

(ENEWETAK CHIEFS RETURN) 1975

WASHINGTON, MAY 13 (MNS)---THE TWO CHIEFS OF ENEWETAK ATOLL AND THEIR INTERPRETER WILL RETURN TO THE MARSHALLS THIS WEEK FOLLOWING THREE-WEEK TRIP TO WASHINGTON IN PURSUIT OF \$40 MILLION TO CLEAN UP THE NUCLEAR DAMAGE TO THEIR RING OF ISLANDS, ACCORDING TO A STORY ON TUESDAY'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

IROIJ JOHANNES PETER, 83 AND IROIJ BINTON ABRAHAM, 42, BOTH MAKING THEIR FIRST VISIT TO THE U.S. WOUND UP THEIR JOURNEY ON A HIGH NOTE WEDNESDAY (MAY 7) WHEN THEY APPEARED FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS BEFORE A HOUSE ARMED SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE THAT SHOWED INTEREST AND SYMPATHY IN THEIR CAUSE, THE DAILY NEWS STORY STATED.

THE CHIEFS ARE REQUESTING \$14 MILLION INITIALLY IN THE COMING FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO START CLEANING UP THE RADIOACTIVE RUBBLE, INCLUDING TEARING DOWN OLD BUILDINGS ON ENEWETAK ATOLL THAT IS THE HOMETOWN OF THE CHIEFS AND 450 OTHER RESIDENTS OF THE ATOLL. THE REST OF THE \$40 MILLION WOULD BE FOR REBUILDING ON THE ISLANDS.

LT. GEN. WARREN D. JOHNSON, THE AIR FORCE GENERAL WHO HEADS THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY ACCOMPANIED THE TWO LEADERS ON THEIR VISITS AND TESTIFIED VIGOROUSLY ON THEIR BEHALF BEFORE THE CONGRESS.

THEODORE R. MITCHELL, DIRECTOR OF THE MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORP., WHO HAS BEEN THE CHIEF'S LAWYER IN THEIR REQUEST, CREDITS JOHNSON IN LARGE PART FOR THE SUCCESS SO FAR.

"WE HAVE NO WAY OF DETERMINING, OR KNOWING, IF THE TRIP WAS SUCCESSFUL," CHIEF PETER SAID THROUGH HIS INTERPRETER, TONY DEBRUM OF MAJUPO.

"OUR FEELING WAS THAT WE WERE RECEIVED WELL AND GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT WHAT WE HAD TO SAY."

IN THEIR STATEMENT TO THE COMMITTEE, TRANSLATED BY THEIR INTERPRETER, THE CHIEFS SAID THEY WOULD RATHER GO BACK TO THEIR ISLANDS THAN STAY IN UJELANG AND ACCEPT CASH PAYMENTS INSTEAD, AS SOME HAVE SUGGESTED.

"WE NEED OUR ISLANDS CLEANED AND, FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, WE MUST RETURN TO ENEWETAK ATOLL, BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY PLACE WHICH GOD HAS SET ASIDE FOR US AND NO OTHER PEOPLE."

BETWEEN APRIL 14, 1948 AND THE END OF 1958, THE U.S. DETONATED 43 NUCLEAR BOMBS ON THE ISLANDS, ACCORDING TO THE DAILY NEWS. THE PEOPLE OF THE ATOLL HAVE BEEN LIVING IN UJELANG SINCE THAT TIME, MUCH AS THE PEOPLE DISPLACED FROM THE BIKINI ATOLL HAVE LIVED IN KILI.

(MAGISTRATE CONFERENCE)

TRUK, MAY 13 (MNS)---A SPECIAL MAGISTRATE CONFERENCE WAS CALLED FRIDAY, (MAY 9), IN TRUK DISTRICT WHERE DISCUSSION CENTERED ON THE TRUST TERRITORY-WIDE REFERENDUM ON MICRONESIA'S FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, ACCORDING TO NOHA RUBEN, TRUK PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER.

CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN SUSUMU AIZAWA, IN HIS OPENING REMARKS BEFORE THE MAGISTRATES, SAID THAT INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION ON POLITICAL ALTERNATIVES HAVE CONFUSED A LOT OF PEOPLE. HE SAID MANY PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATUS ALTERNATIVES.

AIZAWA'S CONCERN WAS ECHOED BY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR MITAFO DANIS. "WE ARE CONCERNED FOR OUR PEOPLE, AND OUR PEOPLE ARE WORRIED ABOUT MAKING THAT DECISION BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH UNDERSTANDING OF POLITICAL ALTERNATIVES OPEN TO US." HE URGED THE MAGISTRATES TO "WORK HAND IN HAND" FOR THE PEOPLE.

