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(CONGRESS ENTERED ITS THIRD WEEK)

SAIPAN, JAN. 27 (MNS)---THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE SESSIONS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE, AS THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ENTERED ITS THIRD WEEK OF ITS FIRST REGULAR SESSION ON SAIPAN.

THE SENATE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS OF

MICRONESIA COULD RECOMMENDED THAT SENATOR ELECT NICK BOSSY OF TRUK NOT BE SEATED, AND THAT THE IT HIGH COMMISSIONER "SUSPEND THOSE OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ELECTION PENDING FULL INVESTIGATION BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL..., AND THAT CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED THE LAW BE COMMENCED..."

THE REPORT WAS PRESENTED TO THE SENATE MONDAY MORNING (JAN. 27), BUT ACTION WAS DEFERRED PENDING SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE OF ANOTHER REPORT FROM SEN. ROMAN TMETUHL (PALAU) WHO DID NOT CONCUR WITH THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT.

THE REPORT CHARGED, "YOUR COMMITTEE HAS FOUND AN ELECTION WHICH WAS ADMINISTERED IN SUCH A CARELESS MANNER AS TO CONSTITUTE CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES ON THE PART OF THOSE CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION."

THE COMMITTEE COMMENTED ON ITS "DISPLEASURE OF ACTING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF TRUK MITARO DAVIS, WHO "DESPITE A CLEAR REQUEST FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR ALL ELECTION RECORDS DATING BACK TO 1964, WHICH REQUEST WAS TRANSMITTED HIM TWICE BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER (JUAN A. SABLAN, FORMER TRUK DISTAD), SENT ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF THE 1974 RECORDS AND NOTHING AT ALL FOR PRIOR YEARS... YOUR COMMITTEE EXPRESSES OUR SEVERE CENSURE OF HIS ACTIONS."

THE COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDED THAT THE HICOM CALL A "SPECIAL PREFERENTIAL ELECTION" TO ASCERTAIN THE WILL OF THE TRUKESE PEOPLE ON WHO SHOULD BE THEIR SENATOR. AND THE REPORT ASKS THE SENATE TO FORWARD A JOINT RESOLUTION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO AMEND SECTION 21 (2) OF SECRETARIAL ORDER NO. 2918, WHICH DEALS WITH FILLING VACANCIES IN THE SENATE, SO THAT A SPECIAL ELECTION COULD BE CALLED TO FILL A VACANCY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SENATE.

PRESENTLY, THE HICOM HAS THE POWER TO APPOINT A PERSON TO FILL VACANCY IN THE SENATE LEFT BY A VOID ELECTION.

ALSO IN THE MORNING SESSION SEN. JOHN MANGEFEL (YAP) DELIVERED REMARKS IN WHICH HE HUMOROUSLY BLASTED ALL THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WHO HAVE TAKEN OVER MICRONESIA WITHOUT REGARD TO MICRONESIAN WISHES AND OWNERSHIP OF THESE ISLANDS. (SEE FOLLOWING STORY.)

MARSHALLS SEN. WILFRED KENDALL QUOTED EXCERPTS FROM AN ARTICLE BY FRANCIS KEZEL, S.J., IN THE MICRONESIAN INDEPENDENT IN WHICH HE CRITICIZED THE IT GOVERNMENT FOR LIMITING THE EDUCATION FOR SELF GOVERNMENT PROGRAM TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT "ESS HAS VERY LITTLE TO DO WITH POLITICAL EDUCATION AND EVEN LESS TO DO WITH AUTHENTIC EDUCATION FOR SELF GOVERNMENT."

IN THE HOUSE, TWO BILLS WERE SENT TO SENATE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. THEY ARE: A MEASURE TO INCREASE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR ALL ELIGIBLE PERSONS BY 20 PERCENT, (HB 6-1); AND A BILL TO MAKE JALUIT ANCHORAGE, JABOR ISLAND IN THE JALUIT ATOLL OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS AN OFFICIAL TRUST TERRITORY PORT OF ENTRY, (HB 6-13). PALAU CONGRESSMAN POLYCARP BASILIUS CAST THE ONE NEGATIVE VOTE IN THE LATTER BILL (HB 6-13).

