

(ALL USERS OF THE FOLLOWING STORY, PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)

(ATTORNEY GENERAL CHARGED)

SAIPAN, FEB. 4 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---A COMPLAINT AGAINST TRUST TERRITORY ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARD I. MIYAMOTO WAS FILED MONDAY (FEB. 4) IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY ON SAIPAN BY THIRTEEN MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

THE COMPLAINT SEEKS TO COMPEL THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PROSECUTE KOZO YAMADA, MAYNARD NEAS AND EMMETT RICE OF THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT FOR REFUSING TO PROVIDE A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE WITH CERTAIN DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THEIR TESTIMONY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ABOUT PUBLIC LANDS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY BEFORE THE OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.

THE COMPLAINT ALSO CONTENDS THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS PREJUDICED IN THE MATTER FOR HAVING ACTED AS THE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE THREE INDIVIDUALS, AND FOR REFUSING TO PROSECUTE THEM, ALLEGING THAT THERE IS NO CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS INVOLVED. THE COMPLAINT SEEKS TO HAVE A SPECIAL PROSECUTOR APPOINTED TO PROSECUTE THE THREE PERSONS--YAMADA, NEAS AND RICE.

THE COMPLAINT REPRESENTS A CULMINATION OF EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS OF THE CONGRESS, DURING WHICH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONTENDED THAT THERE WAS NO CONTEMPT OF CONGRESS INVOLVED IN THE MATTER. AROUND JULY OF LAST YEAR, THE THREE PERSONS WERE SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY BEFORE A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, AND REFUSED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS PUT TO THEM BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONCERNING THEIR WASHINGTON TESTIMONY ON LAND IN MICRONESIA.

PLAINTIFFS IN THE CASE ARE: SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, BETHWEL HENRY, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; TOSIVO MAKAYANA, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND TEN OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS, SENATORS ANDON AMARAICH, PETRUS TUN, AMBILOS IEHSI, BAILEY OLTER, EDWARD PANGELINAN, JOHN MANGEFEL AND ROMAN TMETUHL, AND REPRESENTATIVES ATAJI BALOS, HERMAN O. GUERRERO AND EKPAP SILK. ALL OF THE PLAINTIFFS EXCEPT SPEAKER HENRY ARE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS.

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(SETIK ON STATUS UNITY)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 4 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---REFERRING TO STATEMENTS MADE LAST WEEK BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM PALAU AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS FAVORING A LOOSE FEDERATION FOR MICRONESIA, REPRESENTATIVES MONDAY THAT THE BUSINESS OF DETERMINING THE STRUCTURE OF THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE UP TO THE PEOPLE, NOT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

"THE ONLY THING THAT THIS CONGRESS CAN DO CONCERNING THE FUTURE FORM OF MICRONESIA'S GOVERNMENT IS TO PASS THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BILL AND APPROPRIATE SOME MONEY FOR ITS OPERATION," HE SAID IN HIS REMARKS INSERTED INTO THE HOUSE JOURNAL.

EXPLAINING THAT ALTHOUGH IT SERVES A GOOD PURPOSE TO BRING SUCH PROPOSALS INTO THE OPEN, SETIK SAID IT APPEARED TO HIM TO BE "...A LITTLE BIT PREMATURE TO PRESENT A POSITION TO THE CONGRESS ON SOMETHING IN WHICH THE CONGRESS HAS NO CONTROL."

NOTING THAT THE POSITIONS SUGGESTED THAT IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS WERE NOT MET, THEN A DISTRICT MIGHT BEGIN SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, SETIK SAID HE WANTED "TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA DO NOT THINK THAT SOMEHOW IF THE CONGRESS DOESN'T MEET CERTAIN DEMANDS, IT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENCOURAGING ONE OR ANOTHER DISTRICT TO TRY TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE REST OF THE OTHER DISTRICTS."

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"THIS ISSUE WILL BE DECIDED IN A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND THE PEOPLE WHO WILL MAKE THE DECISION HAVE NOT BE ELECTED YET," HE EMPHASIZED. "FURTHERMORE, IT IS PREMATURE BECAUSE AS WE ALL KNOW TIME CHANGES EVERYTHING AND EVERYTHING CHANGES WITH TIME. IT COULD BE THAT POSITIONS WILL CHANGE BY THE TIME OF THE CONVENTION, IT COULD BE THAT OTHER DISTRICTS WILL PRESENT NEW POSITIONS."

