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(BIKINI RETURN POSTPONED)

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MAJURO, MAY 2 (MARSHALLS-MLSC RELEASE)---THE LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF BIKINI ATOLL, RELOCATED BY ATOMIC TESTS FROM THEIR HOMELAND NEARLY TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, HAVE DECIDED THAT THE TIME IS NOT YET QUITE RIPE FOR THE RETURN TO THEIR HOME ATOLL.

THE TRUST TERRITORY HAS BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF REHABILITATING BIKINI ATOLL, FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF RADIOACTIVE DEBRIS, FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. SEEDLING COCONUT AND BREADFRUIT TREES HAVE BEEN PLANTED, AND 40 OF 78 HOUSE SETS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED ON BIKINI ATOLL. (A HOUSE SET CONSISTS OF A CORE HOUSE, COOK HOUSE, WASH HOUSE, TOILET AND WATER CATCHMENT). THE GOVERNMENT ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE BIKINI PEOPLE WOULD RETURN TO BIKINI FROM THE TINY ISLAND OF KILI, IN APRIL OF 1974. ON MARCH 30, THREE BIKINI LEADERS PLUS CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA MEMBER ATAJI BALOS LEFT FOR WASHINGTON, D.C. TO PETITION DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND INTERIOR OFFICIALS FOR AN EXGRATIA PAYMENT OF THREE MILLION DOLLARS TO THE BIKINI PEOPLE, SIMILAR TO THE ONE MILLION DOLLAR GIFT GIVEN THE ENIWETOK PEOPLE BY THE UNITED STATES IN 1970. AT THE REQUEST OF THE BIKINI LEADERSHIP, MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES ATTORNEYS ASKED FOR A DELAY IN THE SCHEDULED RETURN UNTIL THE LEADERSHIP COULD REPORT TO THE BIKINI COMMUNITY ON THE MISSION TO WASHINGTON. THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT GOVERNMENT AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO ATTEMPT A RETURN TO BIKINI BEFORE THE LEADERSHIP ARRIVED BACK FROM WASHINGTON.

UPON THEIR ARRIVAL, IT WAS AGREED THAT A MEETING SHOULD BE HELD AT KILI ISLAND TO DISCUSS THE RETURN TO BIKINI.

ON APRIL 25, BIKINI MAGISTRATE LORE KESSIBUKI, SCRIBE NATHAN HOPE, AND COUNCILMAN MOSES, PLUS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OSCAR DEBRUM AND LEGAL SERVICES ATTORNEY CHIPS BARRY AND COUNSELOR HEMOS JACK, SAILED FOR KILI ISLAND ABOARD A TRUST TERRITORY LCU. ON SATURDAY, THE ENTIRE BIKINI COUNCIL, PLUS MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, MET WITH THE LAWYERS, THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, AND THE MEMBERS OF THEIR WASHINGTON DELEGATION. AFTER HEARING A REPORT FROM THE DELEGATION, AND READING THE DOCUMENTS THE DELEGATES BROUGHT WITH THEM FROM WASHINGTON, THE COUNCIL MEMBERS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THEY WOULD POSTPONE THE RETURN TO BIKINI UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THE WASHINGTON MISSION WERE KNOWN.

UPON INQUIRY BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES WHO WISHED TO SEPARATE FROM THE EXISTING COMMUNITY AND WHO WISH TO RETURN TO BIKINI IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WOULD BE PERMITTED TO DO SO. THE COUNCIL ASKED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH REQUESTS BE REFERRED TO THEM BEFORE ANY ACTION IS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE FULL TEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BIKINI PEOPLE, DRAFTED BY THEIR SCRIBE AND SIGNED BY THE MAGISTRATE AND TWELVE COUNCILMEN, IS AS FOLLOWS:

"ON APRIL 27, 1974 THERE WAS A MEETING CONDUCTED BETWEEN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MARSHALLS, OSCAR DEBRUM, CHIPS BARRY AND HEMOS JACK, LAWYERS FROM THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION, AND THE PEOPLE OF BIKINI WHO ARE NOW RESIDING ON KILI.

