

(CHIEFS CONFERENCE ENDS)

TRUK, NOV. 20 (MNS) <sup>H</sup> - THE SECOND CONFERENCE OF TRADITIONAL LEADERS ENDED FRIDAY (NOV. 15) ON A NOTE OF OPTIMISM AND GOOD SPIRITS BY THE PARTICIPATING CHIEFS, ACCORDING TO TRUK PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER NOHA RUBEN. fils  
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MOEN MAYOR FUCHITA BOSSY, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE, TOLD THE CHIEFS THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE CONFERENCE WAS EVIDENCE THAT THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS WERE NOT ONLY INTERESTED IN THE PEOPLE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS BUT IN THE WELFARE OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA AS WELL.

"MY SINCERE HOPE IS THAT WE CONTINUE WORKING TOWARD THE GOAL OF MAINTAINING THE RESPECT OF THE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS BY ALL THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA," MAYOR BOSSY SAID.

ACTING CHIEF REKLAI AND CHIEF IBEDUL FROM PALAU INVITED THE CHIEFS TO PALAU FOR THE THIRD CONFERENCE WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN JANUARY, 1976.

A DELEGATE FROM PONAPE POINTED OUT THAT "THE LOVE OF OUR NEIGHBORS IS THE KEY TO MICRONESIA UNITY, AND UNITY IS WHAT WILL MAKE A STRONG NATION."

DURING THE FINAL DAY OF THE CONFERENCE, THE CHIEFS AGAIN DISCUSSED THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS ISSUE. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL CHARLES WHEELER TOLD THE CHIEFS THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER CAN BY-PASS AN ACT OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND RETURN PUBLIC LANDS TO THE DISTRICTS BY EXECUTIVE ORDER WHEN THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES SET UP LEGAL ENTITIES TO RECEIVE IT.

THE PONAPE DELEGATION ASKED WHEELER WHETHER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IS AWARE OF A DOCUMENT DRAWN UP IN 1912 WHICH GIVES ALL PUBLIC LANDS TO THE NANMWARAKIS IN TRUST FOR THE PEOPLE OF PONAPE. WHEELER SAID THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF SUCH DOCUMENTS, HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT THE TT GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS PUBLIC LANDS TO BE THOSE HELD BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OR INDIVIDUALS WHEN THE U.S. TOOK CONTROL OF THE ISLANDS AFTER THE WAR. HE FURTHER SAID THAT THE TT GOVERNMENT WILL HOLD BACK THOSE LANDS NOW BEING USED BY THE GOVERNMENT OR THOSE THAT WILL BE USED DURING THE FIVE YEARS AFTER A RETURN TO DISTRICT ENTITIES IS MADE AND THOSE LANDS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT LEASES TO OTHERS.

CONCERNING LEASED LANDS, WHEELER SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WILL TURN OVER TITLE TO THE LAND TO THE DISTRICT ENTITIES, BUT THEY WILL HAVE TO HONOR THE LEASES.

THE CHIEFS ALSO PASSED EIGHT RESOLUTIONS OF DIFFERENT SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING THE CONFERENCE. THEY ARE:

--A RESOLUTION "DISAPPROVING THE CONTINUATION OF THE FUTURE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS AND CONVENING OF THE MICRONESIAN CONCON UNTIL THE COMPLETE RETURN OF TITLE TO ALL SO CALLED PUBLIC LANDS IS MADE TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA."

--A RESOLUTION "REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ANNUAL OR SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF THE MICRONESIAN TRADITIONAL CHIEFS"

--URGING THE PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE OF THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO ENDORSE AND SUPPORT LEGISLATION DURING THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO GIVE "VOTING PRIVILEGE TO THE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS WHO ARE DELEGATES TO THE MICRONESIAN CONCON"

--REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO TAKE STEPS TO HAVE THE U.S. AND JAPAN TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF WAR CLAIMS COMPENSATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA AND TO EXPEDITE ITS PAYMENT TO CLAIMANTS

--A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO TAKE STEPS TO HAVE THE U.S. AND JAPAN INCREASE THEIR CLAIMS PAYMENTS AND SEEK AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. MICRONESIAN CLAIMS ACT SO THAT CLAIMANTS WILL BE PAID IN FULL ONCE THEIR CLAIMS HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED. 12259

--A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE DESIRE OF THE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS THAT PUBLIC LANDS BE RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE AND THAT FUTURE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS BE STOPPED UNTIL THAT TIME.