IN OTHER HOUSE ACTION, NINE BILLS, SIX HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND ONE HOUSE RESOLUTION WERE INTRODUCED. THE BILLS ARE: TO APPROPRIATE \$22,000 TO PURCHASE ONE MINI-BUS AND TWO VAN TRUCKS FOR USE BY THE HEADSTART PROGRAM OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, (HB 6-70); A MEASURE TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE IT CODE TO CONFORM WITH DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ORDER 2913 RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS FOR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WHENEVER A VACANCY OCCURS, (HB 6-71); TO APPROPRIATE \$12,500 TO REPAIR, RENOVATE, EXTEND AND IMPROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE ISLANDS OF SONSOROL, PULO ANNA AND TOBI IN PALAU DISTRICT, (HB 6-72); TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNMENT CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD, SPECIFY ITS POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS, AND APPROPRIATE \$10,000 FOR ITS OPERATING EXPENSES, (HB 6-73); APPROPRIATING \$20,000 TO AID AN AGRICULTURE PROJECT IN ARNO ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT (HB 6-74); A BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$83,000 TO PURCHASE FOUR SCHOOL BUSES FOR MOEN ISLAND, TRUK DISTRICT, (HB 6-75); TO EARMARK \$15,000 TO PROVIDE OUTER ISLANDS RESIDENTS PER DIEM WHILE WAITING FOR TRANSPORTATION TO THEIR HOMES AFTER BEING TRANSFERRED TO TRUK DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, (HB 6-76); PROVIDING \$15,000 FOR THE TINIAN MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND TO ENABLE WORTHY STUDENTS TO OBTAIN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING, (HB 6-77); AND APPROPRIATING \$45,000 FOR THE MICRONESIAN SPORTS COUNCIL AND DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, (HB 6-78).

THE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ARE TO : REQUEST THE HICOM AND THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE OUTER ISLANDS OF TRUK DISTRICT ENABLING THEM TO IMPROVE AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION, (HJR 6-12); RECOMMENDING THAT THOMAS B. CROSSAN BE APPOINTED AS PROGRAM AND BUDGET OFFICER OF THE IT, (HJR 6-13); REQUESTING THE HICOM TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF DIABETES WITHIN THE IT AND TO IMPLEMENT THE RESULTING RECOMMENDATIONS, (HJR 6-14); REQUESTING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO LOCATE AND REMOVE UNEXPLODED WORLD WAR II ORDNANCES AND TO FILL BOMB CARRIERS, AND TO RESTORE MILI ISLANDS, MILI ATOLL IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT TO ITS PRE-WAR CONDITION; AND REQUESTING THE HICOM TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR AN ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR MILI ISLANDS AND TO ARRANGE FOR THE USE OF USDA FEEDING PROGRAM NEEDED TO SUSTAIN THE PEOPLE ON MILI ATOLL UNTIL THE REPLANTATION PROGRAM IS COMPLETED AND THE PEOPLE COULD HARVEST THEIR OWN CROPS, (HJR 6-15); DIRECTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF NOTING THE IRREGULARITIES THAT OCCURRED

DURING THE 1974 CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION IN TRUK DISTRICT FOR POSSIBLE CRIMINAL VIOLATION OF THE ELECTION LAWS, AND REPORT HIS FINDINGS TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA BY FEBRUARY 14, 1975 (HJR 6-16); AND CONFIRMING THE NOMINEES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MICRONESIAN COCONUT PROCESSING AUTHORITY, (HJR 6-17).

THE LOWE HOUSE RESOLUTION WOULD DIRECT THE HOUSE JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FOR THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT., (HR 6-4).

