

NAKAYAMA, HENRY ON ESG

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SAIPAN, JAN. 28 (MNS) --- SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA AND HOUSE SPEAKER BETHVEL HENRY LAST WEEK APPEARED ON THE HEADQUARTERS EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE PROGRAM "DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA". POLITICAL STATUS, MICRONESIAN UNITY, THE LACK OF GOOD SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND MICRONESIA'S ECONOMY WERE DISCUSSED. R/VG

CONCERNING THE POLITICAL STATUS, PRESIDENT NAKAYAMA INDICATED THAT THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION MIGHT BE ONE OF THE BEST ALTERNATIVES, BUT IN HIS OPINION INDEPENDENCE WOULD BE THE BEST. HE NOTED THAT INDEPENDENCE WAS ONE OF THE ALTERNATIVES MANDATED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE BUT THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN BROUGHT UP FOR NEGOTIATION SINCE IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE TWO DIFFERENT STATUSES AT THE SAME TIME. HE ADDED THAT HE PREFERRED TO HAVE THE CONSTITUTION FINISHED BEFORE THE COMPACT WAS APPROVED SO THAT THE NEGOTIATORS WOULD HAVE THAT DOCUMENT AS A GUIDE IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS.

WITH REGARD TO STATEMENTS MADE BY SENATOR SALII THAT NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE STOPPED AS A RESULT OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER RETURNING PUBLIC LAND OVER THE OBJECTIONS OF THE CONGRESS, SPEAKER HENRY NOTED THAT THE ISSUE WAS BEING STUDIED BUT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

OTHER ISSUES WHICH MIGHT BLOCK THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE QUESTIONS WHICH ARE UNRESOLVED IN THE COMPACT ITSELF. THE CONGRESS WILL CONSIDER ONLY THE COMPLETED DOCUMENT BEFORE DECIDING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT IT.

PRESIDENT NAKAYAMA ADDED THAT THE CONGRESS IS CONSIDERING AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO THE EXECUTIVE ORDER. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY FOLLOW THE LINES OF THE HONOLULU POSITION AT THE TIME THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WALKED OUR OF TALKS WITH STANLEY S. CARPENTER, TO DISCUSS THE LAND ISSUE.

THE TRUK SENATOR SPOKE ABOUT UNITY IN MICRONESIA, AND HE COMMENTED THAT CONGRESS IS LOOKING CLOSELY AT THE SITUATION IN THE MARSHALLS AND THE MARIANAS. HE CAUTIONED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO LOOK AT THESE MOVEMENTS TO DETERMINE IF THEY WERE DIRECTED AT SEEKING THE BEST SITUATION FOR THE PEOPLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES OR SIMPLY SEPARATION FROM THE REST OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, EVEN IF THE UNIFIED SITUATION WOULD BE BEST. PROGRAMS OF UNITY MUST COME FROM THE CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS MICRONESIAN LEADERS.

SENATOR NAKAYAMA ADDED THAT HE HOPED THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS WOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REJECT THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION BEFORE THEY ARE PRESENTED THE COVENANT OF COMMONWEALTH ON WHICH TO VOTE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE PLEBISCITE IS TO BE A GENERAL ONE FOR ALL MICRONESIA AND NOT A DISTRICT-BY-DISTRICT VOTE AS HE FEELS THE U.S. FAVORS. "THE PLEBISCITE," HE SAID, "WILL BE A WAY TO BRING THE PEOPLE INTO THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE COMPACT."

THE SENATE PRESIDENT INDICATED THAT HIS PREFERENCE FOR THE PLEBISCITE WOULD BE TO SIMULTANEOUSLY VOTE ON THE CONSTITUTION AND THE COMPACT, SO THAT PEOPLE WOULD NOT HAVE TO CHOOSE ONE BEFORE THEY HAD A CHANCE TO STUDY THE OTHER.

WITH REGARD TO THE ECONOMY OF MICRONESIA, SENATOR NAKAYAMA SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A NEW GOVERNMENT SET UP BEFORE THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT BEGINS TACKLING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. GIVEN THE PRESENT SITUATION IN THE IT, HOWEVER, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SOLVE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BEFORE THE POLITICAL STATUS CAN BE RESOLVED. 3298

OTHERWISE, NAKAYAMA ASSERTED, ECONOMICS WILL INFLUENCE THE CHOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

THE TRUST SENATOR EMPHASIZED THAT THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE TERMINATED UNTIL THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS ARE ASSURED THAT THERE IS SOME FORM OF SELF-GOVERNMENT IN MICRONESIA. HE FURTHER SAID THAT THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES SOVEREIGNTY OF MICRONESIA AND PROVIDES FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDING FOR COMPROMISE OF SOME OF THE ELEMENTS OF SOVEREIGNTY.

