

(PRESIDENT FORD SUBMIT IT BUDGET TO CONGRESS) 1975

SAIPAN, FEB. 4 (MNS)---PRESIDENT FORD SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS ON FEBRUARY 3 A BUDGET REQUEST IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$80-MILLION TO SUPPORT THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT IN FISCAL YEAR 1976 WHICH BEGINS ON JULY 1, 1975. IN ADDITION, \$1 MILLION WAS REQUESTED FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND AND \$3.5 MILLION AS THE FIRST INCREMENT OF A PLANNED PROGRAM TO FACILITATE THE RETURN OF THE ENEWETOKESE TO THEIR ATOLL IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS. AN ADDITIONAL \$7 MILLION WAS REQUESTED UNDER TITLE II OF P.L. 92-93 WHICH PROVIDES FOR PAYMENT OF CLAIMS TO MICRONESIANS WHO SUFFERED DAMAGES TO PERSONAL OR REAL PROPERTY IN THE PERIOD FROM THE TIME U.S. FORCES OCCUPIED THE ISLANDS TO JULY 1, 1951.

THE \$80 MILLION REQUESTED TO SUPPORT THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT CONSISTS OF \$55 MILLION FOR OPERATION AND \$25 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. THE \$55 MILLION FOR OPERATIONS INCLUDES \$8.7 MILLION FOR HEALTH SERVICES, \$13.4 MILLION FOR EDUCATION, \$11.8 MILLION FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND \$5.7 MILLION FOR RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT. THE \$25 MILLION REQUESTED FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS INCLUDES \$11.6 MILLION FOR TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, \$3.8 MILLION FOR WATER, SEWER AND POWER FACILITIES, \$2.8 MILLION FOR RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES AND \$1.9 MILLION FOR EDUCATION FACILITIES.

THE REQUESTED APPROPRIATIONS ARE DEPENDENT ON THE ENACTMENT OF AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION PROPOSED LAST FALL WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE FISCAL YEAR 1975 AUTHORIZATION TO \$75 MILLION AS WELL AS AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATION OF THE \$80 MILLION REQUESTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976. WHILE THE AUTHORIZING BILL WAS CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE HEARINGS IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE LAST FALL, NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO DATE ON THE REQUEST.

(SENATE SEND FIRST BILL TO HICOM)

SAIPAN, FEB. 4 (MNS)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS PASSED AND SENT TO HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON THE FIRST BILL TO COME OUT OF THE CURRENT FIRST REGULAR SESSION ON SAIPAN. THE ACTION CAME IN THE SENATE TUESDAY (FEB. 4) ON THE 23RD DAY OF THE SCHEDULED 50-DAY SESSION.

THE BILL IS TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 5-31, WHICH APPROPRIATED \$225,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR USE ON ROAD PROJECTS ON BABELTHUAP ISLAND. THE MEASURE WOULD AMEND THAT LAW TO PERMIT THE DISTRICT TO USE THE EQUIPMENT ANYWHERE IN PALAU DISTRICT AND NOT JUST ON BABELTHUAP. FINAL APPROVAL CAME WHEN THE SENATORS PASSED THE BILL UNANIMOUSLY.

THE NEXT STEP IS FOR THE CLERK OF THE SENATE TO OFFICIALLY TRANSMIT THE BILL TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE FOR CONSIDERATION BY HIM AND HIS STAFF. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS 10 DAYS IN WHICH TO ACT ON THE BILL. THE BILL'S AUTHOR IS REP. RUDIMCH.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER CAN TAKE ONE OF THREE ACTIONS. HE CAN APPROVE THE BILL AND SIGN IT, IN WHICH CASE IT BECOMES LAW. HE CAN DISAPPROVE, OR "VETO" THE MEASURE, IN WHICH CASE THE CONGRESS CAN, IF IT WISHES, TAKE THE MEASURE UP AGAIN. OR HE CAN ALLOW THE BILL TO BECOME LAW WITHOUT HIS SIGNATURE, WHICH HAPPENS AUTOMATICALLY AT THE END OF THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR CONSIDERATION IF HE HAS TAKEN NO ACTION ON IT.

