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NEW YORK, JUNE 5 (MNS) -- ANNUAL HEARINGS BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL INVOLVING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC CONCLUDED LATE LAST WEEK WITH STATEMENTS FROM U.S. REPRESENTATIVES AND T.T. OFFICIALS.

THE COUNCIL'S 1972 MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL MORE DAYS AS MEMBER DELEGATIONS CONSIDER CONDITIONS IN THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA NEW GUINFA, AND VOTE ON THE MAKEUP OF THE

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U.N. VISITING MISSION WHICH WILL BE SENT TO MICRONESIA NEXT YEAR. THE MEETINGS ON FRIDAY (JUNE 2) BEGAN WITH COMMENTS FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) ON THEIR PARTICIPATION IN TRUST TERRITORY HEALTH PROGRAMS. THE W-H-O REPORTED ON THE SEVERAL FELLOWSHIPS WHICH THE ORGANIZATION HAS AWARDED TO MICRONESIANS IN THE PAST YEAR, AS WELL AS THE ASSISTANCE WHICH W-H-O HAS RENDERED TO THE TT THROUGH VISITING CONSULTANTS AND SURVEY TEAMS.

DURING A BRIEF QUESTION PERIOD, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVIET UNION, VASILY SANFRONCHUK, ASKED THE W-H-O TO COMMENT ON THE SUTIATION INVOLVING TREATMENT OF ATOMIC FALLOUT VICTIMS ON ROGELAP AND UTIRIK ATOLLS IN THE MARSHALLS. SANFRONCHUK REFERRED TO A PETITION SUBMITTED TO THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL BY CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA REPRESENTATIVE ATAJI BALOS WHICH CHARGED THAT TREATMENT OF THE FALLOUT VICTIMS OVER THE YEARS HAS BEEN FAR FROM ADEQUATE.

THE W-H-D REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO RESPOND TO THE PETITION AT THE PRESENT TIME. HOWEVER, HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON WAS ALLOWED TO BRING THE COUNCIL UP TO DATE ON THAT SITUATION. JOHNSTON SAID THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAD UNDERTAKEN ITS OWN INVESTIGATION

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OF THE SITUATION AND HAD INDICATED THAT THE W-H-O AND THE
U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE SURGEION
GENERAL IN WASHINGTON WERE TO BE CONTACTED FOR ASSISTANCE IN
THE INVESTIGATION.

(CONGESSMAN BALOS, WHO SUBMITTED THE PETITION TO THE

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TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, HAD BEEN EXPETED TO APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COUNCIL AT THIS YEAR'S HEARINGS. HOWEVER HE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP, AND THE RONGELAP/UTIRIK PETITION WAS NOT DISCUSSED BEYOND THE BRIEF EXCHANGE WITH THE W-H-O

THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING ON FRIDAY WAS DEVOTED TO CLOSING STATEMENTS FROM FREDETICK H. SACKSTEDER, THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, AND FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON, SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH AND REPRESENTATIVE POLYCARP BASILIUS. THEIR STATEMENTS SUMMARIZED SEVERAL OF THE POINTS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE OVER THE PREVIOUS DAYS OF QUESTIONING AND DISCUSSION.

DURING HIS CLOSING STATEMENT, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SACKSTEDER SAID, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON A REQUEST FOR T.T. PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP). IN RESPONSE TO AN INQUIRY FROM

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COUNCIL MEMBERS ABOUT MICRONESIAN PARTICIPATION IN UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMS SUCH AS UNDER SACKSTEDER SAID THAT THE PROGRAM'S REGULAR REPRESENTATIVE IN APIA, WESTERN SAMOA, HAS NOW BEEN ACCREDITED TO THE TRUST TERRITORY. SACKSTEDER HAD INDICATED EARLIER THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO LOOK FAVORABLY ON MICRONESIAN APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL ON ASIA AND THE FAR EAST (ECAFE) AND THE U.N. VOLUNTEER

IN HIS STATEMENT, HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON REPLIED TO SEVERAL SPECIFIC QUESTIONS FROM MEMBER DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING QUESTIONS ON THE LAND REGISTRATION PROGRAM, FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT AND THE STARFISH CONTROL PROGRAM, AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS TO STRENGTHEN THE FÖRESTRY PROGRAM IN THE TERRITORY. HE ALSO TOUCHED ON THE POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM, AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION, AND THE EXPANDING VOCATIONAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN MICRONESIA.

