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(CONGRESS AT HALFWAY POINT)
SAIPAN, JULY 29 (MNS) ~~74~~ THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA REACHED THE HALFWAY POINT IN ITS CURRENT SPECIAL SESSION 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. 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 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 TO RESTORE THE LEVEL OF ITS SERVICE, CARGO AND PASSENGER RATES TO THOSE WHICH EXISTED PRIOR TO THE FUEL CRISIS (SJR 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 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 CALL

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"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."

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 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, 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 BE PRESENTED TO THE FULL COMMITTEE. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS WHICH REMAINS TO BE RESOLVED CONCERNS THE US LAND REQUIREMENTS IN PALAU DISTRICT. SALII INDICATED THAT SOME SURVEYS MUST BE MADE BEFORE ANY FIRM COMMITMENT CAN BE GIVEN ON THE OPTIONS SOUGHT BY THE U.S. IN PALAU.

THE SENATOR MADE THE STATEMENTS ON THE PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT (ESG) TASK FORCE

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THE PALAU SENATOR EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT THE FULL COMMITTEE WILL ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE INFORMAL TALKS SINCE THE FOUR PRINCIPLES OF FREE ASSOCIATION WERE THE FOUNDATION OF THE TALKS. THEY ARE: THAT SOVEREIGNTY IN MICRONESIA RESIDES IN THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA AND THEIR DULY CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENT; THAT THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA POSSES THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND MAY THEREFORE CHOOSE INDEPENDENCE OR SELF-GOVERNMENT IN FREE ASSOCIATION WITH ANY NATION OR ORGANIZATION OF NATIONS; THAT THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA HAVE THE RIGHT TO ADOPT THEIR OWN CONSTITUTION AND TO AMEND, CHANGE OR REVOKE ANY CONSTITUTION OR GOVERNMENT PLAN AT ANY TIME; AND THAT FREE ASSOCIATION SHOULD BE IN THE FORM OF A REVOCABLE COMPACT, TERMINABLE UNILATERALLY BY EITHER PARTY.

HE ALSO REVEALED THAT THE LATEST POSSIBLE DATE FOR THE STATUS PLEBESCIOTE SHOULD BE BY THE END OF 1977, WITH 1981 CONSIDERED BEST FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT.

ON THE QUESTION OF UNITY, THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS CHAIRMAN STATED THAT IF ONE DISTRICT DID NOT APPROVE THE NEW CONSTITUTION WITH A GREAT MAJORITY, HE FELT THAT THERE WERE THREE THINGS WHICH COULD BE DONE: THE FIRST, TO CALL A NEW CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION; THE SECOND, TO STATE THAT THE CONSTITUTION WOULD NOT APPLY TO THAT DISTRICT; AND, THIRD, TO ALLOW THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. THESE PROPOSALS ARE PART OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BILL THAT HAS BEEN OFFERED DURING THE CURRENT SPECIAL SESSION.

SALII SUGGESTED THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WOULD DEPEND ON HOW WELL PREPARED THE DELEGATES ARE WHEN THE CONVENTION BEGINS, AND ON THE WORK THE PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE DOES.

THE SENATOR FEELS THAT WHILE THE CONVENTION MAY BE DELAYED, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HOLD IT SINCE THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE TERMINATED UNTIL THERE IS A NEW GOVERNMENT AND, HE EMPHASIZED, THERE CAN BE NO GOVERNMENT WITHOUT A CONSTITUTION. "POSTPONEMENT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION POSTPONES THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT," HE SAID.

CONCERNING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE MARIANAS IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, THE SENATOR STATED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO PROBLEM SO FAR AND THAT IN FACT, THE CONGRESS HAS NOT DECIDED THAT THE CONSTITUTION WILL NOT APPLY IN THE MARIANAS.

OTHER LEADERS OF MICRONESIA ARE SCHEDULED TO BE INTERVIEWED ON FUTURE PROGRAMS ON THE "DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA" SERIES.

(SPORTS COUNCIL APPOINTED)

SAIPAN, JULY 29 (MNS)---HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE MICRONESIAN SPORTS COUNCIL.

PRUSUANT TO SECTION 2 OF PUBLIC LAW 5-82, ESTABLISHING THE COUNCIL, THE NAMES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR THEIR APPROVAL.

THOSE MEMBERS SELECTED FROM THE SIX DISTRICT INCLUDE: DR. MANESSA EMIL, MARSHALLS; YASUO YAMADA, PONAPE; ERMES SIALES, TRUK; OSCAR C. RASA, MARIANAS; LUKE MOON, YAP; AND DEMEI OTOBED, PALAU.

MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER INCLUDE 10619

FELIX RABAULIMAN, HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COORDINATOR OF ADULT EDUCATION, WHO WILL SERVE AS INTERIM CHAIRMAN UNTIL A PERMANENT CHAIRMAN IS ELECTED; ELIAS OKAMURA, ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, AND AL SNYDER, AN ATTORNEY FOR MLSC IN YAP.

(BASILIUS NEW INFORMATION CHIEF)

SAIPAN, JULY 29 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF BONIFACIO BASILIUS OF PALAU AS CHIEF OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION AT HEADQUARTERS ON SAIPAN.

