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(RECHUCHER NOMINATED)

SAIPAN, JAN. 30 (MNS)---HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS AGAIN NOMINATED EUSEBIO RECHUCHER TO BECOME THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT. THE NOMINATION WAS SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS IN ADVICE AND CONSENT PROCEEDINGS. RECHUCHER IS PRESENTLY SERVING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED RECHUCHER'S NAME FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CONGRESS IN MAY, 1973. AT THAT TIME THE JOINT COMMITTEE FAILED TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION AND SUGGESTED THAT RECHUCHER "BE ADDITIONALLY STRENGTHENED THROUGH TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE, IN ORDER THAT HIS NOMINATION MIGHT AGAIN BE CONSIDERED IN THE FUTURE."

IN HIS LETTER TO THE CONGRESS THIS WEEK, THE HICOM STATED THAT DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS, RECHUCHER "HAS CONTINUED TO ADD TO HIS KNOWLEDGE AND, AT THE SAME TIME, HAS PROVED HIS ABILITY TO DIRECT THIS VERY IMPORTANT DEPARTMENT OF OUR GOVERNMENT. DURING THE RECENT PROLONGED ABSENCE OF THE DIRECTOR FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY, MR. RECHUCHER PROVED THAT HE WAS QUITE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP AND GIVING POSITIVE DIRECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS RELATED DIVISION." THE HICOM FURTHER STATED THAT DURING THE PERIOD RECHUCHER SERVED AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, HE RECEIVED THE TOTAL LOYALTY AND COOPERATION OF THE VARIOUS DIVISION CHIEFS AND THAT THEY UNANIMOUSLY AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS NOMINATION.

ACCORDING TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, RECHUCHER "HAS FURTHER ILLUSTRATED HIS CAPABILITIES BY HIS SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD DURING THE MOST TURBULENT YEAR EVER IN A WIDELY FLUCTUATING MARKET FOR COPRA. HIS WORK AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND AND ITS SUBSIDIARY FUNDS HAS ALSO BEEN OUTSTANDING DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS."

IN SEEKING APPROVAL OF THE NOMINATION, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER GUARANTEED THE FULL ASSISTANCE OF HIS OFFICE AND THE OFFICES OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS IN ASSISTING RECHUCHER IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES. HE ADDED THAT HE HAS BEEN ASSURED BY RECHUCHER OF "HIS WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT HIS VERY DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT." JOHNSTON EMPHASIZED THAT RECHUCHER "COULD PROVIDE MICRONESIAN DIRECTION AND LEADERSHIP TO THE PROGRAMS OF HIS DEPARTMENT WHICH ARE SO VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF ANY FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA."

THE HICOM URGED THE CONGRESS TO FAVORABLY CONSIDER THE NOMINATION "SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT MAY BEGIN TO MOVE FORWARD UNDER MICRONESIAN DIRECTION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE."

(CONGRESS 17TH DAY)

SAIPAN, JANUARY 30 (MNS)---THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAD A FAIRLY BUSY SESSION WEDNESDAY (JAN. 30) WITH SEVERAL PREPARED STATEMENTS DELIVERED ON THE FLOOR AND COMMENTS MADE ON THREE BILLS THAT PASSED FINAL READING BY THAT CHAMBER.

SENATE HILL 205 WHICH PROPOSES TO MAKE "OBSCENE" AND "ANNOYING" TELEPHONE CALLS A MISDEMEANOR SPARKED A HUMOROUS DEBATE AMONG THE SENATORS THAT LASTED A GOOD HALF HOUR OF THE SESSION TIME. IT ALL BEGAN WHEN SENATOR SALII (PALAU) POINTED OUT THAT THE TERMS "OBSCENE" AND "ANNOYING" WERE NOT CLEARLY DEFINED IN THE BILL AND SHOULD IT BECOME A LAW, IT WOULD POSE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE POLICE IN ENFORCEMENT, AND FOR THE COURTS TO PASS JUDGEMENT ON OFFENDERS. "WHO WILL DETERMINE WHAT IS OBSCENE OR ANNOYING IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS?" SALII ASKED.

