

(RETURNS STILL INCOMPLETE)

SAIPAN, JUNE 5 (MNS)---THOUSANDS OF MICRONESIANS TURNED OUT TO VOTE THROUGHOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY TUESDAY (JUNE 4) TO SELECT 42 VOTING DELEGATES TO THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN EARLY 1975. 1974

SOME 130 CANDIDATES WERE ON THE VARIOUS BALLOTS, WITH POLLING PLACES OPEN IN DISTRICT CENTERS AND OUTER ISLANDS ALIKE FROM SEVEN IN THE MORNING TO SEVEN IN THE EVENING, LOCAL TIME. ON EBEYE, WHICH OBSERVES KWAJALEIN TIME AND IS A DAY BEHIND THE REST OF THE TT, THE VOTING TOOK PLACE WEDNESDAY. 11

ONE ATOLL, KAPINGAMARANGI IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF PONAPE DISTRICT, WAS UNABLE TO VOTE BECAUSE THE FIELD TRIP SHIP CARRYING THE BALLOTS WAS UNABLE TO REACH THERE IN TIME. THUS ALL BALLOT BOXES FROM PONAPE DELEGATE DISTRICT THREE, WHICH INCLUDED KAPINGAMARANGI, NUKUORO, NGATIK AND MOKIL, HAVE BEEN SEALED UNTIL THE VOTERS ON KAPINGAMARANGI CAN CAST THEIR BALLOTS, AND RESULTS FROM THAT DISTRICT WILL NOT BE KNOWN FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

RETURNS FROM MANY OUTER ISLAND AREAS WILL ALSO BE SLOW IN COMING IN. ELECTION OFFICIALS AT TT HEADQUARTERS ON SAIPAN SAID IT WILL PROBABLY BE THE END OF THIS WEEK BEFORE A COMPLETE PICTURE OF THE ELECTION BEGINS TO EMERGE.

RETURNS FROM MOST OF THE DISTRICT CENTERS WERE AVAILABLE RELATIVELY QUICKLY, HOWEVER. IN THE MARIANAS, THE FINAL, UNOFFICIAL WINNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS: IN DELEGATE DISTRICT ONE (ROTA, TINIAN AND SOUTHERN SAIPAN), JOSE R. CRUZ; DELEGATE DISTRICT TWO (MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS ONE THROUGH FOUR ON SAIPAN), LARRY CABRERA; DISTRICT THREE (MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS SEVEN AND ELEVEN ON SAIPAN), LUIS LIMES; DISTRICT FOUR (MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS FIVE, EIGHT, NINE AND TEN ON SAIPAN PLUS THE ISLANDS OF AGRIHAN, PAGAN, ALAMAGAN, SARIGUAN, AND ANATAHAN), JOAQUIN PANGELINAN.

THE ONLY OTHER DISTRICT WHERE RETURNS WERE COMPLETE AS OF LATE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON WAS YAP, WHERE THREE DELEGATE SEATS WERE UP FOR GRABS. IN DELEGATE DISTRICT ONE (YAP PROPER), WITH TWO TO BE ELECTED FROM A FIELD OF 13 CANDIDATES, CONGRESSMAN LUKE M. TMAN AND SAMUEL FALANRUW WERE THE WINNERS. IN DELEGATE DISTRICT TWO (OUTER ISLANDS), DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR HILARY TACHELIOL DEFEATED HIS ONLY OPPONENT.

RETURN FROM THE OTHER DISTRICTS ARE STILL INCOMPLETE. IN PALAU, TWO SEATS FROM DELEGATE DISTRICT ONE (KOROR AND THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPALITIES ON BABELTHUAP--AIRAI, AIMELIK AND NGATPANG) HAVE BEEN FILLED BY JOHNSON TORIBIONG AND SANTOS OLIKONG. RETURNS FROM DELEGATE DISTRICT TWO AND THREE WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

IN THE TERRITORY'S LARGEST DISTRICT, TRUK, THE BALLOT COUNTING WAS PROCEEDING SLOWLY WEDNESDAY. OUT OF TWELVE SEATS TO BE FILLED, WINNERS WERE KNOWN IN ONLY ONE DISTRICT, THE ONE CONSISTING OF THE DISTRICT CENTER OF MEON. THERE, CONGRESSMAN SASAUO HARUO AND FRANK NIFON WERE THE WINNERS. OTHER DISTRICT RESULTS WERE STILL BEING COUNTED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

