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(TRUK STATUS STATEMENTS)

TRUK, JULY 20 (MNS)---IN THE WAKE OF THE VISIT TO TRUK LAST

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WEEK BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ANTI-INDEPENDENCE COALITION, NICK BOSSY, HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT OUTLINING THE POSITION OF HIS GROUP. THE REPORT OF THE GROUP'S ACTION COMES FROM TRUK DISTRICT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER NOHA RUBEN.

RUBEN SAYS THAT BOSSY'S STATEMENT CONTAINS FOUR BASIC PARTS, AND THAT BOSSY INDICATED HE HOPED THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS WOULD CONSIDER THE STATEMENT. IT READS AS FOLLOWS:  
(THE ANTI-INDEPENDENCE COALITION REQUESTS) "THAT FUTURE

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE SUSPENDED AND NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE DISTRICTS SHOULD BE MADE TO DETERMINE WHAT THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE REALLY WANT REGARDING THEIR POLITICAL FUTURE STATUS, AND HOW AND WHEN TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL.

"THERE SHOULD BE POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS," THE STATEMENT CONTINUES, "NOT ONLY AIMED AT THE DIFFERENT POLITICAL ALTERNATIVES, BUT ALSO AIMED AT THE FUNCTION OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH CITIZEN AND OF THE DELEGATES TOWARD THAT CONVENTION."

ALSO, "A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION SHOULD BE HELD TO IDENTIFY THE UNITY OF MICRONESIA AND TO DETERMINE AGREEMENTS AND DISAGREEMENTS REGARDING THE POLITICAL FUTURE STATUS, AND AT THE SAME TIME DEVELOPING POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AIMED AT RESOLVING THESE DIFFERENCES. AND IF THESE DIFFERENCES PERSIST, ANOTHER CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION SHOULD AGAIN BE CONDUCTED UNTIL ALL THE DIFFERENCES ARE RESOLVED."

AND FINALLY, "WHEN AND ONLY WHEN UNITY IS FULLY ESTABLISHED IN ALL RESPECTS, NEGOTIATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED EITHER WITH THE UNITED STATES OR WITH ANY NATION THAT WOULD ACCEPT THE MANDATE OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE, BASED ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT."

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THE EASTERN SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS COMPLETED ITS VISITS TO TRUK DISTRICT ON SATURDAY, JULY 14, AND SINCE THEN HAS TRAVELED FROM PONAPE DISTRICT CENTER TO MOKIL AND PINGELAP ATOLLS, AND KUSAIE ISLAND IN PONAPE DISTRICT BY FIELD

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TRIP SHIP. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD FRIDAY (JULY 20) THAT THE SHIP HAD ARRIVED AT EBeye IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS FOR TWO DAYS OF PLANNED HEARINGS THERE, BEFORE MOVING ON TO OTHER ISLANDS IN THE MARSHALLS. (NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THE WESTERN-SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS HAS COMPLETED HEARINGS ON ROTA ISLAND ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 20, REPORTS FROM MARIANAS PIO MANNY SABLAN HAVE BEEN DELAYED IN RECEIPT AT MNS, HOWEVER, IN THE INTERESTS OF COMPLETE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATUS COMMITTEE HEARINGS, WE ARE TRANSMITTING FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE USE PORTIONS OF A STORY WHICH APPEARED IN THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS, JULY 20, BY REPORTER DIANE MADDEX. CONSEQUENTLY, PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING STORY ARE NOT ORIGINATED BY MNS, AND THEY ARE IDENTIFIED AS TO SOURCE, FOR YOUR INFORMATION, CHIEF OF THE BROADCAST DIVISION, GEORGE CALLISON, WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE ROTA HEARINGS, AND HAS INDICATED THAT THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS

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COVERAGE PRESENTS AN ACCURATE SUMMARY OF WHAT TRANSPIRED AT ROTA. WE REGRET THE DELAY IN COVERAGE OF THE STATUS COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES IN THE MARIANAS, AND EXPECT TO BE MORE UP-TO-DATE NEXT WEEK WHEN THE COMMITTEE IS ON SAIPAN.)

(STATUS COMMITTEE=WEST)

ROTA, JULY 20, (MNS)---THE WESTERN SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS HELD HEARINGS ON ROTA IN THE MARIANAS

DISTRICT ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK. THE WESTERN DISTRICT DELEGATION--TOURING YAP, PALAU AND THE MARIANAS, WHILE HALF OF THE COMMITTEE TOURS ANAPE, TRUK AND THE MARSHALLS--IS HEADED BY SENATOR LAZARUS SALII. OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDE SENATORS EDWARD PANGELINAN, JOHN MANGEFEL, AFDON AMARAICH, AND AMBILOS IEHSI, AND REPRESENTATIVE ATAJI BALOS.

