

(COUNCIL REPS AGREED ON IT EVENTS)

UNITED NATIONS, MAY 31 (MNS)---DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE HELD FRIDAY (MAY 30) NEW YORK TIME, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, UNITED KINGDOM APPEARED TO BE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT IN THEIR REACTIONS TO EVENTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE SOVIET UNION WILL MAKE THEIR PRESENTATION ON MONDAY (JUNE 2). THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATE NOTED THAT THE STANDSTILL IN THE MICRONESIA NEGOTIATIONS WAS "NOT A MARK OF FAILURE" AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT WOULD OCCUR SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

FRANCE'S DELEGATE SAID THAT THE EXAMPLE OF THE MARIANAS COULD NOT FAIL TO LEAD THE OTHER DISTRICTS TO THINK ABOUT THEIR OWN FUTURE. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE OTHER DISTRICTS WOULD FORM A SINGLE POLITICAL ENTITY.

THE DELEGATE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THE LONGER TERM INTEREST OF MICRONESIA AND WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK IN A CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS.

DURING A TWO-HOUR DEBATE WHICH FOLLOWED A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY DELEGATION THE VARIOUS DELEGATES REMARKED ON VIRTUALLY ALL ASPECTS OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT.

THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATE, DUNCAN CAMPBELL CALLED ON THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS TO MAKE ITS OWN CHOICE IN THE FORTHCOMING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. HE SAID THAT AUSTRALIA IS STRONGLY ATTACHED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DECOLONIZATION AND URGE SELF-GOVERNMENT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

HE ASKED THE MICRONESIANS TO BRING FORWARD THE DATE OF THEIR FINAL DECISION ON THEIR FUTURE STATUS.

CAMPBELL TOLD THE TRUSTEESHIP DELEGATION THAT AUSTRALIA ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF NATIONAL UNITY. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE THREAT OF POLITICAL FRAGMENTATION IN PALAU AND IN THE MARSHALLS.

HE WELCOMED THE AMERICAN STATEMENT CONCERNING THE SIMULTANEOUS TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP IN ALL THE DISTRICTS AND HOPED THAT THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION WOULD EVENTUALLY BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE MICRONESIANS.

THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATE WELCOMED THE IT-WIDE REFERENDUM AND HOPED THAT IT WOULD NOT PROVE TO BE DIVISIVE. WHILE PRAISING CERTAIN ASPECTS OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MICRONESIA, THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER MICRONESIA'S FUTURE ABILITY TO SUSTAIN THE INFRASTRUCTURE AFTER THE INITIAL COST HAVE BEEN MET BY THE UNITED STATES.

HE RECOMMENDED THAT THERE BE AN INCREASED OF TAXES OF NON-ESSENTIAL IMPORT IN ORDER TO BROADENED MICRONESIA'S FINANCIAL BASE. DUNCAN EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE MARK AND BALANCE BETWEEN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND THE USE OF ALIEN LABOR THROUGHOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY.

ALTHOUGH HE SAID THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION BELIEVED THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM TO BE EXCELLENT, THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PLACEMENT OF EDUCATED PERSONS IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELD. HE URGED THE CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON VOCATIONAL RATHER THAN ACADEMIC EDUCATION AND NOTED THAT THERE WAS STILL NO EMERGENCE OF TRADE UNIONISM IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

EXPRESSING HIS MILD CONCERN, THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATE NOTED HIS RESERVATIONS OVER THE SECRETARIAL ORDER RETURNING PUBLIC LANDS AND THE LOW PERCENTAGE OF THE WAR CLAIMS THAT WERE BEING PAID.

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THE FRENCH DELEGATE WAS THE NEXT REPRESENTATIVE TO PLACE HIS OBSERVATION ON RECORD. HIS REMARKS CENTERED AROUND THE TWO MAJOR EVENTS OCCURRING ON SAIPAN THIS SUMMER, THE PLEBISCITE AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

HE SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION WAS HARDLY SURPRISED BY THE SIGNING OF THE COVENANT AND ITS ANTICIPATED APPROVAL. HE SAID HIS NATION REGRETTED THAT ONE DISTRICT SHOULD SEEK A SEPARATE FUTURE BUT THEY FULLY RECOGNIZED THAT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION WERE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE MARIANAS.

HE SAID THAT FRANCE HAD HOPED THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SEPARATE STATUS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN, BUT THAT THEY RESPECTED THAT DECISION.

THE REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE TOOK NOTE OF THE FACT THAT SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE MARIANAS WOULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT VERY SHORTLY AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ALTHOUGH THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE DIFFERENT THAT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROGRESS WOULD NOT BE DIFFERENT.

HE EMPHASIZED THAT BECAUSE FRANCE HAD DIFFERENT HOPE THAT THIS DOES NOT INDICATE THAT FRANCE OPPOSES THE DEVELOPMENT THAT ARE ABOUT TO HAPPEN IN SAIPAN.

TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM FRANCE SAID THAT HE HOPES THAT DELEGATES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WOULD MAINTAIN A BALANCED APPROACH AND THAT THEY WOULD AVOID DIFFERENCES WHICH COULD BE SOURCES OF TENSION.

HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE DELEGATES COULD AGREE TO FORM A SINGLE POLITICAL UNITY WHICH WOULD ALLOW EACH DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN ITS OWN PERSONALITY. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN UNITY WAS THE CONSTANT CONCERN OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL.

THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM FRANCE SAID THAT A MORE RAPID TRANSFER OF POWER WOULD BE DESIREABLE, AND THAT BROADER RESPONSIBILITY BE GIVEN TO MICRONESIANS BEFORE 1981. HE SAID THAT FRANCE OPPOSES OVERLY PROLONGING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.

HE CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS ON BEHALF OF FRANCE BY SAYING THAT THE ROLE OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IS NOT MERELY TO NOTE EVOLUTION OF EVENTS BUT TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ENCOURAGING PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENTS AND ABILITY FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE.

THE THIRD AND FINAL SPEAKER OF THE AFTERNOON WAS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

CALLING THE EVENTS IN MICRONESIA A "TURNING POINT IN ITS HISTORY" HE DESCRIBED WHAT HE CALLED THE DIFFICULTIES FACING THE TRUST TERRITORY. HE SAID THAT NO CONSTITUTION CAN MINIMIZE THE FACTS OF GEOGRAPHY.

HE SAID THE UNITED KINGDOM APPRECIATES THE GENEROUS ASSISTANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PROVIDING BUT THAT ASSISTANCE POSES PROBLEMS OF ITS OWN.

HE CAUTIONED THAT CHOOSING INDEPENDENCE IS MORE THAN SELECTING A FLAG AND GAINING A SEAT AT THE UNITED NATIONS. HE WARNED OF PLACING TOO MUCH DEPENDENCE UPON THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY NOTING THAT THE PLANNED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WILL HAVE TO BE MAINTAINED IN THE FUTURE.

HE SUGGESTED THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SHOULD HAVE MORE CONTROL OVER ITS ANNUAL BUDGET, BUT ADDED THAT THE QUESTION IS NOT CONTROL OVER THE BUDGET BUT ITS SIZE.

HE VIEWED THE ALARM BETWEEN THE GAP IN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS AND THE HIGH SALARIES PAID TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, ADDING THAT ALTHOUGH THESE PROBLEMS EXISTS EVERY WHERE, THEY ARE ACUTE IN MICRONESIA.

HE SAID THAT UNITED KINGDOM REGRETTED THE CONTINUATION OF THE U.S. TARIFF ON MICRONESALAN PRODUCTS AND SAID THEY WERE A PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIER TO DEVELOPING AN EXPORT TRADE.

HE ECHOED THE REMARKS OF THE AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE BY SAYING THAT LUXURY IMPORT SHOULD BE HEAVILY TAXED.

DURING HIS GENERAL REMARKS, THE UK REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT HE AGREED WITH THE VIEW OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY THAT EDUCATION IS DESIREABLE IN ITSELF, BUT THAT HE WAS CONCERN AS TO HOW BEST TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE SO EDUCATED.

HE SAID THAT HE RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT IF SALARIES WERE TOO LOW THAT THERE WILL BE AN OUTFLOW OF EDUCATED MICRONESIANS. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, IF THE SALARIES REMAIN TOO HIGH, THERE IS THE DANGER OF CREATING A DUAL ECONOMY IN WHICH THE INCENTIVE FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT WOULD BE VASTLY GREATER THAN THE INCENTIVE FOR OTHER ESSENTIAL EMPLOYMENT SUCH AS AGRICULTURE.

TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF POLITICAL EVENTS IN MICRONESIA, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM STATED THAT HIS NATION SHARES THE REGRET THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR FREE ASSOCIATION HAVE NOT PROGRESSED AS THEY HAD WISHED.

HE EXPRESSED HIS DELEGATION'S HOPED THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WOULD BE A FORUM TO AIR THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE DISTRICTS. HOWEVER, HE CAUTIONED, THE GOOD SOLUTION IS BETTER THAN THE SWIFT SOLUTION.

IN CLOSING, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM SAID THAT THE MARIANAS HAVE REACHED A MILESTONE IN THEIR HISTORY AND THAT THE RESULTS OF THE PLEBISCITE WILL PROFOUNDLY AFFECT THE FUTURE.

HE SAID THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM SUPPORTED THE PRINCIPLE OF UNITY AND IT HAS BEEN THE EXPERIENCED OF HIS NATION THAT LARGER POLITICAL ENTITIES ARE MORE VIABLE THAN SMALL ONES.

THE SESSION ENDED AT 5 P.M. NEW YORK TIME, AND THE COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE ON MONDAY (JUNE 2) TO HEAR THE OBSERVATIONS OF THE DELEGATE FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

ATTENDING FRIDAY'S SESSION AS GUEST IN THE COUNCIL GALLERY WERE IOAVIS ARTUI, NANMWARKI OF SOKEHS MUNICIPALITY IN PONAPE AND ITOH HARRIS SPEAKER OF THE PONAPE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE.