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(PLEBISCITE ON TUESDAY)

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.

UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVES ARE PRESENTLY ON SAIPAN OBSERVING THE CAMPAIGN AND THE VOTE, AND HAVE HELD MEETINGS WITH

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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

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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

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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

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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 O. 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,

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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.

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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.

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A PROPOYAL 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

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