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(SENATE REPORT)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 2 (MNS) <sup>24</sup> THE CONTRAVERSIAL BILL THAT WOULD ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE HOLDING OF A REFERENDUM ON THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTION PASSED FINAL READING IN THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FRIDAY. THE BILL (SB 351) WAS PASSED BY A VOTE OF NINE TO TWO, AFTER A CONTINUATION OF THE FLOOR DEBATE THAT HAD BEGUN THURSDAY.

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BEFORE PASSING THE MEASURE, THE SENATORS VOTED NARROWLY IN FAVOR OF AN AMENDMENT OFFERED ON THE FLOOR BY SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA (MARIANAS) THAT WOULD CHANGE THE NEGATIVE VOTE REQUIRED IN A DISTRICT ON THE CONSTITUTION FROM THREE-QUARTERS TO TWO-THIRDS. THIS MEANS THAT THE CONSTITUTION COULD STILL BE IMPOSED ON A DISTRICT IN WHICH A MAJORITY OF THOSE VOTING DID NOT FAVOR IT, BUT WOULD NOT TAKE EFFECT IN ANY DISTRICT WHERE AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF THE VOTERS OPPOSED IT. THE AMENDMENT WAS ACCEPTED BY A VOTE OF FOUR TO THREE, WITH

IN THE FINAL ROLL CALL, SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN (MARIANAS) AND SENATOR ROMAN TMETUHL (PALAU) VOTED AGAINST THE MEASURE. IN ADDITION TO ESTABLISHING THE CONSTITUTION REFERENDUM PROCEDURES, THE BILL WOULD ALSO AMEND THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION LAW TO DO AWAY WITH THE CONCEPT OF NON-VOTING DELEGATES, MEANING THAT THE TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP DELEGATES APPOINTED IN EACH DISTRICT WOULD ALSO HAVE A VOTE ON THE FLOOR OF THE CONVENTION.

THE BILL NOW GOES TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

IT WAS ONE OF TWO BILLS PASSED ON FINAL READING IN THE SENATE FRIDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF THE CURRENT 15-DAY SPECIAL SESSION SAIPAN. THE OTHER IS A BILL THAT WOULD GIVE THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AUTHORITY TO INITIATE PROGRAMS TO FOSTER A GREATER SENSE OF NATIONAL UNITY IN MICRONESIA (SB 359). THAT BILL ALSO NOW GOES TO THE HOUSE.

FOUR BILLS AND ONE JOINT RESOLUTION WERE INTRODUCED DURING THE FRIDAY SESSION. THE BILLS ARE: A BILL DECLARING THE FORTHCOMING CONSTITUTION OF MICRONESIA, AND THE LAWS MADE PURSUANT THERETO, TO BE THE SUPREME LAW OF MICRONESIA (SB 369); A MEASURE THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A COMMISSION ON MINIMUM WAGES IN THE TT (SB 368); A BILL APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FOR FISHING LOANS IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT (SB 367); AND A BILL THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF THE REVENUE DERIVED FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY INCOME AND GROSS RECEIPTS TAX WITH THE DISTRICTS, ON THE BASIS OF TWENTY PERCENT TO THE DISTRICTS, AND EIGHTY PERCENT TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA (SB 370). AT PRESENT ALL OF THIS TAX REVENUE GOES TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR APPROPRIATION.

IN RAISING THE SUBJECT OF REVENUE SHARING, SENATOR AMBILOS IEHSI (PONAPE), THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL, COMMENTED THAT THIS IS A PROBLEM WHICH HAS BEEN AROUND FOR MANY YEARS, AND THE CONGRESS CAN NO LONGER IGNORE IT IN THE HOPE THAT IT WILL SIMPLY GO AWAY. HE INSERTED INTO THE JOURNAL PREPARED REMARKS ON THE SUBJECT (SEE FOLLOWING STORY). SENATORS LAZARUS SALII (PALAU), EDWARD PANGELINAN AND OLYMPIO BORJA (MARIANAS), ALL AGREED THAT THE CONGRESS MUST DEAL WITH THIS CONTRAVERSIAL ISSUE.

THE ONLY JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE FRIDAY WAS A MEASURE REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO GRANT A

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE TT TO HELP OFFSET THE LOSS OF THE USDA SURPLUS COMMODITIES PROGRAM (SJR 129).

TWO BILLS PASSED FIRST READING, AND ONE JOINT RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED DURING FRIDAY'S SESSION IN THE HOUSE. THE BILLS ARE: THE TT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (HB 359); AND AN APPROPRIATION OF \$27,000 FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON LAW OF THE SEA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR (SB 357).

THE RESOLUTION URGES THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO IMPROVE THE SHIPPING SYSTEM IN THE TRUST TERRITORY (HJR 94). IT NOW GOES TO THE SENATE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

NEW MEASURES INTRODUCED INCLUDED THREE BILLS AND ONE JOINT RESOLUTION. THE BILLS ARE: A SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION OF \$34,000 FOR THE OPERATING AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR (HB 361); A MEASURE THAT WOULD DECLARE THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ELECTION IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS NULL AND VOID, AND PROVIDE FUNDS FOR A NEW ELECTION (HB 362); AND AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000 TO FUND A SECOND CONFERENCE OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS IN MICRONESIA "...IN ORDER THAT THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS MAY BE ABLE TO PURSUE THEIR EFFORTS TOWARD PROMOTING UNITY IN MICRONESIA." (HB 363).

THE JOINT RESOLUTION ASKS THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SIX DISTRICT LEGISLATURES BE INVITED TO SIT IN ON THE MEETINGS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND OF ITS PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE (HJR 147).

