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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA FOR PAC. ISL. MONTHLY
(HOUSE APPROVES CAPITAL BILL, REJECTS WASHINGTON OFFICE MEASURE)
SAIPAN, FEB. 26 (MNS)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
HOUSE FINALLY PASSED AND SENT BY THE SENATE A BILL WHICH
WOULD DESIGNATE PONAPE DISTRICT AS THE SITE OF THE FUTURE
CAPITAL OF MICRONESIA AND EARMARK \$200,000 TO PERFORM
FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND MASTER PLANS NECESSARY FOR THE

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CAPITAL, (S.R. 6-277). THE BILL PASSED BY A VOTE OF
14-7 WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS SPEAKING STRONGLY AGAINST
THE AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY PALAU REP. KUNIWO NAKAMURA.
NAKAMURA SUCCESSFULLY AMENDED THE BILL TO EXCLUDE
PALAU DISTRICT FROM BEING CONSIDERED AS A POSSIBLE SITE
FOR THE FUTURE CAPITAL BUT AT THE SAME TIME WOULD
APPROPRIATE \$50,000 TO PERFORM THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES
AND MASTER PLANS NECESSARY FOR THE PERMANENT CAPITAL
OF PALAU DISTRICT.

MARTIANAS REP. HERPAN PALACIOS SPOKE STRONGLY IN
FAVOR OF NAKAMURA'S AMENDMENT. HE SAID IT WOULD

BE

VERY "UNFAIR" AND "UNETHICAL" TO "WRAP A CHAIN AROUND
THE NECKS OF THE PALAUAN PEOPLE" IF THE CONGRESS FAILS
TO SUPPORT THEIR POLITICAL ASPIRATION. "IF IT IS THE
WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF PALAU TO SECEDE, IT WOULD BE
VERY PROPER FOR THIS CONGRESS TO SEE TO IT THAT SUCH
A MOVE IS GIVEN APPROVAL," PALACIOS DECLARED.

FLOOR LEADER LUKE YMAN, SPOKE AGAINST NAKAMURA'S
AMENDMENT SAYING IT WOULD "DILUTE" THE ORIGINAL INTENT

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OF THE BILL. "THE ORIGINAL LEGISLATION DID NOT ATTEMPT
TO EXEMPT PALAU FROM THE PROPOSED PERMANENT CAPITAL. IF
WE WERE TO ADOPT THIS BILL NOW, WE WOULD BE GIVING
CONGRESSIONAL SANCTION TO THE SEPARATION OF PALAU. I
DON'T THINK THIS CONGRESS OUGHT TO DO THAT."

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IN A ROLL CALL VOTE, REPS. LAMBERT AAFIN, SASAUD HARUO, CHIRO ALBERT, JOAB SIGRAH, LUKE TMAN AND SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY VOTED AGAINST THE MEASURE.

SINCE THE BILL IS A SENATE MEASURE, IT WILL HAVE TO GO BACK FOR STUDY BY THE SENATORS. IF THE SENATE AGREES TO THE HOUSE AMENDMENTS, THE BILL WILL GO TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. IF NOT, IT WILL GO TO A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TO IRON OUT THE DIFFERENCES.

THE HOUSE THEN DEFEATED A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDING THE CREATION OF A MICRONESIAN WASHINGTON OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING \$120,000 FOR THE FUNCTION OF THE OFFICE, (SB 6-225).

THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF MEMBERS FROM THE HOUSE AND SENATE, RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE BILL. THE MAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND SENATE VERSIONS

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WERE THE MANNER OF SELECTING THE PERSON TO BE THE "LIAISON OFFICER" AND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO FUND HIS OFFICE.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT APPOINTMENT OF SUCH A PERSON WOULD BE "MORE APPROPRIATE" SINCE THE PERSON SELECTED WILL FUNCTION MUCH LIKE A "LOBBYIST" IN WASHINGTON.

