENT, MICRONESIA WILL ALREADY BE LARGELY SELF-GOVERNING. THIS, SAYS THE REPORT, WILL ENSURE THAT THE TERMINATION "WILL BE SMOOTH, WITH RELATIVELY MINOR CHANGES, AND NOT AN ABRUPT SHIFT FROM ONE FORM OF GOVERNMENT TO ANOTHER." THE REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ACT SOON TO CREATE SUCH AN OFFICE.

THE REPORT ALSO RECOMMENDS THE CREATION OF A COMMISSION ON NATIONAL UNITY, WITH THE IDEA OF INTEGRATING ALL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND POLICIES, AND ACTING TO ASSURE THAT GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TRULY FOSTER A SENSE OF NATIONAL UNITY AND PURPOSE IN MICRONESIA.

A THIRD COMMISSION SUGGESTED BY THE REPORT WOULD OVERSEE ALL PERSONNEL MATTERS. "CORRUPTION IN ANY GOVERNMENT OFTEN STARTS WHEN MISADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN PERSONNEL MATTERS BECOMES A ROUTINE PRACTICE OF GOVERNMENT," THE REPORT SAYS. "TO GUARD AGAINST THIS

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GROWING TENDENCY IN THE AREA OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, WE FEEL THAT AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MUST BE CREATED OR ESTABLISHED IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF MICRONESIA ITSELF."

THE REPORT GOES ON TO URGE THAT THIS COMMISSION BE GIVEN SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECRUITING AND DISMISSING OF ALL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSION, THE CREATION OF A GOVERNMENT STAFF TRAINING CENTER IS ALSO RECOMMENDED.

THE REPORT SUGGESTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MICRONESIAN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SINCE UNDER THE PROPOSED COMPACT OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES, MICRONESIA WOULD HAVE JURISDICTION OVER FOREIGN AFFAIRS MATTERS IN AREAS OF TRADE, COMMERCE,

CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES.

THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE REPORT IN THE AREA OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT INVOLVES SOMETHING CALLED THE "OPERATION ROOM CONCEPT

WHICH WAS OBSERVED BY THE GROUP IN MALAYSIA. BASICALLY, THIS IS A SYSTEM SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT TO HELP THE HEAD OF STATE, THE ADMINISTRATORS, AND THE POLICYMAKERS TO LOOK AT THE GROWTH RATE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS OWN POLICY PROGRAMS SCHEMES AND PROJECTS. IT IS ESPECIALLY VALUABLE, THE REPORT SAYS, FOR A FAR-FLUNG NATION SUCH AS

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MICRONESIA WILL BE.

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REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE REPORT CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS, THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. SUCH A COMMISSION WOULD BE PROFESSIONALLY STAFFED, AND WOULD BE GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR CARRYING OUT THE PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DEVELOPMENT PLANS. IT ALSO RECOMMENDS A COMPLETE REVIEW OF ALL OF MICRONESIA'S PRESENT ECONOMIC LAWS, AND SUGGESTS CONSIDERATION BY THE CONGRESS OF A BILL ON INVESTMENT INCENTIVES TO LURE INVESTMENT CAPITAL. PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE COTTAGE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED.

THE SPECIAL REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT LAND MATTERS UNDER THE NEW MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT TO PLACED IN THE HANDS OF THE DISTRICTS, AND ALSO CALLS FOR A NEW ATTITUDE AND PHILOSOPHY TOWARD EDUCATION IN MICRONESIA ONE THAT WOULD SERVE TO STRENGTHEN MICRONESIAN UNITY AND HELP REALIZE THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THE VAST HUMAN RESOURCES IN MICRONESIA.

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THE REPORT CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT "THE SEARCH FOR NATIONAL UNITY

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AND IDENTITY INVOLVES THE WHOLE RANGE OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES; THE FORMULATION OF NEW AND DARING EDUCATIONAL POLICIES DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE COMMON VALUES AND LOYALTIES AMONG ALL THE OTHER GROUPS IN MICRONESIA; THE DEDICATION AND CULTIVATION OF A SENSE OF NATIONAL UNITY THROUGH SERVICES OF ALL KINDS; THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF A NEW ATTITUDE TOWARD ECONOMIC INVESTMENTS FROM OUTSIDE; AND TOWARD LAND

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THE REPORT IS ONE OF THE BRIEFEST, YET ONE OF THE MOST WIDE-RANGING SUCH DOCUMENTS EVER PRESENTED TO THE CONGRESS FOR ITS CONSIDERATION. COPIES ARE ALSO BEING DISTRIBUTED TO THE TOP OFFICIALS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, SINCE THEY WOULD ALL BE INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT.

ON SAIPAN MONDAY (JUNE 19), JOINT COMMITTEE STAFF DIRECTOR CARL HEINE SAID LEGISLATION INCORPORATING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT IS BEING PREPARED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, EITHER DURING A SPECIAL SESSION THIS SUMMER OR AT ITS NEXT REGULAR SESSION IN JANUARY.