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SENATOR JOHN MANGAFEL (YAP) SAID THAT MOST OF THE EXPRESSIONS IMPLIED IN THE BILL ARE SPOKEN IN RESTAURANTS, ROADS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES BUT ACCORDING TO THE BILL THEY CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED MISDEMEANORS WHEN SPOKEN INTO A TELEPHONE MOUTHPIECE. "PERHAPS IT IS BETTER THAN THEY BE ALLOWED TO BE SPOKEN THROUGH TELEPHONES, BECAUSE, THEN, ONLY THE EARS OF THREE PEOPLE WILL BE INVOLVED, THE PERSON HIMSELF, THE OTHER PARTY, AND THE OPERATOR. WHEREAS IF THESE SO-CALLED "OBSCENE" AND "ANNOYING" EXPRESSIONS ARE MADE ON THE ROADS OR IN OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, MANY PEOPLE WILL HEAR THEM. AND, ALSO, SOME PEOPLE HAVE A NEED TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES AND THE TELEPHONE SEEMS TO BE THE LEAST DESTRUCTIVE METHOD OF DOING IT," MANGAFEL SAID.

SENATOR OLYMPIO BORJA (MARIANAS) ASSURED THE SENATE MEMBERS THAT THERE IS A DEFINITE NEED IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT TO MAKE SUCH CALLS A CRIME AND THAT THE POLICE ARE EQUIPPED TO TRACE SUCH TELEPHONE CALLS. HIS MARIANAS COLLEAGUE, EDWARD PANGELINAN, AGREED THAT SUCH A LAW IS NEEDED, BUT SAID DEFINITION OF THE TERMS INVOLVED NEEDS TO BE CLARIFIED AS POINTED OUT BY SALII.

BEFORE A VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE BILL, SENATOR AMBILOS IESHI OF PONAPE COMMENTED THAT "SOMETIMES THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DESERVED TO BE ABUSED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS BY THE PEOPLE." THE BILL EVENTUALLY PASSED THE SENATE WITH FOUR OPPOSING VOTES AND NOW GOES TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS CONSIDERATION.

OTHER BILLS THAT PASSED FINAL READING IN THE SENATE WERE: A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CONTEST IN MICRONESIA TO SELECT THE GREAT SEAL OF MICRONESIA, (SB. 206) AND A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKS.

NEW MEASURES OFFERED IN THE SENATE WEDNESDAY INCLUDED: A MEASURE TO CLARIFY THE INTENT OF THE STUDENT LOAN FUND, (PL 5-11), TO MAKE IT A REVOLVING FUND OPEN TO OTHER BORROWERS, (S.B. 238); A BILL TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TT CODE TO RESTRICT MEMBERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC BOARDS ONLY TO CITIZENS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, (SB 239); A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE TRUST TERRITORY PLANNING OFFICE, (S.B. 240); A MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR PRO-RATING VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES ON A QUARTERLY BASIS, (S.B. 242); ANOTHER BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$500,000 FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC PURCHASES AND PROJECTS FOR YAP DISTRICT, SIMILAR TO A BILL INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE, (S.B. 243); A BILL TO AMEND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE TO REQUIRE THE INVESTMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUNDS WITHIN MICRONESIA TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, (S. B. 244); AND LEGISLATION TO ALLOW THE TRANSFER OF PUBLIC LANDS FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT TO THE LEGAL ENTITIES IN EACH OF THE SIX DISTRICTS, (S. B. 245). THE ONLY SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED WEDNESDAY MORNING IS A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF EUSEBIO RECHUCHER TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, (SJR 86) (SEE PRECEDING STORY). SUCH A RESOLUTION IS NECESSARY TO START THE ADVICE AND CONSENT PROCEEDINGS WHEN A NOMINATION IS FORWARDED TO THE CONGRESS WHEN THE CONGRESS IS IN SESSION.

IN WEDNESDAY'S HOUSE SESSION ONE MORE BILL PASSED SECOND READING AND WAS SENT TO THE SENATE. THE BILL, TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF PROCESSING, MANUFACTURING AND SELLING PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM THE COCONUT TREE AND TO APPROPRIATE \$500,000 FOR ITS PURPOSE, (HB 49) PASSED THE HOUSE BUT NOT UNTIL AFTER A CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OFFICE FOR SUCH AN OPERATION.

