

(AMARAICH ON "DIALOGUE")

SAIPAN, AUGUST 12 (MNS)---THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON LAW OF THE SEA, SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH OF TRUK, SAYS THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA TAKING PLACE IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA, IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO MICRONESIA.

SPEAKING ON THE EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT RADIO PROGRAM "DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA," THE SENATOR SAID THE FUTURE OF MICRONESIA WILL BE STRONGLY AFFECTED BY THE OUTCOME OF THIS CONFERENCE. MICRONESIA IS CLAIMING A LARGE PART OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN, HE EXPLAINED. IF OTHER COUNTRIES DO NOT AGREE TO THE GENERAL APPLICATION OF THE SO-CALLED "ARCHIPELAGO THEORY" OF TERRITORIAL WATERS, THEN HE AND HIS FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SPECIAL STATUS FOR MICRONESIA, PERHAPS A "MID-OCEAN STATE" WHICH WOULD PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF MICRONESIA.

AS MICRONESIA'S POPULATION INCREASES, THE USE OF THE SEA WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT, SAID THE SENATOR. THIS IS WHY THE JOINT COMMITTEE IS TRYING TO ESTABLISH CONTROL OVER SUCH A LARGE PART OF THE OCEAN. CONTROL OVER THIS OCEAN AREA IS "ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY," HE SAID, AS MICRONESIA'S DEPENDENCY ON THE RESOURCES OF THE OCEAN INCREASES.

SENATOR AMARAICH ADDED THAT THE CHANCES OF WORLD APPROVAL OF A 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE ARE QUITE GOOD. HE EXPLAINED THAT MICRONESIA'S POSITION SEEKS TO ESTABLISH A TWELVE MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT, EXTENDING OUT FROM A BASE LINE DRAWN BETWEEN THE OUTERMOST ISLANDS OF THE PRESENT TRUST TERRITORY, AND A 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE EXTENDING OUT FROM THERE. THIS IS AN AREA WHERE MICRONESIANS WOULD HAVE PRIVILEGED OR EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO THE ECONOMIC RESOURCES, SUCH AS FISH AND MINERALS FOUND ON THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN. OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE TO HAVE THE PERMISSION OF THE MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT TO FISH IN THESE WATERS.

IF MICRONESIANS COULD NOT EXPLOIT THESE RESOURCES THEMSELVES, THEY COULD THEN SELL LICENSES, TAX BOATS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, OR IN OTHER WAYS RAISE MONEY FROM COUNTRIES WHO WANT TO FISH OR OTHERWISE EXPLOIT THESE RESOURCES.

"ALL OF THIS, OF COURSE, WOULD DEPEND ON WHETHER OR NOT OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD RECOGNIZED THE MICRONESIAN POSITION," HE ADDED.

SENATOR AMARAICH ADMITTED, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS PANEL INTERVIEWING HIM FOR THE PROGRAM, THAT ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH AN ECONOMIC ZONE WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT, AND PATROLLING THESE WATERS VERY EXPENSIVE. BUT, HE SAID, IF EVERY NATION WILL CONTROL ITS OWN SHIPS THEN THERE WOULDN'T BE A VERY BIG PROBLEM.

THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION IS OFFICIALLY A PART OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE CARACAS CONFERENCE, BUT THE SENATOR SAID THIS SOMETIMES POSES CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES, SINCE THE U.S. AND MICRONESIAN POSITIONS ARE DIFFERENT. SO FAR, HE SAID, WORKING THROUGH THE U.S. HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY, BUT HE STATED THAT MEMBERS OF HIS COMMITTEE ARE ALSO INDEPENDENTLY CONTACTING OTHER NATIONS AT THE CONFERENCE AND IF THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED, THEY MIGHT GO TO THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL OF THE U.N. AND SEEK RECOGNITION AS A SEPARATE MEMBER OF THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, OR SEEK HELP FROM OTHER NATIONS.

IN ADDITION TO SENATOR AMARAICH, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION IN CARACAS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES MASAO NAKAYAMA (TRUK), HERMAN GUERRERO (MARIANAS), TIMOTHY OLKERIIL (PALAU), RESIO MOSES (PONAPE) AND LUKE TMAN, (YAP), AND SENATOR AMATA KABUA (MARSHALLS). THE SENATOR AND SOME

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OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE WERE TO RETURN TO CARACAS THIS WEEK TO RESUME PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE, WHICH THEY LEFT TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

THE "DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA" PROGRAM SERIES FEATURES PROMINENT INDIVIDUALS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY INTERVIEWED BY A PANEL OF THREE NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES. THE PROGRAMS ARE DUPLICATED AND DISTRIBUTED FOR BROADCAST THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(BUDGET HEARINGS BEGIN)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 12 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---HEARINGS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976 GOT UNDERWAY ON SAIPAN SUNDAY, AUGUST 11.