IN ADDITION TO THE FLOOR ACTION, REPRESENTATIVE MACHIME O'SONIS DELIVERED AN ADDRESS IN THE HOUSE FRIDAY (SEE FOLLOWING STORY).

BOTH HOUSES OF THE CONGRESS WILL MEET ON SATURDAY, THE HOUSE AT 5:00 P.M. AND THE SENATE AT 5:30 P.M. SATURDAY WILL BE THE TWELFTH DAY OF THE FIFTEEN DAY SPECIAL SESSION.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IS EXPECTED TO WRK THROUGH THE WEEKEND. THUS THERE WILL BE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE DISPATCHES ON BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. PLEASE WATCH FOR THESE SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL REPORTS).

(CALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(REVENUE SHARING DISCUSSED)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 2 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---THE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE OF REVENUE-SHARING WAS PUBLICLY RAISED FRIDAY IN THE SENATE FOR THE FIRST TIME DURING THE CURRENT SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

SENATE FLOOR LEADERS AMBILOS IEHSI OF PONAPE, SAID IN REMARKS WHICH HE INSERTED INTO THE SENATE JOURNAL WITH A BRIEF INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT THAT THE ISSUE WAS OF "CRITICAL IMPORTANCE" AND THAT THE CONGRESS IS "SIMPLY IGNORING THE ISSUE IN THE HOPES THAT THE PROBLEM MIGHT GO AWAY."

(REVENUE SHARING IS A PLAN ADOPTED IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE ROUGHLY 50 PERCENT OF THE TAXES COLLECTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE INDIVIDUAL STATES, IS RETURNED TO THE STATES FOR THEIR USE).

"IT SO HAPPENS...THAT KWAJALEIN, THE SOURCE OF MOST OF OUR INCOME TAX REVENUES, IS LOCATED IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. IF GOD HAD SO CHOSEN, KWAJALEIN COULD HAVE BEEN PINGELAP, OR NGATIK, IN MY DISTRICT...OR KWAJALEIN COULD HAVE BEEN ULITHI ATOLL IN YAP DISTRICT."

THE PONAPE SENATOR SAID THAT, HOWEVER, IT WAS THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALLS WHO "HAVE SUFFERED, BUT WE IN THE OTHER

DISTRICTS HAVE BENEFITED THROUGH THEIR HARDSHIPS."

HE NOTED THAT REVENUE SHARING HAD BEEN BEFORE THE CONGRESS FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BUT SEEMED THAT AGREEMENT WAS NO CLOSER TODAY THAN "SEVERAL YEARS AGO."

"BUT MORE RECENTLY, WE HAVE HEARD AND SEEN INDICATIONS THAT UNLESS SOME AGREEMENTS ARE REACHED IN THIS CONGRESS, OUR MARSHALL ISLANDS DELEGATION MIGHT HAVE TO FOLLOW THE COURSE WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN SUGGESTED BY THEIR DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AND DISCONTINUE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONGRESS."

SENATOR IEHSI SAID THAT REVENUE SHARING MEANS THAT DISTRICTS WOULD BE MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN LOCAL AFFAIRS AND "I BELIEVE FOR ONE THAT IT IS TIME TO GIVE OUR DISTRICT LEGISLATURES THIS KIND OF RESPONSIBILITY."

"IT HAPPENS THAT ONE DISTRICT GENERATES MORE REVENUES THAN THE OTHERS, THEN FAIRNESS DICTATES THEY SHOULD GET MORE IN RETURN. I FEEL THIS IS THE KIND OF INCENTIVE OUR DISTRICTS NEED TO BOOST OUR LOCAL ECONOMIES," HE SAID.

"IF KWAJALEIN WERE KAPINGAMARANGI, OR KUSAIE, I AM CERTAIN THAT I WOULD ALSO INSIST ON A MORE EQUITABLE METHOD OR RETURNING MONEY TO THE DISTRICTS. AND SINCE THE MARSHALLS HAVE CARRIED THE TOTAL BURDEN OF THE MILITARY'S PRESENCE FOR THE ENTIRE TERRITORY IN THE LAST QUARTER CENTURY, THEY DESERVE MORE OF THE BENEFITS."

IEHSI CONCLUDED BY REFERRING TO A TRADITIONAL LEADERS CONFERENCE ON PONAPE WHICH HE SAID "ENDORSED THE CONCEPT OF REVENUE-SHARING AND ASKED THE CONGRESS TO DO LIKEWISE. IN THE INTERESTS OF PRESERVING OUR NATIONAL UNITY, MR. PRESIDENT, I THINK WE SHOULD HEED THEIR ADVICE," HE CONCLUDED.

AFTER IEHSI SUBMITTED HIS REMARKS INTO THE SENATE JOURNAL, SENATOR LAZARUS SALII OF PALAU COMMENTED THAT HIS DELEGATION AND DISTRICT LEGISLATURE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO ENDORSE SUCH LEGISLATION AT THE CONGRESS. HE SAID THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, THROUGH THEIR PAST INACTION, HAS "BEEN GUILTY OF NOT BEING SENSITIVE ENOUGH" TO THE WANTS AND NEEDS OF CERTAIN DISTRICTS OF THE TERRITORY. SALII SAID FAILURE TO ADOPT SUCH LEGISLATION "CAN POSSIBLY FRAGMENT/ MICRONESIA ADDING THE ISSUE HAS ALREADY CAUSED ONE DISTRICT TO CONSIDER THE COURSE OF SEPARATE POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS."

THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT WHICH PRODUCES MOST OF THE TERRITORY'S INCOME TAX REVENUE HAS STRONGLY URGED ENACTMENT OF REVENUE SHARING LEGISLATION FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

MARIANAS SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN ALSO COMMENTED ON THE SUBJECT INDICATING THAT HE WAS "PLEASED TO HEAR THE ISSUE WAS FINALLY RECEIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION." BUT HE ADDED: "IT IS ONE THING TO SPEAK OF AN ISSUE; AND ANOTHER TO ACT ON IT." REFERRING TO SENATOR SALII'S REMARKS, PANGELINAN NOTED THAT HIS OWN DISTRICT LEGISLATURE HAS "LOST FAITH IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRO. ESIA "BECAUSE IT, IN HIS WORDS, "HAS NOT BEEN SENSITIVE ENOUGH TO DISTRICT NEEDS IN THE PAST. "I FEEL ACTION IS NEEDED ON THIS MATTER NOW." HE EMPHASIZED.

IN A BRIEF STATEMENT MARIANAS SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA AGREED WITH SENATORS IEHSI, SALII AND PANGELINAN, INDICATING THE MARIANAS PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SEE PASSAGE OF SUCH LEGISLATION. BORJA ALSO SAID HE HOPED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WOULD RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF AND MAKE REVENUE SHARING A PRIORITY ITEM DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE SHORT SESSION.

(HEINE SUBMITS PETITION IN HOUSE)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 2 (MNS)---A LETTER OF PETITION SIGNED BY MORE THAN 100 "BUSINESSMEN, TRADITIONAL CHIEFS, TEACHERS AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES" WAS READ INTO THE JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FRIDAY (AUGUST 2) BY MARSHALL ISLANDS CONGRESSMAN JOHN HEINE.

HE TOLD HIS COLLEAGUES THAT THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN BY SEVERAL MARSHALLESE "...WHO DO NOT AGREE WITH RECENT MOVES TAKEN BY PEOPLE WHO CLAIM TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT."

THE FOUR-PAGE LETTER SAYS THERE IS TODAY IN THE MARSHALLS "...A POWERFULL MOVEMENT ORGANIZED THROUGH THE NITIJELA TO SEPARATE OUR ISLANDS FROM THEOF THE TRUST TERRIROYTY. THIS MOVEMENT," THE LETTER CONTINUES, "HAS THE SUPPORT OF MANY OF THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS AND IS APPARENTLY BASED ON OPPOSITION TO THE CONGRESS AND THE PEOPLE FROM THE OTHER DISTRICTS. THE ARGUMENT TO SEPARATE SAYS THAT THE MARSHALLESE GIVE MOST OF THE MONEY TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BUT DO NOT RECEIVE A FAIR SHARE IN RETURN. THIS OPPOSITION IS ALSO BASED ON THE ARGUMENT THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE PEOPLE IN THE OTHER DISTRICTS AND THAT CONTINUED ASSOCIATION WILL ENDANGER TRADITIONAL WAYS OF LIVING WHICH GIVE US OUR IDENTITY."

WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THOSE ARGUMENTS ARE PARTLY TRUE, THE LETTER SAYS THE DRASTIC STEPS BEING ADVOCATED BY SOME LEADERS ARE NOT NECESSARY. FURTHER, STATES THE LETTER, "...WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE OTHER REASONS FOR THIS MOVEMENT BESIDES THE ONE POPULARLY DISCUSSED ON THE RADIO AND IN NEWS STORIES."

THE LETTER GOES ON TO DESCRIBE SENATOR AMATA KABUA AS ONE OF THE "MAJOR POWERS" IN THE MARSHALLS TODAY AND THE MAN BEHIND THE SEPARATIST MOVES THAT HAVE COME OUT OF THE NITIJELA IN RECENT MONTHS. ALTHOUGH NOT DIRECTLY CRITICAL OF THE SENATOR, THE LETTER IMPLIES THAT HE HAS LOST TOUCH WITH THE COMMON PEOPLE, WHOM THE SIGNERS OF THE LETTER PURPORT TO REPRESENT. IT DESCRIBES HOW HE ALLEGEDLY MANUEVERED TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE NEWLY CREATED POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, AND HOW MUCH OF THAT TAKES PLACE NOW IN THE NITIJELA IS ALSO CONTROLLED BY HIM.

THE SIGNERS OF THE LETTER SAY THEY INTEND TO SUPPORT A CANDIDATE, CARL HEINE, TO RUN AGAINST SENATOR KABUA IN THE 1974 CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION, "...NOT TO HURT SENATOR KABUA BUT TO HAVE DELEGATES FROM THE MARSHALLS IN THE CONGRESS WHO TRULY REPRESENT ALL THE PEOPLE...."

HEINE INDICATED ON SAIPAN FRIDAY THAT, ALTHOUGH AWARE OF THE MOVES TO SUPPORT HIM AS A SENATORIAL CANDIDATE, HE HAS MADE NO DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO RUN. HE RECENTLY ASSUMED THE POSITION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT THE TT HEADQUARTERS ON SAIPNA.