THE SENATE ALSO PASSED ON SECOND READING AND SENT BACK TO THE HOUSE FIVE HOUSE BILLS WITH AMENDMENTS TO THEM. THEY ARE: A BILL TO RAISE THE USURY LIMIT IN MICRONESIA FROM ONE PERCENT PER MONTH TO ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT PER MONTH, (HB 6-28); A MEASURE AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION, (HB 6-63); A BILL TO APPROPRIATE \$31,000 FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY PERSONNEL

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BOARD THROUGH MARCH 31, 1976, (HB 6-7); AND A MEASURE TO GRANT OUTRIGHT TO THE COPRA STABILIZATION FUND THE BALANCE OF \$79,570.92 APPROPRIATED UNDER PUBLIC LAW 5-4, (HB 6-26).

ALSO, TWO SENATE LLS PASSED SECOND READING AND WERE SENT TO THE HOUSE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS. THEY ARE A BILL TO AMEND THE DIVISION STRUCTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THAT DEPARTMENT SINCE THE PASSAGE OF THE ADVICE AND CONSENT ACT, (SB 6-73); AND A BILL TO BROADEN THE MANDATE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON RONGELAP AND UTIRIK AND INCREASE THE LIFE OF THAT COMMITTEE, (SB 6-54).

SIX SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED. THEY ARE: RECOMMENDING THOMAS B. CROSSAN, JR. AS TRUST TERRITORY BUDGET OFFICER, (SJR 6-1); CONFIRMING THE NOMINEES TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MICRONESIAN COCONUT PROCESSING AUTHORITY, (SJR 6-17); EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS RELATING TO MAXIMUM PENALTIES ON FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS VIOLATING TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, (SJR 6-10); URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO ATTAIN REACCREDITATION FOR THE TT NURSING SCHOOL, (SJR 6-11); REQUESTING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SEEK AGREEMENTS WITH COUNTRIES IN PACIFIC BASIN FOR PUNISHMENT OF FISHING VIOLATIONS, (SJR 6-12); AND A RESOLUTION WHICH WAS INTRODUCED, PLACED ON THE RESOLUTION CALENDAR AND ADOPTED TO INVITE THE UNITED NATIONS ASIAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING TO LOCATE A REGIONAL OFFICE ON SAIPAN AND ALSO TO INVITE THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE TO VISIT MICRONESIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE, (SJR 6-13).

INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE TUESDAY (FEB. 4) WERE FIVE BILLS AND THREE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS (OTHER THAN THE ONE INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED). THE BILLS ARE: TO DECLARE THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE MICRONESIAN CONCON IN JUNE, 1974, IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS VOID, TO AUTHORIZE THE HICOM TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE CONCON FROM THAT DISTRICT, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CONCON LAW, 5-60, (SB 6-90) C A MEASURE TO ESTABLISH A PRICE CONTROL SYSTEM, TO APPROPRIATE \$25,000 FOR THE ENFORCEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION, (SB 6-91); TO APPROPRIATE \$124,500 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT, (SB 6-92); A BILL APPROPRIATING \$10,000 FOR A SAIPAN LITTLE LEAGUE, (SB 6-93); AND A MEASURE TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000 TO DEFRAY THE TRAVEL COSTS AND OTHER EXPENSES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D) TO SECURE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION AND FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SUBREGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, (SB 6-94).

THE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZE THE SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON R&D TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC REGION AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WITH A VIEW TOWARD SECURING FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF THE TT AND TO VISIT SUCH COUNTRIES AND MEET WITH SUCH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO ACHIEVE THESE ENDS, (SJR 6-15); URGE THE HICOM TO ALLEVIATE THE CHRONIC WATER SHORTAGE ON EBeye ISLAND IN THE MARSHALLS, (SJR 6-16); AND AUTHORIZE THE HICOM TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE A GRANT OFFER FOR AN AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AID PROGRAM (ADAP) PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STALL CRASH/FIRE RESCUE BUILDING FOR THE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ISLEY FIELD) IN THE MARIANAS, FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, (SJR 6-17).

