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(SALII RETURNS)

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SAIPAN, NOV. 5 (COM) ⁷⁴ - SENATOR LAZARUS SALII OF PALAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS RETURNED TO SAIPAN THIS WEEK FROM HAWAII WHERE HE MET WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.

ACCORDING TO SALII, THE TWO DAY MEETING BETWEEN THE PRINCIPALS OF BOTH DELEGATIONS WAS "VERY SUCCESSFUL." HE SAID A NUMBER OF ITEMS IN THE AGENDA WERE DISCUSSED, AND AMONG THEM WAS THE ISSUE ON THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS.

CONCERNING THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS, SALII STATED THAT AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS WAS INFORMED OF THE PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE'S RESOLUTION WHICH RAISED OBJECTION TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S VETO OF SENATE BILL 296; AND FURTHER ASKED THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO SUSPEND THE NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL THE QUESTION ON THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS IS SETTLED. HE SAID THE RESOLUTION ALSO OBJECTED TO THE USE OF AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CONCERNING THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS. SALII STATED THAT AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS HAS INFORMED HIM THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR IS IN THE PROCESS OF DRAFTING AN EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS. HE SAID THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE TOOK THE POSITION THAT IT SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE DRAFTING OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ENSURE THAT MICRONESIAN INTERESTS ARE PROTECTED.

ANOTHER ISSUE DISCUSSED DURING THE HAWAII MEETING WAS THE CHANGES IN THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION WHICH THE JOINT COMMITTEE HAD PROPOSED SINCE THE LAST MEETING ON GUAM BETWEEN THE PRINCIPALS. SALII INDICATED THAT ONE OF THESE PROPOSALS DISCUSSED DURING THE MEETING CONCERNED A SECTION IN TITLE TWO OF THE DRAFT COMPACT ABOUT TREATIES APPLICABLE TO MICRONESIA. HE SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN AGREEMENT IN THE GUAM MEETING ON WHAT WAS THE DESIRE OF THE TWO SIDES, BUT IT WAS A QUESTION AT THAT TIME OF FINDING THE RIGHT LANGUAGE TO PUT INTO THAT SECTION. "WE WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL IN AGREEING TO THE LANGUAGE IN HAWAII," SALII SAID.

"ANOTHER CHANGE WHICH WAS DISCUSSED," SALII CONTINUED, "RELATES TO TITLE SEVEN IN THE COMPACT CONCERNING NATIONALITY--THE ABILITY OF MICRONESIANS TO MOVE INTO THE UNITED STATES." HE NOTED THAT THE MICRONESIAN SIDE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE AGREEMENT ON TITLE SEVEN REACHED IN HAWAII. "THERE WERE OTHER MINOR CHANGES WHICH CAME UNDER DISCUSSION AND AS TO WHICH AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED QUITE SPEEDILY," SALII SAID.

SALII INDICATED THAT THE DRAFT COMPACT AS IT NOW STANDS, PENDING THE FULL COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL, IS COMPLETE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ANNEX B IN THE DRAFT CONCERNING LAND USE AND OPTIONS BY THE UNITED STATES. HE CONCLUDED THAT NO SPECIFIC DATE HAS BEEN SET CONCERNING THE NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS DUE TO THE U.S. POSITION OF ANNEX B, WHICH REQUIRES FURTHER DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO THE NEXT FORMAL TALKS.

ALSO ATTENDING THE HAWAII MEETING WERE DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES E. WILSON, AND THOMAS JOHNSON, FROM THE U.S. SIDE. FROM THE MICRONESIAN SIDE BESIDES CHAIRMAN SALII WERE: CO-CHAIRMAN EKPAP SILK, LEGAL CONSULTANT PAUL WARNKE AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE'S STAFF-ATTORNEY MICHAEL WHITE.

✓✓ (MARIANAS STATUS TALK SET)

SAIPAN, NOVEMBER 15 (MNS) ---THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, SENATOR EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN

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SAID THAT THE LAST ROUND OF STATUS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS IS SET FOR DECEMBER 2 ON SAIPAN, ACCORDING TO A STORY CARRIED IN THE MARIANAS VARIETY NEWS AND VIEWS, SAIPAN'S WEEKLY NEWSPAPER.

