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PROGRAM: POLITICAL EDUCATION OF THE AIR

#6... QUESTIONS & ISSUES

THEME: UP, ESTABLISH TEN SECONDS THEN DOWN AND UNDER
ANNOUNCER.

ANNOUNCER: THIS PROGRAM, POLITICAL EDUCATION OF THE AIR,
IS A PUBLIC SERVICE PRESENTATION OF THE HEAD-
QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. THE
SERIES IS DESIGNED TO HELP BRING ABOUT AN AWARE-
NESS OF THE VARIOUS POLITICAL ALTERNATIVES
AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

THE TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION TAKES NO
SIDES IN THE POLITICAL ISSUES ON THE FUTURE OF
MICRONESIA. ITS TASK IS SIMPLY TO PRESENT THE
ISSUES AS THEY ARE, NOT TO INTERPRET THEM OR
DRAW ANY CONCLUSIONS FROM THEM.

THEME: UP, ESTABLISH FIVE SECONDS THEN DOWN, UNDER
NARRATOR, AND OUT.

NARRATOR: NOW THAT WE HAVE LISTENED TO THE WHOLE SERIES
OF POLITICAL EDUCATION BROADCASTS, PERHAPS
WE SHOULD PAUSE AND ASK OURSELVES, WHAT IS

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NARRATOR:

THE MEANING OF ALL THESE VARIOUS FORMS OF POLITICAL OPTIONS? WHAT DO I, AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR MY ISLAND, COMMUNITY, VILLAGE, OR ANY DISTRICT, EVEN MICRONESIA AS AN EMERGING COUNTRY STAND TO GAIN OR LOSE? WHY MAY ONE CHOICE BE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS THAN ANOTHER ONE, AND HOW? AT THIS POINT IN HISTORY, IS IT WISE TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN HANDED DOWN TO US, OR IS IT BETTER IF WE STOP HERE AND LET THE WORLD GO BY US? THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE MANY QUESTIONS THAT EACH AND EVERY MICRONESIAN MUST ASK HIMSELF.

TO SOME PEOPLE, IT MAY ALREADY BE TOO LATE TO EVEN BEGIN TO PONDER THESE ISSUES; TO SOME OTHERS, IT IS NOT TOO LATE. EVERY MICRONESIAN SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THE FUTURE OF MICRONESIA IS IN HIS HANDS. THE DECISION AS TO WHICH FORMS OF POLITICAL ASSOCIATION MICRONESIA SHOULD HAVE, WILL ULTIMATELY BE MADE BY THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

THEME: BRIDGE-UP BRIEFLY THEN CUT UNDER.

NARRATOR: LET'S REVIEW QUICKLY WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED
FROM THIS SERIES OF PROGRAMS.

ANNOUNCER: WE HAVE LEARNED, IN ADDITION TO WHAT WE
ALREADY KNEW, ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THESE
ISLANDS FROM THE TIME OF THE SPANISH UP TO
THE PRESENT.

WE HAVE LEARNED A LITTLE ABOUT WHAT FREE
ASSOCIATION IS AND WHAT IT WOULD MEAN TO
MICRONESIA.

WE HAVE LEARNED A LITTLE ABOUT INDEPENDENCE,
AND WHAT IT COULD MEAN TO MICRONESIA.

WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED ABOUT THE U.S. PROPOSAL
OF COMMONWEALTH, AND WHAT THAT ARRANGEMENT
MIGHT MEAN.

WE KNOW ABOUT OUR PRESENT FORM OF GOVERNMENT,
OR THE STATUS QUO. WE LEARNED ABOUT IT DURING
THE PAST TWENTY SOME YEARS UNDER THE AMERICAN
ADMINISTRATION.

NARRATOR: PERHAPS WE HAVE MORE QUESTIONS NOW THAN WE HAD BEFORE. LET US CONSIDER SOME OF THE BROAD QUESTIONS THAT MAY ARISE IN OUR MINDS REGARDING THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF MICRONESIA.

QUESTION 1 - UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT OF FREE ASSOCIATION, WHERE WOULD MICRONESIA RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

ANNOUNCER: ANSWER - MOST OF IT WOULD COME FROM THE U. S. ; A SMALLER PART OF IT FROM INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. SOME EXPENSES WOULD CONTINUE TO BE MET FROM MICRONESIA LOCAL REVENUES - TAXES FROM FOREIGN ENTERPRISES AS WELL AS FROM CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES IN MICRONESIA.

NARRATOR: QUESTION 2 - WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE UNDER FREE ASSOCIATION?

ANNOUNCER: ANSWER - THE U. S. IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT.

NARRATOR: QUESTION 3 - WHAT KIND OF GOVERNMENT WOULD

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WE HAVE UNDER FREE ASSOCIATION?

ANNOUNCER: ANSWER -

IT WOULD BE UP TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA AND THEIR LEADERS IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO DECIDE. IT MIGHT BE SIMILAR IN MANY WAYS TO THE PRESENT STRUCTURE BUT WOULD BE COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF MICRONESIANS RESPONSIBLE TO THEIR DISTRICTS OR TO THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE.

NARRATOR: QUESTION 4 - WHAT ABOUT OUR LANDS UNDER FREE ASSOCIATION? WHO WOULD CONTROL THEM?