"THE PROPOSE OF THIS MEETING WAS TO FIND OUT THE DESIRES OF EACH INDIVIDUAL BIKINIAN NOW RESIDING ON KILI, AND TO FIND OUT WHETHER THEY WANT TO RETURN OR NOT TO BIKINI ON THE DATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS SET ASIDE.

"THE ANSWER WAS GIVEN AND FIRMLY MADE IN FRONT OF THE DISTAD AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM LEGAL SERVICES, MAGISTRATE AND SCRIBE OF KILI, AND ALSO COUNCILMEN AND THE PEOPLE OF BIKINI WHO ARE RESIDING ON KILI. THE ANSWER GIVEN WAS THAT NOBODY WILL BE RETURNING TO BIKINI UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE WISHES AND REQUESTS

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OF THE DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON ARE GRANTED. ALSO, THERE SHOULD BE ONE DAY WHEN THE PEOPLE OF KILI WILL RETURN TO BIKINI ALL TOGETHER, AND THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD DELAY THE RETURN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ALL THE DESIRES OF THE DELEGATION ARE GRANTED. THOSE DESIRES ARE THE ONES THAT OUR DELEGATION MADE ON THEIR TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. ANOTHER FACTOR IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN AGREEMENT OR SATISFACTION AMONG THE BIKINIANS CONCERNING THE REHABILITATION OF THE ISLAND.

"WE ARE HEREBY REQUESTING OSCAR DEBRUM NOT TO SEND A VESSEL FOR THE RETURN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS DETERMINED BY THE PEOPLE OF BIKINI WHO ARE NOW RESIDING IN KILI."

THE STATEMENT IS SIGNED BY THE MAGISTRATE, SCRIBE AND COUNCILMEN AND WITNESSED BY THE DISTAD, OSCAR DEBRUM.

(ACTION ON TWO BILLS)

SAIPAN, MAY 2 (MNS)---ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON AN ADDITIONAL TWO BILLS FROM THE 1974 SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. ACCORDING TO N. NEIMAN CRALEY, JR., SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS INFORMED THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP THAT A BILL RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (SB 185) HAS BEEN SIGNED, BECOMING PUBLIC LAW 5-86. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO DISAPPROVE OF A BILL WHICH WOULD HAVE MADE CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE TT ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PROTECTION ACT (HB 249).

THE BILL RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW HAD BEEN CONSIDERED BY PREVIOUS SESSIONS OF THE CONGRESS BEFORE FINALLY PASSING THIS YEAR. ITS PURPOSE IS TO REGULATE PROCEDURE USED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION. "ADMINISTRATIVE LAW" COVERS SUCH DOCUMENTS AS THE TT PERSONNEL MANUAL, THE MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATION, AND THE CODE OF PUBLIC REGULATIONS. SUCH DOCUMENTS ARE CONSIDERED ADMINISTRATIVE LAWS, RATHER THAN STATUTORY LAWS WHICH ARE ENFORCED BY THE POLICE.

ALTHOUGH THE CONGRESS INTENDED TO BROADEN THE POWERS OF THE TT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD THROUGH HOUSE BILL 249, WHICH WAS VETOED, THE ADMINISTRATION CONTENDED IN A MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP THAT THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE BILL "ARE NOT A BROADENING OF THE BOARD'S POWER BUT RATHER A LEGISLATIVE LIMITATION OF THE EXISTING POWERS. THIS LEGISLATION," THE LETTER CONTINUES, "ALSO INTRODUCES A WHOLLY NEW THEORY, I.E. THAT OF 'ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT' WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE PERMIT SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY THE LAW, AND IS A DUPLICATION OF MANY OF THE ESTABLISHED ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD."

THE LETTER NOTES THAT THE LEGISLATION WAS OPPOSED BY BOTH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD AND BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. THE BILL HAS BEEN RETURNED TO THE CONGRESS.

(SALARY PLAN CONTROVERSY UNRESOLVED)

SAIPAN, MAY 2 (MNS)---THE CONTROVERSY BETWEEN THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES OF THE TT GOVERNMENT OVER WHETHER OR NOT THE GOVERNMENT WORKERS SALARY PLAN EXPIRES ON JUNE 30 OF THIS YEAR REMAINED UNRESOLVED THURSDAY (MAY 2), FOLLOWING A MEETING BETWEEN ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA OFFICIALS.

