

(UN HEARINGS CONTINUED)

NEW YORK, JUNE 5 (MNS)---HEARINGS BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL CONTINUED IN NEW YORK WEDNESDAY (JUNE 5) AS THE MEMBER DELEGATIONS OF FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND AUSTRALIA QUESTIONED THE UNITED STATES AND TRUST TERRITORY REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT CONDITIONS IN MICRONESIA. 1979

THE SOVIET UNION'S REPRESENTATIVE, MR. V.P. KOVELENKO, REQUESTED A DELAY IN THE SOVIET QUESTIONING PERIOD. THAT WILL BE THE FIRST ITEM ON AN EARLY SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY MORNING'S MEETING (JUNE 6) 11

THE QUESTIONING THIS YEAR STOOD IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THE SESSION LAST YEAR WHEN SEVERAL OF THE MEMBER DELEGATES HAD JUST RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THEIR FIVE-WEEK TOUR OF MICRONESIA DURING THE VISITING MISSION.

THIS YEAR'S QUESTIONS SEEMED TO BE OF A MORE GENERAL AND BASIC NATURE RATHER THAN THE SPECIFIC AND DETAILED QUESTIONS OF 1973. THE LARGEST NUMBER OF QUESTIONS DEALT WITH THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS ISSUE AND WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. BOTH HAVE BEEN MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS IN THE PAST.

THE DELEGATES WERE ALSO INTERESTED IN FOREIGN INVESTMENT ACTIVITY IN MICRONESIA NOW THAT THE RESTRICTIONS ON SUCH INVESTMENT HAVE BEEN REMOVED. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER LISTED FOR THE COUNCIL ALL APPLICANTS FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT BUSINESS PERMITS WHICH THE TT GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED SINCE THE APRIL 1ST COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR ACCEPTING SUCH APPLICATIONS.

SEVERAL QUESTIONS WERE DIRECTED AT THIS LATEST ISSUE AND ALSO THE RELATIONSHIP OF A CONSTITUTION FOR MICRONESIA, TO BE DRAFTED BY DELEGATES TO THE COMING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, AND THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION BEING DRAWN UP IN THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS. THERE WERE ALSO QUESTIONS ON THE NATURE OF THE PLEBISCITE BEING HELD AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE STATUS TALKS, AND ABOUT THE EDUCATION FOR SELF SELF-GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.

IN RESPONSE TO A BRIEF QUESTION FROM THE AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE ABOUT THE BIKINI RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM, U.S. AMBASSADOR BARBARA WHIT INDICATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR HAS RESPONDED TO THE PETITION OF THE BIKINI COUNCIL REQUESTING AN EX GRATIA PAYMENT OF \$3 MILLION FOR HARDSHIPS SUFFERED BY THE PEOPLE AS A RESULT OF THEIR LENGTHY DISPLACEMENT FROM THEIR HOME ATOLL.

SHE SAID THAT IN A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS, STANLEY CARPENTER, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA REPRESENTATIVE AJAJI BALOS HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT "THERE IS ADEQUATE SUPPORT WITHIN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO AGREE THAT THEIR ARE SUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR AN EQUITABLE EX GRATIA PAYMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF BIKINI."

THE LETTER ADDS THAT A FURTHER REVIEW OF WHAT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE PAYMENT IS NOW BEING DEVELOPED TO BE SENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO DECIDE WHETHER FUNDS FOR THE EX GRATIA PAYMENT WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE.

LITTLE NEW MATERIAL WAS DISCUSSED AT THE QUESTIONING SESSIONS ON WEDNESDAY. QUESTIONING WILL CONTINUE ON THURSDAY WHEN THE SOVIET DELEGATION HAS ITS TURN. ORAL AND WRITTEN PETITIONS WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED AS THE THURSDAY MORNING SESSION CONCLUDES. 09124

(RETURNS STILL COMING IN)

SAIPAN, JUNE 6 (MNS)---RETURNS FROM THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATE ELECTION JUNE 4 CONTINUED TO COME IN TO TRUST TERRITORY HEADQUARTERS ON SAIPAN THURSDAY (JUNE 6). A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SAID IT MIGHT BE SATURDAY BEFORE THE FINAL UNOFFICIAL RESULTS ARE KNOWN FOR ALL ELECTION DISTRICTS.