ACCORDING TO CHAIRMAN RAYMOND SETIK OF TRUK, HEARINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR EACH OF THE SIX DISTRICTS MONDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY, AND WITH THE VARIOUS TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVE SETIK, CHAIRMAN; SENATOR BAILEY OLTER OF PONAPE, CO-CHAIRMAN; MARSHALLS REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP SILK; PALAU REPRESENTATIVE TIMOTHY OLKERIIL; SENATOR JOHN MANGEFEL OF YAP; AND SENATOR EDWARD PANGELINAN OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(BORJA'S CLOSING STATEMENT)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 12 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---SUMMING UP THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT THE CLOSE OF THE SPECIAL SESSION, MARIANAS SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA DESCRIBED TWO ISSUES--REVENUE SHARING AND RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS LEGISLATION--AS "HISTORICAL MOMENTS" IN NATURE. ACCORDINGLY, HE SAID, "OUR ACTION WITH REGARD TO THEM TAKES ON MAJOR IMPORTANCE."

CONCERNING THE CONTROVERSIAL REVENUE SHARING ISSUE WHICH HAS BEEN BEFORE THE CONGRESS FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BORJA SAID HE WAS "EXTREMELY PLEASED" THE CONGRESS FINALLY ACTED ON SENATE BILL 370, WHICH WILL RETURN 20 PER CENT OF INCOME TAX REVENUES BACK TO THE DISTRICTS BEGINNING IN 1975. "HAD WE NOT DONE SO, THEN UNDOUBTEDLY THE PROBLEMS AND CONFLICTS WHICH HAVE BEEN GENERATED BY THIS ISSUE WOULD HAVE BECOME MORE SEVERE AND I WOULD HAVE FEARED FOR THE FUTURE OF THIS CONGRESS," BORJA SAID.

"ALL OF THE DISTRICTS WILL SOON BE ABLE TO ACCELERATE DEVELOPMENT ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN PRIORITIES BECAUSE OF THE PASSAGE OF THIS MOMENTOUS ISSUE," HE SAID.

THE MARIANAS SENATOR ALSO COMMENDED THE CONGRESS FOR ADOPTING SENATE BILL 296, THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS MEASURE, WHICH HE SAID "WILL BE OF THE GREATEST BENEFIT TO OUR DISTRICTS."

"WE HAVE TAKEN A MAJOR STEP TOWARD SOLVING MANY OF THE LAND PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE LONG PALGUED MICRONESIA AS A RESULT OF OUR LANDS BEING HELD IN TRUST BY THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY." IN EARLY DEBATE ON THE MEASURE, BORJA STRONGLY CRITICIZED CERTAIN PROVISIONS THAT WERE LATER DELETED FROM THE BILL WHICH WOULD HAVE SEPARATED MILITARY LANDS FROM PUBLIC LANDS ONLY IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT.

EXPLAINING THAT THE CONGRESS CANNOT PREDICT WHETHER OR NOT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD NOW APPROVE THE MEASURE, BORJA SAID THE CONGRESS "CAN AT LEAST TRUTHFULLY SAY THAT WE

DID OUR BEST FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA IN ENACTING THIS MEASURE."

SENATOR BORJA ADDED HE FELT THAT PASSAGE OF THE TWO BILLS WOULD GO A LONG WAY IN SOLVING THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF ALL MICRONESIA'S SIX DISTRICTS.

(PALAUAN TO WEST POINT)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 12 (MNS)---A YOUNG PALAUAN STUDENT AND THE SON OF CAREER U.S. ARMY MAN HAS BECOME THE FIRST MICRONESIAN EVER APPOINTED TO WEST POINT, THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY IN NEW YORK.

HE IS HERMAN KUMANGAI, A RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OF THE AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL IN STUTTGART, WEST GERMANY. HE IS THE SON OF SERGEANT FIRST CLASS FRANCISCO AND MARIA KUMANGAI. SERGEANT KUMANGAI IS THE BROTHER OF DR. MASAO KUMANGAI, DIRECTOR OF TRUST TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES.

"NATURALLY I FEEL GREAT, I'M THRILLED ABOUT THE ACCEPTANCE. IT'S JUST FANTASTIC," HERMAN IS QUOTED AS TELLING A REPORTER FOR THE STUTTGART CITIZEN, AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED FOR THE MILITARY IN THAT CITY. HERMAN WAS ONE OF SIX HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE U.S. ARMY'S EUROPEAN COMMAND TO BE ACCEPTED INTO WEST POINT.