SETIK RECALLED THAT A CERTAIN DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT MENTION THE DISTRICT BY NAME, ADOPTED A RESOLUTION MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO WHICH SAID ALL THE PEOPLE OF THAT DISTRICT WANTED TO BECOME AMERICAN CITIZENS AND PART OF THE UNITED STATES.

"THIS DISTRICT, AS WE NOW UNDERSTAND, IS TAKING A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT POSITION, AND IT COULD BE THAT THE PEOPLE MAY AGAIN CHANGE THEIR MINDS IN A YEAR OR TWO FROM THE PRESENT POSITION," HE POINTED OUT.

"THEREFORE," CONTINUED SETIK, "WHEN I HEAR THE THOUGHTFUL REMARKS OF MY COLLEAGUES EXPRESSING IDEAS OR POSITIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE FORM OF OUR GOVERNMENT OR ABOUT HOW POWER AND REVENUE ARE TO BE SHARED IN THE FUTURE, I AM REMINDED THAT THESE ARE QUESTIONS TO ULTIMATELY BE SETTLED BY THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA THEMSELVES--AND NOT BY THIS CONGRESS. HOWEVER, I AM ALSO REMINDED THAT THERE IS NO BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO BRING THEM TO OUR ATTENTION THAN THIS ALL-MICRONESIAN CONGRESS.

TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF MICRONESIAN UNITY, SETIK REMARKED THAT ALTHOUGH A U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE TOLD THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL AT THEIR LAST MEETING THAT THE JOB OF MAINTAINING AND PROMOTING UNITY IN MICRONESIA WAS A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MICRONESIAN CONGRESS, THE UNITED STATES STILL CONTINUES TO NEGOTIATE SEPARATELY WITH ONE DISTRICT.

"WHILE IT MAY BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONGRESS TO DO THIS," HE SAID, "WE ACTUALLY HAVE NO POWER TO ENFORCE UNITY. THAT JOB SHOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY."

SETIK, HOWEVER, POINTED OUT OTHER WAYS OF PROMOTING UNITY, SUCH AS THE THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, MICRO OLYMPICS, PARTICIPATION IN THE 1975 SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES ON GUAM, VISITS AND EXCHANGES OF TRADITIONAL AND ELECTED LEADERS BETWEEN DISTRICTS, AND HOLDING CONGRESS SESSIONS IN OTHER DISTRICTS.

"UNITY BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE SHOULD BE OUR GOAL," SETIK EMPHASIZED.

SUGGESTING THAT DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE SESSION THE CONGRESS SHOULD MARSHALL ITS EFFORTS TOWARD UNITY, SETIK DECLARED: "UNITY BOTH NOW AND IN THE FUTURE SHOULD BE OUR GOAL. TO DO OTHERWISE IS NOT TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. TO SPEAK OF UNITY DOES NOT CREATE UNITY; LIKEWISE TO TALK OF SEPARATION DOES NOT CREATE SEPARATION."

RECALLING THE OLD SAYING THAT "A HOUSE DIVIDED CANNOT STAND," SETIK URGED MICRONESIA TO STAY UNITED UNTIL THE END OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AND THEN DECIDE WHERE TO GO FROM THERE. "LET US TALK OF FLEXIBILITY, BUT ALSO UNITY, IF THE FUTURE LIVES OF OF OUR CHILDREN MEAN ANYTHING," HE SAID, "THEN WE HAVE MORE TO CONSIDER THAN POLIMICS AND POLITICS."

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(SALII CLARIFICATION ON SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 4 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---"AS LONG AS THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO MOVE SEPARATELY WITH DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, OUR DIFFERENCES WILL BECOME POTENTIALLY MORE DIFFICULT TO SOLVE."

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SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, MONDAY RE-EXAMINED THE EFFECTS OF SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE MARIANAS, IN RELATION TO THE OVERALL MICRONESIAN STATUS TALKS. HE SAID THAT PRESS REPORTS FRIDAY HAD NEGLECTED TO POINT OUT THIS FACT.