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TRUK'S REPRESENTATIVE SASAUO HARUO POINTED OUT THAT AFTER A JOINT MEETING BETWEEN THE APPROPRIATIONS AND RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PRINCIPLE OFFICE OF THE COPRA PROCESSING AUTHORITY SHOULD BE LOCATED IN TRUK DISTRICT. HOWEVER, AN AMENDMENT TO THE BILL WOULD GIVE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE SITE FOR THE CENTRAL OFFICE LOCATION. HARUO, THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL, FURTHER SAID TRUK DISTRICT IS "BEST SITUATED" AND "ECONOMICALLY PRACTICAL" FOR SUCH AN OFFICE.

SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS SPOKE FOR AND AGAINST THE BILL. THE TRUK CONGRESSMAN THEN MOVED TO REFER THE BILL BACK TO THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE BUT THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED. THE MEASURE FINALLY PASSED THE HOUSE WITH 19 IN FAVOR AND ONE AGAINST. CONGRESSMAN TARKONG PEDRO CAST THE LONE DISSENTING VOTE.

IN OTHER HOUSE MATTERS, EIGHT NEW BILLS SEVEN OF THEM APPROPRIATION MEASURES, AND TWO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE OFFERED DURING WEDNESDAY'S SESSION. THEY ARE: A BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000 TO FUND CERTAIN PROJECTS, IMPROVEMENTS, ROADS, AND CAUSEWAYS IN KITTI AND MADOLENIHM MUNICIPALITIES IN PONAPE DISTRICT, (HB 248); A MEASURE TO AMEND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE TT CODE RELATING TO THE TRUST TERRITORY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PROTECTION ACT, (HB 249); A REQUEST FOR \$7,000 TO RENOVATE, RECONSTRUCT, AND IMPROVE THE DISPENSARY IN ARNO ISLAND, MARSHALLS DISTRICT, HB 250; A BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$600,000 FOR PHASE I CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PORT FACILITY IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT, (HB 251); ANOTHER ASKING FOR \$450,000 FOR TRUST TERRITORY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FY-75, (HB 254); AND A MEASURE TO APPROPRIATE \$77,000 TO PURCHASE ONE DUMP TRUCK AND TO FUND A WATER PROJECT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROTA, (HB 255).

THE TWO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ARE: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS OF THE CONGRESS TO SUSPEND FOR ONE YEAR ALL FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES PROVIDE TIME FOR EXTENSIVE POLITICAL EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, (H.J.R. 89); AND THE OTHER IS REQUESTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT TO BUDGET FOR A REEFER SHIP TO SERVE THE DISTRICT CENTER AND OUTER ISLANDS OF TRUK DISTRICT, (H.J.R. 90).

BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS WILL RECONVENE THEIR SESSION THURSDAY MORNING AT 10:00.
(THREE SPEAK ON STATUS AT CONGRESS)

SAIPAN. JANUARY 30 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---REMARKS WERE HEARD DURING WEDNESDAY'S SESSION (JAN. 30) IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS REGARDING PALAU DISTRICT'S POSITION ON THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA, AND A STATEMENT ON THE FINANCIAL ISSUES OF THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE, DELIVERED BY YAP'S SENATOR JOHN MANGEFEL.

IN THE HOUSE, REPRESENTATIVE POLYCARP BASILIUS OF PALAU, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF HIS DELEGATION, SPOKE TO HIS COLLEAGUES ON THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF PALAU ON THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA. HE SAID HIS PEOPLE WANT A CERTAIN KIND OF CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNMENT BASED UPON THE FACTS OF LIFE IN MICRONESIA TODAY. HE SUBMITTED A STATEMENT FOR INSERTION IN THE HOUSE JOURNAL AND SUMMARIZED THE FOUR BASIC PRINCIPLES STATED IN THE PAPER.

CONGRESSMAN BASILIUS SAID THAT HIS PEOPLE, LIKE OTHER PEOPLE IN MICRONESIA, HAVE THEIR OWN LANGUAGE AND CUSTOMS, SPECIAL NEEDS AND DESIRES. HE SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THESE FACTS, THE CONSTITUTION AND FUTURE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE SUITED TO THIS SITUATION. HE POINTED OUT THAT AS A MINIMUM REQUIREMENT HIS PEOPLE ASK THAT THE FUTURE STATES OF THE MICRONESIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE THE GREATEST CONTROL OVER THOSE THINGS--SUCH AS ECONOMIC PROGRAMS AND GOVERNMENT POLICIES--WHICH HAVE THE MOST EFFECT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

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THE PALAU CONGRESSMAN CONCLUDED THAT WHILE HIS PEOPLE "DO NOT WISH A STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AS WE HAVE NOW, BUT A LOOSE FEDERATION ON STATES, THEY WANT A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO WHICH THE STATES WILL GIVE MONEY AND AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN MICRONESIA-WIDE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS TO BE CARRIED OUT."

