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(TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS)

NEW YORK, MAY 26 (MNS)---THE UNITED STATES REPORTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WEDNESDAY (MAY 24) ON CONDITIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY FREDERICK H. SACKSTEDER, JR., AS UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNCIL, BY T.T. HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, AS SPECIAL U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNCIL, AND BY CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH AND

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REPRESENTATIVE POLYCARP BASILIUS AS SPECIAL ADVISERS TO THE DELEGATION.

OPENING THE U.S. PRESENTATION, SACKSTEDER SAID, "WE BELIEVE THAT THIS HAS BEEN A PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT PERIOD IN OUR ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY, A TIME IN WHICH MEANINGFUL PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ON SEVERAL FRONTS TOWARD THE EVENTUAL TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP IN WHICH THE U.S. HAS CONTINUED MAJOR EFFORTS IN MEETING ITS TRUSTEESHIP AND CHARTER OBLIGATIONS TO BRING ABOUT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT OF THE TERRITORY."

MUCH OF THIS OPENING PRESENTATION HAD TO DO WITH THE RESULTS OF THE TWO IMPORTANT ROUNDS OF POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING THE PRECEDING SEVERAL MONTHS IN HAWAII AND IN PALAU. SACKSTEDER OUTLINED THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE U.S. AND MICRONESIAN NEGOTIATORS AS ENUMERATED IN RELEASES FROM THE TALKS, AND ALSO NOTED THE EFFORTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT TO ARRANGE A FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS SEPARATE FROM THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS. HE ALSO REFERRED TO WHAT HE CALLED "SIGNIFICANT GAINS...TOWARDS SELF-GOVERNMENT" IN THE TERRITORY, AS EVIDENCED BY RECENT LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

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BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, ESPECIALLY THE PASSAGE BY THE CONGRESS AND APPROVAL BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE ADVISE AND CONSENT BILL, BY WHICH THE CONGRESS HAS A MAJOR VOICE IN APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO IMPORTANT EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS.

IN REPORTING AS A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON POINTED OUT THAT NOMMENTS ON MANY OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL'S QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE TERRITORY HAD BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 1971 REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS DISTRIBUTED EARLIER THIS MONTH TO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. HE SAID HIS REMARKS WOULD HIGHLIGHT PROGRESS IN VARIOUS AREAS DURING THE 12 MONTHS SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING.

JOHNSTON SAID THAT ALONG WITH HIGHER LEVELS OF FUNDING AVAILABLE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY, THERE HAS BEEN "INCREASED PARTICIPATION BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN DETERMINING THE MANNER IN WHICH THESE FUNDS SHOULD BE SPENT." PRAISING THE WORK OF THE CONGRESS JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING, THE HICOM SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD "DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB ASSESSING AND ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR THE MANY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET.

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AS AN EXAMPLE OF INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN THE BUDGET PROCESS BY THE SIX DISTRICT LEGISLATURES, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER POINTED TO THE RECENT BUDGET REPROGRAMMING REQUEST FOR THE AIRAI BRIDGE AND PALAU AIRFIELD INITIATED BY THE PEOPLE OF PALAU.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ALSO MENTIONED ANTICIPATED IMPROVEMENTS IN T.T. AIRFIELDS WITH THE INCLUSION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY IN THE U.S. AIRWAYS AND AIRPORTS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1970, AND THE CURRENT PROJECT TO UPGRADE THE FACILITIES ON SAIPAN.

ON OTHER MATTERS, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER CITED: IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FLEET OF SHIPS CHARTERED BY TRANSPACIFIC LINES, INCORPORATED, TO BETTER SERVE THE TERRITORY; ADDITIONAL UPGRADING OF TRUST TERRITORY INTER-ISLAND VOICE COMMUNICATIONS; THE INITIATIVE OF THE VFRY ACTIVE MICRONESIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION IN SETTING MATTERS OF EDUCATIONAL POLICY FOR THE TERRITORY, AND THE FACT THAT FIVE OF THE SIX DISTRICT DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION WILL BE MICRONESIANS EFFECTIVE IN JULY; SIGNIFICANT

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MICRONESIAN-ORIENTED CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE PROGRAMS FOR THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEVEL, AND THE MICRONESIAN SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRAM AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL, IN ADDITION TO THE MICRONESIAN LANGUAGE STUDIES PROGRAM

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BEING DEVELOPED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII; ADVANCES IN HEALTH SERVICES WHICH INCLUDE STATIONING OF A "BOARD CERTIFIED" SURGEON IN EACH DISTRICT WITH THE RESULT THAT THE MAJORITY OF SURGICAL OPERATIONS REQUIRED CAN BE PERFORMED SATISFACTORILY WITHIN THE TERRITORY, AS WELL AS ASSIGNMENTS OF SPECIALISTS IN INTERNAL MEDICINE AND PEDIATRICS IN EACH DISTRICT.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WENT ON TO OUTLINE THE DEVELOPMENTS TOWARD ESTABLISHING A LOW-COST HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY--A PROGRAM WHICH HAS RECEIVED VALUABLE ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SIGNIFICANT FEDERAL FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS IN THIS FIELD WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE TERRITORY RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S REPORT. HE REFERRED TO THE 1972 REPORT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PREPARED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, CHAIRED BY REPRESENTATIVE SASAUO HARUD, WHICH WAS THE BASIS FOR MANY PIECES OF LEGISLATION ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS DURING

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