

(UN TRUSTEESHIP REPORT ISSUED)

NEW YORK, JUNE 17 (MNS)---THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL ENDED ITS 42ND SESSION FRIDAY (JUNE 17) AFTER SUBMITTING ITS ANNUAL REPORT ON THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS TO THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL. A15
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MUCH OF THIS YEAR'S REPORT IS CONCERNED WITH THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA. THE COUNCIL SAID IT HOPES THAT THE TERMS OF THE U.S.--MICRONESIAN POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS "WILL BE CLEARLY DEFINED (BY THE UNITED STATES) AND THAT NO ALTERNATIVE, INCLUDING INDEPENDENCE, WILL BE RULED OUT." 11

THE COUNCIL REPORT WAS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED WITH THE SEPARATE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS BEING CONDUCTED WITH THE MARIANAS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS STARTING WITH THE MARSHALLS. IT HOPED THAT PROVISIONS WOULD BE MADE FOR "THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE LINKS" BETWEEN THE MARIANAS AND THE OTHER DISTRICTS. THE POSSIBILITY OF THE MARIANAS REJOINING THE REST OF MICRONESIA WAS ANOTHER AREA OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS.

AS FOR THE MARSHALLS, THE REPORT NOTED "WITH GENUINE CONCERN THAT (THE MARSHALLS) HAS ALSO EXPRESSED THE INTENTION OF INITIATING SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY." THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL URGED THE UNITED STATES "TO PRESERVE THE UNITY OF THE MARSHALLS AND CAROLINES."

AGAIN THIS YEAR, THE ANNUAL REPORT ASKED THE UNITED STATES TO BE SURE TO HOLD A POLITICAL PLEBSCITE FOR ALL DISTRICTS AT THE SAME TIME. CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED THAT SUCH A REFERENDUM NOT BE HELD IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT BEFORE THE OTHER FIVE ARE READY. THE UN COUNCIL STRESSED THAT IT EXPECTS TO BE INCLUDED IN ALL OF THE MAJOR PHASES OF THE MICRONESIAN TRANSITION FROM ITS PRESENT TRUSTEESHIP STATUS TO ITS FREELY CHOSEN FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS.

THE COUNCIL ALSO HOPES THAT THE TRUSTEESHIP STATUS COULD BE TERMINATED BEFORE 1981, THE DATE PROJECTED BY THE U.S., THE REPORT STATES.

ANOTHER AREA OF CONCERN WAS THE VETO POWER NOW HELD BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER OVER CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LEGISLATION. IT WAS THE COUNCIL'S GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT THE VETO POWER "SHOULD BE REGULATED BY APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION" WHICH DISTINGUISHES "BETWEEN SPECIAL INTERESTS OF TERRITORY AND INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS" OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE REPORT ALSO CONCLUDES THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SHOULD BE GIVEN FINAL AUTHORITY OVER A LARGER PERCENTAGE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY BUDGET. THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, THE COUNCIL STATES, SHOULD BE ASKED TO GIVE ITS CONSENT BEFORE ANY SEPARATE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONDUCTED. THE COUNCIL HAD MADE THIS SAME POINT IN AN EARLIER REPORT.

THE SOVIET DELEGATE TO THE COUNCIL, MR. V. KOVALENKO, SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION COULD NOT AGREE WITH SOME OF THE REPORT'S ASSESSMENTS, CONCLUSIONS AND PROPOSALS. HE SAID THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE MARIANAS DISTRICT WERE CONTRARY TO UN CHARTER PRINCIPLES AND DECISIONS. IN ITS REPORT, THE COUNCIL SAID IT "HOPES THAT IN THE SEARCH FOR AN AGREEMENT THE (UNITED STATES) WILL NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE MORAL AND LEGAL OBLIGATIONS IT HAS ACCEPTED TO FULFILL VIS VIS-A-VIS THE TERRITORY."

KOVALENKO ALSO SAID THAT THE REPORT DIMINISHED THE ROLE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND INSUFFICIENTLY REFLECTED THE TRUE SITUATION IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. FOR THESE REASONS, THE SOVIETS ABSTAINED ON THE REPORT. THE OTHER THREE DELEGATIONS, HOWEVER, APPROVED THE REPORT. THEY ARE THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE AND AUSTRALIA. THE UNITED STATES AS ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY, ABSTAINED FROM VOTING ON THE REPORT. 0.133

THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WILL MEET AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER

TO CONSIDER THE PRESENT SITUATION IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THAT TERRITORY, THE ONLY OTHER UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP, WILL RECEIVE INDEPENDENCE THIS YEAR.

