

(SENATE PASSED SECOND BILL TO HICOM)

SAIPAN, FEB. 10 (MNS)---THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WILL BE RECEIVING THE SECOND BILL PASSED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR HIS ACTION. ACTION ON THE BILL CAME FROM THE SENATE MONDAY (FEB. 10) WHEN THEY PASSED ON SECOND READING A HOUSE MEASURE APPROPRIATING \$30,000 FOR EXISTING VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS, (HB 6-6). THE WAYS AND MEANS REPORT NOTED THAT THE MONEY WOULD BE USED FOR AGRICULTURAL TRAINING WHICH WOULD RESULT IN DEVELOPMENT, RATHER THAN IN A STUDY FOR DEVELOPMENT. THE BILL WILL THEN BE TRANSMITTED TO THE HICOM, WHO MUST EITHER APPROVE, VETO OR ALLOW IT TO BECOME LAW BY SIMPLY NOT SIGNING IT. (1975)

THE SENATE ALSO PASSED ON SECOND READING A BILL TO PROVIDE \$50,000 TO THE TWO COMMITTEES ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT (R&D) SO THAT THEY CAN SEEK TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PACIFIC AREA; (SB 6-94).

DURING DISCUSSION ON THIS BILL, SEN. AMBILOS IEHSI OF PONAPE QUESTIONED THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE BILL, SINCE THERE ARE REPORTS FROM OTHER TRIPS BY THESE COMMITTEES ON R&D, WHICH ARE IN THE COM FILES. "WE SHOULD HAVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN MIND BEFORE WE GO ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE," HE DECLARED. OTHERWISE, SEN. IEHSI ASKED, "WE'RE ASKING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR WHAT? WE ASK FOR FINANCING FOR WHAT?"

SEN. IEHSI COMMENTED THAT THE ECONOMY IN MICRONESIA IS LIKE A JEEP STUCK IN THE MUD. IT MAKES PLENTY OF NOISE TRYING TO GET OUT, BUT IT GOES NOWHERE.

PALAU SEN. LAZARUS SALIT COUNTERED HIS COLLEAGUES REMARKS BY SAYING THAT, "IN THE LONG RUN WHATEVER MONEY WE SPEND TO EDUCATE OURSELVES, AND THE CONTACTS WE ESTABLISH WHO'LL BE ABLE TO HELP MICRONESIA, ARE ESSENTIAL."

MARSHALLS SENATOR AMATA KABUA GAVE A LONG SPEECH IN THE SENATE MONDAY (FEB. 10) REGARDING MICRONESIAN UNITY AND REVENUE SHARING. (SEE FOLLOWING STORY FOR IN DEPTH COVERAGE OF HIS SPEECH).

IN A BRIEF HOUSE SESSION, TWO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED: THEY ARE: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING TO PREPARE LEGISLATION FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE SIXTH CONGRESS ON A CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL TAX FOR MICRONESIA, (HJR 6-11); AND A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO ACCEPT AND EXECUTE A GRANT OFFER FOR AN AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AID PROGRAM PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING FOR FIRE EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL AT THE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, (HJR 6-20). BOTH OF THEM PASSED WITHOUT OPPOSITION.

NO BILLS COME UP FOR FINAL ACTION IN THE HOUSE. THE HOUSE ALSO DEFERRED ACTION UNTIL A LATER DATE ON A BILL TO CREATE A MICRONESIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE TO REPRESENT MICRONESIA'S INTERESTS IN THE LAW OF THE SEA.

THIRTEEN BILLS AND THREE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED IN THE MORNING SESSION. SIX OF THE BILLS WERE APPROPRIATIONS, OF: \$48,650 MATCHING FUNDS FOR TERRITORY-WIDE AGING PROGRAM (SB 6-114); \$351,477 FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE MICRONESIAN CONCON DISTRICT DELEGATIONS, (SB 6-115); \$24,600 FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE TT HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF LICENSURE, (SB 6-116); \$36,529 FOR SUPPORT OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITY, (SB 6-119); \$100,000 FOR DOCK FACILITIES IN THE MARSHALLS, (SB 6-121); AND \$12,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SCHOOL ON TARAWA, MALOELAP ATOLL, MARSHALLS, (SB 6-122).