(U.N. VISITING MISSION)

SAIPAN, JUNE 19, (MNS) - A UNITED NATIONS VISITING MISSION WILL CEASE AGAIN VISIT THE TRUST TERRITORY NEXT YEAR, ACCORDING TO N. NEIMAN CRALEY, JR., TT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. CRALEY SAID THE U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SUCH A VISIT EARLY NEXT YEAR.

A SIMILAR MISSION TRAVELED THROUGH THE TRUST TERRITORY IN 1967, AND AGAIN IN 1970. LAST YEAR, THE U.N. SENT A VISITING MISSION TO THE OTHER REMAINING TRUST TERRITORY, PAPUA/NEW GUINEA. THE MISSIONS

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GENERALLY MAKE THEIR TRIP IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH, AND PREPARE A REPORT INTIME FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IN LATE MAY.

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE COUNCIL, NEXT YEAR'S MISSION TO MICRONESIA WILL BE COMPOSED OF DELEGATES REPRESENTING AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL CONSULTANT WILL COORDINATE THE GROUP'S VISIT AND OFFER THEM EVERY ASSISTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN ACCOMPLISHING THEIR MISSION. (ELECTION PROTEST TO BE HEARD)

SAIPAN, JUNE 19, (MNS) -- THE OUTCOME OF LAST WEEKS SAIPAN MUNICIPAL

ELECTION IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COURT. UNOFFICIAL RETURNS FROM THE ELECTION SHOWED THAT INCUMBENT MAYOR VICENTE D. SABLAN AND FIFTEEN COUNCILMEN, ALL MEMBERS OF THE RULING POPULAR PARTY, WON A LANDSLIDE VICTORY OVER THE TERRITORIAL PARTY. THE ELECTION WAS HELD SUNDAY, JUNE 11.

HOWEVER, HIGH COURT CHIEF JUSTICE HAROLD BERNETT, HAS ORDERED THAT THE ELECTION RESULTS NOT BE CERTIFIED, AFTER MAYORAL CANDIDATE LUIS A

BENAVENTE AND THE TERRITORIAL PARTY FILED CHARGES PROTESTING THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION. BENAVENTE CLAIMS THAT ABOUT 1500 VOTERS WERE TURNED AWAY FROM THE POLLING PLACES BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T REGISTERED

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TO VOTE.

IN A LETTER TO TERRITORIAL PARTY CHAIRMAN JESUS P. MAFNAS, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISRO C. ADA HAS RESPONDED TO SEVERAL ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN A LETTER OF PROTEST FROM MAFNAS. ADA SAID THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE THE POWER OF AUTHORITY TO DECLARE ANY ELECTION NULL AND VOID. IN HIS LETTER OF PROTEST, MAFNAS HAD CHARGED NUMEROUS VIOLATIONS IN THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION. ON ONE INSTANCE, MAFNAS CLAIMED THAT THE RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT DID NOT PROVIDE A FULL UNDERSTANDING TO THE GENERAL

PUBLIC AS TO WHO SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER. THE DISTRICT REPLIED THAT THE RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT WAS SUFFICIENT TO PUT THE GENERAL PUBLIC

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ON NOTICE THAT A REGISTRATION WAS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO VOTE. MAFNAS ALSO CLAIMED THAT SEVERAL NON-REGISTERED VOTERS IN SUSUPE AND TANAPAG WERE ALLOWED TO VOTE, WHILE OTHERS WHO WERE ALSO NOT REGISTERED, WERE DENIED. THE DISTAD REPLIED THAT THE POLL WORKERS IN THESE DISTRICTS WERE NOT INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE ELECTION JUDGES.

AFTER THE CHARGES WERE PROPERLY FILED LATE LAST WEEK, THE HIGH COURT ORDERED THAT THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER BE TEMPORARILY RESTRAINED FROM CERTIFYING THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION PENDING A HEARING AND TERMINATION. NO DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR THE HEARING.

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(T.T. STUDENTS TO STUDY CRIMINOLOGY)

SAIPAN, JUNE 19, (MNS) -- TWO MICRONESIANS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE

UNIVERSITY OF THE EAST, IN MANILA, PHILIPPINES, TO STUDY CRIMINOLOGY. JESUS C. BERMUDEZ AND BALDASAR BORJA, BOTH FROM THE MARIANAS, WERE FORMER POLICE OFFICERS ON SAIPAN. THEY ARE THOUGHT TO BE THE FIRST MICRONESIANS TO STUDY IN THIS FIELD.

IN A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, VICENTE N. SANTOS, PROFESSOR JESUS J. ARAMBULO, ADVISOR TO THE FOREIGN

STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE EAST, SAID THAT BOTH BERMUDEZ AND BORJA WERE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION AND WERE CONSIDERED AS FUTURE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY. CLASSES BEGIN ON JULY 5, 1972 FOR THE FIRST

SEMESTER AND ALL FOREIGN STUDENTS ENROLLEES MUST BE IN THE PHILIPPINES ONE WEEK BEFORE CLASSES START.

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