PONAPE REPRESENTATIVE EDGAR EDWARD MADE A BRIEF REMARKS TO THE HOUSE IN WHICH HE TALKED ABOUT THE REASONS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA (SEE FOLLOWING STORY).

THE HOUSE RECESSED UNTIL 10:00 TUESDAY MORNING (JAN. 28). THE SENATE WILL CONVENE AT 4:00 P.M. TUESDAY.

DURING A BRIEF LATE AFTERNOON SESSION ON SATURDAY (JAN. 25) SENATORS INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING FOUR BILLS: AMENDING SECTION 251 OF TITLE 33 OF THE TT CODE DEFINING USURY, (SB 6-57); A MEASURE APPROPRIATING \$28,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES FOR MOEN AND DUBLON IN TRUK DISTRICT, (SB 6-58); ADDING A NEW SECTION TO TITLE 73 OF THE TT CODE EMPOWERING THE TT SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD TO INVEST FUNDS IN DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES, (SB 6-59); A NATURALIZATION MEASURE, (SB 6-60).

ONE SENATE RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED WHICH REQUESTS THE TT SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD TO INVEST IN DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES (SR 6-1).

(ALL USERS PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(MANGEFEL ON LAND RETURN)

SAIPAN, JAN. 27 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---LIGHTHEARTED BUT SERIOUS-MINDED SENATOR JOHN MANGEFEL FROM YAP MONDAY (JAN. 27) DELIVERED IN A HUMOROUS FASHION REMARKS CRITICAL OF THE U.S. DECISION TO RETURN PUBLIC LANDS BY SECRETARIAL ORDER.

HIS REMARKS WERE CONTAINED IN A "LETTER" TO HIS COUSIN NGABOHEY, WHICH HE READ INTO THE SENATE JOURNAL. THE LETTER RECOUNTED THE HISTORY OF MICRONESIA AND ITS LAND UNDER FOUR DIFFERENT FOREIGN COUNTRIES WHICH HAD "TAKEN, BOUGHT, MANDATED, AND TRUSTEESHIPED" THE AREA.

THE PURPOSE OF THE LETTER, HE EXPLAINED, WAS TO ASSIST HIS YOUNG COUSIN, WHO IS ATTENDING SCHOOL IN THE U.S., TO EXPLAIN TO HIS CLASSMATES THE HISTORY OF MICRONESIA AND WHO OWNS IT.

IN IT HE OUTLINED IN AN IRONIC WAY HOW OTHER COUNTRIES HAD CONTROLLED MICRONEISA OVER THE PAST 500 YEARS AND HOW THE MICRONESIANS HAD PATIENTLY WAITED FOR THEIR LANDS TO BE RETURNED. NOW WITH THE ISSUANCE OF A SECRETARIAL ORDER RETURNING ONLY SOME OF THEM, TIME AND PATIENCE ARE "RUNNING OUT."

THE LETTER RELATED THAT THE TREATY OF THE TORDESILLAS SIGNED BETWEEN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL ON JUNE 6, 1494, "TOOK MICRONESIA SOME 481 YEARS, SEVEN MONTHS, AND SIX DAYS" AS OF THE CONVENING OF THE CONGRESS SESSION ON JANUARY 13, 1975.

"THIS DOCUMENT WAS SIGNED AS A RESULT OF THE DESIRES AND ACTIONS OF POPE ALEXANDER VI," HE RELATED; AND "WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO HIS LATE HOLINESS, THAT TREATY WAS WRONG, FOR THE YAPSE PEOPLE LIKE THE REST OF THE MICRONESIANS

AFFECTED WERE NOT INFORMED ABOUT THE TREATY, MUCH LESS INVITED TO BE SIGNATORIES TO IT."

NOTING THAT THE YAPSE, "LIKE MOST MICRONESIANS" WERE A PATIENT PEOPLE, "WE DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL SOMEONE WOULD ADMIT THAT THESE ISLANDS WERE ALREADY DISCOVERED AND OWNED BY US, AND THEREFORE COULD NOT BE TAKEN WITHOUT OUR PERMISSION," HE SAID.

