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(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(TT DELEGATION RETURNS)

SAIPAN, MARCH 18, 1975--(COM RELEASE) -- THE TRUST TERRITORY DELEGATION THAT ATTENDED THE 31TH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP) IN NEW DELHI, INDIA, RETURNED TO MICRONESIA LAST WEEK.

THE OFFICIAL TT DELEGATES WERE SENATOR WILFRED KENDALL AND SPECIAL CONSULTANT DWIGHT HEINE WHO ATTENDED THE MEETINGS BY VIRTUE OF MICRONESIA'S ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN ESCAP.

ACCORDING TO SENATOR KENDALL, ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE RECENT ESCAP SESSION CONCERNS ITS COMMITTEE ON TRADE WHERE TERMS OF AUTHORITY WERE AMENDED PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION TO MEASURES FOR DEVELOPING ISLAND COUNTRIES IN THE PACIFIC. KENDALL SAID HE HOPES MICRONESIA CAN TAP SOME OF THESE RESOURCES FOR ITS OWN BENEFITS IN THE FUTURE. HE NOTED THAT THIS CAME AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRUST TERRITORY DELEGATION LAST YEAR AND WHICH NOW SERVES AS A FOUNDATION ON WHICH ISLAND COUNTRIES CAN OBTAIN GREATER RESOURCES FROM ESCAP'S TRADE COMMITTEE.

KENDALL ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S REQUEST THAT THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME'S (UNDP) REGIONAL OFFICE BE RELOCATED TO MICRONESIA IS "UNLIKELY" SINCE SUCH OFFICES ARE ONLY LOCATED IN "POLITICALLY INDEPENDENT STATES." HOWEVER, HE SAID, UNDP IS READY TO PROVIDE MICRONESIA WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND IS ALSO READY TO ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MICRONESIA DEVELOPMENT BANK, AMONG OTHERS. KENDALL SAID THE ONLY REQUIREMENT WHICH MICRONESIA MUST TAKE IS THE SUBMISSION OF A PROJECT REQUEST.

THE SENATOR ALSO RELATED THAT ESCAP CONSIDERED A REPORT OF ITS COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON OFFSHORE PROSPECTING (CCOP), AN INVESTIGATION WHICH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF A SIGNIFICANT BED OF MANGANESE NODULES NEAR THE COOK ISLANDS AND PHOSPHATE ROCKS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE PACIFIC.

KENDALL SAID THE DELEGATION WAS INFORMED BY THE PROJECT/MANAGER COORDINATOR OF UNDP'S TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL OFFSHORE PROSPECTING IN EAST ASIA THAT COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR OFFSHORE PROSPECTING (CCOP) WILL HOLD A TWO-WEEK MEETING IN JAPAN THIS COMING AUGUST AND THAT IT WAS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT MICRONESIA PARTICIPATE IN THAT MEETING.

SENATOR KENDALL ALSO SAID ESCAP NOTED THE EFFORTS BY THE ASIAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING, NOW RENAMED AS ASIAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO THE ISLAND COUNTRIES IN THE PACIFIC. HE SAID THE DIRECTOR OF ASIAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE IS RESPONSIVE TO THE TECHNICAL, TRAINING AND OTHER NEEDS OF MICRONESIA AND HAS ALREADY SENT A DEVELOPMENT ECONOMIST TO THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE MARSHALLS SENATOR NOTED THAT THE POSSIBLE LOCATION OF ASIAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE'S SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE IN MICRONESIA LOOKS VERY "ENCOURAGING" AND WOULD INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF ITS RESOURCES AND ASSETS FOR MICRONESIA'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

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KENDALL CONCLUDED THAT MICRONESIA'S PARTICIPATION IN SUCH AN IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL FORUM IS ESSENTIAL SINCE IT NOT ONLY GAINS FROM EXCHANGING IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, BUT IT ALSO CAN BENEFIT BY BRINGING RESOURCE PEOPLE TO MICRONESIA TO ASSIST IN ITS TOTAL EFFORT TO DEVELOP ITS ECONOMY. THE DELEGATION WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MANUEL SABLAN OF THE IT DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA STAFF-ATTORNEY DANA SMITH.

(MPSC BEGINS POLITICAL EDUCATION)

SAIPAN, MAR. 18 (MNS)---A POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM, ADMINISTERED BY THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC) BEGAN LAST WEEK WITH THE PUBLICATION OF A FREE NEWSLETTER ENTITLED "COVENANT."