TRUK LEGISLATURE SPEAKER KOICHI SANA ADMITTED THAT HE DOES NOT QUITE UNDERSTAND THE REFERENDUM LAW SIGNED BY HIGH

COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON RECENTLY. HE ADDED THAT THE MATTER IS "SERIOUS" AND SHOULD BE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATE PRESIDENT TOSINO NAKAYAMA ALSO SPOKE CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE IT-WIDE REFERENDUM. HE POINTED OUT THE NON-BINDING REFERENDUM IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT IN MICRONESIA'S HISTORY. "THE POLITICAL STATUS QUESTION IS NOT THE ONLY ONE CONCERN FACING MICRONESIA AT THIS TIME," NAKAYAMA SAID. "WE ALSO HAVE THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS PLEBISCITE, AND THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE WHICH ARE ALL OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO US." HE URGED ALL DISTRICT LEADERS TO WORK TOGETHER IN TACKLING MICRONESIA'S PROBLEMS.

ALL POLITICAL ALTERNATIVES SUCH AS INDEPENDENCE, FREE ASSOCIATION, COMMONWEALTH AND STATUS QUO WERE DISCUSSED DURING THE ONE-DAY CONFERENCE. PRESENT WERE ALL MEMBERS OF THE TRUK DELEGATION TO THE CONCON, LOCAL EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DELEGATION AND THE DISTRICT PUBLIC AFFAIRS STAFF.

(CALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)  
(GUERRERO RETURNS FROM LEADERSHIP TOUR)

SAIPAN, MAY 13 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN HERMAN R. GUERRERO RETURNED TO SAIPAN LAST WEEK ON A TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES AND PUERTO RICO UNDER A DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP GRANT.

GUERRERO SAID HE VISITED WASHINGTON, D.C. WITH VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO OPPOSE CURRENT MARIANAS PLANS TO JOIN THE UNITED STATES UNDER A COMMONWEALTH ARRANGEMENT.

IN HIS MEETING WITH SENATOR GARY HART, GUERRERO SAID THE SENATOR WANTS TO ENSURE THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT ACQUIRE THE MARIANAS FOR MILITARY PURPOSES ALONE; NOR USE THE ISLANDS FOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ACTIVITIES, AND UNTIL THE U.S. CONGRESS IS FULLY AWARE OF THE PROPOSED COVENANT FOR A COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS.

SENATOR HART, ACCORDING TO GUERRERO, ASSURED HIM THAT IF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS CHOOSE IN THE JUNE PLEBISCITE TO JOIN THE U.S. UNDER A COMMONWEALTH ARRANGEMENT, THAT HE (HART) WILL NOT ONLY SUPPORT THE MARIANAS MOVEMENT BUT WILL LOBBY IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED COVENANT.

REGARDING HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS, GUERRERO SAID HE WAS TOLD BY THE SECRETARY OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL THAT THE UNITED NATIONS IS NOT VERY HAPPY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A MARIANAS SEPARATED FROM MICRONESIA. HE SAID HE WAS INFORMED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE MARIANAS CHOOSES TO BE A PERMANENT PART OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER COMMONWEALTH, THE UNITED NATIONS WILL LOOK FOR A WAY WHERE THE MARIANAS CAN JOIN THE REST OF MICRONESIA LATER ON IF IT SO WISHES "WITHOUT DIFFICULTY."

CONGRESSMAN GUERRERO ALSO MET WITH THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS CHAIRED BY U.S. CONGRESSMAN PHILIP BURTON REGARDING MICRONESIAN WAR CLAIMS. HE SAID BURTON ASSURED HIM THAT MICRONESIANS WILL BE FULLY COMPENSATED FOR THEIR WAR CLAIMS WHICH WILL OCCUR BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH ARRANGMENTS FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANAS IS FULLY ATTAINED.

GUERRERO SAID HE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH BURTON'S COMMITTEE PRESENT MARIANAS PLANS TO JOIN THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID HE WAS TOLD BY BURTON THAT IF THE MARIANAS TURNS DOWN THE COMMONWEALTH ARRANGEMENT IN THE FORTHCOMING JUNE PLEBISCITE, THE U.S. WILL NOT GIVE THE MARIANAS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO.