A REPORT FROM THE ISLAND OF KUSAIE, IN PONAPE DISTRICT INDICATES THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME UNSPECIFIED IRREGULARITIES IN THE ELECTION THERE, WHERE TWO DELEGATES WERE TO BE CHOSEN. THE REPORT SAID THAT CHARGES OF SUCH IRREGULARITIES ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION, AND THAT AFFECTED CANDIDATES HAVE EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO PETITION FOR A NEW ELECTION. THE REPORT DID NOT NAME THE CANDIDATES INVOLVED. SIX CANDIDATES WERE IN THE RUNNING FOR THE TWO SEATS. BASED ON UNOFFICIAL RETURNS, THE WINNERS ARE DR. HIROSI ISMAEL AND TADAO SIGRAH. ONLY FIVE VOTES SEPARATE SIGRAH FROM THE THIRD-PLACE CANDIDATE, JACOB NENA.

THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, WHERE ONLY A FEW CANDIDATES WERE ON THE BALLOTS AND MANY VOTERS STAYED AWAY FROM THE POLLS, REPORTED THURSDAY AFTERNOON THAT RETURNS FROM A NUMBER OF ATOLLS WERE STILL NOT AVAILABLE. BASED ON EARLY RETURNS, HOWEVER, THE RESULTS ARE: DELEGATE DISTRICT ONE (MAJURO), CONGRESSMAN JOHN HEINE WINNING OVER SEVERAL WRITE-IN CANDIDATES; DISTRICT TWO (ARNO AND MILI), LANGUE KALLES LEADING TWO OPPONENTS WITH RETURNS FROM ARNO STILL INCOMPLETE; DISTRICT THREE (WOTJE, MALOELAP, ERIKUB AND AUR), ISAAC LANWI LEADING WITH RETURNS FROM SEVERAL ISLANDS STILL INCOMPLETE; DISTRICT FOUR (EBON AND NAMORIK), MARY LANWI LEADING; DISTRICT FIVE (KILI AND JALUIT), CARL HEINE, UNOPPOSED AND LEADING; DISTRICT SIX (AILINGLAPLAP, JABWOT AND NAMU), NO DECLARED CANDIDATE AND NO APPARENT WINNER BASED ON INSUFFICIENT WRITE-IN VOTES; DISTRICT SEVEN (KWAJALEIN, UJAE, LAE AND LIB), WRITE-IN CANDIDATE CONGRESSMAN ATAJI BALOS LEADING BASED ON VERY EARLY RETURNS, BUT EBeye VOTE STILL BEING COUNTED; DISTRICT EIGHT (UJELANG, ENIWETOK, BIKINI, RONGELAP, AILINGINAE, RONGERIK, WOTHO, AILUK, TAKA, BIKAR, TAONGI, AND UTIRIK), WRITE-IN CANDIDATE HEMOS JACK LEADING BASED ON VERY EARLY RETURNS, WITH NO DECLARED CANDIDATE ON THE BALLOT; AND DISTRICT NINE (MEJIT AND LIKIEP), WRITE-IN CANDIDATE TOM KIJINER LEADING BASED ON EARLY RETURNS, ALSO WITH NO DECLARED CANDIDATE.

EARLY RETURNS FROM THE TERRITORY'S LARGEST DISTRICT, TRUK, INDICATE UNOFFICIAL WINNERS AS FOLLOWS: DISTRICT ONE (MOEN), SASAJO HARUO AND FRANK NIFON; DISTRICT TWO (DUBLON), SOUKICHY FRITZ; DISTRICT THREE (UMAN), SOITER METI; DISTRICT FOUR (PAREM, TISIS AND FEFAN), MAKATE ROBERT; DISTRICT FIVE (TOL, POLLE, WONEI AND PATA), HANS WILIANDER AND CHUTOMU NEMWES; DISTRICT SIX (UDOT, FELA-BEFUETS, EOT AND ROMALUM), TATASY WAINIT. REPORTS FROM DELEGATE DISTRICTS SEVEN AND EIGHT, THE OUTER ISLANDS OF TRUK, WHICH ARE ELECTING FOUR CANDIDATES, WERE NOT AVAILABLE.