FURTHERMORE, THE SENATE VERSION ASKED THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000 TO FUND THE OFFICE. THE HOUSE CUT IT DOWN TO \$30,000. THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AGREED TO PROVIDE THE FULL AMOUNT OF \$120,000 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SENATE. THIS SECTION PROVOKED LIVELY DEBATE AMONG THE MEMBERS.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN RAYMOND SETIK OF TRUK SPOKE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF PASSING THE BILL. SETIK SAID THAT IN ORDER TO "FOLLOW-UP" ON THE REQUEST MADE BY THE PEOPLE AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, A LIAISON OFFICER IS NEEDED IN WASHINGTON TO HAVE "DAILY CONTACT WITH (MEMBERS) OF THE U.S. CONGRESS." THE TRUK REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT THERE ARE MANY THINGS THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS REQUESTED OF THE U.S. CONGRESS, LIKE THE ENEWETAK REHABILITATION PROGRAM, BIKINI

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RESTORATION AND EX GRATIA PAYMENTS, THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, WAR CLAIMS AND HOUSING PROGRAMS. "IT'S UP TO THE CONGRESS (TO DECIDE). IF YOU DON'T WANT IT, IT'S UP TO YOU, BUT WE GREATLY NEED SOMEONE TO BE THERE."

MARSHALLS CONGRESSMAN ATAJI PALGS SAID IT IS "TIMELY" THE CONGRESS SHOULD CREATE AN OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. "IT IS IMPORTANT FOR SOMEBODY TO REPRESENT US THERE SO WE WOULD SAVE A LOT OF MONEY" BY CUTTING DOWN THE AMOUNT OF TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON.

REP. KUNIMO NAKAMURA SAID IF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT IS ADOPTED, THE PROPOSED BILL "WILL BE IN MUCH WORSE SHAPE" THAN THE PREVIOUS VERSION. HE SAID HE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE FULL AMOUNT OF \$120,000 WAS INSERTED WHEN, IN EFFECT, THE OFFICE WILL BEGIN OPERATION IN JULY 1, OF THIS YEAR.

"I THINK THIS TYPE OF ACTION WILL LEAD THE CONGRESS OR THE OFFICE TO LAVISHLY SPEND TAXPAYERS MONEY. THE MONEY INVOLVED IS NOT JUSTIFIED. IT IS TOO MUCH," NAKAMURA POINTED OUT.

HE THEN CALLED FOR THE REJECTION OF THE CONFERENCE

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DRAFT AND TO APPOINT A NEW CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TO WORK OUT A REDUCTION OF THAT AMOUNT.

ANOTHER MEMBER WHO SPOKE AGAINST THE FUNDS WAS REP. EDGAR EDWARDS OF PONAPE. ACCORDING TO EDWARDS, THE AMOUNT IS "QUITE SUBSTANTIAL" AND HE ADDED THAT THE MONEY WOULD BE USED BY SOMEONE WHO WILL WORK LIKE A "PAGE" IN WASHINGTON.

REP. SASAUD HARUG SAID IT IS "PREMATURE" TO DISCUSS ANY "CREATURE" OF THE CONGRESS. HE SAID STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE ABOUT POLICY SETTING UP PRIORITIES FOR THE CONGRESS TO DIRECT ITS FUNDING TOWARDS THOSE PRIORITY AREAS.

"WE WOULD BE RATHER INCONSISTENT IF WE WERE TO ALLOCATE MONEY TO THIS NEW CREATURE WHILE THERE ARE CERTAIN PRIORITY AREAS THAT MAY BE FORGOTTEN AS A RESULT

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SPEAKER BETHUEL HENRY THEN ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL APPOINT A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE TO MEET WITH THE SENATE AND WORK OUT THEIR DISAGREEMENTS ON THE BILL.

EARLIER, THE HOUSE PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING SIX BILLS AND TRANSMITTED THEM TO THE SENATE FOR FURTHER ACTION. THE BILLS INCLUDE: ONE TO ESTABLISH A KUSAIE LEGISLATURE AND GRANT ITS CHARTER, (HB 5-541); A NATURALIZATION BILL TO MAKE KACHUO ANAE OF PATA ELIGIBLE FOR CITIZENSHIP IN THE TRUST TERRITORY,

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(HR 6-425); AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 3 OF THE TT CODE TO CREATE AN OFFICE OF OUTER ISLAND AFFAIRS IN EACH OF THE SIX ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS, ATTACHED TO THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE OF EACH DISTRICT, (HB 6-437); ANOTHER AMENDMENT TO TITLE 45 OF THE TT CODE TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING OF TROCHUS WHOSE SHELL IS LESS THAN FOUR INCHES IN DIAMETER AT THE BASE, (HB 6-384) AND TWO APPROPRIATION MEASURES OF \$250,000 EACH, FOR THE MARSHALL ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, (HB 6-485) AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING ROADS, BRIDGES, AND CAUSEWAYS IN FAICHUK AREA, TRUK DISTRICT, (HB 6-426).