THE LETTER CONCLUDES BY STRONGLY URGING THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA "...NOT TO STAND BY IDLY WHEN AND IF INITIATIVES ARE TAKEN TO SEEK SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AS WAS DONE IN THE CASE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS. THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS," THE LETTER STATES, "MUST BE GIVEN SUFFICIENT TIME, FREE FROM OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE, TO DECIDE ONCE AND FOR ALL WHETHER WE WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE WITH THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA OR FI NEW RELATIONSHIPS NEED TO BE SOUGHT. WE NEED TIME

TO CORRECT THE PRESENT IMBALANCES OF REPRESENTATION NOW EXISTING IN OUR DISTRICT LEGISLATURE SO THAT ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALLS CAN HAVE AN EQUAL VOICE IN DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING OUR POLITICAL FUTURE. IF TIME IS NOT GIVEN, THEN THE FUTURE OF THE MARSHALLESE PEOPLE WILL INDEED BE IN DANGER OF FRAGMENTATION NOT ONLY FROM THE OTHER DISTRICTS BUT FROM WITHIN ITSELF...."

FOUR PAGES OF SIGNATURES, TOTALLING 137 NAMES, WERE ATTACHED TO THE LETTER READ BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN HEINE.

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(CONGRESSMAN O'SONIS LOOKS TO FUTURE)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 2 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---REPRESENTATIVE MACHIME O'SONIS OF TRUK, A FRESHMAN MEMBER OF THE MICRONESIAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SAID FRIDAY THAT THE CONGRESS HAS "MADE GREAT STRIDES IN PUTTING A MICRONESIAN STAMP ON OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR FUTURE", AND URGED THAT MICRONESIANS CONTINUE TO RELY ON THEMSELVES FOR CHANGE DURING THIS "CRUCIAL" TIME IN MICRONESIA'S HISTORY.

"IN OUR FUTURE WORK THERE WILL BE MANY TEMPTATIONS, MANY DISTRACTIONS," HE SAID, "THE ALTERNATIVES WILL BE MANY, AND UNDOUBTEDLY WE WILL RECEIVE VARYING KINDS OF ADVICE FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT. URGING THE CONGRESS TO "KEEP OUR OWN COUNSEL," O'SONIS SAID: "LET US WORK TOGETHER QUIETLY, WITHOUT AMNITY, WITHOUT CONFRONTATION -- THAT IS THE UNIQUE MICRONESIAN WAY: THAT IS THE PACIFIC WAY."

OFFERING HIS OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING THE OPERATIONS OF THE CONGRESS DURING HIS TWO YEAR TERM, THE TRUK CONGRESSMAN SAID VIEWED FROM THE OUTSIDE, THE VOTING PUBLIC MAY GET THE IMPRESSION THAT THE CONGRESS IS "DORMANT FOR A PERIOD, THEN GOES THROUGH A TIME OF EXCITED ACTIVITY, THEN RETIRES QUIETLY UNTIL THE NEXT SESSION. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT QUITE THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE.

"WHILE THE CONGRESS ONLY MEETS ONCE AND SOMETIMES TWICE A YEAR HE OBSERVED "ITS COMMITTEES, DELEGATIONS, AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS IN THE GO, PUBLIC SERVANTS ON CALL 24 HOURS A DAY."

"I WAS PROUD OF THIS CONGRESS BEFORE I BECAME A MEMBER," HE SAID, "BECAUSE IT WAS OUR MICRONESIAN CONGRESS: AND I AM PROUDER STILL TODAY AFTER HAVING BEEN A MEMBER FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS."

INDICATING THAT IT IS AN ACHIEVEMENT FOR A PEOPLE WITH A HISTORY OF FOREIGN DOMINATION TO BE ENACTING LAWS CONCERNING FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, FOREIGN INVESTMENT, AND OTHER MATTERS, THE FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN DECLARED THAT "MICRONESIAN ACTION AND THOUGHT HAS INFLUENCED EVERY LEVEL OF OUR LIFE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR OUR FUTURE..." HE ADDED, "THIS IS NECESSARY IF WE ARE EVER TO REMAIN MICRONESIANS AND RETAIN OUR CULTURE."

NOTING THAT MICRONESIA IS NOW NEAR THE BRINK OF AN OLD POLITICAL SYSTEM, THE TRUSTEESHIP, O'SONIS SAID, "WE ARE ALSO ON THE BRINK OF ANEW BEGINNING."

"RIGHT NOW," HE STATED, "I SENSE THAT WHILE THE ACTUAL PROCEDURAL AND PHYSICAL TRANSITION FROM MICRONESIA AS A TERRITORY, TO MICRONESIA AS A SELF-GOVERNMENT STATE HAS YET TO BE IMPLEMENTED, THERE IS ACTUALLY GOING ON IN THIS CONGRESS AND IN THE DISTRICTS A GREAT TRANSITION OR REVELUTION IN THINKING AND IN ACTING WITH REGARD TO OUR FUTURE." HOWEVER, HE CAUTIONED THAT MICRONESIA MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF LONG-RANGE

GOALS FOR THE SAKE OF SHORT-RANGE ONES.

"THE STRAINS AND STRESSES WHICH ARE PUSHING, PULLING, AND TWISTING AT THE MICRONESIAN BONDS DEVELOPED IN THE FAR PAST, AND IN THE RECENT PAST, AS A RESULT OF OR IN SPITE OF OUTSIDE INFLUENCE, ARE NOT TO BE IGNORED," HE DECLARED. "OUR EXPECTATIONS HAVE RISEN, AND THAT IN ITSELF HAS CAUSED CRACKS AND GAPS TO APPEAR IN WHAT ONCE WAS OUR COMMON PURPOSE."

