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"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 "DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA."

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 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)