IN PONAPE, WHICH FIELDED THE LARGEST NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FOR NINE AVAILABLE SEATS, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR LEO A. FALCAM WAS AN EASY WINNER IN DELEGATE DISTRICT FOUR (UH MUNICIPALITY), WHERE HE RAN UNOPPOSED. IN DELEGATE DISTRICT FIVE (METALANIM MUNICIPALITY), THE UNOFFICIAL WINNER IS DARO WEITAL. IN DELEGATE DISTRICT SIX (KITI MUNICIPALITY), WILLIAM EBERIAM WON THE SINGLE SEAT AVAILABLE. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS STRIK YOMA WAS THE WINNER IN DELEGATE DISTRICT SEVEN (SOKEHS MUNICIPALITY), AND IN DELEGATE DISTRICT EIGHT (NET MUNICIPALITY), FORMER CONGRESSMAN HEINRICH IRIARTE IS THE UNOFFICIAL WINNER ORGAN

ACCORDING TO DISTRICT OFFICIALS. OTHER DISTRICTS IN PONAPE WERE STILL BEING HEARD FROM WEDNESDAY, WITH ONE, DISTRICT THREE, SEALED UNTIL KAPINGAMARANGI CAN VOTE.

THE ONLY DISTRICT FROM WHICH NO FINAL RETURNS HAD BEEN RECEIVED AS OF WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON WAS THE MARSHALLS, WHERE TWO OF THE NINE DELEGATE DISTRICTS HAD NO DECLARED CANDIDATES AT ALL, AND WHERE ONLY TEN PEOPLE BOTHERED TO FILE FOR THE NINE AVAILABLE SEATS. OFFICIALS REPORTED THAT VOTER TURNOUT WAS VERY LOW IN MANY MARSHALLESE ATOLLS, REFLECTING AGAIN THE OFFICIAL POSITION TAKEN BY THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, THE NITIJELA, THAT THE MARSHALLS SHOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. THE ELECTION DID TAKE PLACE IN THE MARSHALLS, HOWEVER, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, AND THE MARSHALLS WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THE CONVENTION. BUT BECAUSE OF THE LATE VOTING ON EBVEE AND THE MANY OUTER ISLAND AREAS STILL TO BE HEARD FROM IT WILL BE ANOTHER DAY OR TWO BEFORE THE RESULTS IN THE MARSHALLS ARE KNOWN.

(TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HEARS OPENING STATEMENTS)

NEW YORK, JUNE 5 (MNS)---UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR BARBARA WHITE, APPEARING BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IN NEW YORK, TOLD COUNCIL MEMBERS TUESDAY (JUNE 4) THAT "THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA ARE FACING WITH SERIOUSNESS AND COMMITMENT THE DECISION ON SELF-DETERMINATION THEY WILL MAKE IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

SHE REPORTED THIS, SHE SAID, FROM FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE AND OBSERVATION OF WHAT SHE CALLED "LIVELY DISCUSSIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY ON THE FUTURE OF MICRONESIA" WHICH SHE HAD SEEN DURING HER RECENT VISIT TO THE TRUST TERRITORY.

"I WISH EACH OF YOU COULD SEE IN OPERATION, AS I DID, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, A LEGISLATIVE BODY CONDUCTED WITH A PROFESSIONALISM AND SERIOUSNESS OF WHICH MANY LARGER AND LONGER ESTABLISHED COUNTRIES COULD BE PROUD. THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIONS, THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES, AND TOWN COUNCILS. "ALL OF THESE," SHE SAID, ARE "IMPRESSIVE EXAMPLES OF DEMOCRACY IN ACTION."

AMBASSADOR WHITE'S RECOLLECTIONS OF HER TOUR THROUGH THE TERRITORY CAME AT THE CONCLUSION OF HER OPENING STATEMENT BEFORE THIS YEAR'S SESSION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL. AMONG THE FOUR SPEAKERS AT TUESDAY'S MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, THE AMBASSADOR MOST THOROUGHLY SUMMARIZED THE PAST YEARS ACTIVITIES AS THEY RELATED TO THE NEGOTIATIONS ON A FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS FOR BOTH SETS OF NEGOTIATIONS: THOSE FOR THE MICRONESIA HEADING FOR FREE ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES, THE MARSHALL AND CAROLINE ISLANDS; AND, THOSE LEADING TO A PERMANENT ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PRESNET MARIANAS DISTRICT.