THE HOUSE ALSO POSTPONED ACTION ON A NATURALIZATION BILL, (HR 6-17), WHICH WOULD MAKE RENE CLAUDE ETSCHETTVARNER OF BELGIUM, WHO IS RESIDING ON PONAPE ELIGIBLE FOR NATURALIZATION WHEN PONAPE REPRESENTATIVE EDGAR EDWARDS POINTED OUT THAT THE PONAPE DELEGATION HAS NOT YET HAD THE CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE BILL AMONG THEMSELVES.

THE SENATE PASSED AND SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER A BILL WHICH WOULD BROADEN THE CATEGORY OF PERSONS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE PRIOR SERVICE BENEFITS, TO DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF THE BENEFITS, AND TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM BENEFIT OF \$10

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PER MONTH, (H.R. NO. 6-456). ACCORDING TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, THE PRIOR SERVICE BENEFITS PROGRAM, IS IN EFFECT, A SMALL RETIREMENT PROGRAM FOR TRUST TERRITORY EMPLOYEES, DESIGNED TO COVER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WORKING BEFORE THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM WAS

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ESTABLISHED.

IT IS AN ONGOING PROGRAM FUNDED FROM UNITED STATES GRANT FUNDS. THE AVERAGE MONTHLY PENSION BENEFIT RECEIVED BY TRUST TERRITORY EMPLOYEES IS \$20. THIS BILL WILL INCREASE THIS TO \$40 PER MONTH, AND ESTABLISH A MINIMUM BENEFIT OF \$10 PER MONTH. THE BILL ALSO BROADENS THE CATEGORY OF PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE RETIREMENT PENSION.

SENATORS ALSO PASSED THE FOLLOWING SENATE BILLS ON FINAL READING AND TRANSMITTED THEM TO THE LOWER CHAMBER FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION: TO PROVIDE FOR CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR AUTHORIZING OBLIGATIONS IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS, (S.B. NO. 6-327); TO PERMIT APPEALS FROM CASES ORIGINATING IN THE DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY COURTS TO BE TAKEN ALL THE WAY TO THE APPELLATE DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT, (S.B. NO. 6-237); TO REQUIRE THE SIGNATURE OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF THE TRUST

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TERRITORY GOVERNMENT ON ALL CONTRACTS ABOVE THE VALUES STATED IN THE BILL, IN ORDER FOR SUCH CONTRACTS TO BECOME VALID OBLIGATIONS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT, (S.B. NO. 6-322); TO PERMIT THE ENTRY OF PERSONS INTO THE TRUST TERRITORY WITHOUT A UNITED STATES VISA IF SUCH PERSONS COULD LAWFULLY ENTER THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT SUCH A VISA, (S.B. NO. 6-339, 301); AND TO DECLARE CERTAIN GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS PUBLIC RECORDS, AND MAKE THEM AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR INSPECTION AND COPYING, (S.B. 6-357).

ALSO A HOUSE BILL WHICH WOULD MAKE A NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIVE AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, (H.R. 6-4571 H01) WITH SENATE AMENDMENT, WAS PASSED AND SENT BACK TO THE HOUSE.

WITH STRONG OBJECTIONS FROM MARSAHLL ISLANDS SENATOR ANATA KABUA ON A BILL WHICH WOULD AMEND THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE TO INCREASE THE TAX ON WAGES AND SALARIES FROM TWO PERCENT TO SIX PERCENT, (S.B. NO. 6-287), ACTION ON THE MEASURE WAS DEFERRED UNTIL FRIDAY (FEB. 27). SENATOR KABUA NOTED THAT "IT IS NOT THE RIGHT TIME TO PAISE THE TAX ON WAGES SINCE WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

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SOMETIMES USE MONEY VERY LAVISHLY."

