

(AMBASSADOR WHITE REBUTTS KENDALL'S CHARGES) 1975

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UNITED NATIONS, MAY 30 (MNS)---AMBASSADOR BARBARA WHITE,  
US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL, TOOK SHARP  
EXCEPTION THURSDAY TO SENATOR WILFRED KENDALL'S REMARKS MADE  
IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT ON TUESDAY.

SENATOR KENDALL HAD STATED THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR FREE  
ASSOCIATION HAD ARRIVED AT A DEAD END. HE ACCUSED THE UNITED  
STATES OF BOTH DESTROYING FOREVER ANY PRETENSE OF GOOD FAITH.  
TWICE AMBASSADOR WHITE RESPONDED TO THESE CHARGES.

IN ANSWERING A QUESTION POSED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE SOVIET UNION CONCERNING PROSPECTS FOR RENEWING TALKS ON  
A COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION, AMBASSADOR WHITE INFORMED THE  
COUNCIL THAT SENATOR KENDALL'S REMARKS ABOUT FREE ASSOCIATION  
NEGOTIATION CAME "AS A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO US."

DURING THE AFTERNOON SESSION, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION  
FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE, QUOTING SENATOR KENDALL  
THAT THE "MARIANAS AFFAIR WAS INHIBITING THE CONCLUSION OF AN  
AGREEMENT ON A COMPACT," AMBASSADOR WHITE SAID THAT THE UNITED  
STATES WAS "SURPRISED AND DISSAPPOINTED BY SENATOR KENDALL'S  
STATEMENT CONCERNING WHAT HE CALLED AMERICA'S BAD FAITH IN THE  
MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS."

SHE THEN REVIEWED THE PAST HISTORY OF THE MARIANAS  
NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND  
CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE UNITED STATES STANDS READY TO  
NEGOTIATE AS SOON AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND THE MICRONESIAN  
REPRESENTATIVES ARE READY TO DO SO.

ASIDE FROM THESE INSTANCES, THE QUESTIONING OF THE  
ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY BY THE DELEGATES FROM THE SOVIET UNION,  
UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA AND FRANCE, WAS OF A ROUTINE NATURE.  
THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE THE SOVIET UNION, THE FIRST QUESTIONER,  
EXPRESSED CONCERNS PRIMARILY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF MICRONESIA  
AND THE CONCEPT OF MICRONESIAN UNITY.

AMBASSADOR IVAN MEKLESSA ASKED FOR MORE SPECIFICS ON THE  
BREAKDOWN OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND ADDRESS HIS REMARKS TO THE  
SPECIAL ADVISERS, SENATOR KENDALL AND REPRESENTATIVE RAYMOND  
SETIK.

REPRESENTATIVE SETIK SAID THAT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY  
INDICATED IN TITLE IV OF THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE  
ASSOCIATION WAS INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR  
A NEW GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA  
ESTIMATES FOR THIS ADDITIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE RUN AS HIGH  
AS \$600 MILLION VERSUS THE \$145 MILLION SUGGESTED BY THE  
ADMINISTRATION.

AMBASSADOR WHITE SAID THAT THE FUTURE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA BY THE UNITED STATES  
WOULD NOT INHIBIT SUCH PROBLEM.

SHE RECOUNTED THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY PARTICIPATING  
WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, WAS  
GIVEN OBSERVER STATUS AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE AND  
A VOTE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION AND IN PARTTING  
IN SUCH UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMS AS UNDP AND ESCAP.

AMBASSADOR MEKLESSA OF THE SOVIET UNION ALSO QUESTION  
UNITED STATES DELEGATION ABOUT THE VETO OF THE RETURN OF  
PUBLIC LANDS BILL. HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON  
CAREFULLY EXPLAINED HOW SEVERAL PROVISIONS OF THE BILL WERE  
NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY'S GUIDELINE.

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JOHNSTON ALSO EXPLAINED HOW PALAU AND THE MARIANAS  
HAVE ALREADY PASSED PUBLIC LANDS LEGISLATION AT THE DISTRICT  
LEVEL.

CONCERN OVER THE INADEQUATE FUNDS TO PAY ALL THE WAR CLAIMS WAS EXPRESSED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVIET UNION. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS MIGHT EVENTUALLY APPROPRIATE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO SETTLE ALL CLAIMS THAT COME UNDER TITLE II, THE POST SECURE CLAIM. BUT THAT TITLE I CLAIMS WERE A MATTER OF NEGOTIATIONS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE APPARENT IMPACT OF TOURISM AMONG THE DISTRICTS, HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON REPLIED THAT TOURISM IS A DISTRICT OPTION, THAT EACH DISTRICT HAS ITS OWN TOURIST COMMISSION AND CAN EMPHASIZE OR DE-EMPHASIZE THIS ACTIVITY AS THEY SEE IT.

HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON ALSO STATED THAT INFLATION HAS HIT MICRONESIA HARDER THAN ANY WHERE IN THE UNITED STATES MAINLAND. HE SAID THAT IS BECAUSE THE TRUST TERRITORY USES DIESEL FUEL FOR 100 PERCENT IN GENERATION OF POWER AND THAT DIESEL COSTS HAVE **TRIPPLED** SUSTAINING SEVERE BUDGETARY PROBLEMS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT MANPOWER NEEDS SURVEY AS REQUESTED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLEDGE THAT SUCH A REPORT WILL BE MADE IN THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SCHEDULED FOR THE LATTER PART OF JUNE.

UNITED KINGDOM AMBASSADOR THOMAS RICHARDSON EXPRESSED HIS DELEGATION'S CONCERN OVER THE HIGH PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

IN HIS RESPONSE, HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON EXPLAINED HOW THE PROBLEM OF ADMINISTERING SIX DISTRICTS EVEN THOUGH THERE IS ONLY A POPULATION OF APPROXIMATELY 110,000 PEOPLE, MEANS THAT THERE MUST BE SIX OF EVERYTHING.

SAID JOHNSTON, "IT'S NO GOOD TO HAVE A FIREMAN IN YAP WHEN THERE IS A FIRE IN THE MARSHALLS."

CONCERNING A QUESTION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM ON TARIFF AND TRADE RESTRICTIONS, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SAID THE **ANSWER** LIES IN THE FUTURE NEGOTIATION OF THE COMPACT. THE QUESTIONING OF THE UNITED KINGDOM ENDED THE MORNING SESSION.

AMBASSADOR A. DUNCAN CAMPBELL OF AUSTRALIA BEGAN THE QUESTIONING IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION. HIS DELEGATION'S MAIN CONCERN WAS THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT.

IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION POSED BY THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION CONCERNING THE TERMS OF THE SECURITY AGREEMENT AS PART OF THE DRAFT COMPACT, AMBASSADOR WHITE SAID THAT ALL CONCDITIONS INCLUDING THE DURATION OF THE SECURITY AGREEMENT WAS SUBJECT TO THE NEGOTIATIONS.

AMBASSADOR CAMPBELL THEN INQUIRED AS THE REACTION OF THE MARIANAS IF THEY SHOULD APPROVE THE COMMONWEALTH AGREEMENT AND THE REST OF MICRONESIA HAD NOT CONCLUDED THEIR NEGOTIATIONS AFTER FIVE OR MORE YEARS.

AMBASSADOR WHITE THEN EMPHASIZED THAT IT IS THE FIRM INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO TERMINATE THE TRUSTEESHIP FOR ALL THE DISTRICTS AT THE SAME TIME.

THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR ASKED THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO RESPOND TO CHARGES MADE BY SENATOR KENDALL IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT THAT IT CITIZENS WHO HAVE REPLACED EXPATRIATES ARE NOW IN POSITIONS IN WHICH RESPONSIBILITY HAS GREATLY DECREASED FROM THOSE APPLICABLE TO THEIR EXPATRIATE PREDECESSORS.

HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON REPLIED SHARPLY BY STATING, "I CATEGORICALLY DENY THAT THE SCOPE OF ANY JOB WAS REDUCED WHEN MICRONESIANS ASSUME DIRECTORSHIPS." HE THEN PROCEEDED

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TO DETAIL ALL HIS MAJOR POINTS AND CLOSED BY SAYING THAT THIS WAS NOT, IN HIS WORDS, "AN EXERCISE WITH THE PEOPLE IN THE POSITION JUST TO CREATE STATISTICAL PROGRESS."

"I AM," HE CONTINUED, "ENTIRELY IN ACCORD WITH THE CONCEPT OF TURNING OVER THE GOVERNMENT TO MICRONESIANS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE."

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE, THE FINAL QUESTIONER WAS CONCERNED ABOUT A NUMBER OF TOPICS INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE MARIANAS CONSTITUTION, THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR THE FORTHCOMING PLEBISCITE, AND THE STATUS OF THE MARIANAS DURING THE PERIOD 1975-1981 SHOULD THEY VOTE FOR THE COVENANT.

HE ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE NEW POLICY ON FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMITS AND THE MEDEX PROGRAM.

THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:55 P.M., NEW YORK TIME.

ON FRIDAY'S AGENDA, IS A GENERAL DEBATE AT WHICH TIME THE MEMBERS OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WILL MAKE OBSERVATIONS ON ALL THE STATEMENTS, AND TESTIMONY, WRITTEN AND ORAL SUPPLIED TO DATE, THURSDAY, NEW YORK TIME.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE GENERAL DEBATE WILL EXTEND WELL INTO NEXT WEEK.

#### (THREE SAIPAN STUDENTS KILLED)

GUAM, MAY 30 (MNS)---THE BODIES OF THREE SAIPAN YOUTHS, ONE WITH \$1400 IN A POCKET, WERE FOUND THURSDAY MORNING IN BARRIGADA, GUAM, APPARENTLY SHOT OR HACKED TO DEATH, ACCORDING TO FRIDAY'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

THE SAIPAN YOUTHS WERE ADELBERT TUDELA, A SENIOR AT GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, RAMON B. DELEON GUERRERO, 17, A JUNIOR AT FATHER DUENAS MEMORIAL SCHOOL AND FREDDIE B. VILLAGOMEZ, A SAIPAN STUDENT. AGES FOR THE TWO VICTIMS WERE NOT AVAILABLE THURSDAY AND THE CAUSE OF DEATH OFFICIALLY HAD NOT BEEN DETERMINED, THE DAILY NEWS STORY SAID.