ACCORDING TO A SUMMARY OF THE ROTA HEARINGS WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GUAM NEWSPAPER PACIFIC DAILY NEWS, SENATOR SALII OPENED THE MEETINGS WITH THESE COMMENTS:

"IN 1969, THE THEN-STATUS COMMISSION CAME TO ROTA WITH THE IDEA TO SELL THE PEOPLE THE IDEA OF FREE ASSOCIATION," SAID SALII. "THIS TIME OUR PURPOSE IS NOT TO SELL ANY IDEA, BUT TO GET YOUR REACTION."

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HE THEN ASKED SOME OF THE COMMITTEE'S QUESTIONS: SHOULD WE ACCELERATE ATTEMPTS TO TERMINATE THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT? IS THE PACE TOO FAST, OR TOO SLOW? IS IT EVEN DESIREABLE TO TERMINATE THE STATUS QUO? IS THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION TOO RIGID? NOT RIGID ENOUGH?

"WE WANT TO BE GUIDED BY THE PEOPLE REGARDING THE MILITARY PRESENCE IN MICRONESIA.

"WE WANT ESPECIALLY TO FIND OUT WHAT THE PEOPLE OF ROTA AND THE MARIANAS DISTRICT THINK OF RETURNING PUBLIC LAND TO THE DISTRICTS BEFORE THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT IS TERMINATED," HE SAID. "IF AND WHEN IT IS RETURNED, WHO SHOULD RECEIVE IT? WHAT HAPPENS TO SITES OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS, TO HOMESTEADS AND LEASES THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN OUT?"

AND, PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY IN THIS DISTRICT THAT IS MOVING QUICKLY TOWARD A SEPARATELY NEGOTIATED FUTURE WITH THE UNITED STATES, SALII ASKED, "SHOULD THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CONTINUE TO NEGOTIATE FOR ALL OF MICRONESIA, OR SHOULD THE DISTRICTS TAKE ON THE TASK FOR NEGOTIATING ON THEIR OWN?"

THE DAILY NEWS SUMMARY CONTINUES:

WHILE THE MARIANAS COMMISSION IS SEEKING A CLOSE, COMMONWEALTH-

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TYPE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S., THE JOINT COMMITTEE HAS CHOSEN  
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ASSOCIATION."

THE ARTICLE ALSO SAYS THAT MOST OF THE QUESTIONS FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE WERE ON THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION. IT CONTINUES:

HOW CAN THE COMMITTEE ACCEPT MOVES BY SOME OF THE DISTRICTS FOR A SEPARATE STATUS WAS ANOTHER QUESTION RAISED.

"I CAN ONLY SAY," ANSWERED SALII, "THAT IF ENOUGH DISTRICTS FOR A SEPARATE STATUS WAS ANOTHER QUESTION RAISED.

"I CAN ONLY SAY," ANSWERED SALII, "THAT IF ENOUGH DISTRICTS SUCCEEDED IN STARTING DIRECT TALKS WITH THE UNITEAD STATES, THERE

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MAY BE NO POINT IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CONTINUING ITS TALKS. WE IN THE CONGRESS, OF COURSE, MAINTAIN THE SOLE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE A FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS WITH THE U.S. BUT THERE'S VERY LITTLE ACTUAL CONTROL THE CONGRESS CAN EXERCISE."

PUTTING ITS OWN QUESTIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF ROTA ASSEMBLED IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, THE COMMITTEE WAS PARTICULARLY EAGER TO GET RESPONSES TO THE PROBLEMS OF LAND OWNERSHIP AND MILITARY NEEDS.

GRAVE LAND PROBLEMS ON ROTA, INCLUDING THE NEED FOR SURVEYS TO DETERMINE HOMESTEAD TITLES, WERE OFTEN CITED, ACCORDING TO THE DAILY NEWS REPORT.

AS TO WHO SHOULD HOLD PUBLIC LANDS IN TRUST UNDER THE NEW MARIANAS OR MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENTS, SOME SUGGESTED THE GOVERNMENT OR A PUBLIC CORPORATION OR AN "UNBIASED OUTSIDER."

"THE LAND PROBLEMS IN ROTA ARE DIFFERENT FROM PALAU OR THE OTHER DISTRICTS WHERE THE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS CAN HOLD PUBLIC LAND IN TRUST," SAID JOHANNES TAIMANAO, ONE OF ROTA'S TWO REPRESENTATIVES ON THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION.

"THE LEADERS ARE THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE. IN THAT SENSE THEY CAN BE ENTRUSTED TO HOLD THE LAND FOR THE PEOPLE," SAID MAYOR ANTONIO ATALIG, WHO SUGGESTED THAT THE OWNERSHIPS.

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DID BETTER THAN THE AMERICANS IN IDENTIFYING LAND OWNERSHIPS.

OTHER SUBJECTS TOUCHED ON AT THE LENGTHY HEARING ON TUESDAY NIGHT, ACCORDING TO THE DAILY NEWS SUMMARY, INCLUDED MILITARY

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LAND REQUIREMENTS AND THE NEED FOR A POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM, SPEAKING OF THE FUTURE STATUS FOR MICRONESIA, COUNCIL MEMBER MISAELO OGO SAID: "WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BUILDING A HOUSE. THE COMMITTEES HAVE THE BLUEPRINT. A SKETCH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE NOW TO HELP US UNDERSTAND."