O'SONIS SAID BECAUSE OF THIS, THE PRESENT PERIOD IN MICRONESIA'S HISTORY "IS AN EXTERMELY CRITICAL ONE" AND THE DANGER EXISTS THAT MISUNDERSTANDINGS CAN CREATE DIVISION AND DISTRUST AMONG MICRONESIANS. BECAUSE OF THIS, HE SAID, THERE IS A TENDENCY TO WITHDRAW AND "FALL BACK UPON THE KNOWN: OUR LOCAL NEEDS, CUSTOMS, AND CULTURES." THIS IS NECESSARY:" HE SAID", BUT IN DOING SO, LET US NOT FORGET LARGER CONCERNS AND ISSUES THAT WILL INFLUENCE OUR FUTURE, FOR THE FATE OF ONE MAN OR GROUPS AFFECTS THE FATE OF MANY OTHERS.

"IT IS ESSENTIAL," HE DELCARED, "THAT AT THIS CRUCIAL TIME WE RELY UPON OURSELVES, FOR ONLY MICRONESIANS SHOULD BE THE PRIME MOVERS AND INSTRUMENTS OF CHANGE IN MICRONESIA.

"IN THIS DIALOGUE THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WILL BE PLAYING A PRE-EMINENTLY HISTORICAL ROLE. IF PAST IS PROLOGUE, AS HAS BEEN SAID, THEN I HAVE EVERY HOPE THAT WE WILL ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE FOR OUR PEOPLE AND OUR MICRONESIA, IN A UNIQUELY MICRONESIAN WAY." HE CONCLUDED.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(GUERRERO ON HOMESTEADS DELAY)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 2 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---REPRESENTATIVE HERMAN Q. GUERRERO ISSUED A STATEMENT AFTER THE FRIDAY MORNING CONGRESS SESSION SHARPLY CRITICIZING THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FOR ITS "APPARENT LACK OF INTEREST" OR SLOWNESS IN PROCESSING RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD APPLICATIONS IN THE DISTRICT

GUERRERO CHARGED THAT"OVER 700" RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD APPLICATIONS ARE PRESENTLY AWAITING PROCESSING AND THAT THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN LITTLE INTEREST IN THE PROBLEM.

APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD, HE SAID, "HAVE BEEN ON GOVERNMENT DESKS AND IN GOVERNMENT FILES FOR YEARS WITH THE MAJOR EXCUSE FOR THIS INACTION BEING AN ALLEGED LACK OF FUNDS.

THE MARIANAS LAWMAKER, HOWEVER, POINTED OUT THAT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO FIND FUNDS FOR PURCHASING AN "EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES AND ALSO HAD MONEY TO PAVE THE PARKING LOT AT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, WHICH HE SAID REMAINS UN-OCCUPIED MOST OF THE 24 HOUR DAY."

IN HIS STATEMENT, REPRESENTATIVE GUERRERO SAID FOREIGN CORPORATIONS HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN GIVEN PRIORITY OVER LANDLESS MARIANAS CITIZENS WHEN IT COMES TO THE ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC LANDS. HE SAID TWO FOREIGN-OWNED AIRLINE COMPANIES HAVE EACH RECEIVED ABOUT TEN ACRES OF PRIME PUBLIC LANDS, AND THAT JAPANESE ORGANIZATIONS, HAVE BEEN GIVEN PUBLIC LAND IN SAIPAN'S MARPI AREA FOR WAR MEMORIALS.

"ALL THE WHILE," SAID GUERRERO, "OUR LANDLESS CITIZENS CANNOT OBTAIN PUBLIC LANDS FOR HOMESTEADING," AND SUGGESTED THAT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO SET SUCH POLICIES SHOULD BE REMOVED.

GUERRERO NOTED THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS BOTH AUTHORIZED LANDS AND APPROPRIATED \$30,000 IN ITS 1973 REGULAR SESSION FOR THE SURVEYING OF HOMESTEADS IN THE

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MARIANAS, BUT THAT THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT "HAD NOT MADE THE BEST USE OF THESE APPROPRIATIONS." GUERRERO SAID: "THE CONGRESS CANNOT CONTINUE TO SUBSIDIZE INCOMPETENCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, AND IF THIS PATTERN OF INERTIA DOES NOT CHANGE, THE CONGRESS' NEXT APPROPRIATION MIGHT BE FOR A PERMANENT PAELLAOCK FOR THE ADMINISTRATION'S OFFICE DOOR."

"THE LANDLESS PEOPLE OF OUR DISTRICT," HE DELCARED, "THOSE WHO SHOULD HAVE FIRST PRIORITY FOR LAND, HAVE BEEN LAST PRIORITY."

GUERRERO SAID THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA STANDS READY TO ASSIST THE ADMINISTRATION IN AIDING THE PLIGHT OF OUR PEOPLE, BUT UNLESS THE ADMINISTRATION IS WILLING AND READY TO COOPERATE AND IMPLEMENT AN EFFECTIVE HOMESTEADING PROGRAM, THERE IS VERY LITTLE THAT CAN BE DONE UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES."

GUERRERO SAID: "THE HISTORY OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY AND THE TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION WITH REGARD TO LAND USE IN MICRONESIA IS A LONG, INCONSISTENT, AND INEQUITABLE ONE. WHY OUR ADMINISTRATION IS UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO GIVE GREATER EMPHASIS TO HOMESTEADING, IS ANYBODY'S GUESS. SOME MIGHT SPECULATE THAT THERE IS SOME UNSAID PURPOSE, FOR THESE ACTS; CERTAINLY THE FACTS WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THIS."

"UNFORTUNATELY," HE SAID, "AS IN MANY OTHER CASES, I CAN ONLY BRING THIS TO OUR ATTENTION AND THAT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, SINCE IT IS OUR TASK TO PASS LEGISLATION AND THEIRS TO ENFORCE LEGISLATION."

