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(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE REPORT)

CARACAS, VENEZUELA (CONGRESS RELEASE) ⁷⁴ - AFTER A SLOW START CAUSED BY A FIRST WEEK OF DEBATE OVER VOTING PROCEDURES, MICRONESIAN DELEGATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT AGREEMENTS ON MANY MAJOR ISSUES CONCERNING THE USE OF THE SEA AND ITS RESOURCES CAN BE REACHED AS A RESULT OF THE 13-WEEK MEETING.

ACCORDING TO MICRONESIAN JOINT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ANDON AMARAICH OF TRUK, THE WILLINGNESS OF PARTICIPATING NATIONS TO NEGOTIATE AND COMPROMISE INSTEAD OF SEEKING CONFRONTATIONS WHEN DETERMINING VOTING RULES HAS BEEN APPLAUDED BY MANY DELEGATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE. AMARAICH SAID SUCH SOLUTIONS OPEN THE DOOR TO FURTHER AGREEMENTS ON MORE SENSITIVE ISSUES LATER ON IN THE CONFERENCE.

PRESENTLY AT THE MEETING, 147 DIFFERENT NATIONS ARE PRESENTING THEIR FORMAL STATEMENTS IN THE PLENARY SESSIONS CONCERNING THEIR VIEWS AND POSITIONS ON THE MUTUAL USE OF THE SEA AND ITS POTENTIAL RESOURCES, AMARAICH SAID. AMONG THEM ARE MAJOR MARITIME COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHERS WHO APPEAR TO BE LEANING TOWARD THE "200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE" CONCEPT, A POSITION WHICH WAS ENDORSED BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION JULY 12, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS.

THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON LAW OF THE SEA IS PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING AS PART OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION. THE CONGRESS' OFFICIAL POSITION IS TO CLAIM EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OVER ALL WATERS WITHIN STRAIGHT BASELINES CONNECTING MICRONESIA'S OUTER-MOST ISLANDS AS AN INTERNAL SEA AREA, ESTABLISHING A 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA BEYOND THAT WHERE SHIPS WOULD PASS FREELY, AND FINALLY A 200-MILE RESOURCE AND MINERAL ZONE EXTENDING OTWARD FROM THE TERRITORIAL SEA.

THIS CONCEPT HAS ALSO BEEN SUPPORTED BY NORWAY, DENMARK, SWEDEN, GREECE, PERU, THE PHILIPPINES, FIJI, INDONESIA, AND OTHER COASTAL AND ISLAND COUNTRIES WHERE GEOGRAPHICAL CONDITIONS ARE SIMILAR TO MICRONESIA.

AMARAICH SAID ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE PRESUMPTIOUS AT THE PRESENT TIME TO EXPECT THAT SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS BE WORKED OUT AT THE CONFERENCE, HE SAID CURRENT INDICATIONS APPEAR TO BE THAT IF ADEQUATE NAVIGATIONAL RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CAN BE GUARANTEED, A NUMBER OF MAJOR MARITIME POWERS "MAY BE WILLING TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE CONCEPT OF THE 'ECONOMIC ZONE' PROPOSAL."

ACCORDING TO AMARAICH, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CONGRESS' JOINT COMMITTEE AT THE MEETING INCLUDE "CONSULTING ON A REGULAR BASIS AND TRYING TO ESTABLISH A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP AND RAPPORT WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE." HE SAID THE MICRONESIAN REPRESENTATIVES ARE APPRECIATIVE OF THE MANY COURTESIES AND COOPERATIVE EFFORTS EXTENDED BY THE AMERICAN DELEGATION AND HOPES TO WORK WITH THE U.S. OFFICIALS "IN A SPIRIT OF CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION TO REPRESENT MICRONESIAN VIEWS AND INTERESTS IN SEA RESOURCES WHICH ARE SO VITAL TO MICRONESIA'S FUTURE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING."

"WE ARE RELYING HEAVILY ON THE UNITED STATES AS OUR ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY IN THIS REGARD," HE CONTINUED, "AND WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CARRY OUT HER TRUST OBLIGATIONS TO MICRONESIA IN THIS RESPECT."