BASILIUS, 33, REPLACE JAMES H. MANKE, WHO COMPLETED JUST OVER FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE TT GOVERNMENT ON FRIDAY, JULY 26. MANKE AND HIS FAMILY WILL LEAVE SAIPAN WEDNESDAY.

THE HICOM'S ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE APPOINTMENT OF BASILIUS WILL TAKE EFFECT OFFICIALLY ON AUGUST 4, BUT UNTIL THAT TIME HE WILL SERVE IN AN ACTING CAPACITY AS HEAD OF THE DIVISION THAT PRODUCES THE QUARTERLY MICRONESIAN REPORTER MAGAZINE, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NEWSLETTER, HIGHLIGHTS, AND THE DAILY MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE (MNS).

BORN IN NGCHESAR VILLAGE, BABELTHUAP, BASILIUS WAS EDUCATED AT XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL IN TRUK AND THE COLLEGE OF GUAM, AND RECEIVED HIS B.A. DEGREE IN JOURNALISM FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII IN 1968. HE HAS WORKED AS A RADIO ANNOUNCER AND EDITOR IN PALAU, AND WAS THE DISTRICT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FROM 1968 TO 1971. FROM 1971 TO 1973 HE SERVED AS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR PALAU DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR THOMAS O. REMENGESAU, BEFORE COMING TO SAIPAN TO ASSUME THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION IN JANUARY, 1973.

LAST WEEK HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON PRESENTED MANKE WITH AN HONOR AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CABINET. THE CITATION READS: "DURING HIS FOUR YEARS WITH THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT HE HAS CARRIED OUT HIS DUTIES IN A MANNER AND TO A DEGREE REFLECTING THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF PUBLIC SERVICE, AND HAS DEMONSTRATED AN UNSWERVING COMMITMENT TO THE POLICY OF TRAINING MICRONESIAN IN THE PUBLIC INFORMATION FIELD, INCLUDING A MICRONESIAN SUCCESSOR AS DIVISION CHIEF. THROUGH HIS EXPERTISE AND CONSIDERABLE ABILITIES, HE HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE GOAL OF A FULLY INFORMED MICRONESIAN PUBLIC."

(AIR NAURU EXPANDS)

SAIPAN, JULY 29 (MNS)---AIR NAURU, THE FLAG CARRIER OF THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC OF NAURU, RECENTLY TOOK DELIVERY OF A SECOND FOKKER F-28 FELLOWSHIP TWIN-JET AIRCRAFT, IDENTICAL TO THE PLANE WHICH PRESENTLY PROVIDES SERVICE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY ON AIR NAURU'S EXTENSIVE CENTRAL PACIFIC ROUTE SYSTEM.

THE AIRLINE HAS ALSO PLACED AN ORDER FOR A BOEING 737-200C, WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED IN JULY, 1975, ACCORDING TO A RECENT EDITION OF THE NAURU BULLETIN.

THE NEW FOKER AIRCRAFT WAS CHRISTENED THE "CHIEF NOBOB" IN CEREMONIES AT THE FACTORY IN AMSTERDAM. AIR NAURU'S OTHER PLANE IS NAMED THE "NAURU CHIEF." THE AIRLINE NOW OPERATES SCHEDULED SERVICES FROM NAURU TO MALBOURNE, AUSTRALIA VIA HONIARA, NOUMEA AND BRISBANE, AND FLYS TO KAGOSHIMA, JAPAN, VIA PONAPE, GUAM AND OKINAWA. AIR NAURU ALSO FLIES A SCHEDULED SERVICE TO MAJURO IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, AND TO TARAWA IN THE GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY, AND HAS RECENTLY INAUGURATED A

ONCE-A-WEEK SERVICE FROM NAURU TO APIA, WESTERN SAMOA.

THE AIR NAURU BOEING 737, ALSO A TWIN-JET AIRPLANE, WILL BE A CONVERTIBLE AIRCRAFT ENABLING THE CARRIER TO OPERATE IN VARIOUS COMBINATIONS OF PASSENGER AND CARGO SERVICE. IN AN ALL PASSENGER CONFIGURATION IT WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY 121 SEATS. THE PLANE WILL HAVE SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SHORT-FIELD OPERATIONS, WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH LOW PRESSURE TIRES, AND WILL BE CERTIFIED FOR USE ON GRAVEL RUNWAYS.

ACCORDING TO THE NAURU BULLETIN, THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 737 AND THE ADDITION OF THE NEW FOKKER F-28 ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE "...VIGOROUS POLICY OF THE YOUNG, INDEPENDENT NAURU AIRLINE OF PIONEERING NEW ROUTES IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC..."

THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU IS LOCATED ABOUT 600 MILES SOUTH OF MAJURO, JUST SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR. THE TINY COUNTRY, WHICH ACHIEVED ITS INDEPENDENCE IN 1968, DERIVES MOST OF ITS INCOME FROM THE MINING OF RICH PHOSPHATE DEPOSITS. IN ADDITION TO ITS AIRLINE, THE COUNTRY ALSO OPERATES ITS OWN SHIPPING LINE WHICH SERVES SEVERAL PORTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.