CONGRESSMAN JOHN MANGEFEL RESPONDED: "PLEASE DON'T FEEL TOO BAD ABOUT NOT KNOWING TOO MUCH ABOUT FREE ASSOCIATION. WE AT THIS TABLE," HE SAID, POINTING TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, "DON'T KNOW EITHER. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE--TO FIND OUT WHAT YOU WANT."

THE HEARINGS CONTINUED ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, ACCORDING TO THE DAILY NEWS SUMMARY, THERE WERE ONLY ABOUT THIRTY OF ROTAI'S MORE THAN 1,000 RESIDENTS AT EITHER HEARING AT THE MOST AT ANY ONE TIME, WHILE MOST OF THE TALKING ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE WAS DONE BY ONLY A HANDFUL OF SPOKESMEN.

IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE WESTERN SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD BE ON TINIAN ISLAND OVERNIGHT ON FRIDAY, JULY 20, RETURNING TO SAIPAN ON THE WEEKEND TO HOLD HEARINGS IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT CENTER.

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(SAIPAN WATER)

SAIPAN JULY 20 (MNS)--WATER HOURS ARE STILL IN EFFECT FOR LARGE PARTS OF SAIPAN IN THE MARIANAS, IN SPITE OF RECENT RAINFALL WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE BROUGHT AN END TO A DRY SPELL THAT HAS LASTED SINCE OCTOBER, 1972. BUT WHEN THE RAINY SEASON DOES BEGIN IN EARNEST, THERE WILL BE A HUGE, NEW RUBBER-LINED RESERVOIR AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE ISLAND READY TO CATCH THE RUNOFF.

ACCORDING TO JOHN PANGELINAN OF MARIANAS DISTRICT PUBLIC WORKS, AS QUOTED IN THE SAIPAN NEWSPAPER MARIANAS VARIETY, WORK ON THE NEW RESERVOIR-CATCHMENT WAS BEGUN LAST DECEMBER AND WAS COMPLETED IN JUNE. THE RECENT RAINS HAVE GIVEN THE SYSTEM ITS FIRST TEST, CATCHING RAINFALL AND RUNOFF WATER WHICH IS THEN PUMPED INTO TREATMENT TANKS, THEN TO STORAGE TANKS, AND EVENTUALLY INTO THE CENTRAL WATER SYSTEM FOR THE ISLAND.

THE WATER WILL MAINLY SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE SOUTHERN PART OF SAIPAN AND THE AREA AROUND ISLEY FIELD. THE CATCHMENT-HOLDING TANK HAS A CAPACITY OF ABOUT A MILLION-AND-A-HALF GALLONS. SAIPAN'S WATER NEEDS RUN ABOUT ONE TO ONE-AND-A-QUARTER MILLION GALLONS A DAY, BUT WATER USAGE, ACCORDING TO PANGELINAN, IS ABOUT TWO MILLION GALLONS A DAY. MOST OF THE DIFFERENCE IS WASTED WATER, PANGELINAN SAY

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WHICH RESULTS FROM OLD PIPES AND CARELESS USE OF WATER BY RESIDENTS.  
HE CONCLUDED WITH A PLEA TO SAIPAN RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE REPORTING  
LEAKING PIPES AND FAUCETS FOR REPAIR, SO THAT WHEN WATER RESERVES  
ARE SUFFICIENT AS THE RAINY SEASON GOES ON, WATER HOURS WILL NOT  
BE NECESSARY.

(FREE MONEY)

SAIPAN, JULY 20, (MNS)---THE REVENUE DIVISION OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE MAY HAVE SOME MONEY FOR YOU, ACCORDING  
TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT BEING ISSUED TO ALL DISTRICT BROADCAST  
STATIONS IN THE COMING WEEK, SOME INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS WHO PAID  
THEIR TAXES UNDER THE TRUST TERRITORY INCOME TAX LAW, HAVE NOT  
BOTHERED TO PICK UP THEIR TAX REFUNDS FOR THE 1972 TAX YEAR.

JESUS P. MAFNAS, CHIEF OF THE REVENUE DIVISION, SAYS THAT  
SOME SIX TO SEVEN-HUNDRED REFUND CHECKS ARE WAITING TO BE PICKED  
UP, AND INDIVIDUALS WHO SHOULD HAVE A TAX REFUND COMING ARE BEING  
URGED TO CONTACT THEIR DISTRICT TAX OFFICES, OR TO  
WRITE TO THE HEADQUARTERS FINANCE DEPARTMENT. MAFNAS SAID THAT  
ANY WAGE EARNER WHO DOES THINK HE HAS A REFUND COMING WILL NEED  
TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF BY NAME, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND BY THE  
NAME OF HIS EMPLOYER.

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