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(MAFNAS FILED SUIT) (1975)

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SAIPAN, FEB. 14 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---MARIANAS REPRESENTATIVE JOSE P. MAFNAS INFORMED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA THAT HE HAS FILED A LAWSUIT SEEKING AN INJUNCTION TO PREVENT SIGNING OF THE PROPOSED COVENANT FOR A MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH FRIDAY. THE LAWSUIT WAS FILED IN THE HIGH COURT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS ON SAIPAN.

ACCORDING TO THE TOP U.S. NEGOTIATOR, FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS, HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, THE COVENANT WHICH CONTAINS THE BASICS OF THE PROPOSED COMMONWEALTH BETWEEN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES, WAS TO BE SIGNED IN FORMAL CEREMONIES ON SAIPAN SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

IN A STATEMENT ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE, MAFNAS SAID, "TWO YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS IS NOT ENOUGH TIME TO EXPLORE, DEVELOP, STUDY, AND NEGOTIATE A STATUS THAT WILL NOT ONLY GOVERN, BUT LIMIT THE SCOPE OF THE FUTURE MARIANAS CONSTITUTION AND ALL LAWS THAT ARE ENACTED BY THE FUTURE MARIANAS LEGISLATURE."

MAFNAS, AN ADVOCATE OF SLOWING DOWN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH BEGAN BARELY TWO YEARS AGO, POINTED OUT THAT THE AVERAGE AGE OF MARIANAS CITIZENS WAS 16 YEARS, AND THAT HE FELT IT WOULD BE UNFAIR FOR THE "UNINFORMED, UNEDUCATED, OLDER VOTING MAJORITY" TO FINALIZE AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD BE PERMANENT AND BINDING.

MAFNAS COMPLAINED THAT NO DOCUMENTS OR TRANSCRIPTS OF THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO ANY OF THE TWO LOCAL LANGUAGES OF THE MARIANAS AND THAT ONCE THE SIGNING OCCURS, NO ONE WILL HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THE AGREEMENT.

"TO RUSH A PERMANENT AGREEMENT TODAY," HE DECLARED, "IS THE WRONG MOVE." HE SAID IF AN INJUNCTION IS ISSUED, IT WILL POSSIBLY GIVE THE MARIANAS PEOPLE TIME TO REVIEW THE DOCUMENT WHILE IT CAN STILL BE AMENDED.

CHALLENGING THE LEGALITY OF NEGOTIATIONS AIMED AT SEPARATING THE MARIANAS DISTRICT FROM THE PRESENT SIX-DISTRICT STRUCTURE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, MAFNAS SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS IN 1967 "PREEMPTED" OTHER DISTRICTS FROM DOING LIKEWISE.

"CALIFORNIA CANNOT NEGOTIATE WITH CHINA OR CUBA," SAID MAFNAS, INDICATING THIS SAME PRINCIPLE APPLIES TO THE TRUST TERRITORY'S SIX DISTRICTS.

THE FRESHMAN REPRESENTATIVE WAS ONE OF THREE ADVOCATES OF THE GO-SLOW APPROACH WITH THE SEPARATE MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS ELECTED DURING THE RECENT NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTIONS. THE MARIANAS DISTRICT HAS A TOTAL OF FIVE DELEGATES IN THE MICRONESIAN CONGRESS.

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(ORALS SCORES AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS)

SAIPAN, FEB. 14 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN OSCAR C. RASA FRIDAY (FEB. 14) ACCUSED THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OF USING CENSORSHIP, POLITICAL MANIPULATION, AND PROPAGANDA FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA TO INFLUENCE THE MARIANAS PEOPLE IN THEIR DECISION CONCERNING THE COMMONWEALTH PROPOSAL.

IN A STRONGLY-WORDED STATEMENT, RASA INFORMED THE MICRONESIAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT AS OF THURSDAY (FEB. 13) THE U.S. NAVY HAS INFORMED THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT THAT NO NEWS RELEASES FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY WOULD BE HANDLED UNTIL SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15. ACCORDING TO RASA, THIS MEANS ROUTINE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE STORIES AND CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA NEWS RELEASES

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WOULD NOT BE CARRIED BY THE NAVY UNTIL THAT DATE. UNDER NORMAL PROCEDURES, THE NAVY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM ON GUAM CARRIES ALL TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS.