IN THE SENATE, SENATOR ROMAN TMETUHL OF PALAU ALSO SPOKE OF THE WISHES OF HIS PEOPLE IN REGARD TO THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA. HE NOTED THAT A LOOSE FEDERATION OF STATES IS THE ONLY FEASIBLE AND ACCEPTABLE FORM OF INTEGRATION OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE AS FAR AS HIS DISTRICT IS CONCERNED. HE INDICATED THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENTAL SET-UP IS "UNSATISFACTORY...NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS THE HUGE AND EXPENSIVE BUREAUCRACY IT HAS PERPETUATED AND WHICH SEEMS MORE OFTEN THAN NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SLOWING RATHER THAN ACCELERATING PROGRESS IN MICRONESIA."

THE PALAU SENATOR EXPLAINED THAT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SUCH AS FEDERATION CAN USEFULLY PROVIDE SUCH ESSENTIAL INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICES SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ECT., AND ANY OTHER SERVICES AGREED UPON BY MEMBER STATES. HE SAID HIS PEOPLE CONCEIVE IT LIKE A PARTNERSHIP AND ITS SUCCESS AND SMOOTH WORKING DEPENDS ON GOODWILL ON THE PART OF ALL ITS PARTNERS AND WILLINGNESS TO MAKE IT WORK. HE NOTED THAT MUCH OF THE POLITICAL COHESION AND POLITICAL EQUALITY WILL DEPEND IN LARGE MEASURE ON COMMON SENSE ON THE PART OF EVERYONE AND THE "MICRONESIA WAY" OF DOING OUR "THING."

SENATOR TMETUHL ALSO STATED THAT HIS PEOPLE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN ANY OR ALL MICRONESIAN PEOPLE IN A FEDERATION WHICH MEETS THOSE MINIMUM TERMS OUTLINED BRIEFLY BY CONGRESSMAN BASILIUS. HE POINTED OUT THAT HIS PEOPLE ARE INCREASINGLY ALARMED AS THEY SEE THEIR WAY OF LIFE CONTINUALLY ERODED, AND THEIR PEACE OF MIND DESTROYED BY FOREIGN RULER WHO IS PURSUING A COURSE MORE CONSISTENT WITH ITS OWN INTERES THAN "WITH OUR OWN." HE NOTED THAT IT IS FOR THIS AND MANY OTHER REASONS THAT HIS PEOPLE ARE UNWILLING TO DELAY TOO LONG, THE ACHIEVEMENT OF "OUR OWN SOVEREIGN STATUS WHILE AWAITING UPON THE ACTION OF ANY OTHER PEOPLE, WHETHER MICRONESIAN OR FOREIGN."

THE SENATOR ENDED HIS REMARKS BY SAYING: "WE HOPE THAT BY SPEAKING FORCEFULLY AT THE OUTSET, WE MAY HELP CLARIFY OUR POSITION AND POSSIBLY THAT OF OTHERS ON THESE ISSUES BEFORE ALL OF US AND TO AVOID WASTED TIME DISCUSSING ALTERNATIVES WHICH ARE CLEARLY UNWORKABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE TO SOME OF US."

MEANWHILE, SENATOR JOHN MANGFEL OF YAP ALSO SPOKE TO THE SENATE WEDNESDAYS CONCERNING FUTURE STATUS AND WHAT HE CALLED A "BASIC RINGT" WHICH HE FELT SHOULD ACCOMPANY ANY STATUS THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA MIGHT CHOOSE.

"I HAVE NOTICED IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES," SAID MANGFEL, "AND MORE SO IN THE MOST RECENT ROUND OF TALKS, THAT WE SEEM TO BE SUGGESTING TO THE UNITED STATES, THAT UNLESS THEY AGREE TO OUR SUGGESTED AMOUNTS OF FUTURE FINANCIAL AID, WE MIGHT CHANGE OUR PAST POSITION OF LETTING THE U.S. COMPLETELY CONTROL OUR FOREIGN AFFAIRS."