-REQUESTING THE TT COPRA STABILIZATION BOARD AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO MAINTAIN THE PRICE OF COPRA IN MICRONESIA.

--AND FINALLY A RESOLUTION ASKING THE CONGRESS TO PROVIDE LEGISLATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TRADITIONAL LEADERS CONFERENCES AND THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS TO PROVIDE STAFF AND OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR SUCH CONFERENCE, AND TO PROMOTE TRADITIONAL, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL VALUES THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA TOWARD THE GOAL OF UNITY IN MICRONESIA.

(DR. MELLER ON ESS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 20 (MNS)---"WRITING THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE FIRST TIME IS GOING TO BE VERY DIFFICULT. DISTRICTS SHOULD GIVE THOUGHT TO WHAT THEY WANT IN A NATIONAL CONSTITUTION BUT SHOULD NOT FINALIZE A DISTRICT CONSTITUTION BEFORE THE NATIONAL."

THOSE WERE THE WORDS OF DR. NORMAN MELLER, PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII WHO WAS THIS WEEK'S GUEST ON THE EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT (ESS) TASK FORCE PROGRAM "DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA."

DR. MELLER, AUTHOR OF THE BOOK "CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA" WHICH HE WROTE FOLLOWING HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE FORMATION OF THE CONGRESS IN 1965, DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE UP-COMING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. DR. MELLER IS AN ADVISOR TO THE PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE OF THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

ASKED ABOUT THE EFFECT OF HAVING DISTRICT CONSTITUTIONS BEFORE A NATIONAL CONSTITUTION IS WRITTEN, DR. MELLER SAID THAT IT IS GOING TO BE VERY DIFFICULT TO WRITE A CONSTITUTION. "THERE MUST BE PLANNING, CONSIDERATION AND AGREEMENT, THE COMPLETED PAPER MUST HAVE GENERAL APPROVAL," HE SAID. IF THE DISTRICT CONSTITUTION BECOMES FINAL FIRST, DR. MELLER STATED, "THEN THERE IS VERY LITTLE ROOM FOR COMPROMISE."

PREPARING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CAN BE DONE BASED ON WHAT OTHER PLACES HAVE DONE, ACCORDING TO PROFESSOR MELLER. BUT THE CONSTITUTION WILL HAVE TO BE SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR MICRONESIA. "YOU CANNOT JUST GO DOWN TO JOETEN'S AND BUY A STANDARD CONSTITUTION." SAID PROF. MELLER.

SETTING UP THE CONFERENCE REQUIRES EARLY PREPARATION OF A LIBRARY AND TWO OR THREE MONTHS OF STAFF RESEARCH WORK ON THE MAJOR ISSUES SO THAT THE DELEGATES WILL HAVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WHEN THEY NEED IT.

PROFESSOR MELLER ALSO STATED THAT THE CONVENTION WAS LIKE A LEGISLATURE IN MANY WAYS BUT THAT ONE DIFFERENCE IS THAT WHEN A MEASURE WAS AGREED UPON IN THE CONVENTION, IT WOULD HAVE TO GO TO A STYLE COMMITTEE FOR FINAL WORDING BEFORE IT HAD FINAL APPROVAL.

THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION AND THE CONSTITUTION ARE SEPARATE DOCUMENTS AND WHICH EVER COMES FIRST WILL SET LIMITS ON THE OTHER, THE PROFESSOR EXPLAINED. WHATEVER THESE LIMITATIONS ARE IS A POLITICAL QUESTION, HE SAID.

ASKED IF A CONSTITUTION COULD BE WRITTEN BEFORE A POLITICAL STATUS WAS AGREED UPON, DR. MELLER INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT BUT POSSIBLE IF THERE ARE PROVISIONS IN THE CONSTITUTION WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR ALTERNATIVE COURSES.

THE ADVISOR TO THE PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE ALSO INDICATED THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE DELEGATES TO COME TO THE CONVENTION PREPARED TO DISCUSS AND COMPROMISE EVEN THOUGH THEY MIGHT COME WITH DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEWS.