HEADED BY CHAIRMAN AMARAICH, THE MEMBERS AND STAFF OF THE MICRONESIAN JOINT COMMITTEE ON LAW OF THE SEA HAD THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY ON JULY 1 TO PAY A COURTESY CALL ON CONFERENCE PRESIDENT HAMILTON SHIRLEY AMERSINGHE OF SRI LANKA. DURING THE BRIEF VISIT, SENATOR AMARAICH OUTLINED MICRONESIA'S INTERESTS IN

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THE CONFERENCE AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION "WILL IN GOOD FAITH PROTECT THE MICRONESIAN INTERESTS" DURING THE CURRENT AND FUTURE SESSIONS. AMARAICH ALSO EXTENDED MICRONESIA'S CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT FOR THE "BRILLIANT AND EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP" HE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROCEEDINGS, WHICH HAVE BEEN CALLED THE LARGEST MEETING IN HISTORY.

IN ADDITION TO CHAIRMAN AMARAICH, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MICRONESIAN JOINT COMMITTEE ON LAW OF THE SEA INCLUDE: REPRESENTATIVE HERMAN Q. GUERRERO OF THE MARIANAS; REPRESENTATIVE MASAO NAKAYAMA, VICE CHAIRMAN; AND REPRESENTATIVE LUKE THAN OF YAP. OTHER MEMBERS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN THE GROUP IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE JULY 23 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONGRESS INCLUDE MARSHALLS SENATOR AMATA KABUA; REPRESENTATIVE RESIO MOSES OF PONAPE; AND REPRESENTATIVE TIMOTHY OLKERIIL OF PALAU. CONGRESS STAFF PARTICIPANTS AT THE CONFERENCE INCLUDE SPECIAL CONSULTANT FREDERICK S. WYLE, CONGRESS STAFF ATTORNEY FREDRICK L. RAMP, AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL KALEB UDUI WHO RETURNED TO SAIPAN LAST WEEK TO PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING SPECIAL SESSION.

(ST. PIERRE CITES MARSHALLS SUPPORT)

SAIPAN, JULY 16 (MNS) ⁶⁷⁴THE TRUST TERRITORY'S CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER ROGER L. ST. PIERRE RESPONDED SHARPLY TUESDAY (JULY 16) TO A LETTER SENT BY TWELVE MARSHALLESE TRADITIONAL AND POLITICAL LEADERS TO HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON SUPPORTING HIS EFFORTS TO REMOVE ST. PIERRE.

"THAT LETTER WAS MANUFACTURED AND TAILORED TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NEEDS," SAID ST. PIERRE'S ATTORNEY BENJAMIN ABRAMS.

A FORMER MARSHALLS DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER, ABRAMS IS NOW THE ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER ON SAIPAN. "I WAS IN THE MARSHALLS LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW," HE SAID, "THAT SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT IS BOUGHT AND PAID FOR."

THE TWELVE WHO SIGNED THE LETTER SUPPORTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER INCLUDED SPEAKER OF THE NITIJELA ATLAN ANIEN, SENATOR AMATA KABUA, CONGRESSMEN AJAJI BALOS AND CHARLES DOMNICK, AND JOBA KABUA, A MARSHALLESE TRADITIONAL LEADER.

"MR. ST. PIERRE'S ... CONDUCT," THEIR LETTER SAID, "DOES REFLECT BADLY ON THE IMAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY AND THAT OF THE UNITED STATES. SUCH ACTION ON THE PART OF A PUBLIC SERVANT," IT CONTINUED, "IN OUR OPINION CONSTITUTES ADEQUATE GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL."

ST. PIERRE SAID THAT HE WAS SURPRISED THAT SENATOR KABUA HAD SIGNED THE LETTER. "I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE," SAID ST. PIERRE, "THAT HE IS NOW CONCERNED ABOUT TOTHAM SAMUEL."

ACCORDING TO ST. PIERRE, KABUA HAD ATTEMPTED TO SHOW DURING THE 1966 ESTATE CASE THAT A WILL EXISTED THAT GAVE THE \$40,000 OWNED BY CHONG HEE TO A MARSHALLESE MAN NAMED LANNIMJEN. ST. PIERRE REPRESENTED MRS. SAMUEL, WHO WAS AWARDED THE ENTIRE ESTATE.