UNFORTUNATELY, IT WENT ON, BEFORE THAT COULD BE DONE
"SPAIN WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE...SOLD THESE ISLANDS WHICH DID
NOT BELONG TO THEM, TO GERMANY," ADDING HE WAS SURE THAT
GERMANY WOULD NOT HAVE BROUGHT THEM IF THEY HAD A "THROUGH
TITLE SEARCH CONDUCTED PRIOR TO THE SALE."

MICRONESIANS WAITED AGAIN WITH PATIENCE, HE SAID "KNOWING
THAT OUR CAUSE WAS JUST AND THAT THE TRUTH WOULD WIN OUT IN
THE END."

BEFORE THAT COULD HAPPEN, MANGEFEL'S LETTER CONTINUED,
THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS "WRONGFULLY" GAVE MICRONESIA TO JAPAN
TO ADMINISTER UNDER THE "GUISE OF A SACRED TRUST" ON DECEMBER
20, 1920.

"BY THEN, ALTHOUGH A PATIENT PEOPLE, WE BEGAN TO GET A
BIT UNEASY, SINCE SOME 426 YEARS, SIX MONTHS, AND 13 DAYS HAD
PASSED SINCE THE ORIGINAL TREATY HAD BEEN SIGNED, AND NO ONE
HAD YET ASKED OUR OPINION, OR CONSIDERED OUR CASE," HE WROTE.

"WELL, OF COURSE THEN COUSIN, BEFORE THINGS COULD BE SET
STRAIGHT THE UNITED STATES AND ITS FRIENDS, AND JAPAN AND
ITS FRIENDS GOT INTO A TERRIBLE ARGUMENT OVER SOME MATTER OR
THE OTHER WHICH DIDN'T CONCERN US, BUT WHICH CAUSED A LOT OF
DAMAGE TO THE ISLANDS THAT JAPAN WAS MANDATING, BUT WHICH WE
KNEW REALLY BELONGED TO US," HE WROTE, REFERRING TO WORLD WAR

AFTERWARDS, WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH MICRONESIANS "WE
FOUND OUR ISLANDS TRUSTESHIPPED OUT TO THE UNITED STATES."
HE SAID THAT WHILE STILL UNEASY, MICRONESIANS DECIDED TO WAIT
AND SEE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN UNDER THE NEW RULER.

HE WROTE THAT FOR A WHILE "THINGS LOOKED PRETTY
PRONISING" AND THAT THEY HEARD A LOT OF "GOOD WORDS FROM THE
U.S. AND THE UNITED NATIONS ABOUT THE RIGHTS OF MAN, AND
SELF GOVERNMENT," ADDING THAT THE U.S. MADE AVAILABLE TO
MICRONESIA A LOT OF THINGS, BOTH "GOOD AND BAD," INCLUDING
EDUCATION, IDEAS ABOUT GOVERNMENT AND THR RIGHTS OF MAN,
ETC, ETC."

"WITH THE AMERICANS HERE, WE ALSO GOT BEER, FACTORY MADE
CIGARETTES, MINI SKIRTS, ROCK AND ROLL RECORDS, SPAM, CORNED
BEEF, AND OUR OWN TUNE FISH, (IN THEIR CANS)."

HE CONTINUED THAT THEY DID NOT, HOWEVER, GET TWO THINGS
THEY WANTED" THE U.S. TELLING EVERYONE THAT "WE OWNED THESE
ISLANDS ORIGINALLY, AND ...THAT WE COULD NOW RETURN TO
RUNNING OUR OWN AFFAIRS."

"IT LOOKED LIKE WE WOULD HAVE TO BE PATIENT FOR ANOTHER
500 YEARS," HE WROTE, "BUT FINALLY, THE UNITED STATES, THROUGH
AN AMBASSADOR SOMEBODY-OR-OTHER, SENT A MESSAGE SAYING THEY
WERE GOING TO RECONGNIZE THAT WE OWNED THE LANDS, BY 'RETURNING'
THEM TO US" AND THAT THE CONGRESS WOULD ONLY HAVE TO PASS
A BILL TO DO SO.