THE FIRST EDITION INCLUDED THE TITLE AND PREAMBLE OF THE COVENANT IN ENGLISH, ALONG WITH AN EXPLANATION IN CHAMORRO AND CAROLINIAN. ALSO IN THE FIRST EDITION WERE A COLUMN BY MPSC CHAIRMAN EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN AND U.S. AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAM'S SPEECH AT THE SIGNING OF THE COVENANT CEREMONY.

USING THE MOTTO, "YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE," THE NEWSLETTER SOLICITS: "YOUR OPINIONS-YOUR QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE COVENANT."

(MARSHALLS NITIJELA RESUME SESSION)

SAIPAN, MAR. 18 (MNS)---THE MARSHALL ISLANDS NITIJELA (DISTRICT LEGISLATURE,) RECENTLY CONCLUDED A WEEK-LONG WORKSHOP CONDUCTED BY THE MAJURO LEGISLATIVE LIAISON OFFICE.

THE NITIJELA CHARTER SPECIFIED THAT ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF MARCH EACH YEAR, THE NITIJELA SHALL CONVENE FOR ITS LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOR 30 CALENDAR DAYS.

THE NITIJELA BEGAN ITS SESSION ON MONDAY (MAR. 17), IN THE NEW MARSHALLS MUSEUM. A NEW SPEAKER WILL BE ELECTED FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM.

THE MARSHALLS LEGISLATURE IS COMPOSED OF 24 ELECTED MEMBERS--SIXTEEN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOUR ELECTION DISTRICTS, AND 8 CHIEFS OR IROLJ ELECTED--TWO FROM EACH ELECTION DISTRICT.

(COUNCIL ENDORSES COVENANT)

SAIPAN, MAR. 18 (MNS)---THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE COMMONWEALTH COVENANT FRIDAY, (MAR. 14) ACCORDING TO TUESDAY'S (MAR. 18) EDITION OF THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

THE COUNCIL, MEETING IN A 20-DAY SESSION, ECHOED THE SENTIMENTS OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, WHICH ALSO UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED THE COVENANT. THE COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION SAID, "THE SIGNING OF THIS HISTORIC DOCUMENT WILL BRING TO THE PEOPLE IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT SELF-DETERMINATION AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THEIR GOD-GIVEN RIGHT TO LIBERTY, FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY", THE GUAM NEWSPAPER REPORTED.

AS "THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAIPAN IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PUBLIC, WE HEREBY OFFICIALLY GO ON RECORD OF SUPPORTING AND ENDORSING THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT," THE COUNCIL SAID.

CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE RESOLUTION ARE TO BE SENT TO PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE U.S. CONGRESS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, SECRETARIES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENTS OF INTERIOR AND STATE, U.S. AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATION, THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. SECURITY COUNCIL, AND TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC).

THE 15-MEMBER MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IS MADE UP OF POPULAR PARTY SUPPORTERS. THE POPULAR PARTY CAMPAIGNED FOR A QUICK END TO THE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.

(ENDANGERED SPECIES COORDINATOR VISIT TRUK)

TRUK, MAR. 18 (MNS)---THE ENDANGERED SPECIES COORDINATOR FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDS IS IN TRUK THIS WEEK TO ASSESS THE SITUATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES, ACCORDING TO TRUK PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE.

EUGENE KRIBLER OF HAWAII AND TT CHIEF CONSERVATIONIST ROBERT OWEN WILL TRAVEL TO SEVERAL TRUK LAGOON ISLANDS TO OBSERVE WHICH PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES ARE ENDANGERED AND SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE LIST OF AT LEAST 20 THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN DRAWN UP AS ENDANGERED SPECIES IN MICRONESIA.

THE TWO CONSERVATIONISTS MET WITH TRUK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR MITARO DANIS AND EXPLAINED THE PROCEDURES FOR GETTING GRANT-IN-AID FUNDS ALLOTTED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973.

THERE ARE ABOUT 600 ENDANGERED SPECIES IN THE WORLD THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION, PERHAPS THE MOST NOTABLE IN MICRONESIA BEING THE HAWKSBILL TURTLE.

IN TRUK THE WILD DUCK, THE MICRONESIAN PIGEON AND THE FRUIT DOVE ARE AMONG THE BIRDS SUBJECT TO RAPIDLY INCREASING DANGER OF EXTINCTION.

IN A PREVIOUS VISIT KRIBLER VISITED PALAU AND YAP AND WILL TRAVEL TO PONAPE FROM TRUK TO CONTINUE HIS SEARCH FOR ENDANGERED PLANTS AND ANIMALS.