ANOTHER BILL WHICH WAS POSTPONED ALSO IS ONE WHICH WOULD EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE BASE SALARY SCHEDULE AND MARKET PLACE DIFFERENTIAL SCHEDULE APPLICABLE TO EMPLOYEES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT (H.B. NO. 6-405, H.D.1). TRUK SENATOR NICK BOSSY OBJECTED TO PASSAGE OF THE BILL ON THE GROUNDS THAT SECTION 5 OF THE BILL CALLS FOR PAYMENT OF AN EDUCATION ALLOWANCE TO AN EMPLOYEE, OR HIS SPOUSE OR HIS CHILDREN. SENATOR BOSSY SAID THAT HE WILL OFFER AN AMENDMENT TO DELETE THAT SECTION.

A BILL TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF OUTER ISLAND AFFAIRS WITHIN EACH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, WHICH WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COORDINATION OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR THE OUTER ISLANDS AND OUTLYING AREAS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, (S.B. NO. 6-255), WAS DEFERRED INDEFINITELY.

IN OTHER SENATE ACTIVITY, A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION, (HJR NO. 6-180), WAS ADOPTED WHICH WOULD REAFFIRM BY EXPRESSION OF CONGRESS CERTAIN BASIC PRINCIPLES WITH RESPECT OF THE OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF SEA RESOURCES

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RIGHTS WHICH HAVE BEEN ADVANCED, FIRST BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA, AND LATER BY THE MICRONESIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE.

(AAFIN OPPOSES FURTHER FRAGMENTATION)

SAIPAN, FEB. 26 (COM)---CONGRESSMAN LAMBERT AAFIN OF TRUK DECLARED TODAY (FEB. 26) HE OPPOSES FRAGMENTATION OF MICRONESIA "IN ANY MANNER AND BY ANYONE."

IN REMARKS BEFORE THE HOUSE, AAFIN SAID PALAU'S MOVE TO "SECEDE" FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA BECAUSE CONGRESS OR THE TT GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN "UNRESPONSIVE" TO THEIR PARTICULAR PROBLEMS ARE "DEFINITELY CONTRADICTORY TO THE ALLEGED REASONS."

AAFIN SAID THE "MOVE TO SECEDE IS CLEARLY A MOVE MADE SOLELY BY THE LEADERS OF PALAU..."

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CONGRESSMAN AAFIN SAID THE USE OF THE CAPITAL SITE
ISSUE TO SECEDE FROM THE UNION, IN HIS WORDS, "IS
ABSOLUTELY A VERY POOR REASONING." HE SAID:

"ANY DISTRICT IN MICRONESIA CAN CLAIM A MULTITUDE
OF NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE CONGRESS AND THE

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BEST WAY TO ATTACK THE PROBLEM."

THE TRUK CONGRESSMAN SAID HE HAS VERY HIGH REGARD, ESTEEM AND RESPECT FOR THE PEOPLE OF PALAU. HE SAID HE HAS HOPES THAT AMONGST PALAUAN LEADERS, "THERE WILL BE THOSE WHO CAN AND WILL EXPLAIN TO THE PEOPLE OF PALAU THE ALL-ABSOLUTE IMPORTANCE OF MICRONESIAN UNITY; DESPITE THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THAT SEEM TO WORK AGAINST THAT UNITY."

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AAFTN THEN QUOTE REMARKS BY TWO OF PALAU'S TRADITIONAL CHIEFS, THE HIGH IREDUL AND HIGH REKLAI, DELIVERED AT THE SIGNING OF MICRONESIA'S DRAFT CONSTITUTION:

"WE BEGAN OUR TASK AGAINST GREAT ODDS. THE POSSIBILITY OF FAILURE WAS VERY REAL. AFTER 90 DAYS OF HARD WORK, HEATED AND SOMETIMES PASSIONATE DISCUSSIONS, WE HAVE PROVEN THAT OUR DIFFERENCES DO NOT DIVIDE US; THEY ENRICH US AND MAKE US STRONGER. THE SEA BETWEEN OUR ISLANDS DO NOT SEPARATE US; THEY BRING US TOGETHER. THE WAVES THAT WASH THE MARSHALLS ALSO WASH THE SHORES OF POUAPE, TRUK, THE MARIANAS, YAP, AND PALAU.