SHE SUBSEQUENTLY GAVE ST. PIERRE AND THE MARSHALLS PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPRESENTATIVE, ANIBAR TIMOTHY, EACH \$7,500 AS A GIFT. THE TRUST TERRITORY HAS MAINTAINED THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THAT WAS IMPROPER AND IN VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

ST. PIERRE HAS CONTENDED THAT IT WAS NOT IMPROPER BECAUSE HE IS A TRUST TERRITORY EMPLOYEE AND IS NOT EMPLOYED BY THE U.S. CIVIL SERVICE OR THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT. THERE ARE NO TT REGULATIONS CONCERNED WITH

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ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.

KABUA, ST. PIERRE SAID, FIRST WANTED TO PREVENT TOTHA SAMUEL FROM RECEIVING THE ESTATE AND NOW IS SUPPORTING HER. THE LETTER WHICH THE MARSHALLS' SENATOR SIGNED SAID, "WHILE SOME MICRONESIAN LEADERS HAVE VOICED STRONG OPPOSITION TO THE REMOVAL OF MR. ST. PIERRE, NOT ONE HAS EVER CONSIDERED SPEAKING OUT FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE CLIENT, MRS. TOTHA SAMUEL."

ABRAMS' CITED SUPPORT FROM THE MARSHALLESE LEADERS FOR ST. PIERRE. ONE WAS A PETITION DATED MAY 18, 1974, WHICH WAS SENT BY SEVEN MARSHALLESE LEADERS TO INTERIOR SECRETARY ROEGERS C.B. MORTON. AMONG THOSE SIGNING THE LETTER WERE NITIJELA VICE-SPEAKER LAWRENCE EDWARDS, CONGRESS REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP SILK, AND ALEE ALIK, MARSHALLS, NITIJELA MEMBER.

"IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS," THEIR PETITION READ, "THERE ARE CERTAIN CUSTOMS WHICH ARE ADHERED TO BY THE CITIZENRY EVEN MORE STRONGLY THAN LAWS DEVELOPED THROUGH THE NORMAL LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

"OFFERING AND ACCEPTING OF GIFTS," THE PETITION CONTINUED, "FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY. TO REFUSE THE GENEROSITY OF A FRIEND IS UNTHINKABLE AND DEEPLY INSULTING IN OUR CULTURE."

THEIR PETITION DREW ATTENTION TO ARTICLE 6.1 OF THE U.N. TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT. IT SAYS, "THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY (THE UNITED STATES) SHALL...GIVE DUE RECOGNITION TO THE CUSTOMS OF THE INHABITANTS IN PROVIDING A SYSTEM OF LAW FOR THE TERRITORY."

"WERE THE TRUST TERRITORY TO BE DEPRIVED OF THE INDEPENDENT AND DETERMINED EFFORTS OF ROGER ST. PIERRE," THE PETITION SAID, "OUR SOCIETY WOULD SUFFER IRREPARABLE DAMAGES AND SEVERELY QUESTION THE ROLE OF LAW AND JUSTICE IN OUR SOCIETY."

ABRAMS ALSO CITED SUPPORT FROM EBON ATOLL MAGISTRATE JAMES MILNE, HENRY MOSES, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON DIVISION, AND FROM SENATOR WILFRED KENDALL, WHO SPONSORED A SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ST. PIERRE.

THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT REMAINS UNDER A RESTRAINING ORDER PREVENTING IT FROM REMOVING ST. PIERRE. TT CHIEF JUSTICE HAROLD W. BURNETT IS STILL CONSIDERING A MOTION TO RECONSIDER HIS PREVIOUS ORDER TO DISQUALIFY HIMSELF FROM HEARING THE CASE. THERE IS NO INDICATION WHEN HE WILL ISSUE HIS RULING ON THE MOTION.

(BUSINESS PERMITS GRANTED)

SAIPAN, JULY 16 (MNS)---TWO FOREIGN INVESTORS BUSINESS PERMITS HAVE BEEN GRANTED BY TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TUESDAY (JULY 16).

THE BLACK MICRO CORPORATION OF GUAM HAS BEEN GIVEN A BUSINESS PERMIT TO START A GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING AND EQUIPMENT RENTAL SERVICES ON YAP. BLACK MICRO'S SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT IS FORMER TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER WILLIAM R. NORWOOD.