NAKAYAMA CLOSED HIS REMARKS BY CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON DID NOT INCLUDE THE SUBJECT OF TRANSPORTATION IN HIS ANNUAL STATE OF THE TERRITORY MESSAGE. HE INDICATED THAT ITS ABSENCE WAS SIGNIFICANT AND HE HOPES TO GET TOGETHER WITH THE HICOM TO BEGIN WORK ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROBLEM. BOTH NAKAYAMA AND HENRY AGREED THAT THE PROBLEMS OF POOR SURFACE INTER-ISLANDS TRANSPORTATION WILL GET PRIORITY TREATMENT IN THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS.

(TT ATTORNEY MISSING)

SAIPAN, JAN. 28 (MNS) --- A LAWYER FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE SATURDAY (JAN. 25) WHEN HE FAILED TO RETURN TO SAIPAN FROM A TRIP TO TINIAN IN HIS 15-FOOT CATAMARAN SAILBOAT.

CHARLES WHEELER, REGISTRAR OF CORPORATIONS, WAS SPOTTED LATE SUNDAY AFTERNOON - . 26) 30 MILES WEST OF TINIAN, WHERE A NAVY P-3 RESCUE PLANE FROM GUAM NAVAL STATION DROPPED A MARKER BUOY. DUE TO APPROACHING DARKNESS IT WAS TOO LATE IN THE DAY TO RESCUE HIM.

TRUST TERRITORY MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER LT. CDR. ALAN R. PENDLETON SAID THE PLANE REPORTED THE BOAT WAS UPRIGHT AND WHEELER WAS WEARING AN ORANGE LIFEJACKET. HE HAD NOT BEEN SIGHTED AGAIN BY LATE TUESDAY AFTERNOON (JAN. 28).

LT. CDR. PENDLETON SAID THAT TWO MILITARY AIRCRAFT ARE SEARCHING FOR HIM AS OF LATE TUESDAY AFTERNOON. HE ADDED THAT THE NAVY WILL SEARCH AGAIN WEDNESDAY (JAN. 29). SOME LOCAL BOAT OWNERS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE SEARCH.

WHEELER IS BELIEVED TO HAVE SOME FOOD AND WATER WITH HIM.

(MARINE SCHOLARSHIP)

SAIPAN, JAN. 28 (MNS) --- HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON ANNOUNCED THE NAMES OF THIRTEEN RECIPIENTS OF MARINE TRANSPORTATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1975-76. THE SCHOLARSHIPS WERE MADE POSSIBLE UNDER PUBLIC LAW 5-101.

THE SELECTION OF THE THIRTEEN RECIPIENTS WAS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THEY BASED THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE APPLICANTS' ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, BACKGROUND, EXPERIENCE AND LETTERS OF REFERENCE FROM RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

IN A MEMORANDUM TO ALL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, THE HICOM STATED: "I AM CERTAIN THAT THE NEWLY SELECTED RECIPIENTS OF THE MARINE TRANSPORTATION SCHOLARSHIP WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST ACADEMIC AND MORAL STANDARDS AS REPRESENTATIVES OF MICRONESIA AND WILL FULFILL THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, UPON THE COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES, IN RETURNING TO THE TERRITORY AND ASSISTING IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND UPGRADING OF MARINE TRANSPORTATION."

THE RECIPIENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: JOSE A. BERMUDEZ, EDMOND RABAUIMAN AND BASILIO W. ODOSHI, MARIANAS; GEORGE BUCHOMAL AND VICTOR W. PLUM, YAP; WEINER HADLEY AND HERMAN J. HENRY.

PONAPE; LEO S. LOKOPWE AND LIPPWE SWELLING OF TRUK; ELIZER NGOTEL, ARVIN RAYMOND AND JOSEPHIUS TIOBECH FROM PALAU; AND JORELIK C. TIBON FROM THE MARSHALLS.

THE ALTERNATES ARE: MARTIN S. ATALIG AND PAUL K. PANGELINAN, MARIANAS; CHRISTIAN HENGIO AND EDMUND ISAK FROM TRUK; JOHN ISECHAL AND TECHUR RENGULBAI FROM PALAU; KEDSEM LIPHAI AND WAYNOLD YAMAGUCHI, FROM PONAPE; CLARENCE LUTHER AND IOHANN RAKIN FROM THE MARSHALLS.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THE SENATE MET LATE TUESDAY AFTERNOON (JAN. 23) AT 4:00. MNS WILL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THAT SESSION, WHICH IS THE SECOND MNS DISPATCH FOR JAN. 23. PLEASE CHECK YOUR COMSTATIONS FOR THE SECOND MNS DISPATCH ON THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ACTIVITIES.)