SENATOR AMARAICH CONFINED HIS REMARKS TO A SUMMARY OF SEVERAL POINTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MICRONESIA TOWARD SELF-GOVERNMENT. HE AGAIN MADE THE POINT THAT HE FELT REPLACEMENT OF EXPATRIATES WITH QUALIFIED MICRONESIANS WAS NOT PROCEEDING RAPIDLY ENOUGH.



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HE SAID THAT WHILE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAD INDICATED THE NEW
ADVICE AND CONSENT LEGISLATION WOULD PROVIDE FOR INCREASED
PARTICIPATION BY THE CONGRESS IN REVIEWING APPOINTMENTS BY THE
ADMINISTRATION, THE "IMPETUS OF REPLACEMENT OF EXPATRIATES
MUST COME FROM A SOURCE OTHER THAN THE CONGRESS." HE SAID
THAT UNDER THE ADVICE AND CONSENT LAW, THE CONGRESS HAS A SAY
IN ONLY 35 POSITIONS, AND THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF LOCALIZATION
MUST CONTINUE TO BE A PRIME RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EXECUTIVE
BRANCH. HE SAID HE HOPES THAT THIS WILL PROCEED MORE RAPIDLY
IN THE FUTURE, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE ADVICE AND CONSENT LAW
MIGHT BE BETTER IF IT EXTENDED DOWN TO THE DIVISION CHIEF LEVEL.
SUCH A PROPOSAL WAS DISAPPROVED IN THE FIRST VERSION OF THE
BILL SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

AMARAICH ALSO SUGGESTED SEVERAL OTHE STEPS WHICH OUGHT TO BE TAKEN TO INCREASE MICRONESIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE SELECTION OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, HIS DEPUTY, AND THE JUSTICES OF THE HIGH COMPLETE POWER TO APPROPRIATE THE ANNUAL TRUST TERRITORY BUDGET: A CHANGE IN THE PROCEDURES FOR VETOING LEGISLATION: AND AMENDMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT'S OF EMINENT

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IN CLOSING, AMARAICH STRESSED THAT WHILE MUCH HAD BEEN SAID AT THE HEARINGS ABOUT PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLVING THE FUTURE STATUS ISSUE, THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES REMAINING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MICRONESIAN NEGOTIATORS. CHIEF AMONG THESE, HE SAID, IS THE ISSUE OF SOVEREIGNTY. HE AGAIN POINTED TO MICRONESIAN QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ISSUE OF SOVEREIGNTY AS OUTLINED IN THEIR STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE LATEST STATUS

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CONGRESSMAN BASILIUS' REMARKS DEALT PROMARILY WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MICRONESIA. HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE FEDERAL FUNDS GRANTED TO THE TERRITORY HAVE INCREASED DRAMATICALLY IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, "PROGRESS MADE TO DATE HAS FALLEN FAR SHORT OF WHAT THE UNITED STATES COULD AND SHOULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED."

HE SAID THAT FOR THIS REASON, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS UNDERTAKEN TO REDIRECT PRESENT PROGRAMS AND FUTURE PLANS TO MORE CLOSELY MEET THE NEEDS AND DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE. BASILIUS SAID THAT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AREAS OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND TOURISM ARE PRIMARY GOALS, AND WELCOMED FORMATION OF THE TERRITORY'S NEW PLWNNING COORDINATING COMMITTEE AS A MAJOR STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

THE CONGRESSMAN ALSO CALLED FOR REVIEW OF INVESTMENT POLICIES, LAWS RELATING TO LAND TENURE AND CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS, BANKING AND CREDIT FACILITIES.

IN CONCLUDING HIS REMARKS, BASILIUS SAID HE FEELS THAT AS MICRONESIA MOVES TOWARD SELF-GOVERNMENT, IT IS TIME FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF REPLACING EXPATRIATES

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AS FRIDAY'S MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED, TRUST TERRITORY OFFICIALS TRAVELED ON TO OTHER PLACES IN THE U.S. MOST WERE SCHEDULED TO VISIT WASHINGTONG THROUGH THE FIRST PART OF THIS WEEK. THEN, THE CONGRESS DELEGATION WAS TO STOP

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IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO OBSERVE OPERATIONS OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AT AN INDIAN RESERVATION IN THAT AREA. MOST PARTICIPANTS IN THIS YEAR'S U.N. HEARINGS ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO THE TRUST TERRITORY SOME TIME NEXT WEEK.

