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(AMBASSADOR AND HICOM MAKE UN CLOSING REMARKS)

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. JUNE 4 (MNS)---U.S. DELEGATE AMBASSADOR BARBARA WHITE TOLD THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IN HER CLOSING REMARKS TUESDAY (JUNE 3) THAT DIFFICULTIES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OTHER DISTRICTS ARE SUBSTANTIAL, BUT PLEDGED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL DO ITS PART TO SEE THAT NEGOTIATIONS RESUME AND PROGRESS RAPIDLY.

THE MAIN BODY OF AMBASSADOR WHITE'S REMARKS ADDRESSED THE LEVEL OF U.S. ASSISTANCE, MICRONESIAN UNITY AND PROGRESS TOWARD SELF-GOVERNMENT.

SHE STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERED THESE THREE ISSUES OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY AND TO FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS:

IN REGARD TO THE LEVEL OF U.S. ASSISTANCE, AMBASSADOR WHITE SPOKE TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER INCREASED U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WOULD HELP OR HINDER PROSPECTS FOR EVENTUAL SELF-RELIANCE AND SELF-GOVERNMENT.

SHE STATED THAT U.S. ASSISTANCE IN 1974 CAME TO \$644 PER PERSON IN THE TRUST TERRITORY AND THAT THIS AMOUNT, REPRESENTED MORE THAN THE PER CAPITAL INCOME OF 70 DEVELOPING NATIONS.

HOWEVER, SHE CAUTIONED, SHE WAS NOT SUGGESTING THAT THIS MEASURE OF ASSISTANCE HAD BROUGHT MICRONESIA TO THE DESIRED LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT.

SHE SAID THE PROPER ALLOCATION OF THIS ASSISTANCE INVOLVED VALUABLE JUDGEMENTS ON THE PART OF MICRONESIANS CONCERNING THE EXTENT AND MANNER IN WHICH MICRONESIANS SHOULD FORSAKE TRADITIONAL WAYS.

AMBASSADOR WHITE SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES LONG HAD A POLICY OF ENCOURAGING UNITY AND CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THE CREATION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, THE UNIFIED SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH THROUGHOUT.

CONCERNING SELF-GOVERNMENT, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATE NOTED THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE AN IMPORTANT STEP.

WHILE RECOGNIZING THE RESERVATIONS IN SOME QUARTERS CONCERNING THE SEPARATE AGREEMENT WITH THE MARIANAS AND THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES IN THE COMPACT NEGOTIATIONS, SHE OFFERED ONCE AGAIN AN INVITATION TO THE REST OF MICRONESIA TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS.

SAID AMBASSADOR WHITE, "WE ARE READY AS SOON AS THE MICRONESIANS ARE."

HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON FOLLOWED AMBASSADOR WHITE IN MAKING A BRIEF CLOSING STATEMENT. JOHNSTON ADDRESSED HIMSELF PRIMARILY TO THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED DURING THE COURSE OF THE HEARINGS, INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MICRONESIANS, FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMITS AND THE USE OF THE VETO BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

ON THE LATTER TOPIC, JOHNSTON SAID THE PROBLEM RESULT FROM THE FACT THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER MUST SERVED TWO ROLES. HE SAID THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IS, ON THE ONE HAND, THE PRESIDENTIALLY APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY AND THEREFORE HIS DECISIONS MUST REFLECT AND BE CONSISTENT WITH THE LAWS AND THE POLICIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, JOHNSTON SAID, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE CONCEPT OF THE SEPARATION OF POWERS AND TO ACT IN WHAT HE BELIEVES TO BE THE BEST INTERESTS.

OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE.

JOHNSTON SAID THAT A HIGH COMMISSIONER IS NOT AND CANNOT BE, IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD GOVERNMENT, A RUBBER STAMP FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH. JUST AS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IS NOT INFALLIBLE.

HE SAID THE GENERAL POLICY IS NOT TO VETO LEGISLATION THAT IS PURELY INTERNAL IN NATURE. BUT HE SAID, THERE ARE OCCASSIONS WHEN LEGISLATION IS PASSED BY THE CONGRESS WHICH USURPS THE PREROGATIVE OF THE OTHER BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT OR IS LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD SET A PRECEDENT WHICH WOULD CLEARLY NOT BE IN THE LONG RANGE INTEREST OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE.

JOHNSTON SAID THAT HE HAS ALWAYS ENDEAVORED THE USE OF VETO POWER JUDICIOUSLY AND THERE HAVE BEEN CASES WHEN HE HAD EXTREME DOUBTS ABOUT SOME PIECES OF LEGISLATIONS BUT BECAUSE OF STRONG FEELINGS WITHIN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HE ALLOWS SUCH MEASURES TO BECOME LAW WITHOUT HIS SIGNATURE.

HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY SAYING "THE HIGH COMMISSIONER LOOKS FORWARD, AS DO ALL OF YOU, TO THE DAY WHEN THE QUESTIONS OF FUTURE STATUS ARE SETTLE, WHEN A CONSTITUTION IS PREPARED AND APPROVED, WHEN ELECTIONS ARE HELD AND THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF MICRONESIA IS OCCUPIED, AS IT SHOULD BE, BY AN ELECTED MICRONESIAN."

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(KENDALL'S CLOSING REMARKS)

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. JUNE 4 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---IF THE POSITION OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, EXPRESSED IN THE FORTHCOMING REFERENDUM ON JULY 12, IS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CONCERNING UNITY, POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION AND THE AUTHORITY TO THE CONGRESS TO NEGOTIATE, THEN "THE CONGRESS MUST HEED THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE," SENATOR WILFRED KENDALL TOLD THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TUESDAY, NEW YORK TIME.

SENATOR KENDALL'S REMARKS, WHICH WERE INCLUDED IN HIS CLOSING STATEMENTS, WERE IN REFERENCE TO QUESTIONS POSED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ASKING WHAT THE AFFECT OF THE REFERENDUM WOULD BE.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE STALLED STATUS NEGOTIATIONS FOR MICRONESIA, KENDALL NOTED AMBASSADOR WHITE'S STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES THAT IT WAS WILLING TO BEGIN NEGOTIATING AGAIN AND SAID THAT THIS WAS INCONSISTENT WITH INFORMATION FROM AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS THAT THE FUNDS PROPOSED UNDER THE REJECTED TITLE 4 OF THE COMPACT WERE THE BEST WHICH THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO OFFER.

"IF THIS WERE STILL THE CASE, "HE SAID, "THEN THERE IS SURELY NOTHING TO NEGOTIATE" AND HE ADDED THAT THE BURDEN RESTS WITH THE U.S. TO INDICATE THAT RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS WOULD PROVE MEANINGFUL.

"THIS SORT OF OFFER TO RENEGOTIATE HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE TO US. IF AND WHEN IT IS MADE, WE'RE QUITE READY TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS BUT NOT BEFORE," KENDALL SAID.

IN REGARD TO THE CHARGE OF BAD FAITH ON THE PART OF THE U.S., A CHARGE REFUTED BY AMBASSADOR WHITE, THE MARSHALL'S SENATOR SAID THAT BY TAKING ACTIONS TO SEPARATE THE MARIANAS FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA "IN SHORT TO FLY IN THE FACE OF RIGHT AND THE DIGNITY OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE IN ORDER THAT ALL INTERESTS MIGHT BEST BE SERVED, IS TO US, BAD FAITH."

ON THE ISSUE OF THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS TO MICRONESIA, SENATOR KENDALL PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED

BY COUNCIL MEMBERS. HE PROVIDED EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND ON THE AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID, INTENDS TO RETURN THESE LANDS ON ITS TERM AND NOT ON THOSE OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA EXPRESSED THROUGH THE CONGRESS AND WE CAN, AS THE SAYING GOES, "TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT."

SENATOR KENDALL THEN DISCUSSED THE MARIANAS SEPARATION STATING THAT THE CONGRESS HAD ALWAYS RECOGNIZED THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS HAVE THE RIGHT BE SELF-DETERMINATION, BUT ALSO THAT THE CONGRESS WAS DUTY BOUND TO PROMOTE THE UNITY OF MICRONESIA.

THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, SAID KENDALL, SAW THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE ITS DESIRE IN MICRONESIA, ABSOLUTE, POLITICAL AND MILITARY CONTROL AT A LESSER COST AND WITH A GREATER DEGREE OF SECURITY IN THE MARIANAS THAN WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITH REGARD TO THE REMAINDER OF MICRONESIA. AND, HE ADDED, THAT THE U.S. ONLY AGREED TO UNILATERAL TERMINATION OF THE COMPACT AFTER IT HAD ACCEPTED THE OFFER OF SEPARATE MARIANAS TALKS.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS, KENDALL SAID THAT DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE U.S. HAS MADE "DETAILED CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR THE MOVING OF THE CAPITAL OF MICRONESIA," AN EFFORT HE ESTIMATED TO COST \$75 MILLION.

KENDALL THEN ASKED THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL'S ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE U.S. AGREEMENT TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SAIPAN'S CAPITAL HILL AS A MICRONEPAN CAPITAL TERRITORY TO REMAIN SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF MICRONESIA AND NOT OF THE SEPARATE MARIANAS GOVERNMENT.

