

(SEMINAR TO BE HELD ON GUAM)

1974
SAIPAN, JAN, 31 (MNS)---THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROJECTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM IS SPONSORING AN INFORMAL SEMINAR ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 1) "TO DISCUSS".... THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA, GUAM AND ANY INTER-RELATIONSHIP OF THE TWO."

ACCORDING TO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL PROJECTS, WILLIAM V. VITARELLI, WHO IS ALSO SERVING AS THE SEMINAR COORDINATOR, PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE DR. DONALD F. MCHENRY WILL BE VISITING GUAM AND MICRONESIA FROM FEBRUARY 1-8 TO MEET WITH STUDENTS, FACULTY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF GUAM AND MICRONESIA. IN RESPONSE TO DR. MCHENRY'S REQUEST, THE SEMINAR HAS BEEN ORGANIZED IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY, AND COMMUNITY, MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SESSIONS. DURING THE MORNING SESSION, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL REVIEW LITERATURE AND DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF GUAM AND MICRONESIA. DISCUSSIONS AND A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM IS SPONSORING THIS SEMINAR IN ORDER TO OPEN AVENUES OF COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THE FUTURE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT OF GUAM AND THE REST OF MICRONESIA.

ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL BE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS STRIK YOMA, SPECIAL CONSULTANT DWIGHT HEINE, STATUS LIAISON OFFICER MARY VANCE TRENT, AND MARIANAS SENATOR EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN.
(WEATHERMEN)

HONOLULU, JANUARY 31 (MNS)---THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE REPORTS THAT THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE AT THE TRUST TERRITORY'S FIVE FIRST ORDER WEATHER STATIONS ARE NOW ALL MICRONESIANS.

THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH THE SWEARING-IN OF OSCAR MILNE AND GALEN JOEL AS OFFICERS -IN-CHARGE OF THE WEATHER SERVICE OFFICES AT MAJURO AND YAP RESPECTIVELY. THE CEREMONIES TOOK PLACE IN HONOLULU AS MILNE AND JOEL COMPLETED FINAL TRAINING AND BRIEFINGS PRIOR TO ASSUMING THEIR NEW POSITIONS. THE MEN WERE SWORN IN BY DR. HARRY FOLTZ, ACTING REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE WEATHER SERVICE.

OFFICIALS OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE NOTED THAT MOST STAFF POSITIONS AT THE TT STATIONS ARE FILLED BY MICRONESIANS. OTHER DISTRICT STATIONS ARE HEADED BY LASARO MAIPI (TRUK), AKIRA SUZUKI (PONAPE), AND MIRAO KLOULCHAD (PALAU).
(TRAINING ON AGING)

SAIPAN, JAN. 31 (MNS)--- HEADQUARTERS AGING PROGRAM COORDINATOR ISAAC NGIRAEUOLW HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO REPRESENT THE TRUST TERRITORY AT A PRE-TRAINING MEETING ON AGING TO BE HELD IN LOS ANGELES FEBRUARY 3RD TO THE 5TH, ACCORDING TO A SPOESMAN FOR THE HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. MRS. THELMA GIMA, A STAFF MEMBER OF THE TT OFFICE ON AGING, WILL ALSO ATTEND THE MEETINGS.

A REPORT FROM THE DIVISION INDICATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO PLAN FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS, ARRANGE FOR ADVANCE DISTRIBUTION OF ADVANCED TRAINING MATERIALS, EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF FOLLOW-UP INSTITUTES IN OR NEAR EACH STATE AND DISCUSS THE PROMOTION OF INTEREST IN TRAINING.

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN OF THE DIVISION, AFTER THE PRE-TRAINING MEETING THERE WILL BE A SEMINAR ON COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR AGING PROGRAMS HELD FEBRUARY 12TH THROUGH THE 14TH IN HONOLULU, HAWAII.

