

(CALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(AMARAICH LOS SPEECH)

SAIPAN, SEPTEMBER 5 (CONGRESS RELEASE) 74-SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH, CHAIRMAN OF THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION ATTENDING THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA AT CARACAS, VENEZUELA, HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT STRONGLY URGING THAT FULL ECONOMIC ZONES OF CONTROL BE ESTABLISHED TO PROTECT ISLAND NATIONS. HE SAID IF PROPOSALS OF THE WORLD'S DEVELOPED NATIONS ARE ENDORSED, THEY MAY, IN EFFECT, ATTEMPT TO DENY DEPENDENT, UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS OF THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT.

IN A STATEMENT DISTRIBUTED AT A CLOSING SESSION OF THE TEN-WEEK MEETING LAST WEEK, AMARAICH DECLARED, THAT AS AN EMERGING NATION, MICRONESIA'S MAJOR GOAL IS TO BECOME ECONOMICALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT. "ONLY THEN WILL MICRONESIA BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE TRUE POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE," HE SAID.

INFORMING DELEGATES FROM OVER 140 NATIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD OF MICRONESIA'S LIMITED LAND AREA AND LAND BASED RESOURCES, THE TRUK SENATOR EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RESOURCES OF THE SEA AND SAID IF MICRONESIA IS TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC VIABILITY AND POLITICAL FREEDOM, "WE MUST RELY ON THE RESOURCES OF THE SEA SURROUNDING OUR ISLANDS," HE STATED. "NO INTEREST IS MORE VITAL TO MICRONESIA THAN OUR RESOURCES RIGHTS IN THE SEA."

AMARAICH, WHO BEGAN HIS STATEMENT POINTING OUT THAT HIS DELEGATION'S VIEWS WERE NOT "NECESSARILY CONSISTENT" WITH THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION, STRESSED THAT SMALL ISLANDS "DESPERATELY NEED" THE BENEFITS OF A FULL ECONOMIC ZONE AND SAID SUGGESTIONS BY SOME NATIONS THAT SMALL ISLANDS SHOULD BE DENIED A FULL ZONE WERE "CONTRARY TO THE EQUAL TREATMENT OF ISLANDS" UNDER PRESENT INTERNATIONAL LAW. HE SAID BECAUSE OF THE SMALL SIZE OF THE ISLANDS, MICRONESIANS ARE "ALL THE MORE DEPENDENT UPON AND ORIENTED TO THE SEA."

"IT IS NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY THAT MICRONESIANS ARE NOT ONLY ESPECIALLY DEPENDENT UPON, BUT UTTERLY DEPENDENT UPON THE SEA," AMARAICH SAID.

IN STATING HIS VIEWS ON CREATING FULL ECONOMIC ZONES OF RESOURCE CONTROL FOR ISLANDS, THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION JOINED ITS PACIFIC NEIGHBORS -- FIJI, TONGA, WESTERN SAMOA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, THE COOK ISLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, AND OTHERS -- IN THE BELIEF THAT AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION COULD BE WORKED OUT TO GIVE RIGHTS AND BENEFITS TO SMALL ISLAND NATIONS. AMARAICH SAID "ANY OTHER APPROACH MIGHT DENY DEPENDENT AREAS THE VERY RESOURCES THEY MOST NEED TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM A DEPENDENT CONDITION."

THE TRUK SENATOR SAID ONE ISSUE OF "GREAT IMPORTANCE" TO SMALL ISLANDS STATES CONCERNS THE MEASUREMENT OF TERRITORIAL SEAS AROUND ATOLLS, INDICATING THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION ENDORSED PROPOSALS OF ITS PACIFIC NEIGHBOR STATES OF MEASURING THE TERRITORIAL SEA FROM THE OUTER REEF'S EDGE INSTEAD OF FROM THE ISLANDS THEMSELVES. AMARAICH SAID IF MEASURED FROM THE ISLANDS, PORTIONS OF LARGER ATOLLS COULD TECHNICALLY BE CONSIDERED OUTSIDE THE TERRITORIAL LIMIT.

TURNING TO THE ISSUE OF FISHERIES, AMARAICH SAID IT HAD BEEN SUGGESTED AT THE CONFERENCE THAT THE RESOURCE RIGHTS OF COASTAL AND ISLAND NATIONS SHOULD BE DECREASED IN THEIR ECONOMIC ZONES FOR CERTAIN SPECIES OF FISH FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES. IN THIS REGARD, AMARAICH SAID HE AGREED A SPECIES SHOULD BE PROTECTED IF IT IS ENDANGERED, BUT ADDED THAT THE

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RIGHTS OF COASTAL STATES SHOULD NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. THE SOLUTION TO CONSERVATION PROBLEMS, HE SAID, IN THE CASE OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH, INCLUDING TUNA, IS NOT TO REDUCE RIGHTS OF COASTAL STATES, BUT TO STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF CONSERVATION AND ALLOCATION OF THE ALLOWABLE CATCH.

DESCRIBING TUNA AS THE "ONLY RESOURCES OF CONSEQUENCE" ON THE SEA AROUND MICRONESIA, AMARAICH SAID MICRONESIA'S INTERESTS ARE "VITAL" IN WHATEVER TREATMENT IS GIVEN TO HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES OF FISH AT THE LAW OF THE SEA MEETING. BECAUSE OF THIS, HE SAID ALL COASTAL STATES, INCLUDING MICRONESIA, OUGHT TO HAVE THE RIGHTS OF:

A CLEAR AND EXCLUSIVE PREFERENCE TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR HARVESTING CAPACITY FOR ALL FISH IN THEIR ECONOMIC ZONE;

REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR ALL FISH HARVESTED IN THEIR ECONOMIC ZONE BY FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS; AND

THESE RIGHTS SHOULD BE CLEARLY SPELLED OUT AT THE CONFERENCE.