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RE-NEGOTIATE SEPARATELY SINCE "IT WILL BE UNFAIR FOR THE REST OF THE OTHER DISTRICTS IN MICRONESIA."

CONGRESSMAN GUERRERO ALSO VISITED THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO AND MET WITH VARIOUS POLITICAL LEADERS. HE SAID THAT IN PUERTO RICO TODAY, THREE MAJOR PARTIES EXIST. THEY ARE THE COMMONWEALTH PARTY, THE INDEPENDISTA PARTY, AND THE STATEHOOD PARTY.

ACCORDING TO GUERRERO, A PLEBISCITE WAS HELD IN 1967 IN PUERTO RICO TO DETERMINE WHAT POLITICAL STATUS THE PEOPLE REALLY WANT. HE SAID THE RESULT OF THE PLEBISCITE WAS THAT THE COMMONWEALTH PARTY GARNERED 60 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTES.

AFTER THE PLEBISCITE, GUERRERO RELATED, AN AD HOC COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED, SEVEN OF WHOM FROM THE PUERTO RICAN GOVERNMENT. THIS AD HOC COMMITTEE WAS TO STUDY HOW BEST TO IMPROVE CERTAIN CONDITIONS IN THE CURRENT COMMONWEALTH ARRANGEMENT OF PUERTO RICO.

GUERRERO SAID THAT ON MAY 27 OF THIS YEAR, A REPORT PREPARED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF 14, WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS. HE SAID THIS REPORT DEALS WITH IMPROVING CERTAIN DEFICIENCIES IN THE PRESENT PUERTO RICAN COMMONWEALTH AGREEMENT, INCLUDING CONTROL OVER IMMIGRATION AND LAND PROBLEMS.

ACCORDING TO GUERRERO, HE WAS INFORMED BY SOME PUERTO RICAN LEADERS THAT IF THE U.S. CONGRESS FAILS TO ACCOMMODATE THE REQUEST OF THE PUERTO RICANS, PUERTO RICO MAY DECLARE INDEPENDENCE.

THE MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN SAID HE ALSO MET WITH FORMER TT DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER JOSE BENITEZ. HE SAID THE FORMER DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER SENDS HIS WARMEST GREETINGS TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA AND WISH THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME IN THE JUNE PLEBISCITE FOR COMMONWEALTH.

CONCERNING THE MARIANAS PLEBISCITE IN JUNE, CONGRESSMAN GUERRERO SAID THAT VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ON SAIPAN TO OBSERVE THE PLEBISCITE.

#### (CETA RECEIVES MORE FUNDS)

SAIPAN, MAY 13 (MNS)---AN ADDITIONAL \$14,200 HAS BEEN AWARDED TO CETA (COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT) TO INCREASE WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES AND TO SUPPLEMENT FUNDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE FUNDS WERE MADE AVAILABLE UNDER A TITLE I GRANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. PUBLIC LAW 93-203. THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS INCREASE THE MONEY AVAILABLE IN THE TITLE I GRANT.

THE GRANT MODIFICATION IS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION AT THE HEADQUARTERS TRAINING DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND AT EACH DISTRICT PERSONNEL OFFICE DURING REGULAR WORKING DAYS BETWEEN 7:30 TO 4:30.

INTERESTED PARTIES MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THIS PUBLICATION TO EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, HIGH COMMISSIONER, TTPI, SAIPAN, M.I., 96950, OR TO WILLIAM J. HALTIGAN, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR MANPOWER, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, 450 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE, SAN FRANCISCO CALIF., 94102.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THE FOLLOWING STORY SHOULD BE TREATED AS AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR TWO WEEKS)

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#### (CCM AND PATS OFFERS TRAINING)

PONAPE, MAY 13 (MNS)---A TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IS AGAIN BEING OFFERED AT THE COMMUNITY

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA (CCM) AND AT THE PONAPE AGRICULTURE AND TRADE SCHOOL. THE PROGRAM WILL BE HELD IN PONAPE DISTRICT AND WILL BEGIN OCTOBER.

APPLICANTS MAY CHOOSE EITHER A ONE-YEAR COURSE WHICH LEADS TO A CERTIFICATE, OR A TWO-YEAR COURSE WHICH LEADS TO AN ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE.

APPLICANTS MUST BE OVER 17 YEARS OLD, HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT, MUST HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE IN TRAINING IN EITHER MECHANICS, CONSTRUCTION OR AGRICULTURE WITH A DESIRE TO BECOME A TEACHER.

FOR APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST OR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.