THE LEADER IN PONAPE DELEGATE DISTRICT TWO, WHICH INCLUDES KOLONIA AND PINGELAP, IS YASUO YAMADA, ALTHOUGH THIS IS BASED ON EARLY RETURNS AND DOES NOT INCLUDE RETURNS FROM PINGELAP, A HEAVILY POPULATED OUTLYING ATOLL IN PONAPE DISTRICT.

IN PALAU DISTRICT, RETURNS FROM THE NORTHERN MUNICIPALITIES ON BABELTHUAP INDICATE THAT JOHN NGIRAKED AND JACOB SAWAICHI HAVE WON THE TWO SEATS FROM DELEGATE DISTRICT TWO FROM A FIELD OF EIGHT CANDIDATES. RETURNS FROM DISTRICT THREE (ANGAUR, PELELIU, SONSOROL, TOBI, AND PULO ANNA) INDICATE TOSHIWO NAKAMURA LEADING WITH RETURNS FROM SEVERAL ISLANDS STILL AWAITED.

THE ELECTION WAS TO SELECT 42 VOTING DELEGATES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD BEGINNING IN APRIL, 1975, ON SAIPAN. AN OFFICIAL STARTING DATE FOR THE 90-DAY CONVENTION HAS NOT BEEN SET, HOWEVER,

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AND WILL BE UP TO A PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED ONCE DISTRICT DELEGATIONS ARE COMPLETE.

(ST. PIERRE HEARINGS RESUME)

SAIPAN, JUNE 6 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY TRIAL DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT HELD A HEARING THURSDAY ON A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER, WHICH CHIEF JUSTICE HAROLD BURNETT HAS ISSUED, PREVENTING THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT FROM REMOVING ROGER L. ST. PIERRE FROM HIS POSITION AS CHIEF, PUBLIC DEFENDER. ST. PIERRE WAS REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEY BEN ABRAMS, THE GOVERNMENT BY MARSHALL'S DISTRICT ATTORNEY RUSSEL WALKER AND ALAN NICHOLSON OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.

IN HIS OPENING REMARKS BEFORE JUDGE BURNETT WALKER URGED THE COURT "...TO DISMISS...THE ACTION ON THE GROUNDS... THAT THE COMPLAINT FAILS TO STATE A COURSE OF ACTION, THE COURT LACKS JURISDICTION...OF THE MATTER, AND ANOTHER ACTION FILED PRIOR TO THE WITHIN ACTION IS NOW PENDING BETWEEN THE SAME PARTIES ON THE SAME ISSUE, AND SEEKING A RELIEF IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA..." CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 74-799.

WALKER WENT THROUGH A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT EXHIBITS BEFORE THE COURT PURPORTING TO SHOW THAT ST. PIERRE IS A CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE, SOMETHING ST. PIERRE CONTENDS IS NOT THE CASE. HE ALSO POINTED OUT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT JUDGE SNASHLL'S RULING WHICH SAID THAT ST. PIERRE'S EMPLOYMENT STATUS IS "ABUNDANTLY CLEAR. THE RECORD IS REplete WITH EVIDENCE OVERSHEMPLINGLY SUBSTANTIATING THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION THAT HE IS A FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE, EMPLOYED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR...."

ABRAMS, IN HIS REMARKS, TOLD THE COURT THAT HE WAS INFORMED BY PHONE BY ST. PIERRE'S WASHINGTON ATTORNEY LAWRENCE SPEISER THAT THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT IN WASHINGTON D.C., HAS DEFERRED ACTION ON ST. PIERRE'S CASE PENDING THE RESULTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COURT HEARING.

JUDGE BURNETT IMMEDIATELY ORDERED ABRAMS TO OBTAIN THIS RULING FROM WASHINGTON. THE TT CHIEF JUSTICE ALSO ORDERED WALKER TO PROVIDE EXCERPTS OF HIS TESTIMONY DURING LAST YEAR'S HEARINGS BEFORE JUDGE SNASHALL.