THE AMBASSADOR RECALLED THE CONTINUING AND DIRECT CONTACTS AMONG THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES AT BOTH FORMAL AND INFORMAL MEETINGS ON THE STATUS ISSUE. THESE INCLUDED THE SEVENTH ROUND OF TALKS INVOLVING THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS AND THE THIRD AND FOURTH ROUND OF TALKS INVOLVING THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION.

SHE FURTHER NOTED THE U.S. ANNOUNCEMENT THIS YEAR THAT PUBLIC LAND WOULD BE RETURNED TO DISTRICT AUTHORITIES, AND REFERRED TO RECENT MOVES FOR SEPARATE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

IN THIS REGARD, THE AMBASSADOR RESTATED FOR THE COUNCIL THE UNITED STATES POLICY ON THAT MATTER: THAT THE ISSUES WHICH HAVE PROVOKED THE SEPARATIST SENTIMENT ARE ESSENTIALLY INTERNAL QUESTIONS IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT INTERVENE AND WHICH CAN BE RESOLVED BY FURTHER TALKS AMONG MICRONESIANS, AND SECOND, THAT THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO STRIVE FOR A UNIFIED MICRONESIAN STATE CONSISTING OF THE MARSHALLS AND

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CAROLINES IN FREE ASSOCIATION WITH THE U.S.

AMBASSADOR WHITE ALSO TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON MICRONESIAN PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, THE UPCOMING LAW OF THE SEA MEETING, AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. INCIDENTALLY, THE FORMAL AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE THE TRUST TERRITORY IN UNDP AREAS IS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED ON WEDNESDAY, NEW YORK TIME, IN CEREMONIES AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, THE PRIME TASK WAS TO SUMMARIZE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT IN ADMINISTERING THE TERRITORY OVER THE PAST YEAR.

AMONG THE MAJOR EVENTS WERE THESE: THE JANUARY 1974 ANNOUNCEMENT BY SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ROGERS C.B. MORTON REGARDING THE LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN INVESTMENTS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1ST; THE REQUEST FROM SECRETARY MORTON THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION DEVELOP A NEW FIVE YEAR BUDGET PLAN TO ACCELERATE THE PLACING OF BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES BY 1980; THE FUNDING OF TWO MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THIS YEAR - THE PALAU BRIDGE AND THE PONAPE HOSPITAL; ALSO, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE TERRITORIAL PLANNER ON THE IMMEDIATE STAFF OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER; LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF MICRONESIA; AND THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGISLATION SETTING UP THE TRUST TERRITORY HOUSING COMMISSION AND ITS PROGRAMS.

THE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARICULTURE CENTER IN PALAU, WHERE EXPERTS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN SPawning RABBIT FISH AND RAISING THEM TO MATURITY IN A CONTROLLED SITUATION, WAS AN IMPORTANT FIRST OF WHICH MICRONESIA CAN BE QUITE PROUD. ALSO, THE LAUNCHING OF THE FIRST OF THE NEW TERRITORIAL FLEET OF INTER-ISLAND FIELD TRIP SHIPS, THE MV MICRONESIAN PRINCESS, ALSO TOOK PLACE THIS YEAR, AND IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH SERVICES, THE GRADUATION OF TWENTY-NINE MEDEX TRAINEES FROM THE TRUK DISTRICT BASED PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE BEGINNING OF DESIGN WORK ON THE NEW HOSPITAL FOR YAP, THE HICOM SAID.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ALSO NOTED THE APPOINTMENT OF EUSEBIO RECHUCHER AS DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DURING THE YEAR, AND INDICATED THAT TWO MORE OF THE EIGHT MAJOR PROGRAM DEPARTMENTS CAN LOOK FORWARD TO THE TRANSITION TO MICRONESIAN LEADERSHIP IN THE NEXT YEAR.

HE ALSO TOLD THE COUNCIL OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MICRONESIAN EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE TRAINING DIVISION, A PROGRAM WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR TRAINING MICRONESIANS IN MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE POSITIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT.

