

(PLEBISCITE ON TUESDAY) 1975
SAIPAN, JUNE 16 (MNS)---TUESDAY, JUNE 17, THE PEOPLE OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS WILL CAST THEIR HISTORIC VOTES TO
DECIDE WHETHER THEY WILL SEPARATE FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA
AND BECOME A COMMONWEALTH OF THE UNITED STATES. SOME 5,379
PEOPLE HAVE REGISTERED TO VOTE. FILE 11

UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES ARE PRESENTLY ON SAIPAN
OBSERVING THE CAMPAIGN AND THE VOTE, AND HAVE HELD MEETINGS WITH
PRO AND ANTI COVENANT GROUPS AS WELL AS WITH THE PLEBISCITE
COMMISSIONER AND HIS STAFF; THE PLEBISCITE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AND THE VOTER REGISTRATION BOARD.

POLITICAL OBSERVERS PREDICT THAT 70 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE
WILL VOTE IN FAVOR DESPITE ORGANIZED MOVEMENTS OPPOSING
COMMONWEALTH.

IN A MEETING WITH THE UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION (UCA),
FRIDAY (JUNE 14), UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES TOLD THE UCA
THAT NOTHING CAN BE DONE TO POSTPONE THE NORTHERN MARIANAS
PLEBISCITE.

CHAIRMAN JAMES MURRAY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TOLD A CROWD
OF ABOUT 150 AT THE MEETING HALL IN GARAPAN VILLAGE THAT THE
MISSION CANNOT ASK THAT THE ELECTION BE POSTPONED BECAUSE THEIR
(UN) ONE WEEK VISIT IS "TO OBSERVE" AND "NOT INTERFERE WITH"
THE PLEBISCITE.

UCA MEMBERS CHARGED THAT THE "LACK OF POLITICAL EDUCATION"
REQUIRED THE POSTPONING THE PLEBISCITE.

SUNDAY (JUNE 15) ABOUT 250 CARS PARADED THROUGH THE ROADS
OF SAIPAN URGING SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. COMMONWEALTH COVENANT
PROPOSAL. THE MOTORCADE, ORGANIZED BY FRIENDS OF COMMONWEALTH
GROUP, PARADED THROUGH SAIPAN VILLAGES FOR MORE THAN FOUR HOURS.

ABOUT 300 YARDS FROM WHERE THE PROCOVENANT GROUP WERE
ASSEMBLING THEIR CARS FOR THE MOTORCADE, THE "FRIENDS FOR BETTER
COMMONWEALTH" GROUP HELD THEIR RALLY. ANTICOVENANT SPEAKERS
CONGRESSMAN OSCAR C. RASA AND COUNCILMAN DINO JONES SPOKE AT
THE RALLY MAINTAINING THEIR POSITION TO VOTE AGAINST THE
COVENANT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT SEVERAL PRO AND ANTICOVENANT GROUPS
WILL APPEAR ON TELEVISION AND RADIO MONDAY NIGHT, ONE DAY BEFORE
THE PLEBISCITE IN A LAST DITCH EFFORT TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR THEIR
POSITIONS. THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN TUESDAY MORNING AT SEVEN AND
WILL BE CLOSED AT SEVEN P.M.
(HATHAWAY SWORN IN)

WASHINGTON, JUNE 16 (MNS)---STANLEY K. HATHAWAY, FORMER
GOVERNOR OF WYOMING, WAS SWORN IN FRIDAY AS SECRETARY OF THE
INTERIOR, ENDING A 43-DAY STRETCH IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT LACKED
A CABINET-LEVEL LEADER, ACCORDING TO UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
(UPI).

PRESIDENT FORD ATTENDED THE CEREMONY AT THE INTERIOR
DEPARTMENT AND PLEDGED THAT "I WILL GIVE HIM TOTAL SUPPORT...WE'RE
GOING TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE NATION'S AMAZING
NATURAL RESOURCES."