IN OTHER WORDS, MANGFEL TOLD THE SENATE, THE \$30 MILLION THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS HAD REQUESTED FOR THE UNITED STATES' ANNUAL COMMITMENT TO MICRONESIA INCLUDED GIVING THE U.S. THE RIGHT TO CONTROL MICRONESIA'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BUT THAT THE \$40 MILLION THE U.S. HAD OFFERED, WOULD NOT INCLUDE SUCH A PROVISION.

MANGFEL TOLD THE SENATE IF THIS WAS TRUE, THEN HE FELT MICRONESIA HAD BEEN OUTSMARTED BY THE UNITED STATES, BECAUSE THEY HAD SUCCEEDED IN ISOLATING AND REDUCING THE REAL ISSUES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS DOWN TO ONE THING.

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"AND THAT," SAID MANGEFEL, "IS MONEY."
REFERRING TO DEPENDENCE ON THE U.S. FOR BOTH MONEY AND REPRESENTATION ABROAD, HE SAID, "THIS KIND OF RELIANCE ON THE UNITED STATES TOO CLOSELY RESEMBLES TOO MUCH DEPENDENCE, AND I BELIEVE THAT HIS KIND OF CUSTODIANSHIP FOR A FEW EXTRA DOLLARS OF AID IS NOT WORTH IT."

"INSTEAD OF DEVELOPING OUR FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES AS IT PROMISED TO DO UNDER THE TRUSTEESHIP, THE UNITED STATES IS NOW ASKING US FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTING MICRONESIA AT THE UNITED NATIONS-SPONSORED LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE," DECLARED MANGEFEL, "AND THEIR POSITION IS IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH OUR POSITION. INSTEAD OF PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES, THEY PROPOSE TO OPEN UP OUR TUNA RESOURCES TO OUTSIDE NATIONS AND NOT RECOGNIZE OUR TRADITIONAL BOUNDARIES."

THE YAP SENATOR SAID ALTHOUGH HE HAS PERSONALLY FAVORED AN "HONORABLE PARTNERSHIP" WITH THE UNITED STATES INSTEAD OF COMPLETE DEPENDENCE, HE EMPHASIZED THAT ANY PARTNERSHIP WITH THE U.S. "MUST NOT BECOME AN ALLIANCE THAT BINDS OR TIES MICRONESIA DOWN SIMPLY BECAUSE OUR DESIRES FOR MODERN CONVENIENCES OUTWEIGHT OUR DESIRE FOR LIBERTY AS A NATION.

CONCERNING HIS HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OF MICRONESIA, MANGEFEL SAID: "I WANT TO BE A CITIZEN OF MICRONESIA WHO CONTROLS HIS OWN LAND AND SEA."

HE SAID DESPITE DIFFERING POINTS OF VIEW DURING RECENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, "LET US CONTINUE TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE AND BE WATCHFUL OF ENTANGLING ALLIANCES. PEACE, COMMERCE, AND HONEST FRIENDSHIP WITH ALL NATIONS SHOULD BE THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF OUR POLITICAL FAITH. LET US NOT PLACE OUR HOPES ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT IN THE HANDS OF OTHERS. ONLY WE MICRONESIANS, CAN KNOW WHAT IS BEST FOR MICRONESIA," SAID MANGEFEL.

(BORJA SPEAKS ON CEMENT SUBSTITUTE)

SAIPAN, JANUARY 30 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---WITH THE PRICE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS SKYROCKETING RECENTLY, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT BELIEVES IT MIGHT HAVE DISCOVERED A MATERIAL TO COMPLETELY REPLACE THE USE OF COSTLY CEMENT, NOW IMPORTED TO MICRONESIA.

MARIANAS SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA INFORMED THE SENATE MEMBERSHIP WEDNESDAY (JAN. 30) THAT AFTER EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IT HAD BEEN LEARNED THAT A SUITABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR CEMENT MAY EXIST IN THE SOILS OF MICRONESIA'S ISLANDS.