ANNOUNCER: ANSWER -

CONTROL OF LAND WOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. EACH PIECE OF LAND, WHETHER OWNED INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY WOULD NOT BE TAKEN WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE OWNERS. HOWEVER, UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, THE USE OF

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CERTAIN LANDS IN PALAU WOULD BE NEGOTIATED WITH THE U. S. GOVERNMENT FOR LIMITED MILITARY PURPOSES AND THE PRESENTLY LEASED AREAS IN THE MARSHALLS WOULD BE RETAINED.

NARRATOR:

QUESTION 5 - UNDER FREE ASSOCIATION WOULD OUR CUSTOMS AND CULTURES BE RESPECTED?

ANNOUNCER:

ANSWER - YES, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE UP TO MICRONESIAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES TO DETERMINE WHAT PART OF THEIR CULTURES THEY WANT TO RESPECT OR CHANGE.

NARRATOR:

QUESTION 6 - UNDER INDEPENDENCE, WHAT WOULD BE THE GENERAL SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO GOVERNMENT, LAND, CUSTOMS, CULTURE, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

ANNOUNCER:

ANSWER - UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE, AS UNDER FREE ASSOCIATION, MICRONESIA WOULD BE FREE TO CHOOSE

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ITS OWN FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND
ITS LEADERS. ITS CUSTOMS AND
CULTURES COULD REMAIN AS THEY
HAVE ALWAYS BEEN IN THE PAST. NO
ONE WOULD TELL MICRONESIANS HOW
TO GOVERN THEMSELVES, AND NO ONE
WOULD IMPOSE ANY NEW CUSTOMS ON
THE PEOPLE OF THESE ISLANDS IF THEY
DID NOT LIKE THEM, EXCEPT BY FORCE
OF CONQUEST.

WITH RESPECT TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE,
MICRONESIA WOULD HAVE TO RAISE ITS
OWN MONEY TO FINANCE ITS PROGRAMS
OF EDUCATION, HEALTH, PUBLIC PRO-
JECTS, ETC. MICRONESIA, HOWEVER,
MIGHT GET FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM
OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S. ;
BUT THIS FOREIGN AID WOULD NOT COME
FREE; MICRONESIA WOULD HAVE TO PAY
IT BACK.

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THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES

WOULD CONTROL THEIR LAND AS THEY

ALWAYS HAVE IN THE PAST.

NARRATOR:

QUESTION 7 -

UNDER COMMONWEALTH, WHAT WOULD

BE THE GENERAL SITUATION WITH

RESPECT TO THESE SAME QUESTIONS:

GOVERNMENT, LAND, FINANCE,

CUSTOMS, LEADERSHIP, ETC. ?

ANNOUNCER:

ANSWER -

IF THE REST OF MICRONESIA WERE TO

RECEIVE THE SAME PROPOSAL AS THE

MARIANAS, THEY WOULD HAVE RIGHTS

AND RELATIONS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT

FROM THOSE UNDER INDEPENDENCE,

BUT THERE ARE ALSO SIMILARITIES.

WE MUST REMEMBER THAT UNDER

COMMONWEALTH MICRONESIA WOULD BE

JOINING THE AMERICAN POLITICAL

FAMILY. BECAUSE OF THIS, MICRO-

NESIA WOULD NOT HAVE A FREE HAND

IN SUCH AREAS AS FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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AND DEFENSE. THEY WOULD GOVERN
THEMSELVES INTERNALLY, HOWEVER,
AND ELECT THEIR OWN EXECUTIVE
AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS. THEY
WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW THE GENERAL
FORM OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT AND
NOT PROCEED COUNTER TO THE U. S.
CONSTITUTION. THEY WOULD CONTROL
THEIR OWN LAND, INCLUDING PUBLIC
LAND. THE U. S. WOULD PROVIDE
GUARANTEED FINANCIAL AID AND
MICRONESIA WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR
A WIDE VARIETY OF U. S. FEDERAL
PROGRAMS AND ASSISTANCE. MICRO-
NESIANS WOULD BE EITHER U. S.
CITIZENS OR NATIONALS.

NARRATOR: THESE ARE SOME OF THE BROAD ISSUES TO BE DIS-
CUSSED; HOWEVER, IN EACH DISTRICT, THE DEPART-
MENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE
YOU ASSISTANCE IF YOU SHOULD HAVE MORE QUESTIONS
REGARDING THESE VARIOUS POLITICAL OPTIONS.

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NARRATOR: THE ISSUES AND ANSWERS ARE UNLIMITED. IT IS NOT THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE ALL THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. OUR TASK HAS BEEN TO LEAD OFF WITH A FEW GENERAL QUESTIONS, AND LEAVE THE REST TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU TO CARRY ON THE PROGRAM OF POLITICAL EDUCATION, IN YOUR OWN HOME OR VILLAGE ON YOUR OWN ISLAND.

THEME: UP, ESTABLISH FOR TEN SECONDS. THEN FADE UNDER ANNOUNCER.

ANNOUNCER: THIS HAS BEEN THE FINAL PROGRAM IN THIS SERIES... POLITICAL EDUCATION OF THE AIR. THIS HAS BEEN A PUBLIC SERVICE PRESENTATION OF THE HEAD-QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO HELP BRING ABOUT AN AWARENESS OF THE VARIOUS POLITICAL ALTERNATIVES OPEN TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

THIS PROGRAM HAS COME TO YOU FROM SAIPAN AND IS A PRESENTATION OF THE MICRONESIAN BROADCASTING SERVICE.

THEME: UP TO END OF TIME.