THE HEARING WAS STILL IN PROGRESS LATE THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

(FALLOUT VICTIMS UNDERGO SURGERY)

SAIPAN, JUNE 6 (MNS)---TWO FORMER RESIDENTS OF RONGELAP, IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, UNDERWENT SURGERY TO REMOVE SMALL GROWTHS IN THEIR THYROID GLANDS TUESDAY (JUNE 4), ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN GUAM'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

JEBORA KASVA AND AMON ANJAIN, BOTH OF WHOM HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT FROM A U.S. HYDROGEN BOMB TEST 20 YEARS AGO, ARE PATIENTS AT THE CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN GENERAL HOSPITAL. RONGELAP WAS 125 MILES FROM THE CENTER OF THE HYDROGEN TEST, ON BIKINI.

MIKE BIXLON, 20, WAS ALSO ADMITTED TO THE SAME HOSPITAL FOR SIMILAR TREATMENT. HE WAS IN HIS MOTHER'S WOMB WHEN HE WAS EXPOSED TO THE RADIATION, THE REPORT SAID.

THE THREE BRING TO 25 THE NUMBER OF FORMER RONGELAP RESIDENTS WHO HAVE HAD THE SURGERY. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PAYING FOR THEIR TRAVEL AND MEDICAL EXPENSES.

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(SPC EXPERTS TO STUDY TT FOOD LEGISLATION)

SAIPAN, JUNE 6 (MNS)---THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT TWO SPC OFFICIALS WILL SOON TOUR THE TRUST TERRITORY TO STUDY LOCAL FOOD LEGISLATION.

DR. C. JARDIN AND MR. E. DUNN BEGAN THEIR PACIFIC WIDE SURVEY ON MAY 13. THEIR STUDY WILL TAKE THEM TO THE NEW HEBRIDES, THE BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA, FRENCH POLYNESIA, THE COOK ISLANDS AND NIUE AS WELL AS THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE SPC WILL COVER THE MANUFACTURE, RETAILING, IMPORT AND ANALYSIS OF FOODSTUFFS TO BETTER AID PACIFIC GOVERNMENTS IN PREPARING UP-TO-DATE LEGISLATION SUITABLE FOR LOCAL CONDITIONS.

THE FOOD LEGISLATION STUDY IS A PART OF A LONG TERM SPC PROJECT EXAMINING THE NUTRITIONAL NEEDS OF THE PACIFIC AREA.

DR. JARDIN, A FORMER PROFESSOR OF BIOCHEMISTRY, FOOD ANALYSIS AND TOXICOLOGY AT THE SCHOOL OF APPLIED TROPICAL MEDICINE IN MARSEILLES, FRANCE, IS NOW AN SPC FOOD LEGISLATION EXPERT. DUNN, THE SPC'S SANITARIAN, WAS A FORMER PORT OF LONDON HYGIENE INSPECTOR.

(FAA TRAINING PROGRAM ENDS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 6 (MNS)---FIVE TRUST TERRITORY OFFICIALS RECENTLY COMPLETED A FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TRAINING PROGRAM IN HONOLULU.

ACCORDING TO ROBERT J. WEILBACHER, CHIEF OF THE AVIATION BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, ELIAS OKAMURA, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS; ADDISON MORROW, PROGRAMS AND BUDGET DIRECTOR, MARIANAS DISTRICT; THOMAS SHEEHAN, DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICER, MARIANAS; AND KOICHI WONG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS ATTENDED THE WEEK-LONG COURSE LAST MONTH TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AIE PROGRAM.

"THE TRAINING WAS PROFITABLE," WEILBACHER SAID, "BECAUSE OF SAIPAN'S ELIGIBILITY UNDER ADAP." SAIPAN, FUR TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ISLEY AIRFIELD, BECAME ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FEDERAL AID UNDER ADAP IN 1971.

JOE SONGSONG, A 1974 UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ENGINEERING GRADUATE, ALSO ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE. THE FAA TRAINING LASTED FROM MAY 27TH THRU MAY 31ST.