(MORTON REASSURES GUAM)

SAIPAN, JUNE 17 (MNS)---SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ROGERS C.B. MORTON SAYS THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION IS "RECEPTIVE" TO CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM TO DISCUSS THAT TERRITORY'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

MORTON'S COMMENTS WERE REPORTED IN AN INTERIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE FROM WASHINGTON.

THE SECRETARY MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"ON MAY 31, A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ANNOUNCED BY AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, AND SENATOR EDWARD DLG PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, REPORTING FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARDS AN AGREEMENT ON A COMMONWEALTH STATUS FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANAS, WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS, U.S. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL AND ACTION AND TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT.

"WE ARE AWARE THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND THIS ANNOUNCEMENT HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED WITH CLOSE INTEREST IN GUAM, WHERE FOR MONTHS STUDIES HAVE BEEN PURSUED BY THE LEGISLATURE'S POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL.

"THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH GUAMANIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO ASCERTAIN THEIR VIEWS AS REGARDS GUAM'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND HOPES TO DO SO YET THIS YEAR. ANY ADJUSTMENTS IN THAT RELATIONSHIP AGREED TO BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WOULD, OF COURSE, BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF CONGRESS," SECRETARY MORTON CONCLUDED.

GUAM'S ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE U.S. CONGRESS, ANTONIO B. WON PAT, WAS QUOTED BY THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS SUNDAY AS SAYING HE IS "PUZZLED" BY THIS LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT FROM INTERIOR SECRETARY MORTON.

"THEY STARTED THAT BEFORE, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO IT," HE SAID, REFERRING TO DISCUSSIONS LAST YEAR BETWEEN INTERIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, GUAM GOVERNOR CARLOS CAMACHO, AND OTHER GUAM LEADERS.

WON PAT IS URGING A WHITE HOUSE-LEVEL EFFORT TO REVIEW GUAM'S TERRITORIAL STATUS, ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER REPORT.

(FINAL CON CON RESULTS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 17 (MNS)---THE FINAL UNOFFICIAL RESULTS FROM TRUK DISTRICT'S 7TH AND 8TH CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATE DISTRICTS REACHED TRUST TERRITORY HEADQUARTERS MONDAY (JUNE 17). THE UNOFFICIAL RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TRUK

DISTRICT 7 (MORTLOCK ISLANDS)---ELECTING THREE DELEGATES)

MANUEL SOUND	1,046
KOTARO ELTAR	684
ISKIA SONY	548
ERMES SIALES	536
KIRION HENGIO	513
TAKASY CHIPEN	466
NISIMA SIRON	438
NAOSY PITIOL	399
FERMIN LIKICHE	384
WANIS SIMINA	365
DARO MALON	337
KACHUO EKO	337
TAICHY UNECHI	334

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DISTRICT 8 (NAMONUITO ATOLL)

TOSIWO NAKAYAMA

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LAMPERT AAFIN

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(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: A COMPLETE LIST OF ELECTIONS RESULTS FOR THE OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ELECTIONS DISTRICTS WAS INCLUDED IN THE FRIDAY, JUNE 14, MNS DISPATCH).

(NOTE TO EDITORS: THE FOLLOWING NEWS RELEASE WAS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR INCLUSION IN THE REGULAR MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE DISPATCH FOR MONDAY, JUNE 17.)
(MILITARY EXERCISE PLANNED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 17 (CONNAVMARIANAS RELEASE)---A SMALL-UNIT AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE, NICKNAMED "QUICK JAB" WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THE ISLAND OF TINIAN IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC JUNE 21-26, 1974. THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE IS TO TRAIN UNITS OF THE SEVENTH FLEET IN SMALL SCALE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.

PARTICIPATING WILL BE ONE U.S. NAVY SHIP AND APPROXIMATELY 200 MARINES OF THE FLEET MARINE FORCE, U.S. SEVENTH FLEET. FOUR MARINE CORPS JET AIRCRAFT, TEMPORARILY LOCATED ON GUAM FOR THE EXERCISE, WILL ALSO TAKE PART.

THE FIVE DAYS OF TRAINING WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED BY THE LANDING OF A COMPANY OF MARINES FROM AN AMPHIBIOUS SHIP. THE LANDING FORCE WILL BE SUPPORTED BY SIMULATED NAVAL GUNFIRE. THE EXERCISE AND LANDING BEACHES WILL BE RESTRICTED TO SPECIFIED MILITARY AREAS.

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