SENATOR PANGELINAN AND VICENTE N. SANTOS, VICE-CHAIRMAN, JUST RETURNED TO SAIPAN FOLLOWING A TWO DAY PRE-STATUS CONFERENCE IN HONOLULU WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS AND JAMES M. WILSON, WILLIAMS'S DEPUTY.

THE MEETING IN HONOLULU WAS HELD TO ALLOW THE HEADS OF BOTH DELEGATIONS TO REVIEW THE WORK OF THE DELEGATION SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THE LAST STATUS NEGOTIATIONS ON SAIPAN LAST MAY. SENATOR PANGELINAN INDICATED THAT SEVERAL ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED WHICH WOULD REQUIRE RESOLUTION BEFORE THE STATUS AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED.

THE ISSUES INCLUDE LEASES VERSUS PURCHASE OF LAND ON TINIAN FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, THE PRICE OF LAND TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND APPLICABILITY OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND ITS EXCEPTIONS IN THE PROPOSED COMMONWEALTH FOR THE MARIANAS.

THE MARIANAS REPRESENTATIVES STATED THAT THEY ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE CONFERENCE IS ONE OF THE CONTINUING EFFORTS BY THE TWO DELEGATIONS TO CONTINUE AN OPEN LINE OF COMMUNICATION AND IN PARTICULAR TO IDENTIFY THE ISSUES THAT WOULD REQUIRE RESEARCH AND CONSIDERATION BY THE STATUS DELEGATIONS PRIOR TO THE NEXT FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS, THE VARIETY STORY STATED.

THE FINAL ROUND OF MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY DECEMBER IS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL THE REMAINING ISSUES AND HOPEFULLY TO TURN THE ATTENTION OF THE NEGOTIATORS TO REVIEW THE LANGUAGE OF THE STATUS AGREEMENT AND THE SIGNING OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT BY THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE.

(TDL SPECIAL SESSION OPENS)

TRUK, NOV. 5 (MNS)---TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE SPEAKER KOICHY SANA OPENED THE SPECIAL SESSION LAST FRIDAY (NOV. 1). THE SPECIAL SESSION WILL RUN FOR 15 DAYS.

MOEN MAYOR FUCHITA BOSSY AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR JUAN A. SABLAN OFFERED WELCOMING REMARKS TO THE LEGISLATORS AND THE 38 MUNICIPAL MAGISTRATES. IN HIS REMARKS, MAYOR BOSSY ENCOURAGED COOPERATION AMONG THE LEGISLATORS AS WELL AS AMONG OTHER BRANCHES AND GROUPS OF THE TRUK COMMUNITY. HE WARNED THAT IF THE SEPARATISM MOVEMENT IN TRUK CONTINUES, NO ACCOMPLISHMENTS WILL BE POSSIBLE AND TRUK WON'T GO ANYWHERE. HE ALSO WARNED AGAINST OVERPOPULATION IN TRUK WHICH COULD RESULT IN TOO MANY STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOLS AND LACK OF JOBS FOR THEM IN THE FUTURE.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR JUAN SABLAN CALLED UPON THE LAW MAKERS TO WORK FOR UNITY IN MICRONESIA AND TRUK DISTRICT. HE SAID EVERYONE'S COOPERATION IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO REACH A GOOD FUTURE FOR TRUK.

DISTAD SABLAN, WHO WILL LEAVE TRUK NOVEMBER 25 TO ASSUME HIS NEW POSITION AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY, STATED THAT HE HAS SEEN TREMENDOUS PROGRESS, AS WELL AS MANY DIFFICULTIES, DURING HIS FIVE YEARS AS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR.

HE ADDED THAT EVERYONE "SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO DO AWAY WITH OUR DIFFERENCES AND TRY TO GET TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF TRUK." HE CITED THE MAJOR ISSUES FACING THE LEGISLATORS IN THE FUTURE AS THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION; FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, AND THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. "WITHOUT UNITY," HE ASSERTED, "THE PEOPLE OF TRUK WON'T BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES FOR THE 111992

OF ALL TRUKESE PEOPLE."

HE CONCLUDED HIS STATEMENT BY THANKING THE LEGISLATORS AND LEADERS OF TRUK FOR THEIR SUPPORT DURING HIS TENURE AS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR.

SPEAKER SANA URGED HIS FELLOW LAWMAKERS TO COOPERATE DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS OF MEETINGS BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANT ISSUES THEY ARE FACING. HE NOTED THAT CRITICIZING EACH OTHER AND MISUSING THE RESPONSIBILITY GIVEN BY THE PEOPLE WOULD RESULT IN A TRAGIC END.