(TAX REFUND REPORT)

SAIPAN, JUNE 5, (MNS) --- THE TRUST TERRITORY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE DISTRIBUTED TAX REFUND CHECKS TOTALLING APPROXIMATELY \$260,000 DOLLARS DURING THE PAST MONTH, ACCORDING TO A REPORT RELEASED MONDAY (JUNE 5) ON SAIPAN.

HEADQUARTERS TAX OFFICER E. S. INOS SAID THE TAX REFUND DISTRIBUTION IS NOW ABOUT 96 PER CENT COMPLETED. HE SAID SOME 21,106 EMPLOYEES RECEIVED REFUND CHECKS. THE CHECKS REPRESENTED THE AMOUNT OF TAX WITHHELD FROM EACH EMPLOYEES'S WAGES UP TO \$500 DOLLARS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1971.

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THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO EARNED LESS THAN \$500 DOLLARS DURING THAT
PERIOD RECEIVED THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF TAX WITHHELD FROM THEIR
WAGES.

INOS SAID ABOUT FOUR PER CENT OF THE REFUND CHECKS HAVE YET TO BE DISTRIBUTED, BUT WORK ON THEM IS PROCEEDING THIS WEEK. HE STATED THAT ANY TAXPAYER WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED HIS REFUND, OR WHO HAS A QUESTION ABOUT THE REFUND, SHOULD CONTACT THE DISTRICT TAX OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE.

(PEACE CORPS PROMOTIONS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 5, (MNS) -- - PEACE CORPS/MICRONESIA DIRECTOR DR. THOMAS WARREN RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO MICRONESIANS TO KEY STAFF POSITIONS WITH THE HEADQUARTERS OFFICE ON SAIPAN.

VICENTE M. SABLAN, FORMER SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER, HAS ASSUMED THE POSITION OF DEPUTY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR MANAGE-MENT. BEN ATTAO WAS NAMED TO THE NEWLY GREATED POSITION OF DEPUTY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM AND TRAINING.

BOTH APPOINTMENTS ARE PART OF A MAJOR REDUCTION IN AMERICAN STAFF COUPLED WITH THE CONTINUED EFFORTS OF PEACE CORPS WORLDWIDE TO PLACE QUALIFIED HOST COUNTRY PEOPLE INTO



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SENIOR POSITIONS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION, ACCORDING TO WARREN.
PEACE CORPS/MICRONESIA CURRENTLY HAS A PERMANENT STAFF OF 10
AMERICANS AND 22 MICRONESIANS.
(PAINT WARNING)

SAIPAN, JUNE 5, (MNS) -- THE TRUST TERRITORY DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HAS ISSUED A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL DISTRICTS, WARNING OF THE HAZARDS OF CERTAIN TYPES OF PAINT.

THE WARNING STATES THAT IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE THAT A SUBSTANCE CALLED LEAD CAN BE POISONOUS IF SWALLOWED, AND THAT MANY PAINTS AND PAINT PRIMERS CONTAIN LEAD, AND ARE WIDELY USED IN MICRONESIA. THESE PAINTS OR PAINT PRIMERS SHOUD NOT BE USED FOR PAINTING ROOFS OR WATER CATCHMENTS, OR ANY SURFACES THAT CAN BE REACHED BY CHILDREN.

IF PAINTS WITH LEAD IN THEM ARE USED ON ROOFS THAT CATCH DRINKING WATER, OR ON THE INSIDE OF WATER STORAGE TANKS, THE LEAD MAY MIX WITH THE WATER AND CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS IN THOSE WHO DRINK THE WATER. IF PAINT WITH LEAD IN IT IS CHIPPED OFF AND EATEN BY CHILDREN, IT CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO CALLS ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT

PAGE SEVEN RUHGSAA4216 UNCLAS SOME PAINTS CONTAIN ARSENIC, ANOTHER POISON. THESE PAINTS SHOULD ALSO NEVER BE USED ON ANY SURFACE THAT COMES IN CONTACT WITH DRINKING WATER.

BEFORE BUYING ANY KIND OF PAINT FOR WATER CATCHMENT OR WATER STORAGE SURFACES, THE ANNOUNCEMENT URGES EVERYONE TO FIND OUT IF THE PAINT CONTAINS LEAD OR ARSENIC. THIS INFORMATION IS ON THE LABEL, AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO READ THE LABEL COMPLETELY. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THAT INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION ON SAFE AND UNSAFE PAINTS CONTACT THEIR DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OR THEIR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

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