

(SALII/WILLIAMS TO MEET)

PALAU, OCTOBER 25 (MNS) ⁷⁴ SENATOR LAZARUS SALII WILL MEET WITH AMERICAN AMBASSADOR F. HAYDN WILLIAMS NEXT WEEK IN HONOLULU, AND THE PRIMARY SUBJECT--PERHAPS THE ONLY SUBJECT--FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE THE LAND ISSUE.

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"AT THIS POINT, I DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN TALK ABOUT ANY OTHER ISSUE UNTIL THE LAND SITUATION IS SETTLED," SENATOR SALII SAID THIS WEEK IN KOROR.

HE WAS IN PALAU TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE IN FAVOR OF A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SUSPENSION OF STATUS NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL THE ISSUE OF THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS IS RESOLVED. THE LEGISLATURE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION, WHICH ALSO CENSURED THE ACTION OF HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON IN DISAPPROVING THE BILL PASSED THIS SUMMER BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, WHICH WOULD HAVE PROVIDED FOR THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LAND. THE BILL CONTAINED PROVISIONS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES.

SENATOR SALII, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, SAID HE AND AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS WILL MEET IN HONOLULU BEGINNING MONDAY, (OCT. 23), FOR ABOUT THREE OR FOUR DAYS. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER QUESTION EXCEPT LAND, AND THUS THE MEETING MAY NOT LAST THAT LONG.

"IT'S UP TO THE UNITED STATES WHEN, OR WHETHER, WE HAVE ANOTHER FORMAL ROUND OF STATUS NEGOTIATIONS," THE SENATOR STATED. "THEY CAN MOVE VERY QUICKLY ON THIS, OR THEY CAN DRAG IT OUT. THEY HAVE TO GIVE US ASSURANCE THAT ANOTHER LAND RETURN BILL WILL NOT BE VETOED."

THE SENATOR SAID THE TWO KEY ISSUES REMAINING ON THE LAND PROBLEM ARE WHETHER MILITARY RETENTION LAND WILL BE RETURNED, AND THE RESERVATION OF THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN BY THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY. HE STATED THAT HE IS OPPOSED TO ANY SORT OF "UNILATERAL ACTION" TO RETURN PUBLIC LANDS, SUCH AS THE EXECUTIVE ACTION SUGGESTED AS AN ALTERNATIVE AT THE TIME THE LAND BILL WAS VETOED. "WE WOULD HAVE NO CONTROL OVER ANY KIND OF CONDITIONS THAT MIGHT BE SET," THE PALAU SENATOR SAID IN EXPLAINING HIS REASON FOR OPPOSING EXECUTIVE ACTION.

SENATOR SALII SAID HE EXPECTS THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO ACT AGAIN DURING ITS REGULAR SESSION IN JANUARY ON A LAND BILL. UNTIL THEN, HE INDICATED THERE WILL BE (ON) FURTHER STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.

ASKED WHETHER THE LAND QUESTION MIGHT ALSO DELAY THE MICRONESIA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, SALII SAID, "POSSIBLY." AS THINGS STAND NOW, HE DOES NOT EXPECT THE CONVENTION TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE OCTOBER, 1975 AT THE EARLIEST, AND "MORE LIKELY IN THE SPRING OF 1976."

SENATOR SALII SAID HIS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP SILK OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, WILL ALSO TRAVEL TO HONOLULU FOR NEXT WEEK'S MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS, PROVIDED HE CAN SPARE THE TIME FROM HIS RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN FOR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 5. SENATOR SALII IS NOT UP FOR RE-ELECTION THIS YEAR.

(COPRA PRICE INCREASES AGAIN)

SAIPAN, OCTOBER 25 (MNS)---THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUST TERRITORY COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRICE OF COPRA IN THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL BE INCREASED BY \$25 PER TON EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4.

EUSEBIO RECHUCHER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, SAID THAT THE COPRA WORLD PRICE HAS IMPROVED DURING THE MONTH ALLOWING THE INCREASE ON MICRONESIA'S COPRA. THE INCREASE

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WILL BE THE HIGHEST PAID FOR COPRA SINCE 1950, RECHUCHER SAID.

