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(HATHAWAY CONFIRMED INTERIOR SECRETARY)

SAIPAN, JUNE 13 (MNS)---THE UNITED STATES SENATE WEDNESDAY (JUNE 11) CONFIRMED FORMER WYOMING GOV. STANLEY K. HATHAWAY AS INTERIOR SECRETARY DESPITE STRONG OBJECTIONS BY SOME DEMOCRATS, ACCORDING TO A STORY IN THE FRIDAY (JUNE 13) EDITION OF THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS. THE VOTE WAS 60-36.

HATHAWAY WAS NAMED BY PRESIDENT GERALD FORD APRIL 6 TO SUCCEED ROGERS C.B. MORTON AFTER MORTON WAS NOMINATED TO BECOME SECRETARY OF COMMERCE. SENATORS EDMUND S. MUSKIE (DEMOCRAT-MAINE) AND JOHN V. TUNNEY (DEMOCRAT-CALIFORNIA) OBJECTED TO THE CONFIRMATION. SENATOR MUSKIE INTRODUCED A MOTION TO SEND THE NOMINATION BACK TO THE INTERIOR COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER HEARINGS. THE MOTION WAS REJECTED. SENATOR TUNNEY SAID IN A STATEMENT RELEASED BEFORE DEBATE OPENED THAT HATHAWAY'S RECORD IS "ONE OF THE CONSISTENT SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO EXPLOIT NATURAL RESOURCES AT THE EXPENSE OF PUBLIC INTEREST."

HATHAWAY'S RECORD, ACCORDING TO THE PDM STORY, WAS DEFENDED BY SENATORS GALE MCGEE, CLIFFORD HANSEN, AND JAMES MCCLURE. HATHAWAY'S CONFIRMATION MEANS FORD NOW HAS APPOINTED A MAJORITY OF HIS CABINET MEMBERS. HATHAWAY WAS THE SIXTH APPOINTMENT BY FORD. IN A STATEMENT, HATHAWAY SAID THAT HE WAS "DEEPLY HONORED" BY HIS CONFIRMATION AND THAT HE WAS "FULLY AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT THE OFFICE TO WHICH I HAVE BEEN NAMED CARRIES WITH IT GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SAFE-GUARDING OUR TREMENDOUS NATURAL RESOURCES WHILE WE CAN CONTINUE TO GROW AS A NATION."

(HICOM APPEARS ON NATIONAL TV)

SAIPAN, JUNE 13 (MNS)---HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON APPEARED THIS WEEK ON NBC'S NATIONALLY TELEVISED "TODAY" SHOW. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS INTERVIEWED IN THE NBC WASHINGTON STUDIOS LAST MONDAY BY WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF DOUGLAS KIKER AND BY REMOTE FROM NEW YORK BY NEWSMAN JIM HARTZ.

DURING THE FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERVIEW, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE MARIANAS PLEBISCITE AND THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE OTHER DISTRICTS. HE ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DESCRIBE TO THE VIEWING AUDIENCE, THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE ISLANDS AND THEIR POTENTIAL FOR TOURISM.

THE "TODAY" SHOW IS WATCHED DAILY BY APPROXIMATELY 20 MILLION PERSONS.

(SWINE QUARANTINE IN KUSAIE)

SAIPAN, JUNE 13 (MNS)---PONAPE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR LEO A. FALCAN ISSUED EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2-75 ON JUNE 9, 1975 TO PROHIBIT MOVEMENT OF ALL SWINE AND SWINE PRODUCTS OUT OF KUSAIE.

THE ORDER STATES THAT "UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL SWINE PRODUCTS ARE PROHIBITED MOVEMENT AND EXPORT OUT OF THE ISLAND OF KUSAIE. THIS RESTRICTION IS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE RECENT OUTBREAK OF A SERIOUS SWINE DISEASE IN KUSAIE WHICH HAS CAUSED THE DEATH OF DOZENS OF HOGS AND CREATING AN EMERGENCY.

ONLY AFTER THE CHIEF OF ANIMAL HEALTH SERVICES, DR. MARVIN L. DEAN, DETERMINES THE CAUSE OF THE DISEASE; AND FURTHER ADVISES THAT THE DISEASE IS CONTROLLED WILL THE RESTRICTION BE LIFTED."

DOCTOR DEAN TRAVELED TO KUSAIE LAST WEEK TO INVESTIGATE THE DISEASE BUT WAS UNABLE TO DIAGNOSE THE CAUSE. WHILE THERE, DR. DEAN COLLECTED TISSUE SPECIMENS DURING POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION OF AFFECTED SWINE. THE SPECIMENS ARE BEING SHIPPED TO USDA FOR EXAMINATION.

(REFERENDUM STIRS DEBATE IN PALAU)

KOROR, JUNE 13 (MNS)---THE UPCOMING JULY 8 TRUST TERRITORY-WIDE REFERENDUM HAS STIRRED UP HEATED POLITICAL DEBATES AMONG THE POLITICAL LEADERS IN PALAU DISTRICT, ACCORDING TO PALAU PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRMIDOL. NGIRMIDOL REPORTED THAT SENATOR ROMAN TMETUHL OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS URGED THE PEOPLE OF PALAU DISTRICT NOT TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING JULY 8 REFERENDUM. THE PALAU SENATOR SAID THAT THE PEOPLE OF HIS DISTRICT AS WELL AS THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA ARE NOT READY TO MAKE THE ULTIMATE CHOICE BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT POLITICALLY EDUCATED YET.