(WELCH LEAVES, BORJA ACTING)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 2 (MNS)---A VETERAN OF 17 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY, JOHN E. WELCH, RETIRED FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE THURSDAY (AUGUST 1).

WELCH, FORMER CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION, LEFT SAIPAN FOR HONOLULU. VICTORINO BORJA, ASSISTANT COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT OFFICER, HAS BEEN APPOINTED ACTING CHIEF.

HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, IN A LETTER TO WELCH, COMMENDED HIM FOR HIS "MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE" AND FOR THE COMMUNICATION DIVISION'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING THE NECESSARY LINKS BETWEEN THE SCATTERED ISLANDS OF MICRONESIA "WITH A NEW, HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED AND MODERNIZED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM--BETWEEN THE TRUST TERRITORY AND WORLD-WIDE.

"YOUR LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE HAS BEEN DIRECTLY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A F/ JT, RELIABLE RADIOTELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN HEADQUARTERS, THE DISTRICT CENTERS AND WORLD-WIDE POINTS...AND AN EXPANDED, RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE BETWEEN OUTER ISLANDS AND DISTRICT CENTERS," THE HIGH COMMISSIONER STATED.

WELCH RECEIVED PRAISE FOR TRAINING MICRONESIAN TECHNICIANS AND OPERATORS. THIS HAS ALLOWED QUALIFIED MICRONESIANS TO GRADUALLY REPLACE EXPATRIATE PERSONNEL.

WELCH FIRST CAME TO MICRONESIA IN 1952 AS PONAPE DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER. IN 1957, HE LEFT TO WORK IN AMERICAN SAMOA FOR FIVE YEARS BEFORE RETURNING TO THE TRUST TERRITORY IN 1962. WELCH BECAME THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND SUBSEQUENTLY HIS WORKING TITLE WAS CHANGED TO CHIEF.

DURING HIS TWELVE-YEAR TENURE AS CHIEF OF THE COMMUNICATION DIVISION. WELCH OVERSAW THE DEVELOPMENT OF

A RELIABLE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM THAT TIED TOGETHER THE FAR FLUNG MICRONESIAN ISLANDS.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS ELIAS OKAMURA ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF BORJA AS ACTING CHIEF, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION.

BORJA HAS BEEN COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT OFFICER SINCE LAST NOVEMBER. PRIOR TO THAT, HE WAS THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF THE ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING BRANCH. BORJA, 40, WAS A RADIO OPERATOR FOR SEVEN YEARS BEFORE BECOMING AN ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN.

(PLANNING SCHOOL CEREMONIES HELD)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 2 (MNS)---CEREMONIES MARKING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE MICRON PLANNING SCHOOL WERE HELD ON SAIPAN FRIDAY (AUGUST 2).

CONGRATULATING THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE SIX WEEK PROGRAM WAS HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON. CALLING LONG RANGE PLANNING "AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT," THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SAID IF VARIATIONS ARE ALLOWED IN A MASTER PLAN "YOU MIGHT AS WELL FORGET EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE."

POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY, THE HICOM FEELS, SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO ALTER HOURS OF LONG AND HARD WORK.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE PLANNING SCHOOL INCLUDED ALL DISTRICT PLANNER TRAINEES. THE PROGRAM WHICH WILL COME TO AN OFFICIAL END NEXT WEEK, OFFERS VARIETY OF COURSES TO ALLOW PARTICIPANTS TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH SOCIAL, FISCAL, AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF THE FIELD.

TERRITORIAL PLANNING OFFICER PHILLIP CHAMBERLAIN, PROGRAM COORDINATOR, AND ROBERT COVINGTON, TT MANAGEMENT ANALYST, ALSO ANNOUNCED THE LATEST WINNER OF THE "GOLDEN TURTLE AWARD." LUKE MOON, YAP PLANNER TRAINEE, WAS PRESENTED THE AWARD FOR OFFERING THE MOST INTERESTING PLANNING PROBLEM AND ITS SOLUTION.

(UH INTERNS IN TT)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 2 (MNS)---A FOURTH YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IS COMPLETING A SIX WEEK TOUR IN TRUK AS PART OF THE UH MEDICAL STUDENTS PRESEPTORSHIP PROGRAM.

ACCORDING TO ISAMU J. ABRAHAM, TT HEALTH EDUCATION SPECIALIST, PAUL ARRINGTON BEGAN HIS TRUK PROGRAM ON JULY 5. STUDENTS IN THE UH PROGRAM, ABRAHAM SAID, USUALLY COMPLETE THEIR TRAINING IN HAWAII OR ON THE US MAINLAND. ARRINGTON IS THE FIRST STUDENT TO WORK IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO EXPOSE MEDICAL STUDENTS TO DIFFERENT FIELDS WITHIN THE PROFESSION. IN THIS WAY, REPORTED ABRAHAM, A FOURTH YEAR STUDENT CAN WORK IN MANY DIFFERENT SPECIALTIES AS WELL AS THE MORE GENERAL AREA OF FAMILY PRACTICE.

THE TRUST TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ABRAHAM SAID, HAS BEEN FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY ARRINGTON'S WORK. IT APPEARS, HE SAID, THAT THESE STUDENTS WILL NOT ONLY LEARN MUCH THAT IS COMMON TO THIS AREA, BUT WILL ALSO BE HELPFULL TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE STUDENTS FROM THE PROGRAM WORKING IN THE AREA. KEVIN COOK WILL REPLACE ARRINGTON ON AUGUST 15. THE HEALTH SERVICES STAFF, ABRAHAM REPORTED, IS EAGER TO HELP IN THE TRAINING OF THE STUDENTS.



