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PONAPE, AUGUST 25, (MNS)---PALAU SENATOR ROMAN TMETUHL MAY HAVE COME UP WITH AT LEAST A PARTIAL ANSWER TO THE MARIANAS PROBLEM. HE HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SANCTION THE SEPARATION OF THE DISTRICT FROM THE REST OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, PROVIDED THAT THE UNITED STATES BUY THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS AS COMPENSATION.

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THE SENATOR'S PROPOSAL, MORE SERIOUS THAN IT MAY AT FIRST APPEAR TO BE, WAS CONTAINED IN A JOINT RESOLUTION THAT HE INTRODUCED FRIDAY (AUGUST 25) IN PONAPE. HE SAID FOLLOWING THE SENATE SESSION THAT HE HOPES HIS RESOLUTION WILL HELP TO BRING THE MARIANAS QUESTION OUT INTO THE OPEN FOR A FULL DEBATE.

THE MEASURE WOULD HAVE THE CONGRESS RECOGNIZED THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME NOTES THAT "THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS ALWAYS CONSIDERED THE TRUST TERRITORY TO BE COMPOSED OF SIX POLITICALLY UNIFIED DISTRICTS, AND HAD ALWAYS ANTICIPATED THAT ALL SIX DISTRICTS WOULD JOIN IN THE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA UPON THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT."

THE RESOLUTION WOULD STATE THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IS THE "SOLE AUTHORITY" IN MICRONESIA TO NEGOTIATE FUTURE STATUS, AND THAT IT HAS NOT DONE SO IN THE CASE OF THE MARIANAS. IT WOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT THE "LOSS OF THE MARIANAS ISLANDS DISTRICT TO THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THAT GOVERNMENT OR OF THIS CONGRESS REPRESENTS A SEVERE AND IRREPARABLE WRONG TO THE GOVERNMENT... AND TO ALL OF MICRONESIA, A LOSS WHICH IS AMONG OTHER THINGS AN ECONOMIC LOSS.

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THE RESOLUTION THEN CONCLUDES: "THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS BE AND HE HEREBY IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO CONVEY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, AS THE ONLY LAWMAKING BODY IN MICRONESIA DULY EMPOWERED TO ACT IN AUTHORIZING STEPS TOWARD A SEPARATE POLITICAL FUTURE FOR THE MARIANAS ISLANDS DISTRICT OR ANY OTHER DISTRICT... OFFERS TO AUTHORIZE THE FUTURE SEPARATION OF THE

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ISLANDS OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT UPON THE PROMISE OF THE PAYMENT OF TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS (\$200,000,000) FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA, UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE PARTIES MAY AGREE TO, BUT THAT THE CONGRESS WILL NOT AGREE TO THE SEPARATION OF THE ISLANDS OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT FROM THE TERRITORY OF THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA ON ANY OTHER CONDITION..."

THE RESOLUTION ALSO DIRECTS THE JOINT COMMITTEE TO MAKE THESE TERMS A PART OF THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION WHICH IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DRAFTED.

SENATOR TMETUHL'S RESOLUTION WAS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE, AND WILL DOUBTLESS BE MUCH DISCUSSED DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS. AS

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VARIOUS CONGRESSMEN AND CONGRESS OBSERVERS LEARNED OF THE RESOLUTION FRIDAY, THERE WERE SOME SMILES. BUT THERE WERE ALSO MANY WHO BEGAN TO THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS IN THE MEASURE, AND IN THE IDEA OF COMPENSATION FOR THE LOSS OF THE MARIANAS TO THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIAN.

(COMPACT CRITICIZED)

PONAPE, AUGUST 25 (MNS)---DIFFERENCES OF OPINION OVER THE PROPOSED DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION HAVE BEGUN TO SURFACE AT THE PONAPE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, AND THEY INDICATE THE COMPACT MAY BE IN TROUBLE. EVEN THOUGH THE COMPACT IS ONLY A PARTIAL DOCUMENT, AND THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL IN PROGRESS, SOME STRONG OPPOSITION TO CERTAIN PARTS OF THE AGREEMENT ARE BEING EXPRESSED.

ONE OF THE STRONGEST STATEMENTS CAME THURSDAY AFTERNOON (AUGUST 25), DURING A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS. THE HEARING WAS CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF LISTENING TO DELEGATIONS FROM SOME OF THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES. THE STATEMENT CAME FROM THE PALAU DELEGATION, WHICH WAS MADE UP OF SEVEN OF THE TEN MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, INCLUDING THE VICE-SPEAKER, FLOOR LEADER, AND THE

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CHAIRMAN OF THREE OF THE FOUR STANDING COMMITTEES. THE MAYOR OF

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KOROR MUNICIPALITY ALSO APPEARED.

"WE HAVE REVIEWED THE ENTIRE DRAFT COMPACT," THE DELEGATION TOLD THE JOINT COMMITTEE IN A PREPARED STATEMENT, "AND AT THIS TIME WE ARE UNABLE TO EXPRESS OUR APPROVAL OF THOSE THREE TITLES UPON WHICH THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS AND THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION HAVE AGREED." THE STATEMENT INSISTED THAT THE PEOPLE OF PALAU DISTRICT WANT TO KNOW EXACTLY TO WHAT EXTENT THEY ARE "SURRENDERING THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHT TO TOTALLY GOVERN THEIR ENTIRE AFFAIRS, BOTH EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL, BEFORE THEY CAN GIVE THEIR ASSENT TO THE COMPACT.

