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 AMEMBASSY CANBERRA FOR PAC. ISL. MONTHLY
 (REFUGEES TO SETTLE IN TT ISLANDS)
 SAIPAN, MAY 1 (MNS)---REP. RICHARD WHITE (D, TEX.,) ONE
 OF A FEW CONGRESSMEN WHO HAVE BEEN TO MICRONESIA IS LEADING
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AN EFFORT TO RESETTLE REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM AMONG THE SCATTERED ISLANDS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY ACCORDING TO THURSDAY'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS (MAY1).

WHITE, WHO IS FROM EL PASO, TEXAS, FIRST VISITED THE ISLANDS AS A U.S. MARINE IN WORLD WAR II WHEN HE TOOK PART IN THE LIBERATION OF GUAM AND WAS WOUNDED IN ACTION. SINCE THEN HE HAS MAINTAINED AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE PACIFIC, TOURING THE ISLANDS AGAIN AS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE HOUSE INTERIOR COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS JURISDICTION OVER TERRITORIAL MATTERS. IN RECENT YEARS, WHITE HAS INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO SET UP A SPECIAL PACIFIC WAR MEMORIAL PARK IN GUAM. HE IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE.

WHITE REP. ANTONIO B. WON PAT OF GUAM WASN'T JOINED IN WHITE'S WIDELY CIRCULATED PROPOSAL. HE SAID "I THINK IT DESERVES SOME CONSIDERATION," HOWEVER, WON PAT WASN'T YET DEVELOPED HIS OWN POSITION ON RELOCATING THE VIETNAMESE.

REPS. DALE MILLFORD, (D-TEX.,) WILLIAM RANDALL, (D-MO.,) TIM LEE CARTER, (R-KY.,) AND WILLIAM GOODLING, (R-PA.,) HAVE SIGNED ON TO WHITE'S EARLIER "DEAR COLLEAGUE" MESSAGE OF WEDNESDAY (APRIL 30). WHITE AND HIS FOUR BACKERS THEN JOINED IN A LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD ON FRIDAY SPELLING OUT OF THEIR REASONS FOR RECOMMENDING THE TRUST TERRITORY AS A WAY STATION FOR THE EVACUEES.

"THEY WOULD BE IN A LOCATION QUITE SIMILAR TO THEIR OWN IN CLIMATE AND TERRAIN, AND WITH PEOPLE OF SIMILAR ETHNIC STRAIN," WHITE TOLD THE PRESIDENT. "THEY WOULD AVOID THE CULTURAL SHOCK OF BEING SUDDENLY DEPOSITED IN A COUNTRY AND A SOCIETY COMPLETELY FOREIGN TO THEM. MOST IMPORTANT, THEY WOULD BE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THEIR HOMETOWN SHOULD THEY DESIRE TO RETURN HOME ONCE THE PANIC REAL OR IMAGINED SUBSIDES."

"WHAT IS THIS COUNTRY GOING TO DO WITH 132,000 REFUGEES FROM SOUTH VIETNAM?" WHITE ASKED.

"PLACE THESE REFUGEES TOGETHER IN OUR PACIFIC TRUST TERRITORY," HE SAID. "THEN IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, AS THE EXIGENCIES OF THE MOMENT EVAPORATE AND AS THE TURMOIL CEASES, ALLOW THEM THE OPTIONS OF RETURNING TO THEIR CLOSE-BY HOMETOWN, OR ESTABLISHING A NEW LIFE IN THE TRUST TERRITORIES, OR EVEN OF COMING TO THIS COUNTRY IN NUMBERS WE CAN MANAGE."

IN HIS WEDNESDAY MESSAGE TO OTHER HOUSE MEMBERS, WHITE
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SUGGESTED THAT "THE MOST-LOGICAL LOCATION" FOR THE VIETNAMESE "WOULD BE IN THE PALAU ISLANDS," A PART OF 2,100-ISLAND TRUST TERRITORY.

(COVENANT NOT OPEN FOR REVISION)
SAIPAN, MAY 1 (MNS)---"THE COMMONWEALTH COVENANT REPRESENTS THE MAXIMUM ACCOMMODATION THE UNITED STATES CAN MAKE IT ITS EFFORT TO SATISFY THE EXPRESSED DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE" OF THE MARIANAS, ACCORDING TO A LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, HEAD OF THE U.S. NEGOTIATING TEAM.

WILLIAM'S STATEMENT WAS IN REPLY TO AN "URGENT" MESSAGE FROM MARIANAS SENATOR PEDRO A. TENORIO WHO LAST WEEK ASKED WHETHER CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THE SIGNED COVENANT CAN BE OPEN FOR RENEGOTIATIONS. "THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WOULD RESULT IN A N OFFER OF COMMONWEALTH STATUS MORE FAVORABLE TO THE NORTHERN MARIANAS THAN THAT CONTAINED IN THE SIGNED COVENANT," WILLIAMS ADDED.

THE LETTER STATES IN PART:

"THE COMMONWEALTH COVENANT WHICH WAS SIGNED BY THE MPSC AND BY THE U.S. ON FEBRUARY 15, 1975 WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS WITHOUT MODIFICATION, THE NEXT STEP IS TO GIVE THE PEOPLE THE FREE CHOICE ON JUNE 17, 1975 TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE COMMONWEALTH COVENANT AND POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES WHICH THEIR DULY ELECTED AND APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES NEGOTIATED PURSUANT TO THEIR MANDATES.

"THE UNITED STATES REGARDS THE SIGNED COVENANT AS NOT OPEN TO REVISION, AMENDMENT OR RENEGOTIATION. IF IT IS APPROVED BY 55 PERCENT OF VALID VOTES CAST THE COVENANT WILL THEN BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES IN EXACTLY THE SAME FORM AS IT IS BEING PRESENTED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS TO BE EITHER APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED.