RASA TOLD THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, HOWEVER, THAT HE SUSPECTED THAT IT WAS NO COINCIDENCE THAT WHAT HE CALLED A "NEWS BLACKOUT" HAPPENED AT THE SAME TIME MUCH CONTROVERSY CONCERNING THE PROPOSED COMMONWEALTH STATUS FOR THE MARIANAS WAS OCCURRING, AND THAT THE SO-CALLED "BLACKOUT" WOULD BE LIFTED THE DAY THE COMMONWEALTH AGREEMENT IS SCHEDULED TO BE SIGNED.

IN REMARKS BEFORE THE HOUSE, CONGRESSMAN RASA ALSO CHARGED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ACTIVELY CENSORING EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT MATERIALS PRODUCED BY THE TT ADMINISTRATION BY "DELETING" PORTIONS NOT TO INCLUDE THE MARIANAS IN MAPS AND OTHER DIAGRAMS WITH THE REST OF MICRONESIA. HE SAID A RECENTLY ISSUED PAMPHLET BY THE ESG HAD BEEN "RECALLED" BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND ORDERS FOR THE RECALL WERE GIVEN "AT THE DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS."

CONGRESSMAN RASA ASKED: "IS CENSORSHIP AND POLITICAL MANIPULATION 'BEFORE' THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO MAKE A FREE CHOICE IN A FREE ELECTION... I ASK, IS THIS SELF-DETERMINATION?... FREEDOM OF CHOICE?... LIBERTY? IS THIS WHAT THE WRITERS OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND THE WRITERS OF OUR OWN MARIANAS COVENANT HAD IN MIND WHEN THEY BOTH SPOKE OF THE 'FREELY EXPRESSED WISHES OF THE PEOPLE?'"

HE DECLARED "...CENSORSHIP AND POLITICAL MANIPULATION ARE THE WEAPONS OF DICTATORS, THE TOOLS OF DEPOSED PRESIDENTS LIKE NIXON WHOSE ENTIRE ADMINISTRATION WAS WASHED DOWN THE DRAIN BY WATERGATE; THESE ARE THE WEAPONS OF THE CIA, AND THESE ARE THE WEAPONS BEING USED AGAINST US TODAY IN MICRONESIA. THESE TACTICS PREVIOUSLY UNHEARD OF IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY ARE BEING USED AGAINST THE MARIANAS PEOPLE TO REDUCE AND LIMIT OUR FREEDOM OF CHOICE," RASA SAID.

THE MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN SAID THE BLAME FOR THE RUSHED NEGOTIATIONS IN HIS WORDS: "LIES SQUARELY IN THE HANDS OF THE AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS AND ADVISORS, BROUGHT TO THE MARIANAS BY OUR COMMISSION AND ITS HIRED LEGAL COUNSEL, WHO, FROM THE OUTSET OF THESE TALKS, HAVE 'RUSHED' THE STATUS PROCEEDINGS ALONG AT A PACE SO FRANTIC AND DANGEROUS, THAT NO ONE..." IN THE MARIANAS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW PEOPLE COULD UNDERSTAND THE SUBSTANCE OR CONTENTS OF THE COVENANT.

CONGRESSMAN RASA, A MEMBER OF THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION SINCE THE NOVEMBER, 1974, ELECTION, TOLD THE MICRONESIAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT IT HAS BECOME "OBVIOUS" THAT "REGARDLESS" OF WHAT ANYONE SAYS OR BELIEVES "AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS INTENDS TO SEE THAT THE COVENANT FOR A MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH IS APPROVED BY THE MARIANAS STATUS COMMISSION, THE MARIANAS LEGISLATURE, AND PUT TO A VOTE BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR."

RASA ALSO SAID THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS WAS "CONSIDERING A ONE AND A HALF MILLION DOLLAR APPROPRIATION BILL FOR MARIANAS TRANSITION PURPOSES..." AND SAID IT WAS UNFAIR AT THIS TIME SINCE THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS HAVE NOT YET CONSIDERED THE NEW PROPOSED COVENANT. HE SAID THAT IF THE BILL IS APPROVED, IT WILL "REPRESENT THE 'TACIT' APPROVAL OF THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR A SEPARATE MARIANAS--ALL OF WHICH COULD VERY LIKELY HAPPEN BEFORE THE MARIANAS PEOPLE HAVE THE CHANCE TO CAST THEIR VOTES IN A REFERENDUM."