CONCERNING POLLUTION, AMARAICH SAID HIS DELEGATION WAS "DEEPLY CONCERNED" ABOUT THE UNSOLVED PROBLEM OF DISPOSING OF RADIOACTIVE ATOMIC WASTE MATERIALS INTO THE SEA. YEARS AGO, HE SAID, ONE SOLUTION WAS TO DUMP SUCH MATERIALS IN THE SEA NEAR THE ISLANDS OF MICRONESIA.

"IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT THE HAZARDS OF DOING SO WERE NOT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD. NOT ONLY MICRONESIA BUT THE WHOLE WORLD MUST BE ASSURED AGAINST SIMILAR POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS EXPERIMENTATION AND PRACTICES IN THE FUTURE," HE SAID.

(AGING WORKSHOP IN HONOLULU)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 5 (MNS)---FIFTEEN MICRONESIAN STAFF MEMBERS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY'S OLD AGE PROGRAM RECENTLY COMPLETED A TWO-WEEK WORKSHOP AT THE EAST-WEST CENTER IN HONOLULU. THE WORKSHOP WAS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE OF THE EAST WEST CENTER, THE REGION 9 FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION ON AGING IN SAN FRANCISCO, AND THE TERRITORIAL OFFICES ON AGING IN THE TRUST TERRITORY AND AMERICAN SAMOA.

THE WORKSHOP FOCUSED UPON DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGEMENT SKILLS IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

WILLIAM ALLEN, CHIEF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TERRITORY'S OFFICE ON AGING, INDICATED THAT A SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE AGING STAFF BECAME NECESSARY AS A RESULT OF RECENT CHANGES IN THE U.S. LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE ELDERLY AND IN RESPONSE TO A NEED TO TAILOR PROGRAM OPERATION TO PACIFIC ISLAND CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL REALITIES.

TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE'S REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION ON AGING ALSO TOOK PART IN THE WORKSHOP.

ALLEN ALSO SAID THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY IS DEEPLY INDEBTED TO THE EAST-WEST CENTER FOR MAKING ITS EXCELLENT STAFF AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

"EAST-WEST CENTER HAS A STRONG BACKGROUND IN TRAINING PACIFIC ISLANDERS," ALLEN SAID. "IT IS HOPED THAT FOLLOW-UP TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY."

(WHO ENTOMOLOGIST)

SAIPAN, SEPTEMBER 5 (MNS)---A WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) ENTOMOLOGIST RECENTLY COMPLETED A STUDY IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF MOSQUITO WHICH CAUSES DENGUE FEVER, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT

OF HEALTH SERVICES.

DR. T. SUZUKI, WHO IS BASED ON SUVA, FIJI, CAME TO THE TRUST TERRITORY AT THE REQUEST OF DR. MASAO KUMANGAI, TT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES BECAUSE OF AN OUTBREAK OF DENGUE FEVER. THE MOSQUITO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED, ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN.

DR. SUZUKI MET WITH MEDICAL PERSONNEL ON MAJURO WHILE CONDUCTING HIS STUDIES. HE ALSO VISITED SAIPAN AND MET WITH DR. FRANCISCO C. PALACIOS, COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL DIVISION AND DR. KUMANGAI.

HE RETURNED TO NAURU ON HIS WAY TO SUVA WHERE HE WILL CONDUCT MORE STUDIES ON OTHER AREAS. HE IS EXPECTED TO SUBMIT HIS REPORT TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION WHICH WILL IN TURN SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE TRUST TERRITORY.

(TOKAI UNIVERSITY RESEARCH)

SAIPAN, SEPTEMBER 5 (MNS)---THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKAI RESEARCH AND TRAINING SHIP, BOSEI MARU IS EXPECTED TO BERTH AT SAIPAN, S CHARLIE DOCK THURSDAY NIGHT (SEPT. 5), THE FIRST STOP ON ITS RESEARCH TRIP IN TOW DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEADQUARTERS IMMIGRATION OFFICE.

CARRYING A SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF SIXTEEN HEADED BY PROFESSOR M. INOUE, THE MAJOR PURPOSE OF THE CRUISE "IS TO CONDUCT ARTIFICIAL FERTILIZATION OF TUNA AND SWORDFISH ABOARD AS A STEP OF FUTURE ARTIFICIAL PROPAGATION OF TUNAFISH IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN."

THE VESSEL IS COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN S. HAYASHI AND A CREW OF 19. SHE IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT SAIPAN, PALAU AND GUAM.

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM TOKAI UNIVERSITY, THE SHIP IS ALSO CARRYING TWENTY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FISHERIES COURSE, TWO UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS MAJORING IN GEOLOGY, FOUR GRADUATE STUDENTS, THREE SPECIAL STUDENTS, AN OBSERVER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM, S. CUSHING, THREE CAMERAMAN AND A PRODUCER. THERE ARE ALSO 23 CADETS IN THE POSTGRADUATE COURSE.

THE ITINERARY FOR THE RESEARCH SHIP INCLUDES AN OVERNIGHT STAY ON SAIPAN (SEPT. 5-6), TWO-DAY STAY ON PALAU (SEPT. 10-12) AND A TWO-DAY STOPOVER ON GUAM (SEPT. 22-24).