DESPITE THE PENDING SEPARATION HOWEVER, KENDALL POINTED OUT THAT "WE WERE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE U.S. POSITION TO HAVE THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT FOR ALL DISTRICTS AT THE SAME TIME IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS UNCHANGED."

IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNITED STATES FOR MICRONESIA UNDER THE PROPOSED COMPACT, KENDALL EXPLAINED THAT WHILE THE MICRONESIA GOVERNMENT HAD THE RIGHT TO APPROVE SOME INTERNATIONAL TREATIES, HE SAID THIS IS NOT PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO MULTILATERAL TREATIES WHICH WOULD HAVE IMPORTANT EFFECTS ON MICRONESIA.

AN EXAMPLE OF THIS, HE NOTED, WAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA. UNITED STATES AND MICRONESIAN POSITIONS ON THIS ISSUE DIFFERED, HE SAID, AND THE U.S. ACTING FOR MICRONESIA INCLUDING ANY AGREEMENT ON CONTROL OF TUNA RESOURCES FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD BE "FUNDAMENTALLY AND TOTALLY INCONSISTENT WITH OUR OWN INTERESTS AND DESTRUCTIVE OF OUR FIGHTS."

IN CONCLUDING HIS REMARKS, THE MARSHALLS SENATOR SAID HE HAD OFTEN THOUGHT ABOUT STATUE WHICH STANDS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WHICH REPRESENTS COLONIAL PEOPLE WHO ARE STRIVING FOR SELF-DETERMINATION.

HE OFFERED THE HOPE THAT WITH INCREASING COOPERATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE COUNCIL'S ASSISTANCE THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA WOULD ACHIEVE SELF-DETERMINATION BUT WARNED THE COUNCIL THAT WITHOUT THAT ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION, MICRONESIA MUST REMAIN LIKE THAT STATUE, A FROZEN SYMBOL OF WHAT CAN BE, BUT IS NOT.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(SETIK'S CLOSING REMARKS)

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. JUNE 4 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---THE CONGRESS AND THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA ARE "DETERMINED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN MOVING MICRONESIA FORWARD IN WHAT IS THE TWILIGHT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT AND THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL," REPRESENTATIVE RAYMOND SETIK SAID IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS BEFORE THE COUNCIL TUESDAY, NEW YORK TIME.

REPRESENTATIVE SETIK, WHOSE STATEMENTS LED OFF THE CLOSING STATEMENTS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION, ADDED THAT THIS TASK WILL BE EASY IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO THE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED STATES.

"WE THEREFORE ASK AND EXPECT THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS OF THIS COUNCIL WILL, WHERE THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF OPINIONS, BE CONSISTENT WITH THE WILL, THE DESIRE AND THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA."

DURING HIS PRESENTATION, SETIK THANKED THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH LAST YEAR PROVIDED VISITOR GRANTS TO PONAPE CONGRESSMAN RESIO MOSES AND PALAU DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR HARUO REMELIUK AND ADDED SIMILAR OFFERS OR ARRANGEMENTS FROM OTHER MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

THE TRUK REPRESENTATIVE NOTED HIS APPRECIATION THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WILL PROVIDED A MANPOWER NEED SURVEY TO THE CONGRESS AT ITS FORTHCOMING SPECIAL SESSION. HE INDICATED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT ACTION HAD NOT YET BEEN TAKEN TO LIFT RESTRICTIVE U.S. TARIFFS AND TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION IN THE U.S. CONGRESS SUPPORTING MICRONESIAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASIA DEVELOPMENT BANK.

IN THIS CONNECTION, HE RESTATED HIS CONCERN THAT A BASIC STUDY FOR STEPS TO INCREASE MICRONESIAN SELF-GOVERNMENT AS ANNOUNCED BY AMBASSADOR WHITE LAST YEAR HAVE ABANDONED.

HE SAID, "WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO DEFER ACTION ON CERTAIN IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT INCLUDING GREATER CONTROL BY THE CONGRESS ON BUDGETARY MATTERS AND LESSENING AUTHORITY OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WITH RESPECT TO THE VETO BY MAKING REFERENCE TO SOME FUTURE EVENTS AS THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OR POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS."