HE ASSERTED THAT THE "MAJORITY" OF HIS PEOPLE AND "MANY LEADERS AS WELL ARE NOT PREPARED TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS THAT WILL BIND THESE ISLANDS TO ANOTHER NATION FOR EVER AND EVER."

THE MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN NOTED THE PROPOSED COVENANT FOR THE SO-CALLED MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH "MIGHT BE A TOKEN AMOUNT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT" TOMORROW BUT THAT TEN YEARS FROM TODAY "THESE ISLANDS WILL NOT BE OUR OWN, OUR LANDS POSSIBLY ALIENATED" AND IT IS LIKELY THAT A "MAJORITY" OF ITS RESIDENTS WOULD BE "FOREIGNERS."

THESE ACTIONS OF CENSORSHIP, POLITICAL MANIPULATION AND RADIO PROPAGANDA, SAID RASA, "CANNOT BE CONDONED" AND HE SAID HE INTENDS TO INFORM THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, THE SPECIAL U.S. COMMITTEE ON TWENTY-FOUR ON DECOLONIZATION AND KEY MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS OF THOSE ACTIONS WHICH HE "BELIEVES ARE DESIGNED TO INFLUENCE THE WILLS AND MINDS OF THE MARIANAS PEOPLE."

CONGRESSMAN RASA CONCLUDED: "IF A PUBLIC SERVANT HAS TO SACRIFICE HIS POLITICAL CAREER IN ATTEMPTING TO SEE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS WILL HAVE A FREE CHOICE IN A FREE ELECTION IN WHICH ALL THE ALTERNATIVES AND ISSUES ARE CLEARLY PRESENTED... I WILL NOT HESITATE TO MAKE THAT SACRIFICE."

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(MARIANAS MEMBERS SPEAK ON COVENANT)

SAIPAN, FEB. 14 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---INFORMING THEIR COLLEAGUES IN THE SENATE OF THE SIGNING OF THE MARIANAS COVNAANT ON SATURDAY (FEB. 14), WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH THE MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE U.S., SENATORS OLYMPIO T. BORJA, AND PEDRO A. TENORIO ASKED THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR ITS "UNDERSTANDING" AND "BLESSING" ON THIS "HISTORIC" OCCASSION.

THEIR REMARKS, DELIVERED ON FRIDAY MORNING, WERE FOLLOWED BY SIMILAR COMMENTS OFFERED BY MARIANAS REPRESENTATIVE HERMAN R. GUERRERO IN THE HOUSE SESSION LATER THAT AFTERNOON.

RECALLING A SPEECH HE MADE IN CONGRESS NEARLY FOUR AND A HALF YEARS AGO WHEN THE CONGRESS ADOPTED THE REPORT BY ITS POLITICAL STATUS DELEGATION AND REJECTING THE U.S. OFFER OF "COMMONWEALTH,"

BORJA SAID: "I PAID TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE DELEGATION BUT IMPLORDED THE CONGRESS TO LET THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA CHOOSE THE KIND OF STATUS THEY PREFERRED... ALSO NOTED THAT MY DISTRICT... DESIRED A CLOSE AND LASTING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. SAYING THAT WE IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMUNITY DO NOT FIND THE COMMONWEALTH PROPOSAL ALTOGETHER UNACCEPTABLE."

BORJA SAID HE ALSO MENTIONED IN HIS REMARKS THAT "...BY SHUTTING OUR EYES TO OUR SITUATION WOULD NOT BRING ABOUT A POLITICAL STATUS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OF US AND OFFERING THE HOPE THAT THIS CONGRESS DOES NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE REALITIES OF LIFE IN MICRONESIA." HE SAID THAT DURING RECENT YEARS THE MARIANAS REALIZED THAT UNLESS IT STARTED "ACTIVELY" PRESSING FOR A SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S., "ITS CHANCE COULD BE LOST FOREVER," AND THESE TALKS EVENTUALLY BEGAN IN 1972. HE SAID "...IT IS TO THE EVERLASTING CREDIT OF THIS BODY THAT IT BOTH RESPECTED OUR INTENTIONS AND ASPIRATIONS AND NEVER ONCE INTENTIONALLY TRIED TO OBSTRUCT THE PROCESS OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS."

MEANWHILE, TENORIO EMPHASIZED THAT THE DECISION BY THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC) TO SIGN THE COVENANT IS A DECISION OF "FREE" MEN EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. HE SAID SUCH ACTION HAS NOT BEEN "FORCED" UPON THE MARIANAS PEOPLE BY EITHER THE U.S. OR ANY MINORITY GROUP WITHIN THE MARIANAS.