WRITING THAT "I BET UOR CAN'T GUESS WHAT HAPPENED NEXT,"
HE RELATED THAT THE CONGRESS PASSED THE BILL, BUT THE HIGH
COMMISSIONER VETOED IT BECAUSE "WE WERE RETURNING TOO MUCH OF
OUR LAND (AND WATERS, TOO) BACK TO OURSELVES. SO INSTEAD OF

LETTING US RETURN OUR OWN LANDS, THE BIG CHIEF IN WASHINGTON,
(THEY CALL HIM A SECRETARY FOR SOME REASON) WROTE OUR A
PAPER WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO LET THE HIGH COMMISSIONER RETURN
OUR LANDS, IF WE ASK FOR IT FIRST," BUT, HE ADDED, "ONLY SOME"
OF THE LAND.

HE CONCLUDED BY WRITING THAT IF ANYBODY ASKED HIS COUSIN WHERE MICRONESIA IS, COULD SHOW THEM ON THE MAP. "AND IF ANYBODY ASKS YOU WHO OWNS MICRONESIA, YOU CAN TELL THEM THAT THE MICRONESIANS--THE YAPESE, THE PONAPEANS, MARSHALLESE, PALAUANS, THE CHANORROS, AND THE TRUKESE--OWN MICRONESIA, BUT THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT WANT TO ADMIT IT YET."

"YOU CAN ALSO TELL ANYBODY THAT AS OF THE DATE OF THIS LETTER, IT HAS BEEN 481 YEARS, SEVEN MONTHS, 20 DAYS, AND AN ASSORTED NUMBER OF HOURS, MINUTES, AND SECONDS" SINCE SPAIN TOOK MICRONESIA AND IT HAS NOT BEEN RETURNED. "THEREFORE, YOU MIGHT ADD, COUSIN NGABCHEY, THAT CONSEQUENTLY TIME AND THE PATIENCE OF YOUR MICRONESIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE RUNNING OUT."

THE LETTER WAS SIGNED "BEST PERSONAL REGARDS, JOHN DE AVILA MANGEFEL, WITH A POST SCRIPT SAYING IF HIS COUSIN'S FRIENDS HAVE TROUBLE FINDING INFORMATION ABOUT MICRONESIA THEY CAN GET A GENERAL IDEA OF OUR HISTORY BY READING ABOUT THE AMERICAN INDIANS."

(ALL USERS" PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(REP. EDWARD ON CONGRESS GOALS)

SAIPAN, JAN. 27 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---THE REASON FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WAS THE SUBJECT OF A SPEECH BY FRESHMAN REPRESENTATIVE EDGAR EDWARD OF PONAPE, IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MONDAY (JAN. 27).

EDWARD SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE CONGRESS "...IS NOT TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO FOR OUR OWN PARTICULAR REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS, BUT RATHER WHAT WE CAN DO WORKING TOGETHER FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA IN ALL OF THE DISTRICTS."

THE PONAPE REPRESENTATIVE SAID LEGISLATION MUST BE CONSIDERED "NOT ON THE BASIS OF WHO IS THE INTRODUCER OR WHAT IS HIS HOME DISTRICT, BUT ON THE BASIS OF MERIT," AND ON THE BASIS OF IF THE MEASURE WILL "...DO THE MOST GOOD' FOR ALL MICRONESIANS."

RELATED TO THIS SUBJECT EDWARD SAID THERE HAS BEEN MUCH DISCUSSION CONCERNING MICRONESIAN UNITY IN PAST SESSIONS OF THE CONGRESS. REMINDING HIS COLLEAGUES, HOWEVER THAT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A SELF-GOVERNMENT NATION ARE "APPROACHING FAST." EDWARD SAID THE NEWLY-CONVENED SIXTH CONGRESS "MUST BE NOTED NOT FOR TALKING ABOUT UNITY, BUT FOR DOING SOMETHING ABOUT UNITY."