"THE PEOPLE OF PALAU DO BELIEVE IN THE UNIT OF MICRONESIA BASED UPON RECOGNITION OF OUR DIFFERENCES AND RESPECT FOR OUR VARIOUS CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WHICH WE HAVE CREATED HERE TODAY WILL BRING US TOGETHER INTO A REAL POLITICAL UNION IN THE GENUINE SPIRIT OF UNITY MANIFESTED HERE TODAY."

AAFTN SAID HE TRUSTED THAT THE WORDS OF THE TWO PALAUAN TRADITIONAL CHIEFS "HAVE NOT LOST THEIR MEANING

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AND THEIR PLACE IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE OF PALAU AND THEIR LEADERS..." HE SAID:

"I STRONGLY OPPOSE FURTHER FRAGMENTATION OF MICRONESIA IN ANY MANNER BY ANYONE. AND TO NO ONE DO I OWE ANY APOLOGY FOR WHAT I BELIEVE AND FOR WHAT I SAY

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NOW...LET MICRONESIA UNITY PREVAIL."

(MANGEFEL RECEIVES LETTER FROM COUNSIN)

SAIPAN, FEB. 26 (COM)---YAP'S SENATOR JOHN MANGEFEL, KNOWN FOR HIS SERIOUS BUT LIGHT-HEARTED REMARKS, OFFERED SOME OBSERVATION CONCERNING THE CUSTOMS, HABITS, AND LIFE IN GENERAL IN AMERICA IN THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA THURSDAY.

MANGEFEL TOLD THE SENATE THAT HE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A YOUNG COUSIN PRESENTLY ATTENDING SCHOOL IN THE U.S. HE RECALLED THAT ONE YEAR AGO IN THE SENATE HE READ A LETTER TO HIS COUSIN TO HELP EXPLAIN TO HIS CLASSMATES WHERE MICRONESIA WAS, AND WHO OWNED THE ISLANDS.

MANGEFEL'S COUSIN, NAMED NGABCHEY WROTE BACK THAT HIS CLASSMATES NOW HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MICRONESIA, BUT THAT THEY STILL HAVE A DISTORTED VIEW OF YAP. NGABCHEY BLAMED THIS ON A 1952 VERSION OF A MOVIE CALLED "HIS MAJESTY O'KEEFE,"

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ABOUT AN IRISHMAN WHO SETTLED ON YAP IN THE 1800'S. "BURT LANCASTER WAS THE GREAT WHITE FATHER OF STONE MONEY," WROTE NGABCHEY, "AND A CAST OF HUNDREDS OF DARK-SKINNED HOLLYWOOD EXTRAS RUNNING UP AND DOWN A SANDY BEACH DRESSED IN VERY UN-YAPESE COSTUMES, YELLING: 'UGA, UGA'."

"I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE MOVIE TO YOU," NGABCHEY WROTE TO MANGEFEL. "IT IS ONE OF THE FUNNIEST PICTURES I HAVE SEEN IN YEARS."

COUSIN NGABCHEY WROTE THAT HE WANTED TO GIVE HIM AN UPDATE OF WHAT THE U.S. IS LIKE IN TERMS OF ITS OWN CUSTOMS AND HABITS.

CONCERNING AMERICA'S CLIMATE, NGABCHEY WROTE THAT AMERICANS ARE VERY "INGENIOUS" BECAUSE IN ADDITION TO HOT, COLD, WET, DRY, AND OTHERS, THEY HAVE A NEW CATEGORY CALLED "SMOGGY." HE ADDED IT IS NOT VERY PLEASANT, BUT IT MUST BE POPULAR BECAUSE ALMOST EVERY MAJOR CITY IN THE U.S. HAS IT. "I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND IT FOR YAP," HE SAID, "BECAUSE IT IS VERY EXPENSIVE TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN."

DESCRIBING TELEVISION IN AMERICA, COUSIN NGABCHEY SAID "AMERICANS HAVE A PECULIAR, AND SOME WOULD SAY UNHEALTHY, INTEREST IN SEX AND VIOLENCE," CRITICISM OF TOO MUCH VIOLENCE

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HAS RESULTED IN A BALANCE OF MORE SEX SCENES IN TELEVISION. HE CONFIDED, "FORTUNATELY, WE DO NOT HAVE TELEVISION IN YAP, AND CONSIDERING THE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND MODESTY IN OUR ISLANDS, WE ARE PROBABLY BETTER OFF WITHOUT IT."