AS HE CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS, THE HICOM NOTED THAT DELEGATE ELECTIONS FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION HAD JUST BEEN HELD IN MICRONESIA. HE SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS CONVENTION WAS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE EVENT IN MICRONESIA IN THE PAST YEAR AND WAS, PERHAPS, THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT IN MICRONESIAN HISTORY. HE ADDED THAT A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN THE ELCTION AND THE COMING CONVENTION WAS CREATED BY THE INTENSIVE WORK OF THE EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE UNDER THE ABLE LEADERSHIP OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, STRIK YOMA.

(CALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(KENDALL, SIGRAH SPEAK AT UN)

NEW YORK, JUNE 5 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---PROGRESS, AND THE LACK OF PROGRESS, IN MICRONESIA WAS DESCRIBED BY MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN THEIR STATEMENTS TUESDAY MORNING TO THE 41ST SESSION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL.

REPRESENTATIVE JOAB SIGRAH AND SENATOR WILFRED KENDALL, ACTING AS SPECIAL ADVISORS TO THE U.S. DELEGATION, DELIVERED

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REMARKS WHICH NOTED ADVANCEMENTS IN SEVERAL AREAS IN MICRONESIA DURING THE PAST YEAR AND THEY ALSO SUGGESTED AREAS WHICH NEED GREATER EFFORTS BY THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY.

IN HIS SECOND APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COUNCIL IN TWO YEARS, CONGRESSMAN SIGRAH FOCUSED MAINLY ON DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT.

SENATOR KENDALL, IN HIS FIRST APPEARANCE, TALKED ABOUT POLITICAL ADVANCEMENT AND LEGISLATIVE ACTION BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. IN HIS REMARKS, SENATOR KENDALL, WHO SPOKE FIRST, NOTED THAT "DURING THE LAST SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, THE CONGRESS HAD SHOWN ITS ABILITY TO SHOULDER THE INCREASING BURDENS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT."

HE THEN LISTED SEVERAL IMPORTANT PIECES OF LEGISLATION ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESS THIS YEAR, INCLUDING THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BILL, A LAW OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, AND A LAW WHICH WOULD ESTABLISHED KUSAIE ISLAND AS A SEPARATE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT.

SENATOR KENDALL ALSO SAID THAT DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE CONGRESS TOWARDS POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT IN MICRONESIA, IT WAS OFTEN FRUSTRATED IN THOSE EFFORTS BY THE DISAPPROVAL OF BADLY NEEDED LEGISLATION. HE NOTED THAT DESPITE THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION THAT THE POWER OF THE VETO BE RESTRICTED, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER DISAPPROVED A BILL CONCERNED WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE SYSTEM, ADVICE AND CONSENT OVER DIVISION CHIEFS, ANOTHER BILL PROVIDING HEALTH TO HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, AND ANOTHER CREATING OF BODY OF ADMIRALTY AND MARITIME LAW FOR MICRONESIA.

THE SENATOR ALSO SAID THE BASIC POWER STRUCTURE IN MICRONESIA HAS NOT CHANGED, AND MANY IMPORTANT DECISIONS ARE STILL BEING MADE IN WASHINGTON. HE FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT EXPATRIATES CONTINUE TO HOLD HIGH POSITIONS IN GOVERNMENT AND THAT IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT SELF-GOVERNMENT CANNOT BE A REALITY UNTIL MICRONESIANS OCCUPY THESE POSITIONS. HE POINTED OUT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IS RESPONSIBLE BOTH TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND ALSO TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. HE SAID, "A MAN CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS. IT IS TIME FOR THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY TO REALIZE THIS."

SENATOR KENDALL THEN CALLED ATTENTION TO THREE ISSUES WHICH RELATE TO POLITICAL STATUS: THE TINIAN ISLAND MORATORIUM, THE CONTROVERSY OVER A POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM WRITTEN LAST YEAR WHICH WAS DISAPPROVED BY THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY, AND, THIRD, A SUIT FILED BY THE CONGRESS AGAINST THE ATTORNEY GENERAL BECAUSE OF A REFUSAL BY THREE TRUST TERRITORY EMPLOYEES TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS.

HE THEN TURNED TO THE SUBJECT OF AIR AND SEA TRANSPORTATION POINTING OUT THAT TRANSPACIFIC LINES WAS THE "VICTIM OF A BANKRUPTCY THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN PREVENTABLE, HAD THE ADMINISTRATION LISTENED TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONGRESS OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS." WITH REGARD TO THE AIR SERVICE AND THE JAPAN/SAIPAN ROUTE CASE, KENDALL SAID THAT THE CONGRESS WAS HOPEFUL THAT THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD WOULD DECIDE EVENTUALLY IN FAVOR OF THE CARRIER WHICH THE CONGRESS HAS RECOMMENDED (CONTINENTAL/AIR MICRONESIA).