THE NEW PRICES FOR COPRA DELIVERED TO THE DISTRICT CENTERS ARE AS FOLLOWS: \$425 FOR GRADE ONE; \$415 FOR GRADE TWO; AND \$405 FOR GRADE THREE; FOR COPRA PICKED UP BY TT FIELD TRIP VESSELS AT OUTER ISLANDS LOCATIONS: \$430 FOR GRADE ONE; \$390 FOR GRADE TWO; AND \$380 FOR GRADE THREE.

THE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN GIVEN WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE TT COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD TO RAISE THE PRICES WHEN NECESSARY.

IN A MESSAGE TO ALL THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, THE CHAIRMAN INFORMED ALL LICENSED COPRA BUYERS OF THE INCREASE AND URGED THEM TO PUBLICIZE THE INFORMATION THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICTS.

(U.N. DAY FESTIVITIES ON SAIPAN)

SAIPAN, OCTOBER 25 (MNS)---HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE LINED THE STREETS OF CHALAN KANOA VILLAGE ON SAIPAN TO WATCH THE UNITED NATIONS DAY PARADE THURSDAY (OCT. 24) FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FIVE YEARS.

A PARADE, LED BY THIS YEAR'S GRAND MARSHALL, WILLIAM S. REYES OF SAIPAN, FOLLOWED BY THE POLICE HONOR GUARD, AND THE U.S. NAVY BAND FROM PEARL HARBOR, MOUNT CARMEL STUDENTS, GIRL AND BOY SCOUT TROOPS, VARIOUS FLOATS AND THE QUEEN'S FLOAT BEGAN AT WOODWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND CONTINUED TO MT. CARMEL SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.

THIS YEAR'S UNITED NATIONS DAY QUEEN, ELPHIDIA TUDELA, GAVE A SHORT SPEECH AND WAS FOLLOWED BY SHORT REMARKS BY THE U.N. DAY GENERAL CHAIRMAN, GILBERT C. ADA; SPECIAL CONSULTANT DWIGHT HEINE, REPRESENTING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER; DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO D. ADA; MAYOR VICENTE D. SAFLAN; AND GUEST SPEAKER CAPTAIN WILLIAM C. DOTSON, NAVY CHIEF OF STAFF.

THE NAVY BAND PLAYED AT THE QUEEN'S CORONATION WEDNESDAY NIGHT (OCT. 23) AND ALSO GAVE A CONCERT AT THE MT. CARMEL CHURCH AUDITORIUM THURSDAY AFTERNOON (OCT. 24).

THE QUEEN'S BALL AND DANCE CONTEST WAS HELD AT THE MT. CARMEL AUDITORIUM. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING'S FESTIVITIES THURSDAY EVENING.

VARIOUS SPORTS EVENTS, GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL, MEN'S VOLLEYBALL, MEN'S BASKETBALL, WOMEN'S SOFTBALL, AND TABLE TENNIS GAMES WERE SCHEDULED TO BE PLAYED THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND. DOUBLE FEATURE ADVENTURE AND WESTERN MOVIES ARE ALSO SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY EVENING (OCT. 26).

CHAMPIONSHIP GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL, AND FIELD EVENTS, MEN'S BASKETBALL AND SOFTBALL WILL BE HELD SUNDAY AFTERNOON. TOPPING OFF SUNDAY NIGHT AND ENDING THE FOUR-DAY CELEBRATION WILL BE A DANCE CONTEST AT 8 P.M. AND THE RAFFLE DRAWING AT 9 P.M.

MONEY COLLECTED DURING THE CELEBRATION WILL GO TO THE SAIPAN CATHOLIC MISSION, WHICH HAS NEEDED MONEY SINCE ALMOST \$100,000 HAD TO BE SPENT TO RESTORE FACILITIES DAMAGED DURING TYPHOON JEAN IN 1962, ACCORDING TO LORENZO LG. CABRERA, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE U.N. DAY CELEBRATION.

(NEW TT BUDGET OFFICER)

SAIPAN, OCTOBER 25 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS E. CROSSAN OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, TO SERVE AS THE NEW PROGRAM AND BUDGET OFFICER FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY.

CROSSAN REPLACES WILLIAM D. OYLER WHO RESIGNED EARLIER THIS YEAR TO WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AS DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR BUREAU OF MINES.