"POLITICS IS AN INTERESTING SUBJECT IN AMERICA", HE WROTE, "AND I THINK IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT WATERGATE COULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED IN YAP SINCE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP SECRETS IN MICRONESIA."

"AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IS ALSO ANOTHER PUZZLING PHENOMENON. WHILE AMERICA IS RECOGNIZED AS THE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD, ITS POLICY SOMETIMES APPEARS TO BE TO REWARD ITS ENEMIES AND PUNISH ITS FRIENDS. YOU ONLY HAVE TO CONSIDER THAT THE U.S. IS SELLING GRAIN TO THE RUSSIANS, AND AT THE SAME TIME IT IS GIVING THE BRITISH AND FRENCH A HARD TIME WITH THEIR NEW SUPERSONIC TRANSPORT, THE CONCORDE." MANGFEL'S COUSIN ADDED, "THANK GOODNESS OUR YAP AIRPORT IS TOO SMALL FOR THAT PLANE."

COUSIN NGABOHEY EXPLAINED THAT THE U.S. GOT AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, NATIONALIST CHINA, AND KOREA, INVOLVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR. "NOW THE U.S. IS COMPLAINING ABOUT THE RUSSIANS USING CUBANS FROM RECENT HISTORY," HE WROTE.

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COMPARING AMERICA TO YAP BECAUSE IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE A PATRIARCHAL SOCIETY, "THE REAL FACT IS THAT THE WOMEN RUN THEIR HUSBANDS AND THE HUSBAND RUN THE COUNTRY." HE EXPLAINED FURTHER: "FOR EXAMPLE, PRESIDENT FORD MAY MAKE THE DECISIONS IN THE WHITE HOUSE BUT IT WAS MRS. FORD, AND NOT THE REPUBLICANS, WHO DECIDED IF HE WOULD RUN AGAIN. WE MUST BE CERTAIN THAT ANY YAPSE STUDENTS GOING TO THE MAINLAND DO NOT TRY TO ADOPT SUCH CRAZY PRACTICES," HE INFORMED SENATOR MANGFEL.

NGABOHEY ALSO SAID YAPSE STUDENTS SHOULD ALSO CAREFULLY CONSIDER WHAT THEIR PROFESSORS TRY TO TEACH THEM. HE SAID ONE ANTHROPOLOGY PROFESSOR TRIED TO TELL HIS CLASS THAT YAP WAS ONE OF THE "PRIMITIVE CULTURES". "I HAD TO DISAGREE WITH HIM," HE WROTE, "I EXPLAINED THAT WHILE OUR DAILY LIFE IS LESS COMPLICATED THAN THEIRS, OUR LAND TENURE SYSTEM WAS NOT PRIMITIVE. IT TOOK ME THREE CLASSES TO EXPLAIN SOME OF THE BASIC CONCEPTS," BUT HE

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SAID THE STUDENTS REALLY DID NOT UNDERSTAND. "JUST AS WELL,"
WROTE NGABCHEY, "WE DON'T WANT NON-YAPESE TO REALLY UNDERSTAND
IT ANYWAY."

NGABCHEY SUGGESTED THAT IF ANY YAPESE STUDENTS HAVE THE
CHANCE TO VISIT THE U.S., THEY SHOULD VISIT TWO PLACES: DISNEYLAND

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NGABOHEY SAID THEY ARE BOTH "FANTASY WORLDS AND VISITORS SHOULD NOT CONFUSE THE TWO."

"MICKEY MOUSE RUNS DISNEYWORLD, AND THE REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS RUN THE OTHER PLACE," HE OBSERVED.

NOTING THAT 1976 IS THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS REVOLUTION, SENATOR MANGEFEL'S COUSIN WROTE THAT SOME AMERICANS, THE AMERICAN INDIANS, WHO GREETED THE PILGRIMS NEARLY 400 YEARS AGO, "WILL HAVE NO GREAT ENTHUSIASM FOR THE EVENT."

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"CERTAINLY THERE IS A LESSON SOMEWHERE HERE FOR THE PEOPLE OF YAP," HE OBSERVED.