REPRESENTATIVE SETIK CHARACTERIZED THE U.S. APPROACH ON MICRONESIA AS ONE WHERE THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA MUST PULL THEMSELVES UP BY THEIR BOOT STRAPS AND ILLUSTRATED THIS BY RECALLING A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ACCOMPLISHMENT WHICH WERE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE INITIATIVE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

TURNING NEXT TO EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL THAN AN INCREASED BUDGET AND THE COST OF A COMPLETED INFRASTRUCTURE MIGHT LEAD TO INCREASED RELIANCE OF MICRONESIA ON U.S. FINANCIAL HELP, HE STATED THAT MORE MONEY NOW WILL MEAN LESS DEPENDENCE IN THE FUTURE.

HE THEN EXPLAINED HOW IMPLACEMENT OF ALL WEATHER ROADS, NEW DOCKING FACILITIES, NEW SHIPS WITH STANDARDIZED EQUIPMENT, AND JET AIRFIELD CAPABILITIES IN ALL DISTRICTS WOULD LEAD TO LESS COST FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE LATER ON.

IN RESPONSE TO THE STATEMENT BY THE UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION THAT THE SIZE OF THE BUDGET WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE DEGREE OF MICRONESIA CONTROL OF THAT BUDGET, HE SAID HE BEGGED TO DIFFER, ADDING THAT BOTH ARE IMPORTANT ISSUES.

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"IT SHOULD BE THE REAL AND REALISTIC NEEDS OF MICRONESIA WHICH HAVE SET THE BUDGETARY CEILING AND IT SHOULD BE THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA WHO SHOULD CONTROL THEIR ALLOCATIONS," HE SAID.

RELATED TO THE QUESTION OF DEPENDENCE ON OUTSIDE AID, SETIK NOTED THAT THERE WERE NO COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL REGARDING A PROPOSED SECRETARIAL ORDER TO VOID THE REVENUE SHARING MEASURE ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ISSUED.

CONGRESSMAN SETIK THEN TURNED TO THE QUESTION OF REPLACING AN EXPATRIATE WITH MICRONESIANS REFERRED TO AS LOCALIZATION, SAYING THAT DESPITE PROGRESS IN THIS AREA, KEY DECISIONS ARE STILL MADE BY NON-MICRONESIANS AND, INCREASINGLY, DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE IN WASHINGTON.

THE EFFECT OF THIS LOCALIZATION IS NOT MEANINGFUL UNLESS MICRONESIANS ALSO CAN MAKE IMPORTANT DECISIONS," HE SAID.

SAYING THAT THE FRUSTRATION CAUSED BY SLOWNESS OF PROGRESS IN MANY AREAS HAD LED MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO QUESTION THE VALUE OF APPEARING AT TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS, HE REMARKED THAT IN TERMS OF THE LONG RANGE VIEW "WE BELIEVE STRONGLY IN THE WORK OF PRESENTING DIRECTLY THE VIEWS AND OPINIONS OF OUR PEOPLE RATHER THAN NOT TO HAVE THOSE VIEWS PRESENTED.

"AS A MINIMUM, OUR PARTICIPATION WILL ALLOW HISTORIANS TO RECORD THAT THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA WERE OUTSPOKEN IN THEIR DESIRES FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT AND THE OCCASSIONALLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS WERE ACHIVED THROUGH MICRONESIAN EFFORTS SUPPORTED BY MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL WITH THE ACQUIESCENCE OF THE ADMINISTERING POWER," SETIK CONCLUDED.

(LIBRARIANS CONFERENCE)

SAIPAN, JUNE 4 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY'S NEEDS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND LIBRARY RESOURCES ARE THE CONCERN OF TWELVE CONFREES WHO HAVE BEEN HOLDING A FOUR-DAY WORKSHOP ON SAIPAN SINCE TUESDAY, (JUNE 3), UNDER THE AUSPICES OF TITLE II OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT.

THE WORKSHOP, WHICH IS BEGIN HELD AT THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE ROOM. IS HEADED BY THE SUPERVISOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES, DANIEL PEACOCK.

DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE PROBLEMS OF THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE SCHOOLS IN MICRONESIA COMPRISE THE AGENDA OF THE WORKSHOP.

MS. MILDRED FRARY, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, IS ASSISTING PEACOCK AS A RESOURCE PERSON FOR THE LIBRARY WORKSHOP.

ALSO ATTENDING THE WORKSHOP ARE: MS. HERMAYA SPESUNDEL AND HUANES ISHAY FROM PALAU, MS. ANITA LUKAN FROM YAP; AUGUSTINE CASTRO OF THE MARIANAS; TOMOKICHY AISEK AND WIE FITI FROM TRUK, SARED CHARLEY, PERDIN ESIEL, AND JOHN SOHL FROM PONAPE AND MARTY BUTLER AND MS. TAMAR JORDAN OF THE MARSHALLS.

THE WORKSHOP IS SLATED TO END FRIDAY (JUNE 6).