IN OUTLINING PLANS OF SETTING UP A COMPLETE SELF-GOVERNING MICRONESIA BY 1981, SALII SAID FRIDAY THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR MICRONESIA TO "GET ON WITH THE BUSINESS OF SETTING UP THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT...EVEN IF IT MUST BE AT THE UNFORTUNATE EXPENSE OF STOPPING OUR NEGOTIATIONS INDEFINITELY." AS LONG AS AGREEMENTS ON CERTAIN VITAL POINTS

CANNOT BE REACHED. A MAJOR POINT OF DISAGREEMENT IN PREVIOUS NEGOTIATING SESSIONS HAS BEEN THE REFUSAL OF THE UNITED STATES TO ACCEPT THE JOINT COMMITTEE'S MANDATE TO NEGOTIATE A FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AGREEMENT FOR ALL OF MICRONESIA, SO THAT EACH DISTRICT WOULD HAVE THE CHANCE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THAT AGREEMENT.

(CONGRESS INTO FOURTH WEEK)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 4 (MNS)---THE FIFTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA MOVED INTO THE FOURTH WEEK OF ITS CURRENT SECOND REGULAR SESSION ON SAIPAN MONDAY (FEB. 4), WITH BRIEF SESSIONS IN BOTH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY CONTINUES TO BE HEAVY, WITH SEVERAL IMPORTANT HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK AND NEXT. IN ADDITION, THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR OF THE OF THE SENATE MONDAY CONCERNING A LENGTHY HEARING THAT WAS HELD LAST FRIDAY ON THE TRANSPACIFIC LINES SITUATION.

SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA (MARIANAS) MADE THE REMARKS. THE SENATOR SERVED AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE JOINT RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HEARINGS THAT LOOKED INTO THE SHIPPING PROBLEMS LAST AUGUST, AND SUBSEQUENTLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE TRANSPAC FRANCHISE BE TERMINATED. HE SAID MONDAY THAT THE SITUATION HAS NOT IMPROVED.

"I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH POINTS MADE (DURING THE HEARING) CONCERNING TRANSPAC'S HOPES THAT THEY CAN SURVIVE," THE SENATOR SAID. "IT SEEMS THAT AFTER ALL THE RECORDS, TESTIMONY AND AN ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION ARE CONSIDERED, ALONG WITH THE CARGO LEFT STRANDED IN THE COMMERCIAL PORT ON GUAM, THAT THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO POSSIBILITY THAT TRANSPAC CAN SURVIVE AND PERFORM SATISFACTORILY DURING THE REMAINING PERIOD OF THEIR FRANCHISE."

SENATOR BORJA SAID HIS MAIN CONCERN AFTER THE LONG HEARING FRIDAY WAS WITH WHETHER THE TERMS OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT CAN BE MET IN THE FUTURE. TRANSPAC'S PERFORMANCE DURING THE PAST YEAR, HE SAID, HAS RAISED SERIOUS QUESTIONS OF WHETHER BASIC SERVICES, IN THE FACE OF MANY LAWSUITS, COULD BE CARRIED OUT. FREQUENT SCHEDULE CHANGES ARE ANOTHER CONCERN, HE STATED, AND THE HIGH COST OF FREIGHT IS, IN HIS WORDS, "IMPOSING AN UNFAIR BURDEN ON THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA."

HOWEVER, HE SAID, TRANSPAC OFFERED NO CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SOLVE THESE AND OTHER PROBLEMS. "IF THEY HAD," BORJA SAID, "THEN MAYBE THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA COULD GIVE THEM SOME SUPPORT AS THEY REQUESTED. IN THE ABSENCE OF THIS, DRASTIC ACTION MUST BE TAKEN."

SENATOR BORJA STATED THAT THE CONCERN OF THE CONGRESS IS TO SEE THAT ADEQUATE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE TO MICRONESIA, NOT THE JUSTIFICATION OF A SHIPPING LINES NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF ITS FRANCHISE. "OUR DESIRES ARE THE SAME AS OUR PEOPLES'--GOOD SERVICE AND REASONABLE RATES," HE SAID.