(PLAN FOR RETURN OF SKILLED EDUCATED MICRONESIANS PROPOSED)
SAIPAN, FEB. 26 (COM)---MARIANAS SENATOR OLYMPIO T. BORJA SAID WEDNESDAY (FEB. 25) IT IS TIME TO PUT AN END TO WHAT HE CALLED THE "SPAIN DRAIN" OF MICRONESIA'S EDUCATED, SKILLED AND TALENTED PEOPLE WHOSE SERVICES ARE NEEDED HERE.

IN A STATEMENT INSERTED INTO THE SENATE JOURNAL WEDNESDAY (FEB. 25), BORJA POINTED OUT THAT OVER THE YEARS MANY MICRONESIANS HAVE LEFT THE ISLANDS IN SEARCH OF AN EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND FOR VARIOUS OTHER REASONS. HE NOTED THAT MANY OF THESE PEOPLE "HAVE FOUND IT ADVANTAGEOUS TO REMAIN ABROAD IN MORE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES" LIKE IN U.S. WHERE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES "ARE MORE ABUNDANT."

BORJA DECLARED: "THIS HAS RESULTED IN A PROBLEM WHICH IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE 'BRAIN DRAIN'." HE SAID IT IS A COMMON PROBLEM THAT "PLAGUES" MANY AREAS OF THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY "LESS DEVELOPED AREAS."

THE SENATOR NOTED ALSO THAT OVER THE YEARS THE GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS THE PRIVATE SECTOR, FOUND IT NECESSARY TO HIRE

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EXPATRIATES AND THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS TO WORK HERE, BORJA SAID THIS IS "BECAUSE OUR LOCAL PEOPLE LACKED THE NECESSARY EDUCATION, SKILLS AND TALENTS REQUIRED FOR SPECIAL JOBS."

THE MARIANAS SENATOR POINTED OUT THAT WHILE THIS IS BEING DONE, "MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE GONE ABROAD AND

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REMAINED THERE." HE CITED CASES WHERE MICRONESIANS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES IN SPECIALIZED AREAS OF TRAINING "WERE TURNED DOWN FOR JOBS WITH THE T.T. GOVERNMENT."

"AS THE PROCESS OF REPLACING EXPATRIATES AND THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS IN OUR GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR CONTINUES," BORJA CONTINUED, "NOW IS THE TIME TO WELCOME THESE EDUCATIONALLY DISPLACED MICRONESIANS BACK TO THEIR FORMER HOME ISLANDS WHERE THEIR TALENTS AND SKILLS ARE NEEDED."

SENATOR BORJA INDICATED HE HAS INTRODUCED A MEASURE WHICH WOULD SET UP A PROGRAM TO "ENCOURAGE FORMER CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY TO RETURN PERMANENTLY TO OUR ISLANDS AND SEEK JOBS."

BORJA EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR THIS KIND OF PROGRAMS "BECAUSE THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE, AFTER ALL, OUR OWN PEOPLE."

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HE SAID "THEY WILL HAVE THE KIND OF ON-THE-JOB DEDICATION WE SOMETIMES SEE LACKING IN SERVICES PERFORMED BY MANY TEMPORARY ISLAND RESIDENTS."

THE SENATOR URGED HIS COLLEAGUES TO FAVORABLY CONSIDER THE MEASURE BECAUSE IT WILL HELP "END THE SO-CALLED 'BRAIN DRAIN' THAT NOW HAMPERS" MICRONESIANS DEVELOPMENT. (IT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVES SCHOOL LUNCH FUNDS)

SAIPAN, FEB. 26 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS RECEIVED A LETTER OF CREDIT FROM UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PROVIDING A DRAWING LEVEL OF \$2,700,199 FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DAVID RAMAPUT ANNOUNCED THURSDAY.

THE FUNDS PROVIDED ARE FOR SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS, BREAKFAST PROGRAMS, AND SPECIAL FOOD SERVICES, EQUIPMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES; THE FUNDS RESULT, IN LARGE PART, FROM THE RECENTLY SIGNED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT FUNDS WILL BE RELEASED WITHIN A WEEK OR SO TO THE DISTRICTS FOR PURCHASE OF FOOD LOCALLY FOR FEEDING PROGRAMS.