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS PARTICULAR SEMINAR IS TO ASSIST STATE AGENCIES ON AGING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS FOR COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE DELIVERY UNDER THE 1973 EMENDMENTS OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT. THE WORKSHOP WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND WILL BE FOCUSED ON THE NEEDS OF THE PROGRAMS ON AGING FOR COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES, POTENTIALS AND BARRIERS, COORDINATOR, INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SYSTEM.

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(CONGRESS 18TH DAY)

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SAIPAN, JANUARY 31 (MNS)---BRIEF SESSIONS MARKED HOUSE AND SENATE PROCEEDINGS THURSDAY (JAN. 31) AS THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA MOVED TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE THIRD WEEK OF THE CURRENT SEVEN-WEEK SESSION. CONGRESSMAN SUNGIWO HADLEY OF PONAPE INSERTED A BRIEF STATEMENT INTO THE RECORD OF THE DAY'S PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE RELATING TO THE FUTURE STATUS ISSUE. AND SENATOR WILFRED KENDALL OF THE MARSHALLS HAD SOME CRITICAL REMARKS TO DELIVER CONCERNING THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SEAMEN ON TT FIELD TRIP SHIPS WORK. (SEE SEPARATE STORIES).

OTHERWISE, BILLS CONTINUED TO MOVE THROUGH FIRST READINGS, WHILE ADDITIONAL MEASURES WERE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE. SEVEN BILLS INTRODUCED ON THE PREVIOUS DAY WERE ACCEPTED ON FIRST READING AND SENT TO COMMITTEE, AND ONE HOUSE BILL, ESTABLISHING A GOVERNMENT AGENCY TO ENGAGE IN COPRA PROCESSING, PASSED FIRST READING AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEES.

ONE BILL HAD BEEN PLACED ON THE CALENDAR FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING---RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF NON-CITIZENS (HB 3), BUT ACTION WAS DEFERRED.

THREE NEW BILLS WERE INTRODUCED: A MEASURE HAVING TO DO WITH THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS FROM THE TT GOVERNMENT TO LEGAL ENTRIES IN THE DISTRICTS, (SB 245); A BILL RELATING TO FORFEITURE OF CERTAIN UNLICENSED FOREIGN VESSELS (SB 246); AND A BILL WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS TO LOWER THE MOTOR VEHICLE SPEED LIMITS IN ESPECIALLY HAZARDOUS AREAS, (SB 247).

IN HIS REMARKS TO HIS COLLEAGUES NEAR THE END OF THE THURSDAY SESSION, SENATOR BAILEY OLTER (PONAPE) INSERTED INTO THE RECORD OF THE SENATE AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE PREVIOUS DAY'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS. THE ARTICLE WAS BY GUAM SENATOR FRANK LUJAN, AND WAS ENTITLED "COMMONWEALTH AND CONSEQUENCE," DEALING WITH THE U.S. COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO AND THE EXPERIENCES OF THAT ISLAND TERRITORY IN A COMMONWEALTH STATUS.

SENATOR OLTER SAID THAT THE ARTICLE POINTS UP SEVERAL DISADVANTAGES OF THE COMMONWEALTH STATUS, ADDING THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SHOULD BE CONGRATULATED FOR "NOT ACCEPTING THE U.S. COMMONWEALTH PROPOSAL AT THE TIME THAT IT WAS OFFERED," BUT INSTEAD OPTED FOR A DIFFERENT STATUS.

THE HOUSE CONTINUED TO MEET IN ROUTINE SESSION, FILLING FOUR BILLS AND PASSING ONE MEASURE ON FIRST READING. A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED, AS WAS ONE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION WHICH THE HOUSE AMENDED BEFORE ADOPTION.

THE BILLS WHICH WERE FILED ALL HOUSE BILLS. THEY INCLUDED TWO MEASURES CONCERNING ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING (HOUSE BILLS 14 AND 15), A BILL TO REGULATE BILLBOARDS (HB 8), AND A BILL TO ESTABLISH A MICRONESIAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (HB 76).