THE PROBLEM AROSE WHEN CONGRESS ATTORNEYS DISCOVERED THAT THE VERSION OF SENATE BILL 289 WHICH WAS OFFICIALLY TRANSMITTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS NOT THE VERSION WHICH THE CONGRESS INTENDED TO PASS. DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN SIGNED THAT BILL INTO LAW ON APRIL 12, AND AS TRANSMITTED THE BILL EXTENDS THE PRESENT SALARY PLAN FOR GOVERNMENT WORKERS TO JUNE 30, 1975. IF NOT EXTENDED BY LAW,

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THE SALARY PLAN WOULD EXPIRE AUTOMATICALLY AT THE END OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

ANOTHER BILL PASSED BY THE CONGRESS, SENATE BILL 276, ALSO EXTENDED THE SALARY PLAN. THE BILL WAS VETOED BY THE HICOM THIS WEEK. CONGRESS OFFICIALS THEN DISCOVERED THAT SENATE BILL 289, NOW PUBLIC LAW 5-31, ALSO EXTENDED THE PLAN, SOMETHING THEY CONTEND THE CONGRESS TOOK OUT OF THE LATTER BILL.

PARTICIPATING IN THE THURSDAY MEETING WERE N. NEIMAN CRALEY, JR., THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, MAMORU NAKAMURA, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, STRIK YOMA, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, KALEB UDUI, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, AND MICHAEL A. WHITE OF THE CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S OFFICE. FOLLOWING THE MEETING ADMINISTRATION PARTICIPANTS HAD NO COMMENT TO MAKE ON THE CONTROVERSY.

ATTORNEY WHITE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE TWO SIDES "AGREED TO DISAGREE." HE SAID HIS POSITION REMAINS THAT THE VERSION OF SENATE BILL 289 WHICH WAS SIGNED BY THE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS NOT WHAT THE CONGRESS PASSED, AND THAT THEREFORE THE SIGNING ACTION IS NOT VALID AND THE BILL HAS NOT BECOME LAW.

SINCE THE ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT AGREE WITH THIS INTERPRETATION, WHITE SAID, THE CONGRESS APPEARS TO HAVE THREE ALTERNATIVES: "ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE LAW IN A SPECIAL SESSION, SEEK A DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT IN COURT AS TO THE VALIDITY OF THE LAW, OR SIMPLY LET THE BILL STAND AS SIGNED." HE DID NOT INDICATE WHAT COURSE OF ACTION THE CONGRESS WILL FOLLOW.

(CONGRESSMAN DISAGREES WITH NITIJELA STAND)

SAIPAN, MAY 2 (MNS)---AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FROM THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE STAND TAKEN BY THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AND TRADITIONAL LEADERS OF THE DISTRICT REGARDING MARSHALLESE PARTICIPATION IN THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

CONGRESSMAN JOHN HEINE, ON SAIPAN TO ATTEND A MANPOWER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING, TOLD MNS THURSDAY (MAY 2) THAT HE FEELS FULLY 60 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE MARSHALLS OPPOSE THE NITIJELA ACTION, AND WANT THE MARSHALLS TO TAKE PART IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

"IT'S PREMATURE," HEINE SAID OF THE ACTIONS. "WE SHOULD SEND OUR DELEGATES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND LET THEM TAKE PART. WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BY THAT. WE WILL NOT BE BOUND BY ANYTHING THAT TAKES PLACE AT THE CONVENTION."

THE CONGRESSMAN SAID HE WAS ALREADY ON SAIPAN WHEN HE LEARNED OF THE PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS IN THE MARSHALLS, THE IROIJ, WHICH REINFORCES THE NITIJELA ACTION OPPOSING THE MARSHALLESE PARTICIPATION IN THE CON CON. HE SAID HE INTENDS TO SEEK RADIO BROADCAST TIME IN MAJURO UPON HIS RETURN THERE THIS WEEKEND TO GIVE THE "OTHER SIDE" OF THE STORY.