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A SYSTEM OF ALLOCATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED, BUT DISTRICTS WILL RECEIVE CAREFUL GUIDANCE IN ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES, AND REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE ULTIMATELY ON AN EARNED, PARTICIPATION BASIS.

(GUERRERO THANKS COM FOR COVENANT HELP)

SAIPAN, FEB. 26 (COM)---CONGRESSMAN HERMAN R. GUERRERO TODAY, (FEB. 26) EXTENDED TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, ON BEHALF OF HIS PEOPLE AND HIS DELEGATION, HIS HEARTFELT APPRECIATION" FOR ADOPTING A JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. SENATE TO "TAKE PROMPT AND FAVORABLE" ACTION ON THE MARIANAS COVENANT.

THE U.S. SENATE APPROVED THE MARIANAS DOCUMENT WEDNESDAY (FEB. 25) BY A VOTE OF 66 TO 23.

IN REMARKS BEFORE THE HOUSE, GUERRERO ASKED THAT FOR ALL HISTORICAL PURPOSES, THE RECORD OF THE CONGRESS INDICATE THAT ON FEBRUARY 25TH -- SAIPAN TIME -- THE U.S. SENATE APPROVED THE MARIANAS "COMMONWEALTH" COVENANT.

GUERRERO SAID HIS PEOPLE'S "LONG-SOUGHT DESIRE" TO BECOME PERMANENTLY AFFILIATED WITH THE U.S. "HAS BEGUN TO BEAR FRUIT." HE SAID ACTION TAKEN BY THE U.S. SENATE "IS

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ONE IMPORTANT STEP IN THE YET SEVERAL STEPS TO BE TAKEN BEFORE THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS FULLY FUNCTIONING."

GUERRERO RELATED: "WE HAVE ENJOYED OUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONGRESS SINCE ITS INCEPTION OVER A DECADE AGO. THE EXPERIENCE WE HAVE RECEIVED THROUGH THE YEARS HAS AND WILL SERVE US IN OUR WORK AS WE BEGIN PUTTING TOGETHER OUR NEW GOVERNMENT."

THE FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN NOTED THAT WITH THE "CALIBRE AND SOUND MINDS" OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS, HE HAS NO DOUBT THAT MICRONESIA "WILL SOON ACHIEVE ITS POLITICAL STATUS DESIRE. HE CONCLUDED:

"YOU HAVE OUR BLESSINGS AND BEST WISHES...OUR WARM SINCERE WELCOME TO YOU ALL...WE KNOW YOU WILL SOON MAKE MICRONESIA '...ANOTHER PROMISED LAND'."

(PAPUA NEW GUINEA-GOUGANVILLE NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESS REPORTED)

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PORT MORESBY, FEB. 26 (MNS)---BOUGAINVILLE LEADERS
SUBMITTED THEIR FIRST LIST OF DEMANDS TO THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA IN RABAUH YESTERDAY (FEB. 25)
ACCORDING TO A PEACESAT SATELLITE NEWS REPORT RECEIVED IN
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LEADERS BEGAN THEIR SECOND ROUND OF TALKS YESTERDAY AND WERE EXPECTED TO FINISH THEM TODAY (THURSDAY). A STATEMENT RELEASED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON SAID THE GOVERNMENT TEAM, LED BY PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL SOMARE, WOULD STUDY THE PROPOSALS OF THE BOUGAINVILLE LEADERS, WHICH INCLUDE A POSSIBLE FUTURE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE BOUGAINVILLE GOVERNMENT. THEY LISTED AREAS OF POWER THAT SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO A BOUGAINVILLE GOVERNMENT WHICH INCLUDE

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POLITICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL, AND ECONOMIC POWERS.

THE BOUGAINVILLE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IN SOME AREAS THESE POWERS SHOULD BE EXERCISED JOINTLY BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND A BOUGAINVILLE GOVERNMENT.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED TO GIVE THE GOVERNMENT TEAM TIME TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSALS BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING.

AT THE END OF YESTERDAY'S MEETING, BOTH PRIME MINISTER SOMARE AND FATHER JOHN MORMIS OF THE BOUGAINVILLE GROUP EXPRESSED A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE A DIFFERENT PROCESS AND WILL TAKE SOME TIME. THEY AGREED MUCH DISCUSSION WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE ANY COMPROMISE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES IS REACHED.

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