SENATOR TENORIO NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION HAS "TRIED" TO FULFILL "RESPONSIBLY" THE MANDATE GIVEN BY THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE NEARLY THREE YEARS AGO, "TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE MARIANAS PEOPLE A CLOSE AND ENDURING POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S." HE FURTHER NOTED THAT FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS AND EVEN LONGER THIS SENTIMENT HAS BEEN PUBLICLY DECLARED AND DESPITE DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION OVER THE EXACT DEFINITION OF THE DESIRED STATUS OR THE PACE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THEY HAVE "CONSISTENTLY" BEEN "UNITED" IN THEIR DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE THE BASIC POLITICAL STATUS SO LONG DESIRED BY THE MARIANAS PEOPLE.

TENORIO ALSO SAID THE DECISION OF THE MARIANAS TO PURSUE A SEPARATE STATUS IS "NOT" BASED UPON A "DISREGARD FOR OUR MICRONESIAN BROTHERS IN THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS." HE NOTED THAT EVEN AMONG FAMILIES, THERE ARE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES OF OUTLOOK WHICH LEAD TO DIFFERENT CAREERS OR POLITICAL ALLEGIANCES, YET THE SENSE OF FAMILY PERSISTS. "SO MUST IT BE IN MICRONESIA," TENORIO SAID.

SENATOR TENORIO CONCLUDED: "I BELIEVE THAT ONLY THROUGH A PLEBISCITE WILL THE VARIOUS MULTICULTURAL AND MULTI-POLITICAL PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS PROVE ONCE AND FOR ALL WHAT THEY REALLY WANT."

THESE SENTIMENTS WERE ALSO ECHOED IN THE HOUSE BY CONGRESSMAN HERMAN E. GUERRERO. HE SAID "...THE SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT WILL REPRESENT THE GRATIFICATION OF THE DESIRES OF MY PEOPLE SINCE THEY WERE LIBERATED BY AMERICAN FORCES SOME THIRTY YEARS AGO."

(MARIANAS DELEGATION ON COVENANT)

SAIPAN, FEBRUARY 14 (MNS)---THE SIGNING OF THE PROPOSED COVENANT TO ESTABLISH A COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANAS WAS IN THE MINDS OF THE MARIANAS DELEGATION TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. THE MARIANAS DELEGATION, SENATORS CLYMPIO T. BORJA AND PEDRO A. TENORIO, AND CONGRESSMEN HERMAN R. GUERRERO, OSCAR C. RASA AND JOSE P. WAFNAS SPOKE ABOUT THE COCUMENT WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE SIGNED AT MOUNT CARMEL AUDITORIUM ON SAIPAN SATURDAY AFTERNOON (FEB. 15) BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION (SEE PRECEDING STORIES).

IN OTHER FLOOR ACTIVITY, THREE BILLS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AS A RESULT OF THE HOUSE ADOPTING THE SENATE'S AMENDMENTS. THE BILLS ARE: A MEASURE APPROPRIATING THE BALANCE OF MONEY APPROPRIATE UNDER PUBLIC LAW 5-4 TO THE COPRA STABILIZATION FUND, (HB 6-26); A MEASURE APPROPRIATING \$31,000 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976, (HB 6-7); AND A MEASURE AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE, (HB 6-68). ALL THREE BILLS WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HIS ACTIONS.

THE HOUSE MEMBERS ALSO PASSED ON SECOND READING AND SENT TO THE SENATE A MEASURE TO REQUIRE THAT PASSENGERS ON TRUST TERRITORY VESSELS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE UNSCHEDULED STOPS BE FED AND HOUSED, OR COMPENSATED FOR THEIR INCONVENIENCE, (HR 6-59).

THREE SENATE AND TWO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED. THEY ARE: DIRECTING THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO SET ASIDE FEBRUARY 15-17, 1975, FOR COMMEMORATION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONGRESS, (SJR 6-25); EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE CONGRESS ESSAY CONTEST, (SJR 6-27); EXPRESSING SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE DR. AROBATHI HECKING, (SJR 6-28); EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE HONOLEULU YMCA FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH RECREATION IN MICRONESIA, (HJR 6-23); AND COMMENDING THE ALOHA COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, FOR SERVICE TO THE YOUTH OF MICRONESIA, (HJR 6-24).