HEINE SAID AT LEAST TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MARSHALLS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FEEL AS HE DOES, ALTHOUGH HE DECLINED TO NAME THEM. THE FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN ALSO SAID HE IS CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR DELEGATE TO THE CON CON IN THE JUNEN 4 ELECTION.

(CETA WORKSHOP IN HAWAII)

SAIPAN, MAY 2 (MNS)---THREE PEOPLE FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL ATTEND A SPECIAL WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT TRAINING ACT (CETA) SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN HAWAII NEXT WEEK, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FROM THE TT TRAINING DIVISION. CETA IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM WHICH WAS ENACTED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS LAST YEAR.

ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP ARE: PEDRO HARRIS, CHIEF OF THE TT TRAINING DIVISION; MIKE ASHMAN, CHIEF OF TOURISM; AND WALTER

MYAZOE, JOB ANALYST FOR THE TRAINING DIVISION.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE WORKSHOP WILL DISCUSS MAN POWER NEEDS PLANNING AND EVALUATION AND OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE LABOR PROGRAM.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WILL ALSO ATTEND THE ONE-WEEK WORKSHOP.

(CALL USER PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(SALII SPEAKS ON CON CON)

SAIPAN, MAY 2, 1974---(CONGRESS RELEASE)---"IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO DESIGN A CONSTITUTION THAT WILL NOT ONLY SAFEGUARD DISTRICT INTERESTS, BUT ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE AND BENEFICIAL TO THEM AND TO MICRONESIA AS A UNITED NATION," ACCORDING TO SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS.

SENATOR SALII WAS INTERVIEWED LAST WEEK ON SAIPAN BY CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA PUBLIC INFORMATION INTERN JOHN DEL ROSARIO AT THE MICRONESIA PBROADCAST CENTER. THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED TO ASSIST THE CURRENT PROGRAM OF EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT (ESG) IN CLARIFYING SOME OF THE ISSUES CONCERNING THE UPCOMING ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION AND THE CONVENTION ITSELF.

SALII DELIVERED A PREPARED OPENING STATEMENT IN WHICH HE STATED: "NO EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF THESE ISLANDS EVEN BEGINS TO APPROXIMATE THE IMPOTANCE OF THIS EVENT." SALII WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT THE ONLY OTHER TWO EVENTS WHICH WILL TAKE AFTER THE CONVENTION WHICH WILL BE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE WILL BE THE "REFERENDUM" TO APPROVE THE CONSTITUTION ITSELF AND A PLEBISCITE TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE NEW POLITICAL STATUS FOR MICRONESIA.

THE SENATOR STATED THAT IN DRAFTING THE CONSTITUTION, THE DELEGATES WILL BE BUILDING THE NEW MICRONESIAN STATE AND SETTING UP ITS FORM OF GOVERNMENT. SALII SAID THE CONVENTION WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS ITSELF TO A VERY FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE: MICRONESIAN UNITY.

THE SENATOR MENTIONED THAT IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED BY SOME PEOPLE THAT IF ALL THE DISTRICTS ARE TO REMAIN WITHIN THE NEW MICRONESIAN STATE AND SUBSCRIBE TO ITS CONSTITUTION, A GOOD DEAL OF THE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT MUST BE RESERVED TO THE DISTRICTS. HE SAID...-A LOOSE FEDERATION IS WHAT THIS FORM OF GOVERNMENT IS OFTEN REFERRED TO."

"BECAUSE OF THE MANY PROBLEMS FACING US TODAY ON THE QUESTION OF UNITY," SALII CONTINUED, "PROBLEMS OVER CONTROL OF LAND; OVER REVENUE-SHARING AND ON SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, THE SUGGESTION FOR A LOOSE FEDERATION BETWEEN THE DISTRICTS ON MATTERS STRICTLY OR PREDOMINANTLY INTERNAL TO THE DISTRICTS, DESERVES SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BY ALL OF US." HE ALSO STATED THAT IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT IF ANY DISTRICT WISHES TO STAY OUT OF THE NEW MICRONESIAN NATION, NO MATTER HOW THE CONSTITUTION IS STRUCTURED, "WE MUST BE PREPARED TO ACCOMMODATE THAT SITUATION."