"TO REPEAT, THE SIGNED COVENANT IS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A YES OR NO VOTE IN ITS ENTIRETY AS IT NOW STANDS. AS YOU KNOW IT IS THE RESULT OF MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF CAREFUL STUDY AND REVIEW AND PATIENT NEGOTIATION. THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES AS REFLECTED IN THE COVENANT WERE ARRIVED ONLY AFTER CAREFUL CONSULTATIONS WITHIN AND BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND ONLY AFTER FULL CONSIDERATION OF THE VIEW OF THE MPSC AND THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA

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ISLANDS.
"IF THE COMMONWEALTH COVENANT IS REJECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE JUNE 17 PLEBISCITE THE UNITED STATES EXPECTS THAT THE NORTHERN MARIANAS WILL REMAIN A PART OF MICRONESIA AND THAT THEY WILL SEEK AN ALTERNATIVE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE TTPJ. IF THE MARIANAS PEOPLE PREFER A COMMON FUTURE WITH THE OTHER DISTRICTS THE UNITED STATES WILL RESPECT THESE WISHES AND WILL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY AS IT MOVES TOWARD THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT."

ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS, THE QUESTIONS ASKED BY SENATOR TENORIO IN HIS DISPATCH WERE "THOTOUMPY COVERED DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS. DETAILED ANSWERS ARE IN PREPARATION AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO TENORIO SOON, WILLIAMS SAID.

A REPLY FROM CONGRESSMAN PHILIP BURTON (D-CALIF.) HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED YET.

(TAX REFUNDS CHECKS READY)

(SAIPAN, MAY 1 (MNS) ---THE TRUST TERRITORY INCOME TAX REFUND CHECKS FOR 1974 ARE NOW READY AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FRIDAY, (MAY 2).

THE CHECKS REPRESENTS THE EXEMPTION OF THREE PERCENT (3PERCENT) TAX ON SALARIES AND WAGES FROM EMPLOYEES EARNING MORE THAN \$1,000 ANNUALLY. THE SPODEEMAN SAID THAT EMPLOYEES WHO EARNED MORE THAN \$1,000 SHOULD RECEIVE \$30 REFUNDS CHECK. EMPLOYEES WHO RECEIVED LESS THAN \$1,000 ANNUALLY SHOULD RECEIVE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAX WITHHELD.

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A TOTAL OF 27,148 REFUNDS CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED
AMOUNTING TO \$614,667.36.

THE REFUND DOES NOT COVER ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE TRUST
TERRITORY. A SPOKESMAN FROM THE TT REVENUE DIVISION EXPLAINED
THAT SOME EMPLOYERS FAILED TO FILE IN THEIR REPORTS ON THE
DATE PRESCRIBED FOR FILING. THEREFORE, ANY EMPLOYEE WHO DOES
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NOT RECEIVE A REFUND OR HAS ANY QUESTION SHOULD CONTACT HIS OR HER EMPLOYER OR SEE THE DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER. ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES WILL STILL BE PROCESSED. HOWEVER, THE NECESSARY AND REQUIRED INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED BY THE EMPLOYERS.

THE \$1,000 EXEMPTION APPLIES TO ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE TT SINCE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE INCOME TAX ACT ON JULY 1, 1971. HOWEVER, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ENACTED A BILL (NOW PL-5-79) TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX LAW WHICH ALLOW DEDUCTION TO ONLY THOSE EMPLOYEES WHO EARNED LESS THAN \$5,000 ANNUALLY WILL STILL RECEIVE A TAX REFUND. THOSE WHO EARNED MORE THAN \$5,000 ARE NOT ENTITLED TO THE EXEMPTION AND WILL NOT RECEIVE A REFUND.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(DEADLINE FOR CREDENTIALS OBJECTIONS SET)

SAIPAN, MAY 1 (CONGRESS RELEASE) --- JUDGE SOUKICHI FRITZ, CHAIRMAN OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE OF THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, HAS ISSUED A REMINDER THAT OBJECTIONS TO THE CREDENTIAL OF ANY MICRONESIA CONCON DELEGATE MUST BE SUBMITTED BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 7. THE OBJECTIONS MUST BE IN WRITING AND EITHER DELIVERED PERSONALLY TO THE COMMITTEE'S OFFICE ON SAIPAN OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THE MAY 7TH DEADLINE.

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED TO REVIEW THE CREDENTIALS OF ALL ELECTED AND APPOINTED CONVENTION DELEGATES, AND TO MAKE DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE CONCERNING THOSE CREDENTIALS. BECAUSE THE COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO COMPLETE ITS WORK BY MAY 15, FRITZ EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUBMISSION OF ALL INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE DELEGATE CREDENTIALS.

JUDGE FRITZ ALSO STATED THAT THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE ALREADY HAS IN ITS POSSESSION EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE CREDENTIALS OF ALL BUT FOUR OF THE ELECTED AND APPOINTED DELEGATES.

THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE TRUK COM DELEGATION APPOINTEE. THAT APPOINTMENT MUST BE MADE IN ORDER TO FILL THE VACANCY IN THE TRUK DISTRICT CONCON DELEGATION WHICH OCCURRED WHEN ANDON AMARAICH WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN HIS BID FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE SENATE.

ADDITIONALLY, THE COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED NEITHER THE TWO
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 APPOINTEE FROM THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT.
 ALL CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING CREDENTIALS OR THE OBJECTIONS
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 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION,
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