OTHER BILLS INTRODUCED WERE: CREATING A TT INSURANCE COMMISSION PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES AND APPROPRIATING MONEY

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THEREFORE, (SB 6-117); TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TT CODE RELATING TO ELECTIONS, (SB 6-118); ADDING A NEW SECTION TO TITLE 2 OF THE TT CODE RELATING TO SUBMISSION OF CONTRACTS BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FOR APPROVAL BY CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, (SB 6-120); DEFINING THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A NOMINATION MADE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE TT CODE SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE REJECTED BY COM, (SB 6-123); PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS RELATING TO PORTS OF ENTRY AND PROVISION OF FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS THEREAT, (SB 6-124); MAKING A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO PUBLIC LAW 5-78, (SB 6-125); REQUIRING CERTAIN NONCITIZEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES TO PROVIDE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS, (SB 6-126);

THE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WOULD AUTHORIZED THE HICOM TO ACCEPT A GRANT OFFER FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR TRUK AIRPORT ON MOEN FROM THE FAA, (SJR 6-22); WOULD CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE TT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD, (SJR 6-23); AND WOULD REQUEST THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRAINING OF TT CITIZENS IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE, (SJR 6-24).

ELEVEN BILLS, NINE OF THEM APPROPRIATION MEASURES, WERE INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE. THE APPROPRIATION BILLS WOULD: PROVIDE \$200,000 FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ON JALUIT ATOLL, MARSHALLS DISTRICT, (HB 6-193); EARMARK \$120,000 TO CONSTRUCT A PHYSICAL AUDITORIUM COMPLEX AT THE PALAU HIGH SCHOOL, (HB 6-194); SET ASIDE \$29,000 TO DEFRAY THE COST OF PURCHASING AND OPERATING ONE SCHOOL BUS IN KOROR MUNICIPALITY IN PALAU DISTRICT, (HB 6-195); PROVIDE A MATCHING FUND OF \$49,650 AS REQUIRED BY THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965 FOR TERRITORY-WIDE AGING PROGRAM, (HB 6-196); APPROPRIATE \$351,477 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT DELEGATIONS, (HB 6-197); MAKE AVAILABLE \$20,000 TO PURCHASE TEXTBOOKS AND COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KITCHEN FACILITY AT ROTA SCHOOL IN THE MARIANAS, (HB 6-199); REQUESTING \$25,000 TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A VOICE RADIO FOR TINIAN DISPENSARY AND TO CONSTRUCT A LIBRARY TO REPLACE THE ONE DESTROYED IN TYPHOON JEAN IN 1968, (HB 6-200); PROVIDE \$30,000 TO REPAIR A BARGE BEING USED IN YAP HARBOR AS A DOCK, (HB 6-201); AND APPROPRIATE \$24,600 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COST AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE TT HEALTH SERVICES BOARD OF LICENSURE, (HB 6-203).

THE OTHER TWO WOULD: REPEAL CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TT CODE REGARDING TURN SIGNALS AND ENACTING A NEW PROVISION IN LIEU THEREOF, (HB 6-198); AND A BILL TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TT CODE RELATING TO ELECTIONS, (HB 6-202).

THE TWO JOINT RESOLUTIONS OFFERED ARE: CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF TAWN PAUL OF TRUK AND JOHN IOU OF YAP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE TT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD, (HJR 6-48); AND REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR TO UNDERTAKE A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO MAKE ONE OR MORE PORTS IN THE TT TO BE USED AS TRANSSHIPMENT POINTS, (HJR 6-49).

BOTH HOUSES RECESS UNTIL TUESDAY, (FEB. 11) WHERE IT WILL BE THE THIRTIETH DAY OF THE CURRENT 50-DAY SESSION.

(CALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(KABUA STRESSES ECONOMICS)

SAIPAN, (FEB. 10 (MNS)---CALLING THE NEED FOR MICRONESIAN UNITY "FOREMOST IN IMPORTANCE AND CONSIDERATION," SENATOR ANATA KABUA OF THE MARSHALLS TOLD THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA MONDAY (FEB. 10) THAT MICRONESIA'S ECONOMIC BASE MUST BE STRENGTHENED BEFORE THE QUESTION OF FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS CAN BE ANSWERED.

IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE SENATE, KABUA SAID IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONCENTRATE ALL EFFORTS FIRST IN DEVELOPING MICRONESIA'S ECONOMY"...BEFORE PUTTING THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION TO THE PEOPLE "AS TO WHAT KIND OF A POLITICAL STATUS, OR WHAT KIND OF A GOVERNMENT THEY WANT" SINCE NO MATTER WHAT STATUS MICRONESIA FINALLY CHOOSES, IT ALL LEADS BACK TO WHAT HE CALLED "ONE CENTRAL ISSUE: THE ISSUE OF OUR ECONOMICS DEPENDENCE."