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THE SENATOR'S REMARKS ENLIVENED AN OTHERWISE SENATE SESSION MONDAY. THERE WAS NO FINAL ACTION TAKEN ON EITHER BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS. THREE NEW BILLS WERE INTRODUCED, INCLUDING: A BILL TO INCREASE THE PARDON AND PAROLE JURISDICTION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS (SB 255); A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF REVENUES OBTAINED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TT WAGE AND GROSS REVENUES TAX LAW BETWEEN THE DISTRICTS AND THE CONGRESS ON A 75 PERCENT TO THE CONGRESS, AND 25 PERCENT TO THE DISTRICT BASIS (SB 256); AND A BILL TO IMPLEMENT THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN. PROPOSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION (SB 257). A NEW JOINT RESOLUTION OFFERED MONDAY WOULD ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) OF THE U.S. TO EXTEND FHA LOAN PROGRAMS TO THE TRUST TERRITORY (SJR 27).

THERE WAS LIKEWISE LITTLE FLOOR ACTION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MONDAY, ALTHOUGH A LARGE NUMBER OF NEW MEASURES WAS INTRODUCED. HOUSE MEMBERS DID AGREE TO SENATE CHANGES IN A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE RESCUERS OF PLANE CRASH VICTIMS FROM GOAT ISLAND, NEAR TINIAN, THUS COMPLETING FINAL ACTION ON THAT MEASURE (HJR 82). A SPEECH INSERTED INTO THE RECORD BY REPRESENTATIVE RAY SETIK (TRUK) DEALT WITH FUTURE STATUS AND MICRONESIAN UNITY, AND WAS MADE THE SUBJECT OF A CONGRESS NEWS RELEASE (SEE PREVIOUS STORY).

HOUSE MEMBERS FILED SIX BILLS INCLUDING A BILL TO ESTABLISH A FIFTY-CENTS PER DAY TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX WITH TT-WIDE APPLICABILITY, (HB 69). THE COMMITTEE ON WAY AND MEANS WHICH HAD EXAMINED THE MEASURE REASONED THAT SUCH A TAX MEASURE IN MICRONESIA IS "PRUDENT AT THIS TIME" BUT THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE BODY TO DETERMINE RATES IN ALL DISTRICTS AND THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO JUDGE HOW MUCH OF A TAX IF ANY SHOULD BE IMPOSED ON TRANSIENT QUARTERS.

FILED UPON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE WERE: A BILL TO ESTABLISH NEW CRITERIA FOR GRANTING WITHIN-GRADE INCREASES FOR EMPLOYEES UNDER THE TT MERIT SYSTEM, (HB 164), FILED ON THE BASIS THAT THE TT MERIT SYSTEM CURRENTLY PROVIDES FOR THIS: A MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REVOCATION OF ADVICE AND CONSENT GRANTED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA UNDER PUBLIC LAW 4C-42, (HB 171), FILED BECAUSE THE COMMITTEE IS OF THE OPINION THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS PROVIDED UNDER THIS BILL ARE NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF MAINTAINING STABILITY IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE TT GOVERNMENT; A MEASURE TO CREATE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL A DIVISION OF CIVIL IDENTIFICATION WHICH WOULD REGISTER AND ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF IDENTIFICATION TO ALL PERSONS IN THE TT WHO APPLY FOR THEM, (HB 183); FILED BECAUSE THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THE CREATION OF A DIVISION OF CIVIL IDENTIFICATION ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY THE EXPENSE OF ESTABLISHING SUCH A DIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE COMMITTEE; A BILL TO REQUIRE THE TT GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE AUTOMATIC PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FROM EMPLOYEES FOR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES IN THE BANK OF MICRONESIA, (HB 202); FILED IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE BANK OF MICRONESIA IS NOT OPERATIONAL; AND A MEASURE TO AMEND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE TT CODE TO REQUIRE PAYMENT OF JUDGEMENTS RENDERED AGAINST THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT OUT OF THE APPROPRIATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED, (HB 129), FILED BECAUSE THE COMMITTEE CONTENDS THAT THAT SECTION OF THE TT CODE SHOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED.