THREE SPEECHES HIGHLIGHTED THE HOUSE SESSION TUESDAY AFTERNOON. ONE OF THE SPEECHES, DELIVERED BY FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN KUNIWO NAKAMURA OF PALAU WAS ABOUT THE

"DETERMINATION OF OUR PERMANENT POLITICAL STATUS" WHICH HE SAID WAS "LONG OVERDUE". (SEE FOLLOWING STORY)

PONAPE REPRESENTATIVE EDGAR EDWARD SPOKE BEFORE INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION URGING THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO "TAKE POSITIVE ACTION IN IMPLEMENTING PLANS FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA" IN PONAPE DISTRICT.

ANOTHER SPEECH WAS GIVEN BY MARSHALLS CONGRESSMAN ATAJI BALOS BEFORE HE INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION REQUESTING IMMEDIATE RELIEF FROM THE FEDERAL DISASTER ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF EBEBE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM A "SEVERE" WATER SHORTAGE.

(SEE FOLLOWING STORIES FOR MORE COVERAGE ON THESE TWO SPEECHES).

IN OTHER HOUSE ACTION, ONE BILL WAS FILED, ONE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED, WHILE THE CONGRESSMEN DEFERRED ACTION ON ONE OTHER BILL.

THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS RECOMMENDED THAT THE HOUSE FILE A BILL TO PERMIT THE ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS TO CITIZEN OFFICIALS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT WHEN TRAVELING ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF A DIPLOMATIC NATURE, (HB 6-4).

ACCORDING TO THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT, SINCE THE TRUST TERRITORY IS NOT A SOVEREIGN NATION HAVING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH OTHER SOVEREIGN NATIONS, "IT HAS NO AUTHORIZED PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE." FURTHER, THE COMMITTEE STATED IN ITS REPORT, "THE UNITED STATES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AFFORDING DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROTECTION TO INHABITANTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY WHEN THEY TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF MICRONESIA." THUS THE HOUSE VOTED TO FILE THE BILL.

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY TO CLEAR AND REHABILITATE PUBLIC LANDS ON WOTJE, MILI, JALUIT AND MALOELAP ATOLLS IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT WAS ADOPTED, (HJR 6-8).

A TOTAL OF TEN BILLS, FOUR OF THEM APPROPRIATION MEASURES, SEVEN HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS AND A HOUSE RESOLUTION WERE SUBMITTED TUESDAY. THE BILLS WOULD: CREATE A JOINT COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS OF THE CONGRESS, TO REQUIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO BE BID ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS AND PROVIDE FOR CONTRACTING PROCEDURE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, (HB 6-145); TO REPEAL PUBLIC LAW 4C-38 AND TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF REEFER AND ICE MAKING FACILITIES, (HB 6-146); APPROPRIATE \$150,000 TO PURCHASE BULK SUPPLIES AND PROVISIONS FOR RESALE TO THE FISHING COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS, (HB 6-147); \$60,000 TO DEFRAY THE COST OF REALIGNING, GRADING PAVING, MACADAMIZING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING ROADS AND STREETS IN CHALAN KANOA VILLAGE ON SAIPAN, (HB 6-148); EARMARK \$52,000 FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC PROJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR KUSAIE ISLAND, PONAPE DISTRICT, (HB 6-149); TWO NATURALIZATION MEASURES, (HB 150-151); AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ELECTION LAWS REGARDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, (HB 6-152); PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION BY AN EMPLOYER IN THE PAYMENT OF WAGES BETWEEN THE SEXES, OR EMPLOYMENT OF ANY FEMALE IN ANY OCCUPATION AT A SALARY OR WAGE RATE LESS THAN THE RATES PAID TO MALE EMPLOYEES BY SUCH EMPLOYER FOR WORK OF COMPARABLE CHARACTER OR WORK ON COMPARABLE OPERATIONS, (HB 6-153); AND APPROPRIATE \$817,266 FOR THE OPERATING AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, (HB 6-154).