KABUA NOTED THAT IT IS EASY TO GET CAUGHT IN A "COMPLEX THEORETICAL" DISCUSSION ABOUT FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND FAILING TO BE "REALISTIC" THAT IN THE END POLITICAL STATUS WILL BE "ESSENTIALLY DICTATED BY ECONOMIC REALITIES." HE SAID MICRONESIA'S POLITICAL ASPIRATION "CANNOT COME TO FRUITION AND BECOME A REALITY WITHOUT SOME KIND OF ECONOMIC BASE TO SUPPORT THEM" AND TO STRENGTHEN ITS POSITION AS IT PURSUES ITS POLITICAL DESTINY.

SENATOR KABUA NOTED<sup>that</sup> AFTER 30 YEARS OF U.S. "TUTELAGE" UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM WITH THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY AGREEING TO BEING RESPONSIBLE "TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE OUR ECONOMY, THE PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC BASE OF MICRONESIA TODAY REMAINS THE UNITED STATES TREASURY."

"THIS IS A COLD FACT," KABUA CONTINUED, "A VERY UNPLEASANT FACT THAT IS INDICATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES HAVING BEEN SOMEWHAT RELUCTANT TO DELIGENTLY CARRY OUT ITS PROMISE TO ASSIST MICRONESIA TO BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT. THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SO TOO MANY 'CAN'TS AND DON'TS' THAT SET THE RED-TAPE MACHINE IN MOTION TO MASTER-MIND NOT OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BUT OUR ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE."

SAYING THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER MICRONESIANS CAN BECOME A "PROSPEROUS PEOPLE" HE SAID MICRONESIANS CAN DO FOR THEMSELVES AND TO A GREAT EXTENT ON THE "GOOD INTENTION" OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY'S PROPER ATTITUDE "TO LIVE UP TO ITS PLEDGED RESPONSIBILITIES." HE SAID MICRONESIA CAN BE "STRONGLY" DEVELOPED ENOUGH AND THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES "MUST TAKE BOLD STRIDES TOWARD THE GOAL OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY THROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH WE OURSELVES PLAN AND CONTROL, PARTICULARLY, IN THE FULL AND PROPER CULTIVATION AND HARVESTING OF OUR SOIL AND MARINE RESOURCES."

THE MARSHALLS SENATOR EMPHASIZED THAT THE TIME TO "CONCERT AND DIRECT" MICRONESIA'S MEANS AND EFFORTS TO ACTUAL PRODUCTION OF WHAT MICRONESIANS HAVE, WHAT THEY CAN AND SHOULD HAVE AND NOT TO FURTHER STUDIES OF WHAT IT ALREADY KNOWS AND--ALSO NOT TO PIECE-MEAL APPROPRIATIONS BY THE CONGRESS THAT HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO MICRONESIA'S NATIONAL ECONOMY IS TODAY. HE SAID "MICRONESIA MUST FEED ITSELF."

HE SAID "IT IS NECESSARY TO A MAN'S SELF-RESPECT AND WELL-BEING THAT HE IS FREE FROM HIS BASIC ECONOMIC WANTS; THAT HE IS ABLE TO STAND ON HIS OWN FEET TO FEED HIMSELF THROUGH HIS OWN LABOR; TO BUILD HIS ROOF WITH HIS OWN HANDS. ONLY THEN WILL HE BE FREE TO THINK OF HIS OWN MIND."

SENATOR KABUA ASKED: "WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN THE NOBLEST AND FAIREST THING THIS CONGRESS COULD HAVE DONE TO SET OUR PEOPLE FREE FROM THEIR BASIC ECONOMIC WANTS AND WORRIES BEFORE PUTTING THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION TO THEM AS TO WHAT KIND OF A POLITICAL STATUS, OR WHAT KIND OF A GOVERNMENT THEY WANT?"