THE 53-YEAR OLD BUDGET OFFICER RECEIVED HIS P.A. DEGREE IN HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM WEST VIRGINIA

WESLEYAN COLLEGE IN 1949 AND TOOK HIS MASTERS DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT MAXWELL GRADUATE SCHOOL, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, IN 1950.

HE THEN WORKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NAVY IN WASHINGTON AS A MANAGEMENT INTERN FOR SIX MONTHS IN 1950. HE THEN BEGAN A SEVEN-YEAR CAREER IN BUDGET WORK WITH THE NAVY DEPARTMENT. IN 1957 HE WORKED FOR THE U.S. BUREAU OF BUDGET, PART OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, AS A BUDGET EXAMINER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS; AND IN 1967 HE WORKED FOR RADIO FREE EUROPE IN MUNICH, GERMANY, AS THE DIRECTOR OF BUDGET AND PLANNING UNTIL 1973. PRIOR TO COMING TO THE TRUST TERRITORY, HE TRAVELED FOR ONE YEAR THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

CROSSAN'S EFFECTIVE DATE OF EMPLOYMENT WAS SEPTEMBER 22. HE SPENT 10 DAYS THIS MONTH IN WASHINGTON AS AN OBSERVER IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE HEARING FOR THE TT'S SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR FY '75.

HE AND HIS WIFE, DONNA, HAVE FOUR CHILDREN. THE OLDEST, THOMAS B. CROSSAN, III, 29, IS A THIRD WARRANT OFFICER, INSTRUMENT AND HELICOPTER INSTRUCTOR IN FORT CARLSON, COLORADO; JOHN, 27, IS AN ATTORNEY FOR THE PATENT LAW FIRM IN CHICAGO; CAROL, 25, IS A THIRD YEAR STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN; AND STEVEN, 24, IS A GRADUATE STUDENT IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

(SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TO VISIT SAIPAN)

SAIPAN, OCT. 25 (MNS)---SECRETARY OF THE NAVY J. WILLIAM MIDDENDORF WILL MAKE A BRIEF VISIT TO SAIPAN SATURDAY MORNING (OCT. 26). THE NAVY SECRETARY WILL BE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON; DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA; ALF BERGESEN, STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE ON SAIPAN; LT. CMDR. ALAN R. PENDLETON, TT MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER AND HIS DEPUTY, LT. JAMES H. BATEMAN.

MIDDENDORF WILL MAKE A BRIEF TOUR OF LOCAL HISTORICAL SITES ON SAIPAN TO INCLUDE THE SITE OF THE OLD SUGAR MILL, SUGAR KING MONUMENT, BANZAI CLIFF AND THE LAST COMMAND POST AT MARPI AREA. HE IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO GUAM THE SAME DAY.

WITH MIDDENDORF ON THE PACIFIC TOUR AREA ARE VICE ADM. WILLIAM D. HOUSER, DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS (AIR); REAR ADM. WILLIAM THOMPSON, CHIEF OF NAVY INFORMATION; AND BRIG. GEN. ERNEST R. REID JR., COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS REPRESENTATIVE.

IN 1969, MIDDENDORF LEFT A CAREER AS A FINANCIAL SPECIALIST TO BECOME THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHERLANDS AND CONDUCTED AN ACTIVE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROGRAM THERE, PROMOTING AMERICAN EXPERTS OF INDUSTRIAL, MILITARY AND AGRICULTURAL GOODS, RECEIVING THE SUPERIOR HONOR AWARD FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HIS EFFORTS.

FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON APPOINTED HIM UNDERSECRETARY OF THE NAVY. HE WAS SWORN INTO OFFICE AUGUST 3, 1973, AND IS THE FIRST NAVY UNDERSECRETARY TO HOLD A NAVAL SCIENCE DEGREE. ONE OF HIS DIRECT ANCESTORS-CAPT. WILLIAM STONE-WAS ONE OF AMERICA'S FIRST NAVAL OFFICERS, COMMANDING THE ORIGINAL HORNET, BELIEVED TO BE THE FIRST SHIP OF THE NEW CONTINENTAL NAVY PUT TO SEA (IN FEBRUARY 1776), HIS BIOGRAPHY SHOWS.