SALII SAID, "IF ANY DISTRICT IS SOMEHOW FORCED TO SUBSCRIBE TO A CONSTITUTION THAT IT DOES TRULY AND FULLY ACCEPT, WE SHALL HAVE BUILT INTO THE NEW NATION A TIME-BOMB THAT WILL EXPLODE ANY DAY AND ABORT OUR NEW CREATION." HE CONTINUED THAT THE CONSTITUTION THE DELEGATES PUT TOGETHER MUST BE ACCEPTABLE TO MOST IF NOT ALL THE DISTRICTS. HE NOTED THAT NO DISTRICT NEEDS TO BE RELUCTANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONVENTION FOR FEAR THAT ITS PARTICIPATION WILL FOREVER BIND IT TO THE RESULT OF THE CONVENTION.

SENATOR SALII SAID THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION WILL GO TO THE VOTERS OF EACH DISTRICT FOR APPROVAL. HE SAID: "WE CAN ALL REST ASSURED THAT IF THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS IN ANY GIVEN DISTRICT REJECT THE CONSTITUTION, IT WILL BE FOOLHARDY FOR ANYONE ELSE TO TRY TO IMPOSE THE CONSTITUTION ON THAT DISTRICT."

ACCORDING TO SALII, NO MATTER HOW MUCH IS SAID IN ADVANCE ABOUT THE FINAL FORM THE CONSTITUTION WILL TAKE, OR WHETHER THE NEW NATION WILL INCLUDE ALL THE SIX DISTRICTS OR ONLY SOME OF THEM. THESE QUESTIONS CAN ONLY BE APPROPRIATELY ANSWERED IN THE CONVENTION ITSELF AND ONLY THE DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION WILL BE SPEAKING FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS. HE SAID: "THE TIME TO DECIDE, AND TO LET OUR DESIRES BE KNOWN TO OUR FELLOW MICRONESIANS, WHETHER WE WANT TO BE PART OF A NEW NATION OR NOT, WILL BE AT THE CONVENTION."

CONCERNING THE CHOOSING OF DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION, THE SENATOR NOTED THAT IT WILL BE HELPFUL TO KEEP ONE THING IN MIND--THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ELECTING SOMEONE "TO REPRESENT US IN A LEGISLATIVE BODY AND SELECTING SOMEONE TO REPRESENT A COMMUNITY IN A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION." HE SAID THAT A CONGRESSMAN OR LEGISLATOR IN REPRESENTING THE INTEREST OF HIS CONSTITUENTS OFTEN RELIES ON HIS OWN JUDGEMENT. HE SAID THE PEOPLE HAVE ENOUGH SAFEGUARDS SO THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO LET THEIR CONGRESSMEN USE THEIR OWN GOOD SENSE MUCH OF THE TIME IN LOOKING AFTER THEIR INTERESTS OR, THEY COULD ALWAYS REPLACE THEM IN THE NEXT ELECTION.

SENATOR SALII EMPHASIZED THAT THIS IS NOT TRUE IN A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. HE SAID THE DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IF THEIR PERSONAL DESIRES AND OPINIONS DIFFER FROM THOSE HELD BY THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE THEY REPRESENT, HE OR SHE MUST BE WILLING AND ABLE TO DEFER TO THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE.

SALII NOTED THAT IT IS EXPENSIVE TO PREPARE A DRAFT CONSTITUTION AND THEREFORE IT MUST BE DONE "RIGHT THE FIRST TIME," AND DELEGATES MUST TAKE A SERIOUS ATTITUDE IN GOING ABOUT THE DRAFTING OF MICRONESIA'S CONSTITUTION.

THE INTERVIEW INCLUDED SEVERAL OTHER VERY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. A TAPE OF THE INTERVIEW WILL BE AIRED ON ALL DISTRICT RADIO STATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PREPARE A TRANSCRIPT OF THE INTERVIEW WHICH WILL BE PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED AT A LATER DATE.