AS A MEMBER OF THE ONLY BRIGADE-SIZE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS IN EUROPE, HERMAN EARNED THE RANK OF COLONEL OF THE CADETS. IN ADDITION, HE WAS NAMED MOST VALUABLE PLAYER IN FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND TRACK.

HE WILL SPEND FOUR YEARS AT WEST POINT TRAINING IN VARIOUS AREAS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON MILITARY SUBJECTS AND LEADERSHIP. AFTER COMPLETION OF THE COURSE OF STUDY AT WEST POINT, HE WILL GRADUATE AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER WITH A FIVE-YEAR COMMITMENT TO THE ARMY.

HERMAN WAS BORN IN AGANA, GUAM, BUT HIS PARENTS ARE ORIGINALLY FROM PALAU. HIS FATHER HAS BEEN IN THE U.S. ARMY FOR NEARLY TWENTY YEARS, AND IS SOON TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM GERMANY TO FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON.

(SAIPAN WATER SURVEY COMPLETED)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 12 (MNS)---THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, DR. MASAO KUMANGAI, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE MARIANAS DISTRICT DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH STAFF OF THE HEADQUARTERS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION, HAS COMPLETED A WATER QUALITY SURVEY ON SAIPAN.

TEN DIFFERENT RECREATIONAL BEACHES, FROM FAU PAU TO SAN ANTONIO, WERE SAMPLED OVER A PERIOD OF SEVERAL DAYS FOR THEIR SANITARY QUALITY. ALL OF THE SITES WERE WITHIN PRESCRIBED SAFE LIMITS FOR SWIMMING, BATHING AND FISHING WITH RESPECT TO FECAL AND TOTAL COLIFORM BACTERIA, DR. KUMANGAI SAID.

THE RAW WATER SUPPLY RESERVES OF SAIPAN WERE SIMILARLY TESTED FOR THEIR SANITARY QUALITY PRIOR TO ANY TREATMENT. TWO OUT OF THE ELVEN WELLS TESTED SHOWED EVIDENCE OF SLIGHT CONTAMINATION; HOWEVER, CHLORINATION WOULD RENDER THEM SAFE FOR DRINKING, DR. KUMANGAI SAID. MOST OF THE PRODUCING WELLS WERE FOUND TO BE WITHIN SAFE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS, HE ADDED. TEST RESULTS FOR BOTH CHLORIDE AND HARDNESS GENERALLY EXCEEDED THE RECOMMENDED LEVELS, THOUGH THOSE LEVELS ARE NOT CONSIDERED A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM.

CHLORIDE IS GENERALLY AN INDICATION OF SALT WATER MIXED WITH THE WATER SUPPLY. AS ANY HOUSEWIFE COULD TELL, HIGH CHLORIDE LEVELS GIVES THE WATER A DISTINCTIVE SALTY AND UNDESIRABLE TASTE AND ALSO CAUSES SEVERE CORROSION OF PIPES

AND WEAR OF FAUCET WASHERS. SIMILARLY, HIGH LEVELS OF HARDNESS NECESSITATES USE OF ADDITIONAL DETERGENT AND SOAP FOR WASHING. THE FORMATION OF SCALES ON COOKING UTENSILS AND EQUIPMENT, AND ACCUMULATION OF DEPOSITS IN PIPES WHICH REDUCE WATER PRESSURE, ARE ALSO CAUSED BY THE HARD WATER.

WATER SAMPLES COLLECTED IN THE PIPED DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TO EACH OF SAIPAN'S MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS WERE ALL FOUND--THROUGH LABORATORY ANALYSIS--TO BE FREE OF BACTERIA OF ANY SANITARY SIGNIFICANCE. DR. KUMANGAI ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT BOTH BACTERIAL AND CHEMICAL QUALITY OF WATER IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON SUCH FACTORS AS PUMP RATE, RAINFALL, CHLORINATION AND THE GENERAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF WATER FACILITIES.

MONITORING OF RECREATIONAL BEACHES AND THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS OF ALL AREAS IS NOW A MAJOR, ON-GOING FUNCTION OF THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. TRAINING AND FUNDS FOR THIS ACTIVITY ARE PARTIALLY PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

(NEW DOCTOR JOINS PONAPE STAFF)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 12 (MNS)---A NEW DOCTOR HAS JOINED THE STAFF OF THE DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN KOLONIA, PONAPE.

HE IS DR. FRANK D. IRWIN, WHOSE ASSIGNMENT BEGAN ON JULY 29. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DR. IRWIN'S APPOINTMENT WAS MADE THIS WEEK ON SAIPAN BY DR. MASAO KUMANGAI, DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES.

DR. IRWIN, A SPECIALIST IN INTERNAL MEDICINE, WAS FORMERLY A RESIDENT PHYSICIAN IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.