MIDDENDORF ALSO IS A COMPOSER AND HAS WRITTEN A NUMBER OF SYMPHONIES AND MARCHES INCLUDING "THE HOLLAND SYMPHONY" FOR QUEEN JULIANA OF THE NETHERLANDS AND PLAYED OVER DUTCH NATIONAL TV. HIS MARCHES WERE WRITTEN FOR THE NAVY AND THE MARINE CORPS AFTER HE BECAME NAVY UNDERSECRETARY.

HE IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE WOLF TRAP FOUNDATION--A PRIVATE, NONPROFIT FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO BE IN CHARGE OF ALL SELECTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS OF PROGRAMS AT WOLF TRAP FARM PARK FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THE NATIONS FIRST AND ONLY NATIONAL PARK DEDICATED TO THE PERFORMING ARTS.

MEDDENDORF IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER ISABELLA PAINE OF NEWTON, MASS. THEY HAVE FIVE CHILDREN.

MEDDENDORF BECAME ACTING SECRETARY OF THE NAVY APRIL 8. ON MAY 15, HE WAS NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT NIXON TO BE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY AND WAS CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE JUNE 6 AND ASSUMED OFFICE JUNE 10.

(LICENSURE BOARD MEETING)

SAIPAN, OCTOBER 25 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY HEALTH SERVICES LICENSURE BOARD CONCLUDED A SPECIAL MEETING ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK.

THE BOARD, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LICENSING TRUST TERRITORY PHYSICIANS, NURSES, DENTISTS, SANITARIANS AND OTHER PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL, MET THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS SEVERAL IMPORTANT ISSUES, ACCORDING TO IT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES DR. MASAO KUMANGAI.

AMONG THE ISSUES DISCUSSED WERE: FORTHCOMING LICENSING OF HEALTH PERSONNEL; LICENSURE OF PHYSICIANS WISHING TO ENGAGE IN PRIVATE PRACTICE WITHIN THE TRUST TERRITORY IN THE FUTURE; THE CONDUCTION OF EXAMINATIONS FOR ALL MEDICAL INTERNS IN JANUARY OF NEXT YEAR IN TRUK HOSPITAL AT MOEN; AND AN AGREEMENT TO GIVE WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS IN EACH DISTRICT SIMULTANEOUSLY TO ALL 1974 GRADUATES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY SCHOOL OF NURSING.

THE BOARD IS LOOKING INTO THE ADVISABILITY OF LICENSING OF THIR E COUNTRY NATIONALS PRESENTLY PRACTICING IN MICRONESIA. LICENSURE REVIEW WILL INCLUDE EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, PARTICULARLY THE SCHOOL FROM WHICH THE DEGREE WAS OBTAINED; AND ANY ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND OR LICENSES THE CANDIDATE MAY HAVE EARNED.

THOSE PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE: DR. JOSE T. VILLAGOMEZ, PHYSICIAN AT DR. TORRES HOSPITAL ON SAIPAN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD; KIEKO SIGRAH, TT SCHOOL OF NURSING INSTRUCTOR; DR. HENARDO SABINO, CHIEF OF DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, YAP DISTRICT; DR. MINORU F. Ueki, PALAU DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES; AND DR. CHARLES G. JONES, STAFF PHYSICIAN FROM TRUK DISTRICT.

(CAMPAIGN '74--PALAU)

PALAU, OCTOBER 25 (MNS)---PALAU IS ONE OF THE TWO DISTRICTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY WITH ACTIVE POLITICAL PARTIES, THE OTHER BEING THE MARIANAS. BUT THE CONTRAST IN CAMPAIGN STYLES IN THE TWO DISTRICTS, AT LEAST THUS FAR IN THIS ELECTION, IS MARKED.

WHEREAS IN THE MARIANAS ELECTION RALLIES ARE LARGE, LONG AND OFTEN LOUD, THE CAMPAIGN STYLE IN PALAU IS SUEDED, ALMOST TO THE POINT OF MAKING AN OUTSIDE OBSERVER WONDER WHETHER ANY CAMPAIGNING IS GOING ON AT ALL. BUT CAMPAIGNING IS TAKING PLACE, MOSTLY IN SMALL MEETINGS, DISCUSSIONS OVER DRINKS IN A LOCAL BAR, OR IN THE MOVIES. ALTHOUGH IT IS SUEDED, THERE ARE SINGS THAT A FAIRLY CLOSE ELECTION IS SHAPING UP IN PALAU, WITH PACKERS OF BOTH THE PROGRESSIVE AND LIBERAL PARTIES WORKING HARD ON BEHALF OF THEIR CANDIDATES.