SENATOR TMETUHL HAS CHARGED THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN AN ADEQUATE POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM TO INFORM THE PEOPLE OF THE STATUS ALTERNATIVES. THE ALTERNATIVES ARE INDEPENDENCE, COMMONWEALTH, FREE ASSOCIATION, STATEHOOD, AND STATUS QUC. SENATOR TMETUHL HAS EXPRESSED HIS POSITION THAT HE IS NOT READY TO VOTE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HOWEVER, FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN KUVINO NAKAMURA OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THAT NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME TO HOLD THE REFERENDUM. CONGRESSMAN NAKAMURA SAID THAT THE PALAUA PEOPLE ARE READY TO EXPRESS THEIR WISHES BECAUSE THEY HAVE GAINED ADEQUATE INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE ALTERNATIVES THROUGH POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS. HE SAID THAT THE UPCOMING REFERENDUM IS "NOT PREMATURE" AND THEREFORE PALAUA SHOULD BE GOING TO THE POLLS ON JULY 8. IN SPITE OF THE POLITICAL SHOWDOWN AMONG THE LEADERS, THE PALAU EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE HAS LAUNCHED A MASSIVE POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE DISTRICT IN ORDER TO POLITICALLY EDUCATE THE PEOPLE BEFORE JULY 8. NGIRMIDOL CONCLUDED.

(MISSION PLEDGES TO HEAR ALL VIEWS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 13 (MNS)---THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS VISITING MISSION TO OBSERVE THE JUNE 17 PLEBISCITE IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT, JAMES MURRAY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, HAS SAID THAT THE MISSION WILL BE HEARING THE POINTS OF VIEWS OF ALL CONCERNED REGARDING THE IMPORTANT EVENT WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE NEXT TUESDAY IN THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. THE VISITING MISSION CONSISTING OF TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES JOHN MELHUIS FROM AUSTRALIA, BERTRAND DE LATAILLADE OF FRANCE AND AMBASSADOR MURRAY AND THEIR STAFF--ARRIVED SAIPAN LATE THURSDAY AFTERNOON (JUNE 12).

IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT RELEASED ON SAIPAN FRIDAY (JUNE 13), CHAIRMAN OF THE UN VISITING MISSION JAMES MURRAY SAID THAT "WE MUST LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THE POINTS OF VIEW OF ALL CONCERNED REGARDING THE IMPORTANT EVENT WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE NEXT TUESDAY IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS." THE VISITING MISSION WILL BE MEETING WITH THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION, THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, AND THE UNITED CAROLINIAN

ASSOCIATION, AND HAS SET ASIDE SPECIAL TIMES TO MEET ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. "WE REALIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE MAY BE GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY FEEL THEIR VIEWS MAY NOT BE ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED BY THE FOREGOING ORGANIZATIONS," CHAIRMAN MURRAY ADDED.

THE VISITING MISSION--PRESENTLY STAYING AT THE SAIPAN'S CONTINENTAL HOTEL--WILL BE TRAVELING TO ROTA AND TINIAN SATURDAY (JUNE 14) TO SEE HOW CAMPAIGNS IN THE PUBLIC MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED. THE CHAIRMAN EMPHASIZED IN HIS STATEMENT THAT THE MISSION WOULD HOPE TO ENSURE THAT ANY GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL WHO WISHES TO EXPRESS VIEWS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.

THE VISITING MISSION WILL BE IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT BEYOND JUNE 17, WHEN THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT 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.

(CALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(MICRONESIA HAS RICH OCEAN RESOURCES)

SAIPAN, JUNE 13 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION BY THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IS WHETHER MICRONESIA CAN PROTECT ITS SEA RESOURCE RIGHTS UNDER VARIOUS KINDS OF POLITICAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES.

ACCORDING TO CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DOWNICK, CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION, APPROXIMATELY \$75-MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF FISHERY RESOURCES ALONE ARE BEING EXPLOITED IN MICRONESIAN WATERS BY FOREIGN NATIONALS EACH YEAR.

IN ADDITION TO THAT, THERE IS GREAT FUTURE POTENTIAL FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF SEA-BED MANGANESE NODULES AND THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THERE ARE PETROLEUM DEPOSITS WITHIN MICRONESIA'S WATERS AS WELL, HE SAID.

"THE VALUE OF THE RESOURCES WITHIN MICRONESIA'S WATERS IS TREMENDOUS," DOWNICK STATED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DELEGATION POINTED OUT THAT IN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ALONE, FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS ARE PRESENTLY TAKING APPROXIMATELY \$10-MILLION WORTH OF FISH EACH YEAR.

HE SAID THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS MUST KNOW WHETHER APPROVAL OF THE COVENANT INVOLVES A RELINQUISHMENT OF THEIR PRESENT AND FUTURE RESOURCE RIGHTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A JOINT LETTER BETWEEN THE MICRONESIAN LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) DELEGATION AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS WAS SENT TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. LAW OF THE SEA DELEGATION OUTLINING ITS CONCERN AND PRESENTING ITS VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT.

HE SAID THAT ABOUT TWO MONTHS HAS ELAPSED AND THE U.S.

(LOS) DELEGATION HAS NOT GIVEN ANY SPEEDY RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO NOTED THAT THIS LEAVES THE VOTERS IN THE MARIANAS IN A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT POSITION IN THAT THEY MUST MAKE A FINAL CHOICE ABOUT THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. WITHOUT KNOWING WHETHER IT INVOLVES THE LOSS OF MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF SEA RESOURCES ANNUALLY.