

CUNDP PLAN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR COM SPECIAL SESSION

SAIPAN, JUNE 7 (MNS) ---THE INDICATIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN BEING ASSEMBLED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM EXPERTS IS THE "SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE" THE CONGRESS WILL FACE IN JULY'S SPECIAL SESSION IN PONAPE.

IN ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP, THERE WILL BE CONSIDERATION OF APPROPRIATIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, AND LEGISLATION RELATING TO DECENTRALIZATION AND THE SEPARATION OF THE MARIANAS. OTHER TOPICS MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE CALL FOR A SPECIAL SESSION AT THE PREROGATIVE OF ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN.

NO MENTION OF THE RECENTLY NEARLY COMPLETED DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION WAS MADE IN AN INTERVIEW FRIDAY (JUNE 4) IN DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY INDICATED THAT ONE OF THE EFFECTS OF THE SEPARATION OF THE MARIANAS FROM THE REST OF THE IT WILL BE FINDING OUT HOW MUCH MONEY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WILL HAVE FOR APPROPRIATIONS. HE STATED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE SEPARATION, ALL REVENUES FROM THE MARIANAS EXCEPT FOR 50 PERCENT OF THE IMPORT TAXES COLLECTED IN THE MARIANAS WOULD BE LOST TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA ADDED THAT THE TOTAL REVENUES PREVIOUSLY COLLECTED IN THE MARIANAS REPRESENTED A LARGE PART OF THE MONEY COMING TO THE CONGRESS.

HENRY AND NAKAYAMA CONCURRED IN THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE QUESTION OF DECENTRALIZATION. THEY INDICATED THAT WHILE THE CONGRESS HAD URGED FUNCTIONAL DECENTRALIZATION TO THE DISTRICTS, THEY WERE NOT IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE IDEA OF PHYSICAL DECENTRALIZATION (THE BREAKING UP OF DEPARTMENTS AND HEADQUARTERS AND SCATTERING THEM AROUND THE DISTRICTS). BOTH INDICATED THAT THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN ASSURED BY THE U. S. AUTHORITIES WORKING ON THE DECENTRALIZATION PLAN THAT THE CONGRESS WOULD BE CONSULTED BEFORE ANY IMPLEMENTATION TOOK PLACE. THEY SAID THAT THE COM HAD A REPRESENTATIVE WORKING WITH THE PLAN'S PREPARATION AND THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT IN SOME CASES LEGISLATION WOULD HAVE TO BE PASSED TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE DECENTRALIZATION.

NAKAYAMA EMPHASIZED THAT THE CONGRESS WOULD GIVE CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE PROGRAM SINCE EVERYONE IN MICRONESIA IS INTERESTED, EVEN THE OUTER ISLAND RESIDENTS WHO SEE SOMETHING OF A THREAT IN WHAT THEY HAVE HEARD SO FAR. NAKAYAMA ALSO ADDED THAT WHILE THE DECENTRALIZATION PROGRAM SEEMED TO GO ALONG WITH THE CONSTITUTION IN THAT A SMALL CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WHICH COULD BE AFFORDED BY THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA WAS CERTAINLY THE DESIGN OF THE CONSTITUTION, NOTHING IN THE CONSTITUTION PINPOINTED ANY DEPARTMENTS OR ACTIVITIES WHICH SHOULD BE TRIMMED OR REDUCED.

ON ANOTHER TOPIC, BOTH HENRY AND NAKAYAMA AGREED THAT 1981 WAS A VERY GOOD TARGET DATE TO WORK FOR TO MAKE THE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA SELF-SUPPORTING. NAKAYAMA EMPHASIZED THAT 1981 "SHOULD NOT SCARE PEOPLE." HE SAID HE FELT IT WAS GOOD TO HAVE SOMETHING TO WORK TOWARDS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HOPED THE U. S. WOULD NOT TERMINATE ITS SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY IN 1981 EVEN IF THE MICRONESIANS ARE NOT READY.

SPEAKER HENRY ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH HE AND NAKAYAMA HAD WRITTEN A LETTER TO WASHINGTON COMPLAINING ABOUT 1981 AS BEING TOO EARLY, HE DOES BELIEVE IN HAVING A TARGET DATED.

ASKED IF MICRONESIA COULD BE READY BY 1981, NAKAYAMA RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT MICRONESIA "SHOULD" BE READY.

