

Micronesia

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.

AP - A Micronesian told the U.N. Trusteeship Council Tuesday that capitalist exploitation and forced labor conditions exist on his U.S. ADMINISTERED ISLAND.

The council is holding an annual review of Micronesia, an area of 2,000 islands in the western Pacific. The area has been administered by the United States as a trust territory since World War II.

Balerio U. Pedro, a resident of Angaur in the Palau district of Micronesia, said there had been a history of repression on that island, first under the Germans and later the Japanese. The island has phosphate mines.

After the United States took over, said, the people of Angaur were compensated for the first time on the basis of gross tonnage of phosphates mined, but he described the compensation as unfairly low.

He demanded that he called just payment to the islands for their resources - including compensation from Germany and Japan.

Susan Costello, representing the Friends of Micronesia of Berkeley, Calif., called on the council to recommend that the United States speed up self-determination for Micronesia. She called military considerations the biggest obstacle.

Bertha B. Faust, representing the Friends Peace Committee of Philadelphia, appealed to the council to have the United Nations declare the entire South Pacific a nuclear-free and military-free zone.

She said U.S. military bases envisioned for Palau would constitute a degradation of the island.