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*1. Congress at halfway point*  
*2. Timuel speaks on "Progress"*  
*3. Salii on status*  
*4. Sports Council appointed.*  
*5. Berlin new information chief*  
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(CONGRESS AT HALFWAY POINT)  
SAIPAN, JULY 29 (MNS)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA  
REACHED THE HALFWAY POINT IN ITS CURRENT SPECIAL SESSION

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ON SAIPAN MONDAY (JULY 29), WITH BRIEF SESSIONS OF BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE, THE ONLY FINAL FLOOR ACTION WAS ADOPTION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION IN THE HOUSE, BUT COMMITTEE HEARINGS INTO SEVERAL IMPORTANT BILLS WERE HELD DURING THE WEEKEND, AND THESE BILLS, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES SALARY LAW, ARE EXPECTED TO REACH THE FLOOR WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY HOUSE MEMBERS URGES THE U.S.

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STATE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS THE RELEASE OF EMMETT KAY, AND AMERICAN PILOT NOW BEING HELD PRISONER BY THE PATHET LAO FORCES IN LAOS (HJR 138). KAY, WHO WAS SHOT DOWN WHILE FLYING FOR AN AMERICAN AIRLINE BASED IN LAOS, IS BELIEVED TO BE THE LAST U.S. PRISONER HELD IN INDOCHINA. HE ONCE OPERATED MICRONESIA AIRLINES AND PERFORMED MANY EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATIONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE RESOLUTION NOW GOES TO THE SENATE FOR FURTHER ACTION.

THERE WERE NO NEW RESOLUTIONS OR BILLS INTRODUCED MONDAY IN THE HOUSE, BUT IN THE SENATE FOUR BILLS AND A JOINT RESOLUTION WERE OFFERED. IN ORDER TO SAVE TIME, ALL FOUR BILLS WERE IMMEDIATELY PLACED ON THE CALENDAR AND PASSED ON FIRST READING.

THEY ARE: A MEASURE TO DECLARE THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ELECTION IN DELEGATE DISTRICTS ONE AND TWO IN PALAU NULL AND VOID, RE-DRAW THE BOUNDARIES OF THOSE TWO DISTRICTS, AND CALL FOR A NEW ELECTION THERE (SB 358); A BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$20,000 FOR AN EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT WORKSHOP TO DEVELOP CURRICULUM MATERIALS

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FOR USE BY ADULT EDUCATION AND HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSES (SB 355); AND TWO BILLS, APPROPRIATING \$128,000 AND \$25,000 RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON LAW OF THE SEA (SB 356 & 357).

THE JOINT RESOLUTION WOULD ASK CONTINENTAL/AIR MICRONESIA

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TO RESTORE THE LEVEL OF ITS SERVICE, CARGO AND PASSENGER RATES TO THOSE WHICH EXISTED PRIOR TO THE FUEL CRISIS (\$JR 125). THE MEASURE NOTES THAT FUEL SHORTAGES HAVE RECENTLY EASED, AND THE PRICE OF FUEL HAS DECLINED, AND ASKS THE AIRLINE TO TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE RATES AND RESTORE SERVICES WHICH WERE CUT IN RESPONSE TO THE FUEL CRISIS.

BOTH HOUSES WILL MEET AGAIN TUESDAY AT TEN A.M., WHICH WILL BE THE 8TH DAY OF THE 15 DAY SESSION.  
(TMETUHL SPEAKS ON "PROGRESS")

SAIPAN, JULY 29 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---TAKING EXCEPTION TO DEFINITIONS OF "PROGRESS" USED BY RICH NATIONS OF THE WORLD, SENATOR ROMAN TMETUHL TOLD THE SENATE MONDAY THAT MICRONESIA, AS AN UNDERDEVELOPED NATION, MUST SET ITS OWN MEASUREMENTS OF PROGRESS.

THE PALAU SENATOR BEGAN HIS REMARKS BY REFERRING TO AN

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ARTICLE IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD NEWSLETTER. THE ARTICLE, HE NOTED, CONCERNED THE DEFINITION OF PROGRESS, AND CONTRASTED THE HARD WORK OF TRADITIONAL WAYS WITH THAT OF LIVING IN A MODERN HOME WITH ALL THE CONVENIENCES OF TODAY.