HATHAWAY, WHO WAS OPPOSED BY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND GET A
PROLONGED GRILLING IN HIS SENATE CONFIRMATION HEARINGS, WAS GIVEN
A ROYAL WELCOME WITH THE RED-JACKETED MARINE BAND PLAYING POPULAR
MEDLEYS NEAR THE FLOWER-DECKED STAGE, UPI INDICATED.

OUTLINING HIS VIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE, HATHAWAY SAID,
"WE CANNOT RELY ON CONSERVATION ALONE TO PROVIDE THE ENERGY
SECURITY WE NEED TO SUSTAIN OUR ECONOMY AND OUR WAY OF LIFE.

"WE MUST DEVELOP, IN A PRUDENT AND RATIONAL MANNER, MORE OF
OUR DOMESTIC ENERGY RESOURCES." UPI CONCLUDED.

(REMENGESAU CALLS SPECIAL SESSION)

KOROR, JUNE 16 (MNS)---PALAU DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR THOMAS Q. REMENGESAU ISSUED A PROCLAMATION THIS WEEK CALLING FOR A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FIFTH PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE TO BE HELD FOR FOUR DAYS BEGINNING TUESDAY (JUNE 17), ACCORDING TO PALAU PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRMIDOL.

THE LEGISLATURE WILL MEET TO CONSIDER THE TWO DRAFT CONSTITUTIONS RECENTLY COMPLETED BY THE PALAU CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, A LEGISLATION FOR DISTRICT-WIDE REFERENDUM, LAND, AND OTHER AREAS WHICH MAY BE DEEMED URGENT AND APPROPRIATE.

THIS WILL BE THE LAST SESSION OF THE FIFTH PALAU LEGISLATURE BEFORE THE ELECTION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR.

(ALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(MICRONESIAN DELEGATION RETURNED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 16 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM GENEVA, SWITZERLAND FOLLOWING THE THIRD SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE.

ACCORDING TO CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DOMNICK, CHAIRMAN OF THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION, THE GOAL OF THE CONFERENCE COMPOSED OF NEARLY 150 NATIONS AND A NUMBER OF OBSERVER COUNTRIES INCLUDING MICRONESIA IS TO PRODUCE A TREATY TO BE SIGNED BY ALL NATIONS SETTING OUT AS PRECISELY AS POSSIBLE NEW INTERNATIONAL LAW REGARDING THE SEA.

THE CONFERENCE PRODUCED A STATEMENT, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN FINALIZED OR FORMALLY ADOPTED WHICH PROVIDES THAT ALL COASTAL STATES, INCLUDING ISLAND STATES WOULD BE GRANTED A 200 MILE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE.

THE 200 MILE JURISDICTION WOULD COVER ALL RESOURCES INCLUDING THOSE OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO MICRONESIA SUCH AS TUNA, PETROLIUM, AND SEA-BED MANGANESE NODULES. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WERE EFFORTS BY A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN THE CONFERENCE TO DENY OR REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE ZONE AS APPLIED TO SMALL ISLANDS.

DOMNICK SAID THIS EFFORT WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED BY THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION. HE NOTED THAT THE EFFORT TO ACQUIRE FAIR AND EQUAL APPLICATION OF THE 200 MILE ZONE CONCEPT TO ISLAND STATES WAS SUCCESSFUL IN THAT THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THE 200 MILE ZONE CONCEPT CONTAINED IN THE SINGLE NEGOTIATING STATEMENT RESULTS IN ROCKY ELEVATIONS INCAPABLE OF SUSTAINING "HUMAN HABITATION OR ECONOMIC LIFE"---BEING DENIED AN ECONOMIC ZONE.

HE SAID THIS EXCEPTION DOES EFFECT MICRONESIA IN THAT TWO OR THREE ISLANDS IN THE NORTHERN MOST PART OF THE MARIANAS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED ROCKY ELEVATIONS, AND THEREFORE DENIED A ZONE.

