

UN VISITING MISSION WILL ARRIVE THURSDAY) 1975
SAIPAN, JUNE 11 (MNS)---UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES
TO OBSERVE THE MARIANAS PLEBISCITE ON JUNE 17 WILL ARRIVE
ON SAIPAN THURSDAY (JUNE 12).

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THE OBSERVERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WHICH VOTED LAST WEEK BY A MARGIN OF 4-1 TO SEND A VISITING MISSION TO THE MARIANAS. ONLY THE SOVIET UNION VOTED AGAINST THE RESOLUTION.

THE OBSERVERS ARE: JAMES MURRAY, UNITED KINGDOM, BERTRAND DELAITAILLADÉ, FRANCE, JOHN MELVISH, AUSTRALIA, GIPMA ABEBE, PRINCIPAL OFFICER, MS. NUEZA DEC. COSTA, MS. BEVERLY MALLISON, GEORGE ANDERSON, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND JAY KENNETH KATZEN, USUN ESCORT OFFICER.

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THE MISSION WILL OBSERVE THE PLEBISCITE INCLUDING THE CAMPAIGN AND POLLING ARRANGEMENTS, THE CASTING OF BALLOTS, THE CLOSURE OF VOTING, THE COUNTING OF THE BALLOTS AND THE DECLARATION OF THE RESULTS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THEY INTEND TO OBTAIN FIRST HAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT AND SUBMIT A REPORT ON ITS OBSERVATIONS TO THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL.

THE UN VISITING MISSION WILL MEET WITH THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER, MR. ERWIN D. CANNAM ON FRIDAY, AS WELL AS THE MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THE UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY THEY WILL GO TO ROTA AND WILL ALSO VISIT TINIAN ON THE SAME DAY.

MONDAY (JUNE 16) THE MISSION WILL MEET WITH THE PLEBISCITE ADVISORY BOARD AND THE PLEBISCITE VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD, THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS/GROUPS AND OR INDIVIDUALS.

THE GROUP WILL LEAVE SOMETIME NEXT WEEK AFTER TUESDAY'S PLEBISCITE.

(BURNETT RULED ON 93 VOTERS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 11 (MNS)---TRUST TERRITORY CHIEF JUSTICE HAROLD W. BURNETT RULED TUESDAY THAT THE 74 PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF GUAM WHO REGISTERED TO VOTE ON THE JUNE 17 PLEBISCITE CANNOT VOTE.

BURNETT ALSO RULED THAT ON OTHER 19 PEOPLE FROM OTHER DISTRICTS CANNOT VOTE BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT "DOMICILED" IN THE MARIANAS. ONCE OTHER MARIANAS RESIDENT WAS REMOVED FROM THE LIST BECAUSE HE IS NOT OF LEGAL AGE.

THE 74 PERMANENT RESIDENTS WHO REGISTERED TO VOTE WERE CHALLENGED BY ANTICOVENANT SPOKESMEN JESUS R. LISUA, MANUEL SOMORANG AND ABEL R. OLOPAI, WHO CONTENDED THAT THEY CANNOT VOTE BECAUSE THEY ARE PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF GUAM AND NOT "DOMICILED" IN THE MARIANAS.

CONCERNING OLOPAI'S APPEAL, BURNETT STATED, "IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE FOR EITHER THE BOARD OR THIS COURT TO FULLY CONSIDER ALL RELEVANT FACTS BEARING ON THE RIGHT OF CHALLENGED VOTER REGISTRANTS. ERROR IS INEVITABLE; SOME WILL NOT VOTE WHO SHOULD NOT, AND OTHER MAY BE UNJUSTLY DEPRIVED OF THEIR FRANCHISE. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT TIME AND EXPEDIENCY DICTATE THIS RULE."

REGARDING THE 18 REGISTRANTS WHO ALSO HAVE REGISTERED BUT ARE NOT DOMICILED IN THE MARIANAS, BURNETT DECLARED, "...I FIND IT MOST DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT THE CLAIM OF THOSE WHO HAVE COME TO THE MARIANAS, FROM OTHER DISTRICTS, TO RESIDE WITH FAMILY MEMBERS, WHO ARE HERE BY REASON OF

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GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT, THAT THEY RENOUNCED THEIR HOME ISLANDS AND ADOPTED SAIPAN AS THEIR DOMICILE. MY DOUBTS ARE GREATER AS TO THOSE WHO NOW REGISTER, FOR THE FIRST TIME, TO VOTE IN THE MARIANAS."

ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARIAL ORDER, THE JUDGE'S DECISION IS FINAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY ANY U.S. OR TRUST TERRITORY AUTHORITY.