THE DELEGATION SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THE TITLES IN THE DOCUMENT AS IT RELATES TO PALAU IS THE ONE RELATING TO DEFENSE, AND THE LAND REQUIREMENTS SOUGHT BY THE U.S.

"AT THIS POINT," THEY SAID, "THE AMOUNT OF ACREAGE REQUESTED IS FAR TOO LARGE IN REPARATION TO ANY COMPENSATION THAT COULD BE PAID TO THE PALAU DISTRICT. THE PALAU DISTRICT HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN A RUNNING BATTLE WITH THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY ALMOST SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT OVER THE OWNERSHIP OF OUR LAND, FULLY SIXTY PER CENT OF WHICH IS CLAIMED BY THE TRUST

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APPROVE ANY COMPACT WHICH DOES NOT, AS A MINIMUM, CONCLUDE THE QUESTION OF THE OWNERSHIP OF LAND IN OUR DISTRICT TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE PEOPLE OF PALAU."

THE STATEMENT NOTES THAT THE PALAU LEGISLATURE IS ON RECORD AS OPPOSING ANY MILITARY ACTIVITY WHATSOEVER IN PALAU, AND THAT THIS SENTIMENT HAS NOT CHANGED. THEY SUGGESTED THAT THEY WOULD

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LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THE JOINT COMMITTEE MADE " ANY ATTEMPT" TO GET THE U.S. TO REDUCE ITS LAND REQUIREMENTS IN PALAU, WHICH INCLUDED A DOCK FACILITY, JOINT USE OF AN AIRFIELD, AND MORE THAN 30,000 ACRES OF LAND ON BABELTHUAP ON EITHER AN EXCLUSIVE OR OCCASIONAL USE BASIS. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED FEARS THAT THE U.S. MAY USE THIS LAND FOR STORAGE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

"WE MUST HAVE MORE DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE OF THE KIND OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES CONTEMPLATED ON OUR LAND," THEY SAID, "AND WE WANT THESE USES DETAILED IN THE COMPACT..."

THE DELEGATION ALSO TOOK ISSUE WITH THE PORTION OF THE COMPACT THAT WOULD GIVE THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITY OVER MOST OF MICRONESIA'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS. "THE SEVERE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED UPON US IN THE AREA OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD TRULY GIVE US THE STATUS IN APPEARANCE, IF NOT IN FACT, OF CONTINUING AS A WARD OF THE UNITED STATES..." THEY SAID.

THE DELEGATION TRAVELED FROM PALAU TO PONAPE THIS WEEK EXPRESSLY TO APPEAR BEFORE THE JOINT COMMITTEE, TO STATE THEIR VIEWS ON THE DRAFT COMPACT. IF THEIR VIEWS ARE TYPICAL OF THE RESPONSE OF THE OTHER DISTRICT LEGISLATURES, THE DRAFT COMPACT MAY BE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING REJECTED EVEN BEFORE IT IS COMPLETED.

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(TUN BLASTS: POLITICAL EDUCATION)

PONAPE, AUGUST 25 (MNS)---IF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA WERE ASKED TO VOTE TODAY ON THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, THEY WOULD HAVE ONLY A LIMITED UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUE AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE AN INTELLIGENT AND CONSIDERED DECISION.

THAT IS THE VIEW OF YAP'S SENATOR PETRUS TUN, WHO IN REMARKS ON THE SENATE FLOOR FRIDAY (AUGUST 25) STRONGLY CRITICIZED BOTH THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR

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FAILING TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE PROGRAM OF POLITICAL EDUCATION IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

"RIGHT NOW," SAID THE SENATOR, IT IS ABSURD TO SPEAK OF A SOVEREIGN ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION--THAT IS OF A PLEBISCITE--GIVEN THE PRESENT REALITIES OF POLITICAL AWARENESS OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. THE PEOPLE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE VARIOUS POLITICAL STATUS ALTERNATIVES NOR DO THEY UNDERSTAND THEIR CONSEQUENCES. AND, THEREFORE, UNLESS AND ADEQUATE, BALANCED PROGRAM OF POLITICAL EDUCATION TAKES PLACE BEFORE A PLEBISCITE, THE RESULTS WILL BE TAINTED AND MEANINGLESS."

SENATOR TUN RESERVED HIS HARSHTEST CRITICISM FOR THE ADMINISTRATION. HE SAID SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH (TRUK) HAD BEST

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SUMMARIZED THE POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN MICRONESIA DURING HIS RECENT SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WHEN HE DESCRIBED IT AS "A TOTAL FAILURE."