A PROPOSAL WAS ALSO SUBMITTED IN THE CONFERENCE BY A NUMBER OF AFRICAN STATES WHICH IF INCLUDED IN THE TREATY WOULD DENY AN ECONOMIC ZONE TO ANY ENTITY UNDER FOREIGN DOMINATION SUCH AS THE CASE OF MICRONESIA TODAY, ACCORDING TO DOMNICK.

HE SAID THIS WAS MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE TO ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS AND BY A FEELING BY A NUMBER OF LESS DEVELOPED STATES THAT A COLONIAL POWER SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO ACQUIRE THE RESOURCE RIGHTS OF ITS COLONIES.

DOMNICK SAID THAT BECAUSE OF MICRONESIA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES, THIS PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN A DENIAL OF AN ECONOMIC ZONE FOR MICRONESIA DURING THE COURSE OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AND THEREAFTER, DEPENDING UPON THE OUTCOME OF THE POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS.

THE AFRICAN PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, WAS MODIFIED SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE INHABITANTS OF ENTITIES UNDER FOREIGN DOMINATION BE

PERMITTED TO OWN AND EXERCISE THE RESOURCE RIGHTS IN THEIR ECONOMIC ZONE, ACCORDING TO DOMNICK.

DOMNICK SAID THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT AT THE END OF THE CONFERENCE THAT ANOTHER FULL SUBSTANTIVE SESSION SHOULD BE HELD NEXT YEAR IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONCLUDE A TREATY. HE SAID IT DOES SEEM LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE A NEGOTIATED TREATY COMPLETED NEXT YEAR AND THAT IT WILL BE FAVORABLE ON ALL ISSUES OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO MICRONESIA. HE NOTED HOWEVER, THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ATTEMPT TO FORMULATE A COMMON VIEW IN THE FORM OF A TREATY MAY FAIL IF THE TREND TOWARD THE PASSAGE OF DIVERSE NATIONAL LEGISLATION CONTINUES.

THE NEXT SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN NEW YORK NEXT YEAR AROUND MARCH.

MEMBERS OF THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION BESIDES CHAIRMAN CHARLES DOMNICK ARE: SENATOR NICK BOSSY, VICE-CHAIRMAN; CONGRESSMAN LUKE IMAN, MEMBER; AND CONGRESSMAN RESIO MOSES, MEMBER. THE DELEGATION WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ANDON AMARAICH, SPECIAL CONSULTANT TO THE CHAIRMAN; FREDRICK RAMP, COUNSEL AND FREDERICK S. WYLE, SPECIAL COUNSEL.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: BELOW IS THE TEXT OF AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMMISSION WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR TT-WIDE MEMO RELEASE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OVER THE MICRONESIAN BROADCASTING SYSTEM. IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE EFFECTIVENESS, WE REQUIRE ANNOUNCEMENT SEVERAL TIMES DAILY IN ENGLISH AND IN THE DISTRICT VERNACULAR (IF POSSIBLE) UNTIL WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH.)

(THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT)

SAIPAN, JUNE 16 (MNS)---"THE TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMMISSION WISHES TO ANNOUNCE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT WILL CONDUCT AN ORIENTATION SESSION ON JUNE 25, 1975, FOR ALL INTERESTED HOUSING OFFICIALS, REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS, COMMERCIAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS, AND PRIVATE ENTREPRENEURS ON BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS PROGRAM. (TITLE II, SECTION 8, P.L. 93-383).

THE SECTION 8 PROGRAM IS NOW BEING OFFERED TO THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS. THE ORIENTATION FOR THE TTPI WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ROYAL TAGA HOTEL IN SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1975, BETWEEN 9:00 - 12:00 A.M. IF INTERESTED, KINDLY NOTIFY THE TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMMISSION (TEL. 9328/9335) OF YOUR INTENTION TO ATTEND."