DR. HEE YOUNG PARK, CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER AND PATHOLOGIST FOR GUAM, WAS EXPECTED TO AUTOPSY THE THREE BODIES. "SOME OF THEM HAD BEEN SHOT NUMEROUS TIMES," HE ADDED.

THE BODIES WERE FOUND LYING AROUND A MAKESHIFT CINDER-BLOCK BARBECUE PIT OUTSIDE A ONE-ROOM SHACK ON PROPERTY BELONGING TO A WOMAN IDENTIFIED BY POLICE AS JOSEFA CAMACHO. TWO OF THE BODIES WERE LYING FACE DOWN, VILLAGOMEZ ATOP DELEON GUERRERO, NEXT TO THE BARBECUE PIT, AND TUDELA LYING FACE UP ABOUT FOUR FEET AWAY.

THEY HAD BEEN DISCOVERED ABOUT 7:30 A.M. BY JUAN DELEON GUERRERO, ONE VICTIM'S FATHER.

THE DAILY NEWS STORY STATED THAT ALL THREE HAD BEEN SHOT, BUT TUDELA DIED FROM MACHETE BLOWS TO THE HEAD AND NECK. AN APPARENTLY BLOOD-STAINED MACHETE WAS FOUND AT THE SCENE BY POLICE.

THE THREE WERE LAST SEEN ALIVE BY DELEON GUERRERO'S MOTHER ABOUT 10 THURSDAY NIGHT WHEN THEY HAD DINNER AT DELEON GUERRERO'S HOUSE AFTER A RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, POLICE TOLD THE DAILY NEWS.

POLICE ARE STILL INVESTIGATING THE CASE. NO ARREST HAVE YET BEEN MADE.

#### (TRADITIONAL LEADERS CONFAB POSTPONE)

SAIPAN, MAY 30 (MNS)---THE THIRD ANNUAL MICRONESIAN TRADITIONAL CHIEFS CONFERENCE WHICH WAS PROPOSED TO BE HELD IN JULY IN KOROR, PALAU, HAS BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.

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IN A MESSAGE TO ALL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, PALAU HIGH CHIEFS IBEDUL AND REKLAI AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR THOMAS REMENGESAU STATED THAT A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT EVENTS THAT ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN JULY NECESSITATED THE CANCELLATION OF THE CONFERENCE, THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND THE TRUST TERRITORY-WIDE REFERENDUM ARE SCHEDULED FOR JULY OF THIS YEAR.

ALSO, ACCORDING TO THE DISPATCH, SOURCES FROM WHICH THE FUNDS FOR THE CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE COME BEEN EXHAUSTED.

IBEDUL AND REKLAI ASSURED THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES FOR FUNDS SO THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO HAVE THE CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR.

THE LAST TRADITIONAL LEADERS CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN KOLONIA, PONAPE LAST YEAR.

(REVENUE OFFICERS CONFERENCE COMPLETED)

SAIPAN, MAY 30 (MNS)---THE 1975 ANNUAL DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICERS CONFERENCE WAS COMPLETED LAST WEEK. THE WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT THE HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCE ROOM.

MAJOR TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDED: GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF TERRITORIAL TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES, FISCAL YEAR '77 BUDGET, THE TWENTY PERCENT REVENUE SHARING, DISTRICT SURTAX LAW, AUDIT PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES, TAX REFUNDS AND PROCEDURES, TAX REFUNDS AND REBATES, AND DUTY-FREE OPERATION.

PARTICIPANTS WERE: ANTONIO R. SABLAN, DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER, MARIANAS; CRISPIN A. TAITANO, TAX OFFICER, ROTA; FRANCISCO CABRERA, TAX TECHNICIAN, TINIAN; KYOSHI TELLEI, DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER, PALAU; PETER GILTUG, TAX OFFICER, YAP; SINTARO MEFY, TAX OFFICER, TRUK; LYNDON ABRAHAM, DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER, PONAPE; GAUS NEDLEC, TAX OFFICER, KUSAIE; ABINMELEK LANG, DISTRICT REVENUE OFFICER, MARSHALLS; ISAAC JORLANG, TAX OFFICER, EBeye.

COORDINATORS OF THE CONFERENCE INCLUDE: EULOGIO INOS, ACTING CHIEF, REVENUE DIVISION, JAY R. WALDMAN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF OF REVENUE AND JUAN L. EVANGELISTA, ACTING MANAGER, TAX BRANCH.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE WILL CONTINUE ITS COVERAGE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HEARINGS IN NEW YORK. PLEASE CHECK YOUR COMSTATIONS SATURDAY, MAY 31 FOR THESE STORIES).

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