KOROR AND THE NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES ARE FESTOONED WITH POSTERS, IN PALAUAN AND ENGLISH, URGING SUPPORT FOR ONE CANDIDATE OR ANOTHER. THIS IS THE ONLY FORM OF ADVERTISING

EMPLOYED THUS FAR, ALTHOUGH OFFICIALS EXPECT SOME RADIO CAMPAIGNING TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK, AS THE NOVEMBER 5 ELECTION DATE DRAWS NEAR. OTHERWISE, THERE ARE NO ADVERTISING MEDIA AVAILABLE TO THE CANDIDATES, AND PERSON-TO-PERSON-CONTACT IS THE PRIMARY MEANS OF GAINING SUPPORT. ONE PARTY, THE PROGRESSIVES, WAS CIRCULATING A MIMEOGRAPHED "OPEN LETTER" TO THE VOTERS LAST WEEK, WHICH CONTAINS SEVERAL CHARGES AGAINST THE PARTY IN POWER, THE LIBERALS.

CURRENTLY, MEMBERS OF THE LIBERAL PARTY HOLD FOUR OF THE FIVE PALAU SEATS IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE ONLY PROGRESSIVE PARTY OFFICE HOLDER IS REPRESENTATIVE POLYCARP BASILIUS, WHO IS OPPOSED IN HIS BID FOR RE-ELECTION BY DR. NOBUO SWEI, A MEDICAL OFFICER AT KOROR'S MACDONALD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. ONE POSSIBLE ISSUE IN THE CAMPAIGN IS DR. SWEI'S RECENT SWITCH FROM LIBERAL TO PROGRESSIVE, ALTHOUGH IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH THIS MIGHT AFFECT DR. SWEI'S CHANCES OF UNSEATING BASILIUS, IF AT ALL. THE TWO ARE SEEKING THE SEAT FROM PALAU'S NORTHERN MUNICIPALITIES.

PROGRESSIVE PARTY MEMBER ISIDORO RUDIMCH, A LOCAL BUSINESSMAN, IS OPPOSING INCUMBENT REPRESENTATIVE TARKONG PEDRO FOR THE SEAT FROM POPULOUS KOROR, THE DISTRICT CENTER. THIS IS A RE-RUN OF THE RACE TWO YEARS AGO, WHICH PEDRO WON HANDILY.

SEEKING THE SEAT FROM PALAU'S SOUTHERN MUNICIPALITIES NOW HELD BY REPRESENTATIVE TIMOTHY OLKERIIL IS PROGRESSIVE PARTY CANDIDATE KUNIMO NAKAMURA, WHO ALSO UNSUCCESSFULLY OPPOSED OLKERIIL TWO YEARS AGO. IN BOTH OF THESE RACES, PERSONS WILLING TO HAZARD A PREDICTION AS TO THE OUTCOME ARE FEW.

SENATOR ROMAN TMETUHL, LIBERAL PARTY MEMBER WHO HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE POWERFUL MODEKNGEI RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, IS SEEKING RE-ELECTION AGAINST JOHN NGIRAKED, A PALAU ATTORNEY WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S DELEGATION TO THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. THIS IS ANOTHER RE-RUN ELECTION. NGIRAKED RAN OPPOSITE SENATOR LAZARUS SALLI TWO YEARS AGO, AND ALSO RAN UNSUCCESSFULLY AGAINST SENATOR TMETUHL FOUR YEARS AGO. A GREGARIOUS, OFTEN OUTSPOKEN MAN, NGIRAKED IS SEEKING TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF SENATOR TMETUHL'S EXTENSIVE BUSINESS INTERESTS, BUT THE SENATOR REMAINS CONFIDENT.

MOST ELECTION ACTIVITY IN PALAU THIS PAST WEEK WAS TO BE FOUND IN THE DISTRICT'S PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, WHERE OFFICIALS WORKED LONG INTO THE NIGHT PREPARING VOTER LISTS AND FINALIZING OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONDUCTING OF THE ELECTION. ALREADY SOME QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN VOTERS, AND AT LEAST ONE HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL PREDICTED THAT ONE OR MORE FORMAL PROTESTS COULD BE FILED, DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME NOVEMBER.