KENDALL ALSO MENTIONED THE LIFTING OF THE MOST FAVORED NATION CLAUSE, SAYING THAT THE CONGRESS WAS PLEASED AT THE REMOVAL OF THIS RESTRICTION BUT WAS SURPRISED AT THE LACK OF ADVANCE NOTICE AND CONSULTATION WHICH PRECEDED THIS DECISION.

HE THEN SPOKE ABOUT THE CONCERN OF THE CONGRESS IN THREE OTHER AREAS: THE AMOUNT OF CONTROL AND INTEREST EXERCISED BY THE MILITARY INTERESTS OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY IN THE TERRITORY, THE SLOWNESS IN REPLACING EXPATRIATES WITH MICRONESIANS, AND THE QUALITY OF THE COURT SYSTEM IN MICRONESIA WHICH HE SAID

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THE CONGRESS AT PRESENT IS STUDYING.

TALKING OF THE INFLUENCE OF U.S. MILITARY INTERESTS, HE SAID, "THE PROBLEM OF THE RETURN OF THE DISPLACED PEOPLE OF BIKINI AND ENIWETOK IS GREATER THAN ONE OF THE PHYSICAL REHABILITATION OF THE ISLAND. IT IS THE PROBLEM IS KNOWING SOME OF THE ISLANDS NO LONGER EXIST WHILE OTHERS ARE CONSIDERED UNSAFE FOR PERMANENT HABITATION. IT IS THE FEELING THAT THEIR HOME IS NOT A SECURE, SAFE AND FRIENDLY ATOLL WHICH THEY WERE FORCED TO LEAVE SOME 20 YEARS AGO."

WITH REGARD TO THE COURT SYSTEM, THE SENATOR SAID, "WHILE THE CONVICTION RATE IS VERY HIGH, ONE CONVICTED FELON IN FIVE CAN WALK OUT OF COUR A FREE MAN GETTING ONLY A WARNING OR A SUSPENDED SENTENCE. ONE OF THREE MISDEMEANANTS CAN DO THE SAME."

SENATOR KENDALL ALSO NOTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS IN THE PAST YEAR IN TRANSFERRING GREATER CONTROLL OF THE TRUST TERRITORY BUDGET TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA OR IN LIFTING U.S. TARIFF RESTRICTIONS ON MICRONESIAN IMPORTS.

WITH REGARD TO THE STATUS ISSUE, HE NOTED THAT DESPITE INITIAL DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATIONS OVER FINANCES, CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE TOWARDS FINALIZING ANOTHER DRAFT COMPACT WHICH MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW TO THE FULL CONGRESS IN JANUARY, 1975. AS THIS TIME IS APPROACHED, HE SAID, THE CONGRESS MUST BE CONSIDERING IF THE PRESENT 50-DAY SESSION ONCE A YEAR ALLOWS ENOUGH TIME TO CARRY OUT LEGISLATIVE WORK FOR MICRONESIA.

THE CONGRESS, HE SAID, MUST ALSO START TAKING A LONG HARD LOOK AT OUR OWN INTERNAL PRIORITIES IN IMPROVING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM, IN AGRICULTURE, AND IN OTHER AREAS OF THE ECONOMY.

IN CONCLUDING HIS REMARKS, SENATOR KENDALL SAID THAT WHILE THERE HAD BEEN SOME PROGRESS THESE DEVELOPMENTS MUST BE VIEWED IN TERMS OF WHETHER A FEW CONCESSIONS "REALLY AMOUNT TO DEVELOPMENT OF SELF-RELIANCE AND SELF-GOVERNMENT.

"TO ME THESE TERMS DO NOT MEAN HANDOUTS FROM THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY. THEY MEAN A BROAD RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN DESTINY AND THE WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW THEM TO TAKE THEIR FUTURE INTO THEIR OWN HANDS. WHEN THE DAY COMES THAT WE SEE THOSE, THEN I WILL SAY THAT WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS. BUT UNTIL THEN I CAN ONLY REMIND THIS COUNCIL THAT MICRONESIA NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE," HE CONCLUDED.