THE PONAPE CONGRESSMAN SAID ONE WAY TO REACH THIS GOAL WOULD BE FOR THE CONGRESS TO SET PRIORITIES AND ACCOMPLISH MAJOR ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. HE SAID TWO AREAS THAT NEED IMMEDIATE ACTION ARE THE UPCOMING MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND WHAT THE CONGRESS CAN DO IN REPOSE TO THE RECENTLY ISSUED SECRETARIAL ORDER NO. 2969 WHICH BY-PASSED THE CONGRESS IN PROVIDING FOR THE RETURN OF MOST MICRONESIAN PUBLIC LANDS TO THE DISTRICTS.

"WE MUST MAKE OUR DECISIONS, AND FORM OUR GOALS ON THESE COMMON PROBLEMS TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR UNITY IS MAINTAINED AND MADE STRONGER AND TO ELIMINATE THOSE FORCES WHICH TEND TO DICIDE US," HE SAID.

(EDLF BOARD SOLICITS AG'S OPINION)

SAIPAN, JAN. 24 (MNS)---THE EDLF BOARD VOTED, AT THEIR MOST RECENT MEETING, TO SOLICIT THE OPINION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AS TO WHETHER OR NOT EDLF BORROWERS WHO ARE 90 DAYS OR MORE DELINQUENT IN THEIR LOAN PAYMENTS CAN BE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED. IT WAS THE BOARD'S UNANIMOUS OPINION THAT IF SUCH ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE MADE PUBLIC, THAT THE PRESSURE OF PUBLIC OPINION WOULD SERVE AS AN ADDED INDUCEMENT FOR DELINQUENT BORROWERS TO MAINTAIN THEIR LOAN PAYMENT IN A CURRENT STATUS.

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND IS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA; IT WAS ESTABLISHED AS A REVOLVING FUND SO THAT AS ONE BORROWER REPAYS HIS LOAN, HIS LOAN PAYMENTS ARE RECIRCULATED AND LOANED TO ANOTHER BORROWER. IS THIS VERY IMPORTANT MULTIPLYER EFFECT OF SUCH A DEVELOPMENT FINANCING TOOL THAT HAS STIMULATED ECONOMIC GROWTH IN MOST OF THE NEW NATIONS OF THE WORLD.

(BILINGUAL PROJECTS RECIEVES GRANTS)

SAIPAN, JAN. 27 (MNS)---FOUR BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROJECTS FOR MICRONESIA, TWO IN THE MARIANAS AND ONE EACH IN PONAPE AND YAP, HAVE BEEN FUNDED FOR OPERATION UNDER THE BILINGUAL EDUCATION ACT (ESEA, TITLE VII). TRUST TERRITORY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, DAVID REMARUI, ANNOUNCED THAT WITH THE FOUR NEW GRANT AWARDS FEDERAL SUPPORT OF BILINGUAL EDUCATION IN MICRONESIA NOW EXCEEDS \$589,000.

THE FOUR NEW PROJECTS (KUSAIE BILINGUAL, YAP HIGH SCHOOL BILINGUAL, ROTA BILINGUAL LEARNING AND SAIPAN BILINGUAL LEARNING) BRING TO SIXTEEN THE TOTAL OF FEDERALLY FUNDED BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROJECTS IN MICRONESIA. REMARUI INDICATED THAT WHILE THE MAJORITY OF PROJECTS HAVE BEEN AT THE ELEMENTARY LEVEL, ADDITIONAL PROJECTS FOR THE SECONDARY LEVEL AND FOR TEACHER TRAINING ARE ANTICIPATED IN THE COMING FISCAL YEAR.