IN OTHER ACTION IN THE SENATE ANOTHER HOUSE BILL WAS ROUTINELY PASSED AND WILL BE SENT TO THE HICOM FOR ACTION. THE PURPOSE OF THE BILL IS TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 5-58 TO LAPSE THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE OPERATION OF THE REVENUE DIVISION ON MARCH 31, 1975, (HB 6-117). THE REVENUE DIVISION WAS CHANGED FROM THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FISCAL YEAR, SO THAT DIVISION WILL NO LONGER NEED THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR FY '75 PAST MARCH 31.

THE SENATORS ALSO PASSED TWO BILLS TO BE SENT TO THE HOUSE FOR FURTHER ACTION. THE PURPOSE OF SB 6-97 IS TO PREVENT THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FORMERLY OWNED BY THE ANGUAR HOUSING AUTHORITY TO THE PALAU DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITY. THE PURPOSE OF SB 6-107 IS TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION BILL FOR THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT TO CHANGE THE PERSONS WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT USED IN CERTAIN PROJECTS ON ROTA AND TINIAN.

ONE SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION AND ONE HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED BY THE SENATORS. THE SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTS THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRAINING OF TT CITIZENS IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE, (SJR 6-24); AND THE HOUSE RESOLUTION DIRECTS THE JOINT WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEES TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITIES OF AN INCOME TAX IN MICRONESIA AND SUBMIT LEGISLATION, IF APPROPRIATE, TO THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF CONGRESS, (HJR 6-11).

EIGHTEEN MEASURES, INCLUDING 16 BILLS AND TWO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE INTRODUCED DURING THE MORNING SESSION FRIDAY (FEB. 14). THE BILLS WOULD: PROVIDE A \$175,000 FOR TT POST SECONDARY STUDENT ASSISTANCE, (SB 6-134); ESTABLISH A NEW BASE SALARY SCHEDULE, ESTABLISH NEW AND REVISED POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO THE COMPENSATION OF TT EMPLOYEES COVERED BY TITLE 61 OF THE TT CODE AND PROVIDE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED SALARY PLAN, (SB 6-135); AMEND SECTIONS OF THE TT CODE TO REDUCE THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, (SB 6-136); AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WAREHOUSES FOR STORAGE OF IMPORTED GOODS ON WHICH APPLICABLE IMPORT TAXES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID, (SB 6-137); MAKE CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF THE TT GOVERNMENT SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE CONGRESS, (SB 6-138); DECLARE THE CONSTITUTION OF MICRONESIA AND THE LAWS MADE PURSUANT THERETO THE SUPREME LAW OF MICRONESIA, (SB 6-139); DIRECT THE HICOM TO ENTER INTO A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH DROSTHOLM PRODUCTS AS OF DENMARK FOR THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A PILOT PLANT IN MICRONESIA FOR UTILIZING LATERITIC AND OTHER SOIL DEPOSITS NEEDED IN THE "LATOREX" PROCESS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS THEREFOR, (SB 6-140); PROVIDE THAT MEETINGS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, (SB 6-141); DECLARE CERTAIN MATTERS PUBLIC RECORDS, AND PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHT OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO SAME, (SB 6-142); AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE TT CODE TO ALLOW A JURY TRIAL IN EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS AND TO ALLOW EACH DISTRICT TO ADOPT JURY TRIAL

PROCEEDINGS SELECTIVELY, (SB 6-143); APPROPRIATE \$360,000 AS A GRANT-IN-AID TO THE DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES FOR LOANS OR COLLATERAL FOR OBTAINING OTHER FUNDS, (SB 6-144); EXPEND \$50,000 FOR THE STUDENT LOAN FUND FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1975-76, (SB 6-145); SUPPLY \$600,000 FOR TT SCHOLARSHIPS, (SB 6-146); CHANGING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 5-89 RELATING TO THE PURCHASE AND USE OF A SCHOOL BUS FOR MICRONESIA STUDENTS IN GUAM AND THE PARTIAL TT SCHOLARSHIP, (SB 6-147); CHANGE A SECTION OF THE TT CODE RELATED TO COMPENSATION FOR MICRONESIA BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, (SB 6-148); PROVIDE \$65,000 TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF GOALS FOR EDUCATION IN MICRONESIA, (SB 6-149).