(SCOUT TRAINERS ON SAIPAN)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 2 (MNS)---TWO GIRL SCOUT TRAINERS WILL ARRIVE ON SAIPAN/SATURDAY (AUGUST 3) TO CONDUCT A WEEK-LONG TRAINING SESSION FOR LEADERS OF GIRL SCOUT TROOPS IN THE MARIANA DISTRICT.

THE TRAINERS ARE: MISS LINDA L. LE SHANNA, ADVISER TO GIRL SCOUTING IN MICRONESIA, AND MISS ELLEN JOYCE DAVIS, VOLUNTEER TRAINER, GREATER NEW YORK GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL, NEW YORK, N.Y.

THIS TRAINING ACTIVITY, EMPHASIZING THE THEME, "TODAY'S VISION, TOMORROW'S WORLD," IS SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF GIRL SCOUTING, NEW YORK AND THE TT DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, AND IS BEING COORDINATED BY MRS. MARIA ALDAN, WOMEN'S INTEREST OFFICER, MARIANAS DISTRICT AND MRS. HATTIE M. BAKER OF HEADQUARTERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION.

MISS LE SHANNA AND MISS DAVIS WILL BE WORKING WITH LEADERS OF THE 456 REGISTERED GIRL SCOUTS AND THE 66 REGISTERED ADULTS IN THE TT. THE FIRST TRAINING SESSION WAS CONDUCTED ON MAJURO, JULY 1-5. OTHER SESSIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED ON EBEYE, PONAPE AND TRUK, AND SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON YAP, AUGUST 12-15; KOROR, AUGUST 19-22; AND KWAJALEIN, SEPTEMBER 2-6.

GIRL SCOUT LEADERS FROM ROTA AND TINIAN ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN THE LEADERS OF SAIPAN FOR TRAINING.

(THE EFFECTS OF CHANGE IN MICRONESIA)  
(AN MNS FEATURE STORY BY FLOYD TAKEUCHI)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 1 (MNS)---MICRONESIA HAS IRREVOCABLY ENTERED THE TWENTIETH CENTURY. THE SIGNS OF THIS ARE EVERYWHERE - THE FANCY CARS CHOKING RUTTED ROADS, BEER CANS LITERING WHITE SAND BEACHES, HOTELS PEERING THROUGH SWAYING PALMS, AND THE JET LOADS OF CAMERA-PACKING TOURISTS SPILLING OUT OF OVERWORKED TOUR BUSES.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR MICRONESIA? ECONOMIC GROWTH IS NOT THE ONLY RESULT. MICRONESIA NEEDS A STRONG ECONOMIC BASE UPON WHICH TO BUILD A HEALTHY AND STABLE INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT. BUT, PERHAPS, IT IS THE PACE AND DIRECTION OF MICRONESIA'S CONVERGENCE WITH THE TWENTIETH CENTURY THAT IS PRODUCING A NUMBER OF OTHER PROBLEMS FLOWING FROM THE PANDORA'S BOX OF ECONOMIC GROWTH.

THERE IS ONE OFFICIAL WITHIN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT WHO HAS TO FACE, DAILY, THE "UNSEEN" EFFECTS OF MICRONESIA'S HEAD-LONG RUSH INTO THE FUTURE. DR. ROBERT FISHER, THE TT'S CHIEF OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, IS THE ONLY TRAINED PSYCHIATRIST IN MICRONESIA. HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSEEING ALL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR AN AREA SPANNING SOME THREE MILLION SQUARE MILES.

"WE HAVE AFFECTED AN ECONOMIC SYSTEM UPON THE TRUST TERRITORY WITHOUT PAYING ANY ATTENTION TO THE SOCIAL RAMIFICATIONS OF THAT SYSTEM," FISHER SAYS. "THE WAY TO CHANGE THIS WHOLE THING AROUND IS TO CHANGE THE PACE AND ORIENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC SYSTEM THAT IS CREATING MANY OF THESE PROBLEMS. WHAT WE HAVE SEEN," HE EMPHASIZES, "IS AN INSENSITIVITY TO THE HUMAN ISSUES WHEN DEVELOPING A TECHNOLOGICAL BASE."

BEFORE COMING TO MICRONESIA IN 1973, DR. FISHER HEADED HAWAII'S ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM. A GRADUATE OF THE DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, HE SAYS, "WE ARE SEEING

THE STUFF THAT HIT HAWAII TWENTY YEARS AGO HERE TODAY."

IN MICRONESIA, ONE OF DR. FISHER'S LARGEST CONCERNS IN THE PROBLEM OF ALCOHOL ABUSE. "IT IS BY FAR THE MAJOR DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM WE HAVE," HE STATES. "IF THERE IS ONE PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM THAT IS GOING TO COLLAPSE MICRONESIA, ITS GOING TO BE ALCOHOL ABUSE. IT INFILTRATES EVERY LEVEL OF SOCIETY, FROM THE TOP TO THE BOTTOM. IT TAKES A MASSIVE AMOUNT OUT OF THE ECONOMY, AND WE HAVE YET TO REAP ALL OF ITS CONSEQUENCES.

"WE ARE TRYING TO DEVELOP SOME EXPERIENCE AND SKILL WITHIN MICRONESIANS THEMSELVES," HE SAYS IN DESCRIBING THE TT'S MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS. "WE ARE TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TIED BACK INTO BASICS AGAIN, PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT TOO FAR AWAY FROM THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE."

THE MAIN EMPHASIS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS IN MICRONESIA, HE POINTS OUT, HAS BEEN TO ALLOW MICRONESIANS TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR FUTURE.