FOLLOWING SENATOR KENDALL'S REMARKS, REPRESENTATIVE SIGRAH ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL. WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, SIGRAH SAID THAT IT WAS TIME FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO MEASURE PROGRESS NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF PROGRESS FOR WHAT? HE STATED THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OFTEN DESCRIBED THEIR GOALS FOR THEIR DEPARTMENTS BY SAYING THAT THEY WANT TO PRODUCE MORE OR DO BETTER. BUT, HE ADDED, WHAT IS ALSO NEEDED IS TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT PROGRESS, FOR WHAT PURPOSE, FOR WHOM, AND BY WHAT TIME.

"WHAT IS NEEDED, HE SAID, "IS AN OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL SCHEME AND SPECIFIC GOALS TO BE ACHIEVED BY A CERTAIN TIME PERIOD. THIS SORT OF PLANNING CAN BE BASED ON WHAT KIND OF DEVELOPMENT EACH DISTRICT AND ALL OF MICRONESIA NEEDS AT ONCE."

CONGRESSMAN SIGRAH, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND SOCIAL MATTERS, SAID THIS LACK OF PLANNING WAS VERY EVIDENT IN THE ECONOMIC AREA AS INDICATED BY AN ECONOMY WHICH IS "ALMOST WHOLLY DEPENDENT ON GRANT FUNDS AND WITH AN IMPORT/EXPORT RATIO WHICH IS GETTING WORSE, NOT BETTER."

HE SAID THAT DESPITE A LACK OF OVERALL GOALS, THE CONGRESS HAD IDENTIFIED SEVERAL IMPORTANT AREAS IN WHICH TO DIRECT ITS EFFORTS. THEY INCLUDE MARINE RESOURCES AND

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## IMPROVEMENTS.

SOUTH SEAS CORPORATION OF SAIPAN WAS DISQUALIFIED BECAUSE THE SECURITY DEPOSIT CHECK OF \$200,000 WHICH ACCOMPANIED ITS PROPOSAL WAS NOT CERTIFIED BY THE BANK.

THE BIDS WERE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE "PRIME CONCESSION" WHICH WILL INCLUDE A DUTY-FREE CONCESSION, FIRST CLASS COFFEE SHOP AND A COCKTAIL LOUNGE. THE PROJECT WAS ADVERTISED LAST MONTH.

ACCORDING TO AIRPORT CONSULTANT LEIGH FISHER, THE NEXT STEP IS TO REVIEW ALL THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED AND MAKE A DETERMINATION WITHIN 60 DAYS. FISHER SAID THE COMPANY AWARDED THE CONTRACT WILL HAVE AN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AT THE AIRPORT FOR 15 YEARS.

FISHER INDICATED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AIR TERMINAL FACILITIES WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE SIGNING OF A BILL WHICH PASSED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WHICH AUTHORIZED THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF DUTY-FREE RETAIL CONCESSIONS IN OFFICIALS PORTS OF ENTRY IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES AUTHORIZATION TO DEMAND AND RETAIN ADVANCE CONCESSION FEES OF \$1 MILLION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE CONCESSION AND OTHER TERMINAL BUILDINGS.

IN REVIEWING THE PROPOSALS, OFFICLAS WILL CONSIDER THE COMBINATION OF THE HIGHEST PREPAID MINIMUM CONCESSION FEE, THE HIGHEST MINIMUM IMPROVEMENT COST AND THE MOST ATTRACTIVE PLANS AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PRIME CONCESSION, ACCORDING TO FISHER.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, HE ADDED, POINTING OUT THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AIRPORT IS UNIQUE IN TWO WAYS. FIRST, THE GOVERNMENT HAS GONE OUTSIDE THE TT TO SECURE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION; AND SECOND, ISLEY AIRPORT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE THE FIRST SELF-SUPPORTING VENTURE WITHIN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT. THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR. THE TOTAL COST OF THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED AT \$6,000,000.

ON HAND TO WITNESS THE OPENING OF THE BIDS WERE: TT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, JAMES WHEELER; CONTRACT ATTORNEY, CHARLES WHELLER; DISTAD ADA; LEIGH FISHER; ADDISON MORROW, MARINAS BUDGET OFFICER; TOM SHEEHAN, MARIANAS PLANNING OFFICER AND MORE THAN 15 PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING VARIOUS COMPANIES.