THE HOUSE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE MICRONESIAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE BANK OF MICRONESIA AS A DEVELOPMENT BANK WOULD GREATLY OVERLAP FUNCTIONS, AND CONSEQUENTLY THE CORPORATION BILL WAS FILED. THE HOUSE JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE BILLBOARD MEASURE BE FILED BECAUSE IT HAD DETERMINED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE BILL WAS TO REGULATE BILLBOARDS WHICH WERE POTENTIAL HAZARDS BECAUSE MOTORISTS MIGHT BE DISTRACTED FROM PAYING ATTENTION TO THEIR DRIVING BY THE SIGNS. THE COMMITTEE REPORT SAID THAT THIS IS NOT NOW A PROBLEM, AND THEREFORE THE BILL WAS FILED.

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MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE ADOPTED A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT TO STUDY THE PROBLEMS OF STRENGTHENING AND DEVELOPING AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES PROGRAMS IN THE TT (HJR 79). THEY ALSO ADOPTED A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO UNDERTAKE AN INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN WHICH AMELCO, INC., WAS THE CONTRACTOR, (S.J.R. 21). MINOR AMENDMENTS REVISED THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH THE INVESTIGATION AND SUBSEQUENT REPORT TO THE CONGRESS WAS TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

THE HOUSE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE CLOSE OF THURSDAY'S SESSION: A MEASURE TO APPROPRIATE \$30,000 TO PURCHASE ONE TRACTOR AND BACKHOE FOR TINIAN MUNICIPALITY (HB 258); A BILL TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR ACCUMULATED OR ACCRUED ANNUAL AND HOME LEAVE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, (HB 257); AND TWO NATURALIZATION BILLS, (HB 256, 259). (ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA) (HADLEY ON POLITICAL EDUCATION)

SAIPAN, JANUARY 31 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---CONGRESSMAN SUNGIWO HADLEY OF PONAPE SUBMITTED A STATEMENT DURING THURSDAY'S SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR INSERTION IN THE HOUSE JOURNAL.

HADLEY'S STATEMENT DISCUSSED THE LACK OF WHAT HE CALLS THE MOST "BASIC INGREDIENT" OF SELF-GOVERNMENT--POLITICAL EDUCATION. HIS STATEMENT ALSO MADE MENTION OF A SENATE BILL NOW BEFORE THE HOUSE CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WHICH WILL BE FINANCED BY THE UNITED STATES AT THE REQUEST OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

THE PONAPE CONGRESS MAN SAID IN HIS STATEMENT THAT HE QUESTIONS THE GENEROSITY OF THE U.S. IN FINANCING THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, INCLUDING THE "WISDOM" OF SUCH A REQUEST BY THE CONGRESS, WHILE THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE REMAIN "INTELLECTUALLY DEPRIVED OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS."

"IF THIS SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IS TRULY A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE," HADLEY'S STATEMENT NOTED, "THEN THIS CONGRESS HAS NO BUSINESS IN RUSHING IN TO AN EXPENSIVE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, REGARDLESS OF WHO PAYS FOR THE PER DIEM OR OTHER EXPENSES."

HADLEY'S STATEMENT POINTED OUT THAT IF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT SUB-COMMITTEES ON FUTURE STATUS MADE EARLIER IN THIS SESSION ARE ACCURATE, THE CONGRESS' HIGHEST PRIORITY SHOULD BE "EDUCATING OUR PEOPLE POLITICALLY" AS HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, BUT FOR "SELF-RELIANCE" AS WELL.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE PONAPE CONGRESSMAN ALSO COMMENTED ON THE DIRECTION AT WHICH THE NEGOTIATIONS SEEM TO BE GOING. HE SAID HE IS VERY DISTURBED OVER CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION THAT PROPOSES TO GIVE THE U.S. COMPLETE CONTROL OVER MICRONESIA'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

