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JCS WASHINGTON DC  
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THE ESCAP EXPERT SAID THAT THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA SHOULD BE UTILIZING THEIR OWN MATERIALS IN BUILDING THEIR HOUSES INSTEAD OF IMPORTING THEM FROM THE OUTSIDE.

HE INDICATED THAT ADEQUATE LOCAL PRODUCTION OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS COULD SUBSTITUTE FOR IMPORTED GOODS.

RAO CITED THE USE OF CORAL BLOCK INSTEAD OF CEMENT AS A MATERIAL WHICH MIGHT EVEN BE COOLER AS WELL AS CHEAPER. ACCORDING TO THE EXPERT, THE CORAL BLOCK IS NOT TAKEN FROM

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THE LIVEING CORAL IN THE REEFS AND LAGOONS BUT DEPOSITS WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM NON-AGRICULTURAL LAND.

HE SAID THAT THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA ONCE USED LAMBER FROM THEIR LANDS, BUT THEY ARE NOW IMPORTING MOST OF IT. SELF-HELP IS AN ELEMENT OF IMPORTANCE IN IMPROVING HOUSING, RAO SAID, ADDING THAT THE HOUSING AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS OPERATING IN THE TT ARE LOAN AGENCIES AND NOT DEVELOPMENT SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE.

THE ESCAP EXPERT SUGGESTED THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME AGENCY WHICH COULD PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BUILD THEIR OWN HOUSES, INCLUDING SIMPLE BLOCK MAKING MACHINERY TO ALLOW THE HOME-OWNER TO MAKE HIS OWN BLOCKS.

A POLICY ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IS NEEDED, RAO SAID. PRIORITIES MUST BE MADE TO DECENTRALIZE THE ACTIVITIES OF BUSINESSMEN TO THE OUTER ISLANDS SO THAT DEVELOPMENTS ARE NOT CONCENTRATED IN THE DISTRICT CENTERS, HE SAID.

IN CLOSING, HE REITERATED THAT IN ORDER TO IMPROVE HOUSING IN MICRONESIA, CERTAIN STEPS MUST BE TAKEN WHICH INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL BUILDING MATERIALS, LIMITING

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IMPORTS TO ESSENTIALS, AND A PROGRESSIVE POLICY TO REPLACE SUBSTANDARD HOUSING BY UTILIZING LOCAL MATERIALS AT FAIR PRICES.

3. CHIEF MEETING GETS UNDERWAY

KOROR, APRIL 13 (MNS)---THE BICAMERAL LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

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OF THE PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FINALLY GOT UNDERWAY THIS WEEK WHEN THE SIXTEEN PARAMOUNT HEREDITARY CHIEFS MET AT THE CIVIC CENTER SEPARATELY FROM THE HOUSE OF ELECTED MEMBERS. LAST WEEK DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN AMENDED THE CHARTER OF THE PLAU LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FOR TWO HOUSES, A HOUSE OF ELECTED MEMBERS AND A HOUSE OF CHIEFS.

REP. POLYCARP BASILIUS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WAS ELECTED AS TEMPORARY CLERK HELPING THE CHIEFS GET ORGANIZED. THE CHIEFS THE ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY HIGH CHIEF IBEDUL YUTAKA GIBBON AS ITS CHARIMAN; ACTING REKLAI EUSEVIO TERMETEET CO-CHAIRMAN; AND FELICIANO UDUI OF NGIWAL MUNICIPALITY ASSUME POSITION OF FLOOR LEADER.

HIGH CHIEF IBEDUL THEN APPOINTED SEVERAL MEMBERS TO THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CREDENTIALS OF ALL CHIEFS FROM EACH MUNICIPALITY. HIGH CHIEF REKLAI IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE

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COMMITTEE, ALONG WITH CHIEF RENGULRAI, CHIEF EORUOS, AND CHIEF UCHERBELAU AS MEMBERS.

RAYMOND ULUCHONG, CHIEF OF THE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON DIVISION OF THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS IS TO BE THEIR TEMPORARY CLERK AND DANA SMITH, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ASSISTANT LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, WILL BE THEIR TEMPORARY LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL.

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