(FONG RESPONDS TO AUTHORITIES REQUEST)

KOROR, JUNE 11 (MNS)---SENATOR HIRAM L. FONG, HAWAII, HAS RESPONDED TO A REQUEST BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF MICRONESIAN FISHING AUTHORITIES BY INTRODUCING A BILL IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO MAKE MICRONESIA ELIGIBLE FOR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT.

SENATE BILL NO. 1414, IF PASSED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS, WOULD MAKE MICRONESIA ELIGIBLE FOR PROGRAMS FOR BUILDING PORT AND REEFER FACILITIES, TRAINING OF FISHERMEN, GEAR RESEARCH, CONSTRUCTION OF LABORATORY FACILITIES, AND BUILDING OF NEW FISHING VESSELS.

"WE ARE NOW TRYING TO GET THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONSIDER A SIMILAR MEASURE SO THAT BOTH HOUSES OF THE U.S. CONGRESS CAN CONSIDER IT AT THE SAME TIME," ACCORDING TO FRANCISCO T. ULUDONG, MANAGER OF THE PALAU FISHING AUTHORITY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF MICRONESIAN FISHING AUTHORITIES.

ULUDONG SAID THAT ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES, INCLUDING PUERTO RICO, VIRGIN ISLANDS, GUAM AND AMERICAN SAMOA ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FISHERIES ACT.

HE CITED PUERTO RICO AS EXAMPLE AND SAID THAT PUERTO RICO RECEIVED FROM 1966 TO 1972 OVER \$3,500,000 FOR ITS FISHERIES PROGRAMS, INCLUDING \$635,000 FOR FISHERIES STATISTICAL PROGRAM, \$400,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL FISHING FACILITIES, \$370,000 FOR GEAR RESEARCH, EXPLANATORY FISHING AND DEMONSTRATION, \$250,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FISHERY PORT FACILITIES, AND \$292,000 FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERY SURVEY AND DEVELOPMENT.

"IF WE HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF THESE FUNDS, WE CAN DEVELOP OUR FISHERY INFRASTRUCTURE AND GET INTO NEW FISHING GEAR AND TECHNIQS," ULUDONG SAID. "RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE THE PLANS BUT NO MONEY TO IMPLEMENT THEM."

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF MICRONESIAN FISHING AUTHORITIES WAS ABLE TO GET THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO ENDORSE A REQUEST BY THE AUTHORITIES FOR THE PROGRAM BUT ULUDONG SAID ANY LETTER OF SUPPORT BY THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES AND MUNICIPAL COUNCILS WOULD GREATLY HELP IN GETTING SENATOR FONG'S BILL PASSED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS.

"IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE BILL WOULD URGE EARLY ACTION BY WRITING TO CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, SENATOR ERNEST F. HOLLINGS AND RANKING MINORITY MEMBER, SENATOR TED STEVENS, OF THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE, SENATOR FONG SAID IN A MAY 28 TO ULUDONG.

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(MURPHY ADDRESSES PALAU GRADUATES)

KOROR, JUNE 11 (MNS)---JOSEPH C. MURPHY, EDITOR OF GUAM'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS, WAS A SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER ON THE 11TH GRADUATION EXERCISES OF THE PALAU HIGH SCHOOL HELD ON SUNDAY, ACCORDING TO PALAU PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRMIDOL.

SPEAKING ON THE SUBJECT OF PALAU AND ITS CHANGES, MURPHY COMPARED MICRONESIA WITH GUAM. HE SAID THAT PROGRESS IS

BASICALLY "LAZY." "BEATING CLOTHES WITH A ROCK IN THE RIVER IS PICTURESQUE AS HELL, BUT IT IS ALSO VERY HARD WORK," MURPHY SAID. "MOST WOMEN, IF GIVEN A CHOICE, WOULD PREFER TO TOSS THEIR CLOTHES IN A WASHER-DRIER COMBINATION."

BUT CHANGE ISN'T NECESSARILY ALL THAT GOOD, MURPHY ADDED. HE EXPLAINED THAT GUAMANIAN'S ARE NOT SO HAPPY ABOUT ITS CHANGES. THEY HAVE GIVEN UP SOME OF THEIR CUSTOMS TO ACCEPT OTHERS THAT MIGHT NOT SUIT THEM, HE ADDED.

BUT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM HAVE ACCEPTED PAVED ROAD, SIDEWALKS, SEWERS, 18 STORY BUILDINGS WITH ELEVATORS, COLOR TELEVISION, AND A CAR IN EVERY GARAGE.

"IN DOING SO, THEY HAVE BECOME THE MOST SOPHISTICATED ISLAND IN THE PACIFIC. BUT, IN DOING SO, THEY HAVE LOST SOME OF THAT FAMILY CLOSENESS, THEY HAVE LOST THEIR CLOSENESS TO NATURE. THEY HAVE GAINED MONUMENTAL TRAFFIC JAMS, A HORRENDOUS ACCIDENT RATE IN WHICH NINE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED THIS YEAR AS OF LAST MONTH. THEY HAVE GAINED CRIME-- TWO "TRIPPLE SLAYINGS WITHIN A YEAR, AND DRUGS, WELFARE AND ULCERS," MURPHY DECLARED.