SEVEN NEW BILLS, FOUR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND ONE HOUSE RESOLUTION WERE OFFERED MONDAY MORNING. THE BILLS ARE: A BILL TO PROHIBIT THE TT GOVERNMENT FROM PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL ALLOWANCES FOR DEPENDENTS OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACT EMPLOYEES, (HB 264); APPROPRIATING \$30,000 TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE IN EACH DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO COLLECT ORAL HISTORY ABOUT THE PEOPLE AND ISLANDS OF THE DISTRICTS, TO TRANSCRIBE SUCH MATERIALS INTO THE PREDOMINANT LOCAL LANGUAGES OF THE AREA AND INTO ENGLISH AND TO PUBLISH THE MATERIALS FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND REFERENCE MATERIAL, (HB 265); TO APPROPRIATE \$124,000 FOR COMPLETION OF TWO PUBLIC PROJECTS IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT, (HB 266); A BILL WHICH WOULD REQUIRE ALL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF THE TT GOVERNMENT TO DESIGNATE MICRONESIAN REPLACEMENTS FOR EVERY EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEE PRESENTLY WORKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND SET UP A TIMETABLE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THESE EXPATRIATES BY THEIR MICRONESIAN COUNTERPARTS, (HB 267); APPROPRIATING \$310,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PROJECTS IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT, (HB 268); TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF ALIEN LABOR REVIEW BOARDS BY DISTRICT LEGISLATURES AND CHARTERED MUNICIPALITIES IN THE TT, (HB 269); AND A BILL TO ADD CERTAIN SECTIONS TO THE TT CODE PROVIDING CONDITIONS FOR SERVICE RETIREMENT, (HB 270).

THE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED WOULD: REQUEST THE HICOM AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING TO INCLUDE IN THE 1975 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO ENABLE THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA TO BE MOVED TO ITS NEW SITE IN POUAPE DISTRICT, (H.J.R. 93); URGE THE HICOM TO IMPROVE THE SHIPPING SYSTEM IN THE TT, (H.J.R. 94); EXPRESS THE CONCERN OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE ABOUT THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND REQUEST THE DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH SERVICES AND PERSONNEL TO REQUIRE THAT MEDICAL OFFICERS AND STAFF PHYSICIANS ON STANDBY DUTY REMAIN AT THEIR DUTY STATION, (H.J.R. 96); AND REQUEST THE HICOM TO SUBMIT TO THE SIXTH CONGRESS HIS RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE TECHNIQUES AND APPROACHES TO EXPAND THE ECONOMIC BASE OF THE TT, (H.J.R. 98). THE SINGLE RESOLUTION ASKS THE DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION AND FINANCE TO RETURN DEPOSITS MADE BY MICRONESIAN SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS TO THOSE WHO ARE ENTITLED TO THEM, (H.R. 8).

BOTH HOUSES ARE IN RECESS UNTIL 10 TUESDAY MORNING.  
(CONGRESSMEN VISIT TINIAN)

SAIPAN, FEB. 4 (MNS)---SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA VISITED THE ISLAND OF TINIAN IN THE MARIANAS THIS PAST WEEKEND. THEY HEARD FROM A NUMBER OF RESIDENTS CONCERNING LOCAL PROBLEMS AND VIEWS ON FUTURE STATUS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND ALSO HEARD PLANS OF A TINIAN BUSINESS VENTURE THAT COULD MAKE THE TRUST TERRITORY SELF-SUFFICIENT IN DAIRY PRODUCTS.

THE CONGRESSMEN, LED BY SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY AND PRESIDENT TOSIMO NAKAYAMA, WERE GREETED AT THE TINIAN AIRPORT BY A POLICE HONOR GUARD AND A DELEGATION OF THE ISLAND'S LEADERS. ALSO THERE TO GREET THEM WERE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WAVING SIGNS REFLECTING AN ANTI-MILITARY POSITION, ACCORDING TO MARIANAS REPRESENTATIVE FELIPE O. ATALIG, WHO REPRESENTS TINIAN IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE CONGRESSMEN SAID OTHER SIGNS ASKED FOR MORE LAND FOR THE PEOPLE TO FARM AND HOMESTEAD, ASKED FOR A LIFTING OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM, AND SO FORTH.