THE MARSHALLS SENATOR ALSO NOTED THAT THE THOUGHT OF MICRONESIAN ECONOMIC FREEDOM FOR THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE IS A "NOBLE" THING BUT MICRONESIANS MUST NOT ENTERTAIN ANY FALSE IDEA THAT REACHING THAT GOAL IS EASY. HE SAID THAT

UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF "NON-ELECTIVE GOVERNMENT WHICH IS NOT TOO SENSITIVE AND RESPONSIVE," IT MAY NOT BE SURPRISING THAT THE ROAD TO ACHIEVING IT MAY BE EVEN "STEEPER AND HARDER" THAN THE ROAD MICRONESIANS HAVE TRUGGED IN THE PAST "IN SEARCH OF A SUITABLE POLITICAL STATUS FOR THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE." HE NOTED THAT IT IS THE CONGRESS' CONVICTION THAT THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE ARE GIVEN THEIR ECONOMIC FREEDOM AND CONGRESS SHOULD SECURE IT FOR THEM "AT ANY COST."

KABUA SAID HE IS HOPEFUL THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL REVIEW ITS ATTITUDE AND BECOME MORE SINCERE AND SYMPATHETIC TOWARD HELPING MICRONESIA IN ITS PAINFUL STRUGGLE TOWARD ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY; HOPES THAT THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE WILL JOIN THE CONGRESS IN ITS EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT A MORE FAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE IN THE NATIONAL ECONOMY; AND HOPES TO SEE MICRONESIANS READY TO SACRIFICE SOME OF THEIR PERSONAL COMFORTS IF AND WHEN NECESSARY AND ALSO HOPES THAT THE CONGRESS WILL BE MORE "PRUDENT" AND "SENSITIVE" IN THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IN THE DIRECTION WHICH WILL GENERATE A DESIRED, GREATER IMPACT OF MICRONESIA'S NATIONAL ECONOMY.

SAYING THAT HIS IS A FATHER A FEW CHILDREN, HE SAID A TIME COMES WHEN A FATHER MUST PAINFULLY SAY: "YOU ARE A GROWN PERSON. YOU CAN AND MUST MAKE YOUR OWN DECISION NOW. I WILL HELP YOU IF YOU ASK FOR HELP. BUT IT IS YOU WHO MUST TAKE CHARGE AND MAKE A GO OF YOUR LIFE." HE SAID THIS IS NECESSARY--THE ABILITY TO BEGIN SHOULDERING YOUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY--AND HOPES THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL GIVE THE SAME RECOGNITION TO MICRONESIA TODAY.

THE SENATOR MENTIONED HE BELIEVES THAT "WE WILL NOT DISAPPOINT AMERICA." HE SAID THAT INSTEAD MICRONESIANS WILL GIVE AMERICA THE PARENTAL PRIDE "IN HIS OFFSPRING" IF MICRONESIANS ARE GIVEN THE CHANGE TO DO SO. HE NOTED THAT MICRONESIANS MAY OCCASIONALLY BURN THEIR FINGERS BUT THAT IS A NECESSARY PART OF THE PROCESS.

KABUA SAID THAT IF MICRONESIA IS TO LEARN FROM ITS OWN MISTAKES IN ORDER TO BECOME A "VIABLE PEOPLE WHOM AMERICA CAN BE PROUD OF, THE TIME TO DO SO IS NOW, WHILE AN AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION IS HERE TO GIVE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE." HE SAID HE IS NOT IMPLYING THAT THE TT GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONTINUE "INTERFERING" WITH MICRONESIA'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION LEGISLATION WHICH IS A "PURELY MICRONESIAN AFFAIR IN THE SENSE THAT MICRONESIANS MUST BE GIVEN A FAIR CHANCE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION."

WITH REGARD TO THE MANNER IN HOW MICRONESIA SHOULD BE DEVELOPED, HE SAID THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO THE U.S. THE EXAMPLE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA. HE SAID FOR YEARS THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS SUPPORTED THAT TERRITORY IN THE FORM OF MONEY MADE AVAILABLE FOR DIRECT APPROPRIATION BY THE TERRITORIAL PARLIAMENT FOR PROGRAMS IT CONSIDERS "NECESSARY AND WISE." HE SAID THIS SHOULD BE THE EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW "IF WE ARE TO DEVELOP A MEANINGFUL AND LASTING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES. IT IS THE EXAMPLE OF A FATHER WHO UNDERSTANDS THAT HIS SON HAS COME OF AGE. IT IS A SIGN OF TRUST; AND MANY MICRONESIANS ARE TODAY LOOKING FOR SUCH A SIGN. TO TRUST US IS THE ONLY WAY TO DEVELOP OUR TRUST."