(MAGISTRATE CONFERENCE)

TRUK, NOV. 5 (MNS)---TRUK MAGISTRATE CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN SUSU'U AIZAWA, WHO WAS RE-ELECTED TO HIS POST BY HIS FELLOW MAGISTRATES, OPENED THE TEN-DAY MAGISTRATE CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 1 ON MOEN, TRUK'S DISTRICT CENTER. IN HIS REMARKS, AIZAWA EXPRESSED ON BEHALF OF ALL TRUK MAGISTRATES HIS DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO DISTAD JUAN A. SABLAN FOR ALLOWING THE CONFERENCE TO TAKE PLACE AND TO THE PEOPLE OF MOEN FOR HOSTING THE CONFERENCE.

CHAIRMAN AIZAWA ALSO EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITIES IN TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR JUAN SABLAN FOR HIS EXCELLENT SERVICE TO TRUK DURING HIS FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE. SABLAN WILL BE DEPARTING TRUK SHORTLY TO ASSUME HIS POSITION AS THE TRUST TERRITORY EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

MOEN MAYOR FUCHITA BOSSY, IN HIS BRIEF REMARKS, WELCOMED THE MAGISTRATES AND WISHED THEM A PLEASANT STAY IN MOEN. HE ONCE AGAIN ENCOURAGED THE MAGISTRATES, AS HE DID WITH THE LEGISLATORS IN THEIR OPENING SESSION. TO MAINTAIN COOPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES. HE TOLD THEM NOT TO BE BLINDED BY MONEY, "BECAUSE MONEY," HE SAID, "IS FOREIGN TO THE TRUKESE PEOPLE."

DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR MITARO DANIS, WHO ALSO SPOKE DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY, SPOKE ABOUT THE GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT TOOK PLACE DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS SINCE HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED DEPUTY DISTAD. HE NOTED THAT GREAT IMPROVEMENTS IN EDUCATION; MANY NEW CLASSROOMS AND AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THE DEPUTY DISTAD NOTED IMPROVEMENTS IN EXTENDING WATER PIPES AND ELECTRICITY TO THE OTHER VILLAGES ON MOEN. HE ALSO MENTIONED OTHER PROJECTS SUCH AS LENGTHENING THE ROADS NOT ONLY ON MOEN BUT ALSO ON DUBLON AND FEFAN, "THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS," SAID DANIS, "WERE ONLY THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF ALL OF YOU MAGISTRATES, THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AS WELL AS THE TRUKESE PEOPLE." WITHOUT COOPERATION, "HE CONTINUED, "THESE PROJECTS WOULD NOT BE AS ACCOMPLISHED AS THEY ARE NOW." DANIS ALSO INFORMED THE MAGISTRATES THAT MORE CHALLENGING PROJECTS STILL NEEDED TO BE COMPLETED IN THE COMING YEARS. HE CONCLUDED BY ASKING THEM TO "SHARE THE DIVINE LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST AND INCREASE YOUR COOPERATION AMONG YOURSELVES."

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR JUAN SABLAN ENDORSED DANIS' REMARKS, TELLING THE 37 MAGISTRATES THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAS THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT. "WE ARE FORCED TO DEAL WITH THE DAY TO DAY PROBLEMS OF IMPLEMENTING THE LAWS." HE CONTINUED BY SAYING THAT, "WE IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ARE SUBJECT TO SCRUTINY OF PUBLIC OPINION." HE URGED THE MAGISTRATES NOT TO FORGET THEIR SACRED DUTY TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF TRUK. HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING TOGETHER. HE SAID IF THE COOPERATION THAT HE RECEIVED DURING HIS YEARS IN TRUK CONTINUES, HE IS CONFIDENT THAT TRUK AND HER PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO PROGRESS.

TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE KOICHI SANA TALKED ABOUT THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA. HE ENCOURAGED THE MAGISTRATES AS WELL AS THE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS TO ENGAGE IN SOME DEEP THOUGHT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THEIR CHILDREN AND RELATIVES. THE CONFERENCE CONTINUES THROUGH THE WEEK WITH A PRESENTATION OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE, THE DRAFTING OF ORDINANCES, AND PROGRAMS ON COMMUNITY AND TERRITORIAL PROJECTS.