HADLEY POINTED OUT THAT WHEN DISAGREEMENTS OCCURED BETWEEN THE TWO NEGOTIATORS OVER FINANCIAL ISSUES, THE MICRONESIAN SIDE SUGGESTED THAT UNLESS THE U.S. MEET HER FINANCIAL EXPECTATIONS, MICRONESIA MIGHT LIMIT THE UNITED STATE'S AUTHORITY IN CONTROL OVER MICRONESIA'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

REPRESENTATIVE HADLEY SAID THAT MAYBE THE 300 YEARS OF FOREIGN RULE HAS MADE MANY MICRONESIANS FEEL THAT SINCE THEY NEVER MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD THEY NEVER SHOULD. "YET NOW WE ARE CONSIDERING SELLING THIS SOVEREIGN PRIVILEGE FOR A FEW DOLLARS OF AMERICAN AID," HE SAID.

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"IF WE ARE TO WAIT FOR COMPLETE SELF-GOVERNMENT UNTIL WE BECOME WISE AS SUBJECTS OF UNITED STATES, WE MIGHT INDEED WAIT FOREVER," HE CONCLUDED.

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(SENATOR KENDAL ON NEGLECTED SEAMEN)

SAIPAN, JANUARY 31 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---SENATOR WILFRED KENDALL OF THE MARSHALLS CALLED ATTENTION TO THE INADEQUATE WORKING CONDITIONS, LONG HOURS AND POOR PAY OF THE SEAMEN OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT-OWNED FIELD TRIP VESSELS.

IN A SHORT SPEECH TO THE SENATE THURSDAY, KENDALL SAID THE MEN WHO WORK ON THE SHIPS THAT MAINTAIN THE VITAL LINK TO OUR OUTER ISLANDS "ARE PERHAPS OUR MOST INDESPENSABLE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES." CITING THE FACT THAT MICRONESIA'S SEAMEN WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE SALARY AND PAY PLAN PASSED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN ITS LAST SESSION, THE MARSHALLS SENATOR ASKED: "IF THIS CONGRESS REPRESENTS ALL OF OUR PEOPLE, THEN WHY HAVE WE NEGLECTED OUR SEAMEN: OR WOULD IT BE BETTER TO ASK: WHAT WOULD MICRONESIA DO WITHOUT THEM?"

KENDALL NOTED THAT ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO, THE HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION ON SAIPAN, WHICH EMPLOYEES THE SEAMEN, CONSISTED OF ONLY ONE EMPLOYEE AND A SECRETARY.

"TODAY," HE SAID, "THAT DIVISION RESEMBLES AN EMPIRE. THE BEST SHIPPING TALENT AVAILABLE IN THE DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO HEADQUARTERS ON SAIPAN TO STAFF FINE-AIR CONDITIONED OFFICES--AND I DARE TO SAY THAT THE QUALITY OF OUR SHIPPING SERVICES, OR THE SALARIES OF OUR SEAMEN, HAVE NOT IMPROVED SINCE THEN."

KENDALL URGED THE CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE THE WELFARE OF MICRONESIA'S SEAMEN, ADDING, "AS AN ISLAND NATION WITHOUT ADEQUATE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION, A DISSERVICE IS BEING DONE TO OUR PEOPLE."

IN A BRIEF DEBATE FOLLOWING KENDAL'S REMARKS, ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE COMMENTED THAT MUCH CRITICISM DIRECTED TOWARDS THE TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN COMING FROM THE CONGRESS, AND THAT THE CONGRESS ITSELF MIGHT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ITS RAPID GROWTH WHICH HE SAID, ALSO RESEMBLED AN "EMPIRE."

HOWEVER, OTHER SENATE MEMBER TOOK EXCEPTION TO THE STATEMENT INDICATING THAT THE INCREASED NUMBER OF CONGRESS STAFF HAS BEEN DUE TO THE GROWING RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS.

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