"ALTHOUGH IT IS TRUE THAT SOME POLITICAL EDUCATION HAS OCCURRED," SAID SENATOR TUN, "IT HAS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY BEEN UN ACCIDENTAL BY-PRODUCT OF SOME OTHER ACTIVITY. FOR EXAMPLE, EVERY TIME THIS CONGRESS MEETS, ITS GALLERIES ARE FILLED WITH SPECTATORS, AND THOSE SPECTATORS ARE LEARNING SOMETHING ABOUT THE OPERATION OF THEIR GOVERNMENT AND ARE THUS BECOMING POLITICALLY EDUCATED.

"BUT THE MOST IMMEDIATE NEED," HE CONTINUED, "IS TO PREPARE THE PEOPLE TO MAKE THE ULTIMATE POLITICAL STATUS DECISION, AND IN THIS AREA NO AMOUNT OF ACCIDENTAL LEARNING WILL DO. THE ISSUES ARE TOO COMPLEX AND SOPHISTICATED TO BE DEALT WITH IN A RANDOM MANNER."

SENATOR TUN NOTED THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, IN HIS STATE OF THE TERRITORY ADDRESS IN JANUARY, 1971, CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF A JOINT LEGISLATIVE-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH POLITICAL EDUCATION. THIS, SAID THE SENATOR, WAS A "REASONABLE PROPOSAL," BUT "NOTHING WAS DONE TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS PROPOSAL BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

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"HOW SERIOUS IS THE ADMINISTRATION AND PARTICULARLY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ABOUT FULFILLING THE OBLIGATION OF THE

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ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY TO PREPARE THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT OR INDEPENDENCE?" HE ASKED. "IF HE HAD BEEN SERIOUS ABOUT HIS PROPOSAL...WHY DIDN'T HE SUBMIT DRAFT LEGISLATION TO THE CONGRESS ON THE MATTER AS IS CUSTOMARY WITH ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS?...

"AND," THE SENATOR CONTINUED, "WHY COULDN'T THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE TAKEN THE INITIATIVE AND BEGUN THE POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM THROUGH THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT RATHER THAN WAITING FOR THE CONGRESS TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE? THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT HAS THE RESOURCES AND THE PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT THE PROGRAM. SURELY THE ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS THE NEED FOR PREPARATION FOR A PLEBISCITE IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO DIVERT FUNDS FROM OTHER, LESS URGENT, PROGRAMS.

"THE FAILURE OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO BEGIN A POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM," SAID THE YAPÉSE LAWMAKER, "IS AT BEST A DANGEROUS OVERSIGHT AND A CALLOUS DISREGARD FOR THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. THE CRITICAL CHOICE OF POLITICAL STATUS IS ONE THAT CAN ONLY BE MADE BY THE

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THAT CHOICE BLINDLY."

SENATOR TUN WENT ON TO STATE THAT ALTHOUGH THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FAILURE IN THE AREA OF POLITICAL EDUCATION MUST LIE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, "THIS CONGRESS DESERVES TO BE CRITICIZED ALSO." HE SAID WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION FAILED TO ACT, THE CONGRESS SHOULD HAVE STEPPED IN AND DONE SO. "WE

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SHOULD NOT PERMIT THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS TO CONTINUE," HE SAID.

HAVING CRITICIZED BOTH THE CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION FOR FAILING TO OFFER A SOLUTION TO THIS CRITICAL PROBLEM, SENATOR

TUN SAID HE WAS OFFERING ONE OF HIS OWN. HE REFERRED TO HIS BILL TO ESTABLISH JUST SUCH A JOINT EXECUTIVE-LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AS WAS SUGGESTED BY THE HICOM. HE PROPOSED THAT THE COMMITTEE, OR COMMISSION, BE ESTABLISHED, FUNDED, AND ASSIGNED THE TASK OF EXAMINING POLITICAL EDUCATION AND RECOMMENDING CONCRETE STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO PREPARE THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA TO DEAL WITH A POLITICAL STATUS REFERENDUM. ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE MADE TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS, IN JANUARY.

"I STRONGLY URGE THIS CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION REGARDING POLITICAL EDUCATION AT THIS SPECIAL SESSION," SAID SENATOR PETRUS TUN AS HE CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS.

(SESSIONS CONTINUE SHORT)

PONAPE, AUGUST 25 (MNS)---ONCE AGAIN FRIDAY (AUGUST 25) THE FORMAL SESSIONS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN PONAPE CONTINUED TO BE SHORT, WITH LITTLE LEGISLATION REACHING THE FLOOR FOR FINAL ACTION. FRIDAY WAS THE TWELFTH DAY OF THE 20-DAY SPECIAL SESSION, AND WITH BOTH HOUSES ADJOURNING FOR THE WEEKEND UNTIL

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MONDAY, WHEN THE LAWMAKERS RETURN TO THEIR DESKS ONLY SIX WORKING DAYS WILL REMAIN.

NEITHER THE SENATE NOR THE HOUSE PASSED ANY BILLS ON FINAL READING FRIDAY. THE SENATORS, HOWEVER, ADOPTED TWO JOINT RESOLUTIONS. ONE CONGRATULATES LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL KALER UDUI AND HIS WIFE ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR FOURTH CHILD. THE OTHER IS A PROPOSAL FOR THE SETTING UP OF A CONTEST TO PROVIDE FOR THE

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