THE CONGRESSMEN WERE GIVEN A TOUR OF THE ISLAND, AND WERE GUESTS AT A BEACH BARBECUE HOSTED BY MARIANAS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MDC), TINIAN'S LARGEST BUSINESS ENTERPRISE. MAYOR ANTONIC BORJA SPOKE AT THE BARBECUE, ASKING THE CONGRESS TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER OF THE ECONOMIC MORATORIUM AS THIS IS A MAJOR CONCERN OF HIS PEOPLE. BUSINESS KEN JONES OF MDC ALSO SPOKE, AND HE ALSO ASKED FOR THE HELP OF THE CONGRESS IN GETTING THE MORATORIUM LIFTED, SO THAT HE CAN PROCEED WITH PLANS TO ENLARGE HIS OPERATION ON TINIAN.

IN THAT REGARD, JONES INFORMED THE VISITING CONGRESSMEN THAT HIS COMPANY EXPECTS TO RECEIVE A SHIPMENT OF 700 DAIRY CATTLE FROM NEW ZEALAND IN MARCH. ACCORDING TO CONGRESSMAN ATALIG, JONES STATED THAT IT IS THE PLAN OF HIS COMPANY TO PRODUCE SUFFICIENT FRESH MILK AND BUTTER ON TINIAN TO SATISFY DEMAND FOR THESE PRODUCTS IN THE ENTIRE TRUST TERRITORY.

MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED TO VISIT ROTA NEXT WEEKEND, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF THEM ARE EXPECTED TO MAKE THE TRIP AT THE INVITATION OF ROTA MUNICIPAL LEADERS.

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(BALOS ECHOES PALAU POSITION)

SAIPAN, FEB. 1, 1974 (CONGRESS RELEASE)--AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS FRIDAY (FEB. 1) IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CONGRESSMAN ATAJI BALOS OF THE MARSHALLS DELIVERED BRIEF REMARKS ECHOING THE PALAU DELEGATION POSITION CONCERNING THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA PRESENTED EARLIER THIS WEEK IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS.

IN HIS SPEECH, CONGRESSMAN BALOS SAID THAT THE VIEWS OF THE PALAU DELEGATION BROUGHT FORTH CERTAIN REALITIES EXISTING IN MICRONESIA TODAY, OF DIFFERING CUSTOMS, LANGUAGES AND OTHER FACTORS WHICH LEAD HIM TO BELIEVE THAT A LOOSE FEDERATION OF NEAR-SOVEREIGN STATES WOULD BE THE BEST MANNER IN WHICH THE DISTRICT CAN DEVELOP. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE DISTRICTS, IN TURN, WOULD DELEGATE CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES TO A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

THE MARSHALLS CONGRESSMAN MENTIONED THAT LIKE THE PEOPLE OF PALAU, HIS CONSTITUENTS TOO HAVE THEIR OWN CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS... "NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FUTURE." HE SAID THAT OFTEN TIMES AS VARIOUS PROBLEMS AND ISSUES ARISE, IT HAS BECOME EVIDENT THAT AS SOME DISTRICTS REACH CERTAIN STAGES OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, IT NO LONGER BECOMES BENEFICIAL FOR THEM TO REMAIN TOO CLOSELY TIED TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF ALL THE OTHER DISTRICTS, WHICH "DIFFER SO GREATLY."

"REALITIES OF LIFE," SAID CONGRESSMAN BALOS, "OF GEOGRAPHY, RESOURCES, AND POTENTIALS, PRESENT SITUATIONS WHERE ONE DISTRICT MAY FIND IT MORE PRACTICAL TO EXIST MORE ON ITS OWN, THAN BOUND TO A STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT." HE SAID HE ENDORSES THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE PALAU DELEGATION WHICH BRINGS OUT INTO THE OPEN "WHAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN PRIVATELY THINKING AND TALKING ABOUT."

CONGRESSMAN BALOS CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT AS MICRONESIANS BEGIN THINKING ABOUT THEIR FUTURE PARTNERSHIP AND DRAFTING THEIR CONSTITUTION, "OUR DIFFERENCES MUST ALSO BE CONSIDERED, ALONG WITH OUR COMMON GOALS."