"MAYBE, AFTER THIS PROCESS, A MICRONESIAN WILL STILL SAY, I STILL WANT TO TRADE MY FOURTEEN ACRES OF WATERFRONT LAND FOR A NEW CAR", FISHER STATES. "A YEAR LATER, WHEN HIS CAR IS ROTTED OUT AND HE DOESN'T HAVE HIS LAND ANYMORE, HE'S GOING TO ASK, 'HEY, WHAT HAPPENED?' AND WE ARE GOING TO SAY, 'HEY, HIT THE HISTORY BOOKS AND SEE WHAT HAPPENED IN HAWAII.' BUT THE CHOICE IS HIS."

FISHER, 37, TAKES A PHILOSOPHICAL VIEW OF THE PROBLEM. "IT MAY BE TRUE THAT WE WILL HAVE THE FAUSTIAN REPLAY AGAIN," HE SAYS. "PEOPLE SELLING THEIR SOULS ONCE, TWICE, THREE TIMES. AND THEN THEY FIND OUT THAT THEY ONLY POSSESS IT ONCE TO SELL."

CHANGE IS A NECESSARY PART OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, FISHER NOTES. MICRONESIA, HE SAYS, IS AT A CROSSROAD AS CARL HEINE HAS POINTED OUT. "I ONLY WISH," FISHER SAYS, "THAT MORE ATTENTION WOULD BE PAID TO THE CULTURAL, SOCIAL, AND INTER-PERSONAL DISRUPTIONS THAT HAVE OCCURED BECAUSE OF MICRONESIA'S TECHNOLOGICAL EFFORTS."

FISHER RECALLS THE ADAGE OF THE EASTERN KING WHO WANTED HIS SCHOLARS TO REDUCE ALL ECONOMIC KNOWLEDGE INTO A FEW WORDS. "WELL, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH, THEY SAID. YOU SEE THIS ALL THE TIME, PEOPLE TRYING TO VIOLATE THIS MOST FUNDAMENTAL AXIOM. DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT, AND THERE ARE GOING TO BE SPINOFFS."

HE BELIEVES THE GAMBLING ISSUE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF SOCIOLOGICAL SPINOFF THAT CAN OCCUR. "WHEN YOU PUSH FOR GAMBLING, I'LL GURANTEE YOU THIS, THAT MICRONESIA IS GOING TO START RUNNING INTO A HOST OF PSYCHO-SOCAIL PROBLEMS RELATED TO GAMBLING: THE GETTING SOMETHING FOR NOTHING FANTASY, THE MEN WHO'S WIVES DON'T GET THE MONEY LOST IN THE CASINOS AND SLOT MACHINES, THE HOODS WHO WILL COME IN, THE INCREASED DELINQUENCY, AND THE PROSTITUTION. I'M NOT SAYING GAMBLING IS GOOD OR BAD. I AM SAYING LOOK AT THE SITUATION. DON'T PRETEND ITS NOT THERE."

THE QUESTION OF TOURSIM AND ITS EFFECTS ON MICRONESIAN CULTURAL AND PERSONAL VALUES IS, IN FISHER'S OPINION, A VERY IMPORTANT ONE. "THERE IS A SPINOFF ASPECT TO TOURISM, TOO," HE SAYS.

MICRONESIANS, IN A TOURIST ORIENTED SOCIETY, WILL HAVE TO FACE THE FACT THAT THEY WILL BE ACTING AS "CULTURAL ACTORS AND SERVANTS TO PEOPLE CONSTANTLY OBSERVING THEM AND HAVING TO ACT FOR AND WAIT UPON TOURISTS." THIS WILL LEAD TO "CULTURAL DISENTEGRATION. AGAIN," HE EMPHASIZES, "LOOK AT HAWAII.

"I DON'T KNOW OF ANY CULTURE THAT HAS NOT HAD A GREAT DEAL OF DIFFICULTY ACCOMODATING TO A TOURIST ECONOMY," FISHER

STATES. "IN THE CARIBBEAN, FOR EXAMPLE, RACIAL ANOMOSITIES AND STRAINS ARE SURFACING IN A BLOODY WAY."

THIS IS A "VERY REAL POSSIBILITY" FOR MICRONESIA, BELIEVES FISHER. HE NOTES THAT SOME LETTERS TO EDITORS OF SAIPAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE CONTAINED DEROGATORY COMMENTS ABOUT VARIOUS ETHNIC GROUPS.

DR. FISHER EMPHASIZES THAT HE IS NOT NECESSARILY ADVOCATING A NON-TOURISM APPROACH. "THAT IS NOT MY PURVIEW," HE SAYS. "WHAT I AM SUGGESTING IS THAT THESE ARE ISSUES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN LOOKED AT WHILE THE GOVERNMENT ALLOWS HOTELS TO OPEN HERE AND THERE. THESE CRUCIAL ISSUES:

"I THINK," HE CONTINUES, "WE SHOULD HAVE SOCIAL IMPACT STATEMENTS AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS, BECAUSE THEY ARE BLOODY WELL GOING TO BE PAYING THE FREIGHT ON SOMETHING LIKE THIS."

SURVEYING THE TASK OF THE TRUST TERRITORY'S MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AND THE ENORMITY OF THE PROBLEMS, DR. FISHER SAYS IN A KNOWING VOICE, "IN MANY WAYS, IT IS A FRUSTRATING TASK. BUT THEN, WHAT OUT HERE ISN'T FRUSTRATING. PICK A TOPIC, EVERYTHING IS FRUSTRATING. BUT THAT IS ALSO WHAT MAKES IT INTERESTING."