ALTHOUGH THE U.S. CONGRESS IS NOT INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MICRONESIA AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON

FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, MANY PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT COMPACT WILL REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF CONGRESS. PROFESSOR MELLER SAID THE U.S. CONGRESS AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE TO APPROVE THE COMPACT IF THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS ARE TO BE AVAILABLE TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA.

IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS, DR. MELLER NOTED THAT IN GENERAL, ALL OVER THE PACIFIC AREA, OTHER PLACES WERE WORKING TOWARDS GREATER SELF-GOVERNMENT, INTERNAL, EXTERNAL AND OTHERS, AND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE TRUST TERRITORY WAS NOT MUCH DIFFERENT. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, IT APPEARS THAT IN MICRONESIA, AS THE TIME TO MAKE IMPORTANT DECISIONS DRAWS CLOSER, THERE IS A RISK OF BREAKING UP, OF LOSING UNITY IN THE ISLANDS AND, ACCORDING TO THE PROFESSOR, THIS WOULD BE VERY UNFORTUNATE.

(CETA FUNDS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 20 (MNS)---THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, WISHES TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT FISCAL YEAR 1973 EXCESS FUND UNDER THE SUMMER PROGRAM FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED YOUTH, TITLE III, THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT (CETA) OF 1973, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000, WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO TITLE I OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT, PUBLIC LAW 93-203.

THE GRANT FUNDS WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ONE HUNDRED ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED YOUTHS AGED 14 TO 21 YEARS RESIDING IN ALL SIX TRUST TERRITORY DISTRICT A WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM FROM JUNE 30, 1975, TO AUGUST 31, 1975.

THE GRANT FUNDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:  
PARTICIPANTS' WAGES \$23,000, FRINGE BENEFITS \$1,000.

THE BASIC GOAL OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO EXPOSE THE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED YOUTHS TO REAL WORK SITUATIONS WHERE THEY CAN ACTUALLY EXPERIENCE AND OBSERVE THE TASKS AND SKILLS NECESSARY TO BE EMPLOYABLE. THIS OPPORTUNITY WILL ASSIST THE PARTICIPANTS ECONOMICALLY AND ENHANCE THEIR OCCUPATIONAL INTEREST BY EXPOSURE TO VARIOUS CAREER FIELDS.

THE COPY OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW DURING WORKING HOURS AT HEADQUARTERS TRAINING DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL LOCATED ON SAIPAN, OR AT EACH DISTRICT PERSONNEL OFFICE.

RESIDENTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS WISHING TO REVIEW AND/ OR COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PROGRAMS FOR THIS GRANT ARE ALLOWED TO DO SO BY SUBMITTING THEIR COMMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING: EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, HIGH COMMISSIONER OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, AND WILLIAM J. HALTIGAN ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR MANPOWER, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, 450 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94102.

(MICRONESIAN SPORTS COUNCIL MEETING)

SAIPAN, NOVEMBER 20 (MNS)---MEMBERS OF THE MICRONESIAN SPORTS COUNCIL ARE MEETING ON SAIPAN THIS WEEK TO FINALIZE PLANS FOR MICRONESIA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE UPCOMING FIFTH SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES TO BE HELD ON GUAM NEXT YEAR.

ACCORDING TO SPORTS COUNCIL CHAIRMAN FELIX F. RABAUIMAN, THE COUNCIL HAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO HAVE MICRONESIA PARTICIPATE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES.

THE SPORTS COUNCIL WAS CREATED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA UNDER PUBLIC LAW 5-85. THE LAW ALSO PROVIDES \$35,000 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING ORGANIZATION AND SUPERVISION OF THE TT'S ENTRY IN THE FIFTH SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES.

MEMBERS OF THE MICRONESIAN SPORTS COUNCIL ARE: FELIX F. RABAUIMAN, CHAIRMAN; ELIAS OKAMURA, ALBERT SNYDER, OSCAR C. RASA, MARIANAS; YASUO YAMADA, PONAPE; NAMIE ALEXANDER, 12261

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FINANCE; BONIFACIO BASILIUS, PUBLICITY; AND STEVE RAMBLY,  
ADMINISTRATION.