THE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ARE; AUTHORIZING THE HICOM TO ACCEPT A GRANT OFFER FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR TRUK DISTRICT AIRPORT, ON MOEN ISLAND IN TRUK FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, (HJR 6-35); REQUESTING THE

HICOM TO TAKE ACTION IN IMPLEMENTING PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA, (HJR 6-34); REQUESTING THE HICOM TO ASSESS AND EVALUATE THE PRESENT PAY LEVEL AND POSITION CLASSIFICATION OF IT EMPLOYEES TO INSURE THAT THE COMPENSATION PLAN UNDER THE LAW IS CONSISTENT WITH WAGE AND SALARY PRACTICES PREVAILING IN THE APPROPRIATE LABOR MARKET AREA AND BEARS APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS AS TO LEVELS OF DIFFICULTY AND COMPLEXITY BASED ON THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES CHARACTERISTIC OF THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF POSITIONS, (HJR 6-33); REQUESTING THE HICOM AND THE TASK FORCE ON WAGES AND SALARIES TO REVIEW THE APPROPRIATENESS AND EQUITY OF THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION OF TRUST TERRITORY NURSES, (HJR 6-32); REQUESTING THE TRUK DISTAD TO FORMULATE A MASTER PLAN FOR ROAD DEVELOPMENT ON TOL, PATA, POLLE AND WONEI ISLANDS IN THE FAICHUK AREA OF THE TRUK LAGOON AND SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE CONGRESS BY DECEMBER 31, 1975 (HJR 6-31); REQUESTING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, THROUGH ITS DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE, TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF EBEYE IN THE MARSHALLS WHO ARE IN DIRE NEED TO MAINTAIN LIFE AND ENSURE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, (HJR 6-30); AND REQUESTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING TO BEGIN BUDGETING THE NEEDED DOCK FACILITIES IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE FISHERIES PROGRAMS, (HJR 6-29).

THE ONLY HOUSE RESOLUTION OFFERED WAS TO DECLARE A MORATORIUM ON THE DELIVERY OF SPEECHES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, (HR 6-11).

THE HOUSE RECESSED UNTIL 3:00 P.M. WHILE THE SENATE WILL MEET AT 4:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY (FEB . 5).

(CALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(NAKAMURA ON STATUS ISSUE)

SAIPAN, FEB. 4 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---"...THE DETERMINATION OF OUR PERMANENT POLITICAL STATUS IS LONG OVER-DUE AND IT MUST BE RESOLVED WITH ACCELERATED EFFORT DURING THIS SIXTH CONGRESS."

WITH THESE WORDS, PALAU CONGRESSMAN KUNIWO NAKAMURA DELIVERED HIS FIRST SPEECH AS A MEMBER OF CONGRESS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE CALLING UPON HIS COLLEAGUES TO TAKE INTO PRIORITY THE STATUS ISSUE DURING THE REMAINING DAYS OF THE SESSION.

CONGRESSMAN NAKAMURA NOTED THAT THE STATUS ISSUE "SHOULD NOT BE POLITICALLY DELAYED ANY LONGER. MICRONESIANS ARE NOW MORE READY THAN EVER BEFORE TO INTELLIGENTLY DELIBERATE ON THE ISSUE."

MEANWHILE, NAKAMURA EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE LOW WAGES AND SALARIES OF MOST MICRONESIANS AND URGED HIS COLLEAGUES TO DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM DURING THE CURRENT SESSION. HE SAID HE STRONGLY RECOMMENDS "ENACTMENT OF A MINIMUM WAGE LAW, DURING THIS SESSION, OF AT LEAST \$1.00 PER HOUR WHICH WILL HAVE BINDING EFFECT IN BOTH THE PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT SECTORS..." HE NOTED THAT AS CONGRESS DELIBERATES OVER LEGISLATION FOR A MICRONESIAN MINIMUM WAGE, IT MUST "RE-EXAMINE" MICRONESIA'S HUMAN RESOURCES AND DEVISE A PLAN WHEREBY FUTURE MICRONESIAN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES WOULD BE "ABSORBED" INTO MICRONESIA'S LABOR FORCE.

WITH REGARD TO THE MUCH DISCUSSED ISSUE ON THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS, HE FEELS THAT WHATEVER POSITION CONGRESS MAY TAKE IT MUST HAVE THE "FULL COOPERATION AND ENDORSEMENT" OF LEADERS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, "ESPECIALLY THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS AND THE MEMBERS OF OUR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES."

CONCERNING THE ISSUE ON WAR CLAIMS, HE NOTED THAT CONGRESS "MUST SERIOUSLY DELIBERATE ON THIS MATTER WHICH HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT SHUNNED BY THIS BODY, EVER SINCE THE PROBLEM FIRST SURFACED." HE SAID THAT AS "THE HIGHEST LAW MAKING BODY IN

MICRONESIA," CONGRESS MUST "MELD INTO CONFORMITY THE VARIOUS POSITION OF EACH OF THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES."