A BUSINESS PERMIT WAS ALSO GIVEN TO JOHN H. ROBINSON OF SAIPAN TO OFFER LOSS ADJUSTING SERVICES IN THE MARIANAS AND YAP. HIS PERMIT ALSO ALLOWS HIM TO CONDUCT MARINE SURVEYING OF HULLS AND CARGO AND PROVIDE CONSULTANCY SERVICES.

(TT GRANTED ADDITIONAL FUNDS)

SAIPAN, JULY 15 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON ANNOUNCED TUESDAY (JULY 16) THAT THE TT WAS GRANTED ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS OF \$315,000 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, REGION IX, SAN FRANCISCO, FOR THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1971, PUBLIC LAW 92-54 OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE PRIME PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM IS TO MAKE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC EMPLOYERS WHICH WILL BE USED IN PROVIDING UNEMPLOYED AND UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS WITH TRANSITIONAL JOBS, THEREBY PROVIDING NEEDED PUBLIC SERVICES IN TIME OF HIGH EMPLOYMENT. THE EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON THE TRANSITIONAL NATURE OF THE JOBS, WITH PARTICIPANTS BEING ASSISTED TO MOVE TO REGULAR EMPLOYMENT AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

OVER 89 PERCENT OF THE FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS: HEADQUARTERS - \$48,620; MARIANAS - \$64,839; MARSHALLS - \$30,226; PALAU - \$22,746; PONAPE - \$54,225; TRUK - \$55,015; AND YAP - \$13,608.

ELEVEN PERCENT OF THE FUNDS IS RESERVED FOR ADMINISTRATION AND WORK RELATED TO TRAINING. THE RATIO OF THE DISTRIBUTION IS BASED ON THE CRITERIA STATED IN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE PEP HANDBOOK OF APRIL 1, 1972. AND THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 92-54.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS DESIRING TO COMMENT ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT THEIR COMMENTS TO HEADQUARTERS TRAINING DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL.

(SPECIAL ED PROGRAM CONDUCTED)

SAIPAN, JULY 16 (MNS)---A SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN HAS BEEN ORGANIZED AND TEMPORARILY LOCATED AT THE CHALN KANOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON SAIPAN, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE READINESS TRAINING AND HEALTH CARE TO CHILDREN WHO SHOW A HIGH RISK OF HAVING LEARNING PROBLEMS WHEN THEY ENTER SCHOOL. THE CHILDREN WILL BE SELECTED FROM A LIST OF DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN WHICH WAS PREPARED BY THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES.

THE PROGRAM IS FUNDED BY THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH A FEDERAL GRANT WHICH WAS OBTAINED UNDER THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ACT. THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN PLANNED AND IS BEING IMPLEMENTED JOINTLY BY THE SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE MARIANAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND HEADQUARTERS AND DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES.

WITH THE PLANNING PHASES BEING COMPLETED AND THE PROGRAM READY TO BEGIN, THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH SERVICES AND EDUCATION HAVE TURNED OVER TO THE MARIANAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THE SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PROGRAM.

DON TOEWS, FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, IS HELPING ORGANIZE THE PROGRAM. TOEWS HAS BEEN ON SAIPAN SINCE LAST MONTH, AND IS CURRENTLY TRAINING TWO TEACHERS SELECTED FOR THE PROGRAM.

ALSO, HE IS TRAINING STAFF MEMBERS FROM HEADSTART,

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SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH TO ADMINISTER
DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING TESTS.

THE TWO TEACHERS, EUGENIO REPEKI AND MAX OLOPAI,
WILL BE RECEIVING ADDITIONAL TRAINING AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF HAWAII ON AN ALTERNATING BASIS BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER
OF THIS YEAR.

(HEALTH MANAGEMENT INTERN)

SAIPAN, JULY 16 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY DIRECTOR
OF HEALTH SERVICES, DR. MASAO KUMANGAI, HAS ANNOUNCED
THE APPOINTMENT OF MS. JOSEPHINE SABLAN OF SAIPAN AS
A MANAGEMENT INTERN SPECIALIZING IN MEDICAL RECORDS
WITH THE HEADQUARTERS OFFICE OF HEALTH STATISTICS
AND RECORDS.

PRIOR TO MS. SABLAN'S APPOINTMENT TO THE HEADQUARTERS
HEALTH SERVICES STAFF, SHE ATTENDED THE COLLEGE OF
ST. MARY IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA, WHERE SHE RECEIVED A BACHELOR
OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN MEDICAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION.

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