THE ARTICLE CONCLUDED, SAYING MICRONESIA SHOULD TRY TO KEEP THE BEST OF ISLAND CULTURE AND ACCEPT THE BEST OF WESTERN CULTURE AND RIDDING OURSELVES OF WHAT THE WRITER CALLS "THE WORST OF ISLAND LIFE--THE COCONUT ECONOMY, THE GRASS HOUSES, THE CONTINUAL WORKING FOR JUST A DAY'S FOOD, THE ILLNESS AND DISEASE."

SENATOR TMETUHL SAID THAT "NO, WE DO NOT WANT TO RETURN TO THE OLD DAYS, BUT WE DO WANT TO RETAIN AND STRENGTHEN MUCH OF OUR TRADITIONAL LIFE, WHILE BEING CAREFUL OF WESTERN WAYS WE DO ADOPT."

HE SAID THAT HE "COULD NOT CRITICIZE" A COCONUT ECONOMY AND THAT "IN FACT, OUR COPRA FARMERS PRODUCE MOST OF OUR EXPORTS AND ARE ABOUT THE ONLY WORKERS IN MICRONESIA TODAY WHOSE SALARIES ARE NOT PAID FOR BY AMERICAN TAXPAYERS. THAT REASON ALONE IS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME PROUD OF THEM."

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THE PALAU SENATOR THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT MICRONESIANS WERE "VICTIMS" OF WHAT HE CALLED THE "CHILDHOOD DISEASE" OF PROGRESS AND THAT "WE MISTAKE ECONOMIC PROGRESS FOR RIDING IN FANCY CARS ON PAVED ROADS. BUT THIS IS NOT PROGRESS! THIS IS LIVING IN AN ARTIFICIAL WORLD...IT IS DEPENDENCY IN THE EXTREME SENSE OF THE WORD."

TMETUHL SAID THAT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL FREEDOM OF FOR MICRONESIA COULD ONLY COME WHEN "WE MICRONESIANS DECIDE IT IS TIME TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND MAKE A BREAK WITH DEPENDENCY ON THE U.S." AND THAT "REAL PROGRESS IS NOT POSSESSION A CONCRETE, AIR-CONDITIONED HOUSE WITH TWO CARS IN THE DRIVEWAY"

REAL PROGRESS, HE SAID, MUST BE "BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF OUR MOST PRICELESS ASSET" WHICH HE SAID WAS "SIMPLY THAT WE HAVE THE RESOURCES ON OUR ISLANDS AND IN THE SEA TO FEED AND HOUSE OUR OWN PEOPLE (AND) OUR PEOPLE STILL KNOW HOW TO USE THESE RESOURCES, BECAUSE THEY ARE DOING SO EVERYDAY."

ACCORDING TO SENATOR TMETUHL, "THIS OUR GREAT STRENGTH, AND IF WE USE IT WISELY, OUR COPRA PRODUCERS AND OTHERS CAN

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PROVIDE US THE MONEY WE NEED TO BUY MEDICINES, METAL ROOFING, AND THE OTHER THINGS WE REALLY NEED BUT CANNOT MAKE FOR OURSELVES."

"WE MUST MAKE PROGRESS IN MICRONESIA, BUT WE MUST BE CAREFUL NOW WE MAKE THAT PROGRESS: IT MUST NOT BE DONE IN A WAY WHICH WE CANNOT SUPPORT THROUGH OUR OWN RESOURCES, FOR THIS ONLY MAKES US MORE DEPENDENT," HE SAID.

"REAL PROGRESS," HE CONCLUDED, "IS SELF-RELIANCE WHICH MAKES US INDEPENDENT OF ANY HELP FROM THE OUTSIDE EXCEPT WHAT WE GET ON OUR OWN TERMS."

(SALII ON STATUS)

SAIPAN, JULY 29 (MNS)---SENATOR LAZARUS SALII OF PALAU TOLD REPORTERS LAST WEEK THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS (JCFS) CONCERNING FINANCE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

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AND US LAWS APPLICABLE TO MICRONESIA AFTER THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT IS TERMINATED HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY RESOLVED IN INFORMAL TALKS, THE MOST RECENT OF WHICH WERE HELD ON GUAM.

HE ADDED THAT NOTHING CAN BE SAID DEFINITELY AT THIS TIME SINCE THE RESULTS OF THE INFORMAL TALKS WILL HAVE TO

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