MURPHY THEN TALKED ABOUT FOUR AVENUES OF CHANGE COMING TO PALAU DISTRICT. THEY ARE: THE KOROR-BABELTHUAP BRIDGE, THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF PALAU/MICRONESIA, THE PROPOSED CABLE TV AND THE PROPOSED PALAU SUPERPORT.

CONCERNING THE BRIDGE, HE SAID THIS WOULD OPEN UP BABELTHUAP LIKE A FLOWER IN THE MORNING. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WILL MOVE BACK TO THE BIG ISLAND TO BUILD HOMES AND RAISE CROPS, COMMUTE DAILY BY CARS INTO THE DISTRICT CENTER.

ADMITTING THAT HE HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST CRITIC OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION OF THE IT, MURPHY SAID THAT EDUCATIONALLY AND POLITICALLY, "WE (AMERICANS) HAVE DONE BETTER. SELF-GOVERNMENT IS COMING TO PALAU...FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HUNDREDS OF YEARS," HE EXPLAINED.

THE DAILY NEWS EDITOR CAUTIONED THAT ONE OF THE GREATEST AND MOST FRIGHTENING INSTRUMENTS OF CHANGE IS TELEVISION.

ONE OF THE PROBLEMS IS THAT LOCAL PRODUCTION FOR TV IS TOO EXPENSIVE AND REQUIRES TOO MUCH TECHNOLOGY WHICH MEANS THAT THE PEOPLE WILL RELY ON AMERICAN OR JAPANESE PROGRAMS "AND THERE GOES MORE EROSION OF CULTURE."

"THE AVERAGE AMERICAN KID HAS WATCHED 17,000 MURDERS RIGHT THERE IN LIVING COLOR, IN HIS OWN LIVING ROOM BEFORE HE SITS AT HIS GRADUATION CEREMONY," MURPHY ESTIMATED.

TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF THE PALAU SUPERPORT, MURPHY WARNED ABOUT THE DANGER OF POLLUTION. HE SAID THAT EVEN WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY, PALAU CANNOT BE SAVED FROM A BIG SPILL IF IT HAPPENS.

HOWEVER, IF THE SUPERPORT IS BUILT, PALAU COULD BE COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT, ACCORDING TO MURPHY. "PALAU COULD," CONTINUED MURPHY, "AT LAST STAND ON ITS OWN TWO FEET, WITH ADEQUATE REVENUES, AND TELL THE REST OF THE WORLD TO GO TO HELL.

"THERE IS MORE TO IT THAN THAT OF COURSE," MURPHY ADDED. "YOU WOULD STILL NEED A DEFENSE, AND FOREIGN ADVICE AND HELP. THE SUPERPORT WOULD MAKE PALAU A TARGET IN THE EVENT OF WAR IN THE PACIFIC AND SECONDLY, THAT WOULD BRING POLLUTION."

CONCLUDING, MURPHY URGED THE PEOPLE OF PALAU TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED SUPERPORT. HE SAID NOT ENOUGH STUDIES HAVE BEEN MADE ABOUT THE PROJECT.

✓✓ (PROCLAMATION FOR PLEBISCITE DAY)

SAIPAN, JUNE 11 (MNS)---DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN HAS PROCLAIMED TUESDAY (JUNE 17, 1975) A PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT. THE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER, IN A PROCLAMATION RELEASED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (JUNE 11), PROCLAIMED THAT "ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS LOCATED IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT ARE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE IN OBSERVANCE OF PLEBISCITE DAY."

THE PROCLAMATION WAS MADE IN RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF THE ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS ON JUNE 17, 1975, WHEN THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS WILL GO TO POLLS TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS ON WHETHER THEY APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE COMMONWEALTH COVENANT IN POLITICAL AFFILIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: ON MONDAY'S MNS (JUNE 9), THERE WAS A STORY SLUGGED "SPG TEAM ARRIVES SAIPAN." MNS INDICATED THAT THE PONAPEAN AND TRUKESSE TEAMS WERE TRANSPORTED ABOARD A C-130 AIRCRAFT FROM THEIR HOME DISTRICTS TO GUAM. AND FROM GUAM THEY WERE TRANSPORTED TO SAIPAN. THIS WAS NOT THE CASE. THEY WERE TRANSPORTED VIA AIR MICRONESIA FLIGHT. PLEASE MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES IF FURTHER USE OF THAT STORY IS TO BE MADE. MNS REGRETS THE ERROR).