KABUA NOTED THAT WHILE HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE U.S. HAS "IMPORTANT SECURITY INTEREST IN MICRONESIA, ...THIS SHOULD BE ITS EXCUSE TO HOLD THE REINS TIGHT IN OTHER AREAS." HE SAID "...MICRONESIANS FULLY UNDERSTANDS THAT WE CANNOT ON ANY ACCOUNT EXPOSE THE U.S. TO DANGER." HE SAID THE U.S. HAS OTHER "STRATEGIC INTERESTS" IN COUNTRIES LIKE GREECE. HE SAID IT PROTECTS THOSE INTEREST THROUGH "DIPLOMACY, AS IT SHOULD..." AND "...THOSE ARE NOT EXCUSE FOR THE U.S. TO VETO ACTS OF GREEK LEGISLATURE OR TO TAKE LAND FROM THE GREEKS FOR ITS SECURITY PURPOSES WITHOUT ANY OR FAIR COMPENSATION. TO DO SO HERE KEEPS US CHILDREN."

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SENATOR KABUA ALSO DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF RECOGNIZING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISTRICTS IN MICRONESIA "...YOKED TOGETHER BY THE VIOLENCE OF TWO WORLDS WARS...." HE SAID MICRONESIAN UNITY "HAS HAD ITS STRAINS AND PRESSURES, BUT ON THE WHOLE IT HAS BEEN INSTUCTIVE AND BENEFICIAL FOR MICRONESIANS, AND IT HAS HELD UP SO FAR; AND TIME ALONE CAN TELL OF ITS FATE."

HE SAID THAT MICRONESIA "CAN HAVE A FUTURE," AND HE IS "READY TO COOPERATE IN BRINGING THIS ABOUT...NOT ON THE BASIS OF A FORCED MARRIAGE UNDER ANY CONDITION DECIDED BY THIS CONGRESS AND ANYONE WITHOUT THE CONSENT AND APPROVAL OF THE PEOPLE OF EACH DISTRICT." HE SAID "REAL UNITY OF OUR SEVERAL DISTRICTS WILL COME ONLY FROM THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES, THEIR HABIT OF POSITIVE, MEANINGFUL, AND FAIR ASSOCIATION AMONG ONE ANOTHER, A HABIT OF TRUST WHICH MAY DEVELOP WHEN EACH DISTRICT HAS SEEN BY EXPERIENCE THAT IT HAS NOTHING TO FEAR, THAT ITS PARTICULAR INTEREST WILL NOT, IN A FUTURE SELF-GOVERNING ASSOCIATION, BE IGNORED BY ITS SISTER DISTRICTS."

THE MARSHALLS SENATOR ALSO DISCUSSED REVENUE SHARING PRINCIPLE AS PRESENTED BY HIS PEOPLE AN ISSUE WHICH HE SAID REMAINS TO "HAUNT" MICRONESIAN UNITY, INCLUDING THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION ELECTION LAW WHICH PROMPTED THE SENATE LAST YEAR TO PASS "CORECTIVE MEASURES TO RECTIFY THE CRITICAL SITUATION." HE SAID HE HOPES CONGRESS WILL "SETTLE" THIS MATTER IN THE INTEREST OF SAVING MICRONESIA'S UNITY.

KABUA CONCLUDED THAT "THIS CONGRESS MUST LEAD, BUT WE CANNOT PUSH OUR PEOPLE. EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP IN THIS DAY AND AGE IS. PERSUASIVE AND NOT COERCIVE. OUR CONGRESS SHOULD BE THE MELTING POT WHICH OUR DIFFERENCES COALESCE." HE REITERATED "THE GOALS OF THIS CONGRESS SHOULD BE TO PROVIDE FOR THE BASIC, SELF-SUFFICIENT NEEDS OF MICRONESIANS, AND AT THE SAME TIME RESPECT AND ACCOMMODATE THEIR INTERNAL POLITICAL NEEDS. ACCORDING, WE CAN THEN ACT TOGETHER TO FINALLLY ACCEPT HARMONIOUSLY THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY OF SELF-GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE--ALL OF OUR PEOPLE--WILL BE SUPREME."

(MBC LEASE APPROVED)

SAIPAN, FEB. 10 (MNS)---MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA AND MIRONESIAN BROADCASTING COMPANY'S (MBC) RESIDENT MANAGER OLIE ALSON ANNOUNCED THAT A LEASE BETWEEN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE MICRONESIAN BROADCASTING CORP. HAS BEEN SIGNED.