REMARUI NOTE THAT BILINGUAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES REPRESENT THE MOST RECENT PHASE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LANGUAGE PROGRAMS FOR MICRONESIA. THE PRECEDING PHASE, BEGUN IN 1967-68, SAW LARGE NUMBER OF MICRONESIAN EDUCATORS TRAINED TO ASSUME REPONSIBILITY FOR THE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE PROGRAM. IN THE CURRENT PHASE, BEGUN IN 1971, MANY OF THESE PEOPLE TURNED THEIR ATTENTION TO INSTATING THE MICRONESIAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES AS VITAL COMPONENTS IN THE EDUCATION CURRICULA OF THE TRUST TERRITORY.

BILINGUAL PROJECTS WERE WRITTEN AND BEGUN. RESEARCH INTO MICRONESIAN LANGUAGES AT THE UNIVESITY OF HAWAII PRODUCED GRAMMARS, DICTIONARIES, AND ORTHOGTAPHIES FOR EIGHT OF THE LANGUAGES. PROJECT TRACHERS AND STAFF WERE TRAINED IN AREAS PRETINENE TO PROJECT GOALS. A UNIVERSITY-LEVEL DEGREE PROGRAM IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION IS TO GEGIN SOON AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII. LANGUAGE ARTS MATERIALS IN MICRONESIAN LANGUAGES ARE BEGIN PRODUCED. EFFORTS HAVE BEGUN TO BETTER INTERATE LANGUAGE PROGRAMS WITH SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE AND MATH.

IT IS ANTICIPATED, SAID PRMARUI, THAT A RESULT OF ALL THESE EFFORTS WILL BE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TOTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM WHICH WILL ALLOW TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY IN WHICHEVER LANGUAGE IS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR THEIR EDUCATIONAL ASPIRATIONS. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT EDUCATION SEEKS THE CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT OF PARENTS AND COMMUNITY IN THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN. WHILE CONTINUING TO BUILD A STRONG SECOND (ENGLISH) LANGUAGE, RAMARUI SAID HE HOPES THAT THE NEW EMPHASIS ON BILINGUAL EDUCATION WILL REKINDLE PRIDE IN THE INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES AND DIVERSE CULTURAL HERITAGES OF MICRONESIA. HE SEES COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF AND PARTICIPATION IN BILINGUAL EDUCATION EFFORTS AS A KEY TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOALS. BILINGUAL EDUCATION, SAYS RAMARUI, IS A BASIC NEED FOR ANY MICRONESIAN WHO WOULD UNDERSTAND HIMSELF, HIS CULTURE, AND HIS OR HER POSITION IN TODAY'S WORLD.

(IT APPLIED FOR CELE FUNDS)

SAIPAN, JAN. 27 (MNS)---THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WISHES TO INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS HAS APPLIED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, MANPOWER ADMINISTRATION, REGION IX, FOR THE INITIAL GRANT APPLICATION OF \$104,382 UNDER TITLE VI OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT OF 1973, AS AMENDED. THE FULL FUNDING LEVEL IS EXPECTED TO \$328,804.

IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY TO UTILIZE THE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE AREAS, TRAINING AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. WE PROPOSE TO HIRE 72 UNEMPLOYED PERSONS DURING THE FIRST MONTH OF THE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS IS BASED ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, POPULATION MAKE-UP AND ITS UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS: MARIANAS \$41,429; MARSHALLS \$41,429; PALAU \$44,391; TRUK \$59,184; PONAPE \$52,853; AND YAP \$26,633; ADMINISTRATION \$32,880; FOR A TOTAL \$328,804.

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 WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THIS ANNOUNCEMENT: HONORABLE EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, HIGH COMMISSIONER, OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950, AND MR. WILLIAM J. HALTIGAN, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR MANPOWER, MANPOWER ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, 450 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94102.

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR REVIEW DURING WORKING HOURS, 7:30-11:30 AND 12:30-16:30, AT HEADQUARTERS TRAINING DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL LOCATED ON SAIPAN OR AT EACH DISTRICT PERSONNEL OFFICE.

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