BORJA SAID THE SOIL, CALLED LATERITE, HAS BEEN TESTED AND THAT ONE OF THE POORER SAMPLES TAKEN FROM PALAU DISTRICT PROVED TO BE STRONGER THAN ORDINARY CEMENT BLOCKS PRODUCED ON SAIPAN. BORJA ALSO EXPLAINED THAT AFTER THESE INVESTIGATIONS BEGAN LAST AUGUST AT THE REQUEST OF SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AMATA KABUA, A COMPANY HAD BEEN LOCATED IN THE COUNTRY OF DENMARK THAT HAS DEVELOPED EQUIPMENT USING THE SOIL AND PRODUCING LATERITE BLOCKS AT A COST OF ONLY \$62,000.

BORJA SAID INFORMATION SEEMED "PROMISING" SO FAR, AND THAT SOIL SAMPLES TAKEN FROM THE MARIANAS HAD SHOWED AN EVEN HIGHER QUALITY THAN FROM PALAU, AND THAT INVESTIGATIONS OF SOIL SAMPLES FROM OTHER DISTRICTS WERE CONTINUING.

"THE PROMISING INFORMATION FOUND SO FAR WAS NOT ONLY THE RESULT OF OUR EFFORTS, BUT ALSO THOSE OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION AND OFFICIALS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, AND ALSO FR. HUGH COSTIGAN OF PONAPE," BORJA SAID.

(SENATOR OLTOR PROPOSES BUDGET PLANNING CHANGES)
SAIPAN, JAN 30 (CONGRESS RELEASE)--SENATOR BAILEY OLTOR OF PONAPE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE HEARING PROCEDURES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY TO PROVIDE MORE CONCRETE INFORMATION CONCERNING PROGRESS OF ON-GOING GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND PROJECT GOALS.

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DESCRIBING THESE AS "FUNDAMENTAL INGREDIENTS" THAT SHOULD GO INTO ALL FUNDING REQUESTS, OLTER SAID: "WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT IS A DEFINITE LACK OF INFORMATION TO EVALUATE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PAST DOLLARS SPENT FOR OUR GOVERNMENT." "YEAR AFTER YEAR WE GET THE SAME RESULT," SAID SAID: "MORE MAINTENANCE AND VERY LITTLE PROGRESS."

SENATOR OLTER'S PROPOSAL, WHICH ACCOMPANIED HIS PRESENTATION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE'S BUDGET REPORT TO THE SENATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975 IS TO HOLD PROGRAM HEARINGS SEPARATE FROM BUEGET EMPHASIS, AS THE VARIOUS TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TESTIFY BEFORE THE CONGRESS DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4.

OLTER, WHO SERVES AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, SAID HIS PLAN WOULD ELIMINATE THE "SMOKE SCREEN" WHICH SEPARATES INTELLIGENT PLANNING EFFORTS FROM PREVIOUS TESTIMONY, EXPRESSED IN MERE DOLLARS AND CENTS. PROGRAM MEASUREMENT IN PUBLIC HEALTH, FOR EXAMPLE, UNDER THE PLAN, WOULD BE DEFINED IN TERMS OF PATIENTS TREATED, PATIENTS REACHED ON OUTER-ISLANDS, AND TEETH FILKED, ACCORDING TO OLTER.

"I SEE THIS KIND OF ACTION AS THE ONLY WAY OUR GOVERNMENT CAN HOLD INCREASED OPERATION COSTS TO A MINIMUM, SO THAT MORE MONEY CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR BADLY NEEDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS ROADS, HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS, DOCKS, AND SO ON." OLTER ALSO SAID IF A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM MANAGER CANNOT IDENTIFY HIS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES TO THE COMMITTEE, "WE WILL FEEL HE NOT CAPABLE OF MANAGING HIS DEPARTMENT EFFICIENTLY."

"PART OF THIS PROBLEM," THE PONAPE SENATOR EXPLAINED, "HAS BEEN DUE TO THE ENDLESS PROCESSION OF CIVIL SERVANTS FROM OUTSIDE THAT HAVE COME AND GONE DURING NEARLY 30 YEARS OF PAST ADMINISTRATION. FOR THEM, FAILURE INVOLVED NO RISKS." "MORE RESPONSIBILITIES MUST BE PUT IN THE HANDS OF THOSE WHO LIVE AND DIE IN MICRONESIA--"IN THE HANDS OF OUR OWN PEOPLE." HE SAID.

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