FINALLY, THE CONGRESSMAN URGED HIS COLLEAGUES TO "EXPEDITE NECESSARY LEGISLATION TO INCREASE THE ALLOWANCES..." OF MICRONESIAN STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD SINCE THE CURRENT \$3,000 GRANT PER YEAR HAS BECOME "INADEQUATE BECAUSE OF INFLATION."

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(EBEYE WATER SHORTAGE RESOLUTION)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 4, 1975 (CONGRESS RELEASE)-A SEVERE WATER SHORTAGE ON TINY EBEYE, KWAJALEIN ATOLL, IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, HOME OF MORE THAN 8,000 ISLANDERS, WAS THE SUBJECT OF A RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TUESDAY BY REPRESENTATIVE ATAJI BALOS OF THE MARSHALLS. THE RESOLUTION REQUESTS IMMEDIATE RELIEF FROM THE FEDERAL DISASTER ADMINISTRATION FOR THE 53 ACRE ISLAND.

IN DESCRIBING THE SITUATION ON EBEYE, BALOS SAID A COMBINATION OF DROUGHT AND BREAKDOWN OF A WATER DISTILLATION SYSTEM HAS CAUSED THE WATER SHORTAGE. HE SAID ALTHOUGH THE WATER DISTILLATION SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED ONLY ONE YEAR AGO, THE EQUIPMENT WAS 30 YEARS OLD WHEN IT WAS INSTALLED AND EXPERTS HAVE SAID IT WOULD NOT BE ECONOMICAL TO MAKE SPECIAL PARTS FOR IT.

BALOS SAID MOST OF EBEYE'S POTABLE WATER IS NOW BROUGHT FROM KWAJALEIN MISSILE RANGE BY BARGE TO EBEYE AT A COST \$27.00 PER 1,000 GALLONS. PRESENT WATER RATIONING LEVELS GIVE EACH EBEYE RESIDENT 1 1/2 GALLONS OF WATER DAILY.

BALOS INFORMED THE HOUSE THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT "REALIZING THE SITUATION IS BEYOND CONTROL," HAS NOTIFIED PRESIDENT FORD AND THE FEDERAL DISASTER ADMINISTRATION ASKING FOR WATER PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT, AND ASSISTANCE IN MAINTAINING WATER STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION.

EBEYE ISLAND IS THE HOME OF MARSHALLESE WHO WERE DISPLACED DUE TO MISSILE TESTS CARRIED OUT ON THE ATOLL, AND ISLANDERS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE MARSHALLS AND MICRONESIA ATTRACTED TO THE ISLAND FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(EDWARD SUPPORT CCM PLANS)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 4, 1975 (CONGRESS RELEASE) - PONAPE'S CONGRESSMAN EDGAR EDWARD TODAY (FEB. 4) CALLED UPON HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD URGE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO "TAKE POSITIVE ACTION IN IMPLEMENTING PLANS FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA (CCM)."

IN HIS SPEECH, EDWARD NOTED THAT A PRESENT CCM'S FACILITIES ARE "INADEQUATE" AND WILL CONTINUE TO GET "WORSE" AS TIME PROGRESSES.

HE SAID: "WHILE ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS HAVE DRAWN UP DETAILED PLANS FOR THIS FACILITY, UNACCOUNTABLY NO FUNDING HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR CONSTRUCTION AS IT HAS YET TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET PLANS FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY."

CONGRESSMAN EDWARD POINTED OUT "...ONE OF THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT IS TO PROMOTE THE SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA."

HE NOTED THAT EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF SUCH ADVANCEMENT AND IF THE "PLANNED EXPANSION OF CCM IS NOT REALIZED.... SUCH ADVANCEMENT WILL SUFFER A MAJOR SETBACK."

THE PONAPE CONGRESSMAN FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT CURRENT PLANS TO EXPAND CCM'S FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS WOULD IN HANDING OUT "A SUBSTANDARD EDUCATION" TO MICRONESIAN STUDENTS "WITH CONSEQUENT NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON THE FUTURE OF OUR ISLANDS."