THE TWO JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED WEREIN SUPPORT OF THE INTENTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE FOR A NUCLEAR FREE PACIFIC AND TO URGE THE MICOM TO DECLARE APRIL 1-6 A "NUCLEAR FREE PACIFIC WEEK" IN THE TT, (SJR 6-31); AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MICOM TO ACCEPT A GRANT OFFER FOR THE PREPARATION OF AN AIRPORT SYSTEM PLAN FOR THE TT FROM THE FAA, (SJR 6-32).

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION INCLUDE: AN AMENDMENT TO THE TT CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRESECUTION OF WITNESSES FAILING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, (HB 6-227); AN APPROPRIATION OF \$31,000 FOR THE PONAPE MAYOR IN KOLINIA, (HB 6-228); A REQUEST FOR \$10,000 TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A GENERATOR FOR NGARDMAU MUNICIPALITY IN PALAU, (HB 6-229); EXPENDITURE OF \$65,000 TO CONSTRUCT A REEFER FACILITY IN PELEILIU MUNICIPALITY IN PALAU, (HB 6-230); PROVISION OF \$20,000 TO SUPPLEMENT THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED UNDER A SECTION OF PUBLIC LAW 40-71 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROADS ON FEFAN, TRUK, (HB 6-231); AN EXPENDITURE OF \$6,000 FOR THE TINIAN HEAD START PROGRAM, (HB 6-232); AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE TT CODE TO PROVIDE FOR A WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION SYSTEM, (HB 6-233).

THE FOUR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED WERE: DIRECTING THE HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS TO REVIEW THE EDUCATION FOR SELF GOVERNMENT PROGRAM AND TO REPORT TO THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF CONGRESS, (HJR 6-62); REQUESTING THE MICOM AND THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR TO COOPERATE IN SEEKING ASSISTANCE OF THE U.S. CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD TO CERTIFY AIR TRANSPORTATION SERVICE INTO THE ISLAND OF KUSAIE TO BE PROVIDED BY AIR MICRONESIA OR ANOTHER AIR LINE, (HJR 6-63); REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO INVESTIGATE INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES IN THE TT, (HJR 6-64); AND A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE TT GOVERNMENT TO CEASE USING THE SERVICES OF THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AS CONSULTANTS ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, (HJR 6-65).

(FIRST MICRONESIAN TO ATTEND UNESCO BROADCAST TRAINING)
SAIPAN, FEB. 14 (MNS)---THE FIRST MICRONESIAN TO PARTICIPATE IN A UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) BROADCAST TRAINING SINCE MICRONESIA WAS ELIGIBLE TO SENT PERSONNEL LEFT FOR KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, FRIDAY (FEB. 14).

HEADQUARTERS BROADCAST DIVISION INFORMATION SPECIALIST ESIKIEL A. LIPPWE WILL ATTEND A REGIONAL COURSE AND SEMINAR IN BROADCASTING TRAINING TECHNIQUES, WHICH WILL GO UNTIL MARCH 14, AT THE UNESCO NATIONAL BROADCASTING TRAINING CENTRE.

ACCORDING TO A LETTER TO TT CHIEF OF BROADCAST ELIAS THOMAS, THE COURSE AND SEMINAR WILL TAKE FOUR WEEKS. THOMAS SAID THAT IT WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO BOTH LIPPWE AND THE TT BROADCAST SYSTEM.

THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE COURSE WILL BE DEVOTED TO A REFRESHER COURSE ON GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL TRAINING METHODS

APPLICABLE TO BROADCAST TRAINING. LIPPWE WILL ALSO STUDY INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRACTICAL EXERCISES, USE OF MODERN AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS AND THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF TEACHING ADULTS.

DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THE TRAINING, TRAINERS FROM ESTABLISHED CENTERS IN THE ASIA REGION WILL JOIN THE COURSE FOR DISCUSSION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON TRAINING COURSE DESIGN, CURRICULA, AND THE AVAILABILITY OF TRAINING AIDS.

THE AREAS TO BE EMPHASIZED DURING THE SEMINAR ARE FILM TRAINING, TV AND RADIO PRODUCTION, EDUCATIONAL RADIO AND TV PRODUCTION, BROADCAST JOURNALISM, ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL OPERATION IN TV AND RADIO, COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING, MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION, TRAINING OF TRAINERS, AND ORIENTATION AND INDUCTION.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE WILL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE SIGNING OF THE COVENANT AT MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. PLEASE CHECK YOUR COMSTATIONS FOR THESE RELEASES)

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