THIS LEASE WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE MBC STIPULATED SPACES TO THE KJQR BUILDING AT RAPUGAO HILL, IN SAIPAN, AS WELL AS PROVIDE FOR JOINT USAGE OF THE ANTENNA TOWER. GOVERNMENT-OPERATED RADIO STATION KJQR WILL CONTINUE ITS NORMAL OPERATIONS IN THE REMAINING SPACE IN THE BUILDING, AS THE TERMS OF THE LEASE STIPULATE THAT MBC WILL BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE ON A "NON-INTERFERENCE" BASIS.

"AS A MATTER OF FACT", DISTAD ADA STATED, "THE LEASE TERMS REQUIRE THE MBC TO PUT IN CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE KJQR BUILDING AN ANTENNA, WHICH WILL IMPROVE KJQR TRANSMISSIONS, PARTICULARLY TO THE OUTLYING AREAS OF SAIPAN AND TO THE OUTER ISLANDS."

OLSON ADVISED THAT WSZE-TV, ALSO OPERATED BY MBC, SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE FROM ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN THE ROYAL TAGA HOTEL TO THE KJQR BUILDING IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, AND THAT THE PUBLIC WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY CHANGES THAT MAY BE NECESSITATED IN CHANNEL SELECTION AND IN THE AIMING OF DIRECTIONAL ANTENNAS. SINCE THE RAPUGAO HILL LOCATION IS ALREADY A "BOOSTER" SITE, THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY NEED FOR MAJOR DIRECTIONAL CHANGING IN HOME ANTENNAS.

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IN ADDITION OLSON ADVISED THAT WSZE-FM RADIO SHOULD BE ON THE AIR SHORTLY, AS THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND COMPONENTS ARE ALREADY ON SAIPAN. WSZE-AM RADIO WILL TAKE A LITTLE LONGER, SINCE THE EQUIPMENT IS BEING FINAL ASSEMBLED IN THE UNITED STATES AND IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN SAIPAN SOMETIME ON APRIL OR MAY.

DISTAD ADA CONCLUDED HIS STATEMENT BY NOTING: "WE ARE VERY PLEASED AT THIS GREAT STRIDE FORWARD BEING MADE IN OUR TELEVISION AND RADIO AVAILABILITIES AND QUALITIES IN OUR RAPIDLY EXPANDING MODERN COMMUNITY HERE IN SAIPAN, AND OTHER ISLANDS OF THE MARIANAS. WE WILL NOW HAVE AN IMPROVED TELEVISION CAPABILITY, AS WELL AS THREE RADIO OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM...TWO COMMERCIAL WSZE STATIONS, AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT-OPERATED KJQR STATION... THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ANTENNA TOWER AT RAPUGAO HILL...WILL MEAN GREATLY IMPROVED RADIO TRANSMISSIONS TO THE OUTLYING ISLANDS, PARTICULARLY ROTA AND TINIAN, A VEXING DEFICIENCY THAT WE ARE PRESENTLY ENCOUNTERING."

(CCM OUTLINES APPLICATIONS PROCEDURES)

PONAPE, FEB. 10 (MNS)---THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA (CCM), JOHN BIDDLE, ANNOUNCED RECENTLY THAT CCM IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 1975 FALL QUARTER.

TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION A PERSON MUST BE 17 YEARS OR OLDER, BE IN GOOD MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH, HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT CERTIFICATE FOR DEGREE, AND HAVE TAKEN CERTAIN TESTS AS MENTIONED IN THE APPLICATION FORM.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREES OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT ARE: ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION, BUSINESS, SPECIAL EDUCATION, AN IN-SERVICE DEGREE IN ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION AND AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE IN GENERAL STUDIES.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS WILL BE OFFERED IN THE AREAS OF: ITINERANT TEACHER TRAINING, COOPERATING TEACHER TRAINING, PUBLIC BUILDING MAINTENANCE, AUDIOVISUAL AIDE TRAINING, BUSINESS TRAINING.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CCM OR WISHING TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FOR THE 1975 FALL QUARTER SHOULD SEE THEIR HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR PRINCIPAL, DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR, OR WRITE TO THE REGISTRAR, COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA, PONAPE, E. CAROLINE ISLANDS 96941.