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SECSTATE PASS TO DEPT INT/SEC INTERIOR/DASTA OSN AFFAIRS.) ALL OF US ARE VERY HAPPY TO BE IN WASHINGTON AND WE ARE READY TO WORK IMMEDIATELY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH."

THIS CONCLUDES THE TEXTS OF OPENING REMARKS GIVEN BY SENATOR LAZARUS SALII AND AMBASSADOR HAYDN WILLIAMS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ON WEDNESDAY OF LAST WEEK.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: IN THE ABOVE TEXT OF REMAKRS BY SENATOR SALII, ONE PARAGRAPH HAS BEEN LEFT OUT. THE PARAGRAPH WAS CABLED IN TRANSMISSION FROM WASHINGTON, AND WE WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE WITH CERTAINTY THE SENATOR'S PRECISE MEANING. THE TWO-SENTENCE PARAGRAPH DEALT, HOWEVER, WITH A SUGGESTION FOR REDUCING TO A MINIMUM THE MATTERS ON WHICH FURTHER NEGOTIATION BY THE FULL DELEGATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED.)
(ELECTION CONFERENCE OPENS)

SAIPAN, JULY 17, (MNS)---AN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE, SPONSORED BY THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, GOT UNDERWAY MONDAY MORNING (JULY 17) ON SAIPAN. THE WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE HAS CRAWN PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL SIX DISTRICTS, AND WILL FOCUS ON ELECTION LAW AND PROCEDURES AS THEY RELATE TO TERRITORY-WIDE ELECTIONS.

TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON ADDRESSED THE OPENING SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE. "AS MICRONESIA MOVES TOWARD A RESOLUTION OF HER FUTURE STATUS," HE SAID, "MORE RESPONSIBILITIES IN GOVERNMENT WILL BE HANDLED BY MICRONESIANS. VOTING," HE ADDED, "IS THE MOST ESSENTIAL METHOD FOR DEVELOPING GOOD GOVERNMENT."

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ELECTION CONFERENCE IN VIEW OF THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION FOR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. IT IS IMPORTANT TO STANDARIEE ELECTION PROCEDURES, HE SAID, IN ORDER THAT SUCH PROBLEMS AS THOSE ENCOUNTERED IN PALAU IN 1970, AND MORE RECENTLY IN THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS OF LAST MONTH, CAN BE AVOIDED. THE HICGM RECOMMENDED THAT ALL ELECTION SUPERVISORS IN SUB-DISTRICT CENTERS BE TRAINED AND CERTIFIED IN THE CARRYING OUT OF ELECTION PROCEDURES.

THE CONFERENCE WAS ORGANIZED BY THE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. IN ADDITION TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, STAFF MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ARE ALSO ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE AS OBSERVERS.

(MAJURO RADIO MOVES)

~~MAJURO, JULY 17, (MNS)---AFTER A LONG DELAY CAUSED BY LACK OF FUNDS AND CONSTRUCTION DIFFICULTIES, RADIO STATION~~

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WSZO IN MAJURO HAS FINALLY MOVED INTO ITS NEW FACILITIES ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN THE MAJURO NEWSPAPER "MICRONITOR."

ALL OF THE STATION'S EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THE TRANSMITTER AND THE RECORD LIBRARY, WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW BUILDING DURING A ONE-WEEK PERIOD. THE STATION WAS OFF THE AIR DURING THE MOVE, BUT HAS NOW RETURNED TO THE AIR FROM THE NEW LOCATION. STILL TO COME IS AN INCREASE IN POWER FOR THE STATION TO TEN THOUSAND WATTS. BIDDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TRANSMITTER AND TOWER FACILITY IS TO START THIS MONTH, ACCORDING TO STATION MANAGER LAWRENCE EDWARDS.

A BRIEF CEREMONY TO MARK THE STATION'S MOVE TO ITS NEW QUARTERS WAS HELD RECENTLY. DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OSCAR DEBRUM, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATE PRESIDENT AMATA KABUA, AND NITIJELA SPEAKER ATLAN ANIEN WERE THE FEATURED SPEAKERS FOR THE EVENT.

(MNS RADIO WIRE)

WASHINGTON, JULY (MNS)---THE FIFTH ROUND IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS GOT UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., LAST WEDNESDAY (JULY 12). BOTH DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT THE NUMBER OF PLENARY SESSIONS WOULD BE HELD TO A MINIMUM AND THAT A DRAFTING COMMITTEE BE FORMED TO WORK OUT THE LANGUAGE OF A DRAFT COMPACT OF ASSOCIATION. AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS HOSTED THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION AT A SPECIAL DINNER ON JULY 12, WHICH WAS MICRONESIA DAY.

MAJURO, JULY 17 (MNS)---THE MAJURO NEWSPAPER "MICRONITOR" REPORTS THAT RADIO STATION WSZO WENT OFF THE AIR FOR A WEEK TO MOVE ITS FACILITIES INTO ITS NEW BUILDING. STATION MANAGER LAWRENCE EDWARDS SAID AN INCREASE OF POWER FOR THE STATION--TO TEN THOUSAND WATTS--WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE WHEN THE BUILDINGS WHICH WILL HOUSE THE NEW TRANSMITTER AND TOWER FACILITY ARE FINISHED. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SENATE PRESIDENT AMATA KABUA AND DISTAD OSCAR DEBRUM, ATTENDED THE BRIEF CEREMONY.

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