COMMENTING ON THE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, THE TRUKESH SENATOR INDICATED THAT HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE TRUK WORKSHOP LATE IN MAY AND SAID THAT IT WAS USEFUL FOR A VARIETY OF PURPOSES AS WELL AS PROVIDING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AIMED AT SELF-SUPPORT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SOME OF THE FIGURES CONCERNING THE COST OF THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT WERE USED IN THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

THE SENATE PRESIDENT, WHO WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE NOW DEFUNCT JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, SAID THAT WHILE THE MONEY THE U. S. INDICATED IT WAS WILLING TO

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PROVIDE TO THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA WAS MORE THAN THE EARLIER AGREEMENTS, IT WAS STILL NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THE TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE MONEY COMING FROM THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION, IF IT IS APPROVED, WOULD SIMPLY SUPPLEMENT WHAT CAN BE RAISED INSIDE OF MICRONESIA AND COULD BE USED AS A "CUSHION" IF 1981 COMES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA STILL CANNOT SUPPORT ITSELF.

IN FINAL REMARKS, PRESIDENT NAKAYAMA ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO THE QUESTION OF MICRONESIAN UNITY. HE INDICATED THAT HE HOPED THE SUPPORTERS OF SEPARATISM WOULD TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THE PROPOSED NEW COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION AND THAT THEY WOULD CHANGE THEIR OPINIONS. HE ADMITTED THAT UNITY CANNOT BE FORCED. "IF THE U.S. WANTS A UNITED MICRONESIA, THEN THERE WILL BE A UNITED MICRONESIA", BUT OTHERWISE, PEOPLE HAVE TO SEE THE ADVANTAGES IN UNITY, THE SENATE PRESIDENT SAID.

SPEAKER HENRY AGREED AND ADDED THAT PERHAPS ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WAS THAT MICRONESIANS HAD NEVER BEEN FACED WITH THIS KIND OF CHOICE BEFORE AND PERHAPS IT SAYS SOMETHING ABOUT MICRONESIA. "UNITY CANNOT BE FORCED," HE POINTED OUT, "BUT I STILL BELIEVE IN IT. ESPECIALLY AFTER THE SEPARATION OF THE MARIANAS, SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS HAVE BECOME MORE OPEN AND STRONGER."

(HICOM'S PARTY A SUCCESS)

SAIPAN, JUNE 7 (MNS)---SOME 250 TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HOSTED A FAREWELL PARTY FOR OUTGOING HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON AT THE COM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE'S MEETING CHAMBER SATURDAY NIGHT (JUNE 5).

JOHNSTON IS SLATED TO LEAVE MICRONESIA TO ASSUME HIS NEW POST JULY 1 AS EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PACIFIC AREA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERED IN SAN FRANCISCO.

HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY PRESENTED A GIFT TO HIGH COMMISSIONER AND MRS. JOHNSTON ON BEHALF OF THE CONGRESS AND PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA. IN PRESENTING THE GIFT, SPEAKER HENRY HIGHLY COMMENDED THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE THINGS HE HAS DONE FOR MICRONESIA. "HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON HAS DONE MORE FOR MICRONESIA THAN ANY OTHER PREVIOUS-HIGH COMMISSIONERS," SPEAKER HENRY SAID. THE GIFT HE PRESENTED SHOULD MAKE "HIM (JOHNSTON) REMEMBER THAT HE HAS LOTS OF FRIENDS IN MICRONESIA," HENRY INDICATED.

IN ACCEPTING THE GIFT, JOHNSTON THANKED HIS STAFF AND THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA FOR THEIR COOPERATION DURING THE PAST SEVEN YEARS. SPECIAL THANKS WERE GIVEN TO THE MARSHALLESE COMMUNITY ON SAIPAN FOR PRESENTING HIM AND MRS. JOHNSTON WITH A SHIRT AND A MATCHING MUU MUU.

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE MARSHALLESE COMMUNITY WHO ATTENDED THE PARTY SANG THREE NUMBERS FOR THE JOHNSTONS.

IN CONCLUDING HIS SHORT REMARKS, THE OUTGOING HIGH COMMISSIONER SAID HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CHALLENGE OF HIS NEW JOB THAT WILL STILL KEEP HIM IN TOUCH WITH MICRONESIA.

(10 THOUSAND GREET HOKULE'A)

PAPEETE, TAHITI, JUNE 7 (MNS)---MORE THAN 10,000 PERSONS WERE HAND FRIDAY (JUNE 4) WHEN THE 60-FOOT DOUBLEHULLED CANOE, THE HOKULE'A ENDED ITS HISTORIC 2,400 MILE VOYAGE FROM HAWAII WHEN IT SAILED INTO PAPEETE HARBOR 34 DAYS AFTER LEAVING THE ISLAND OF MAUI, ACCORDING TO UPI.

THE CANOE'S CHIEF NAVIGATOR WAS PIALUG, A VETERAN SAILER FROM SATAWAL ATOLL, YAP DISTRICT.

ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY PETER T. COLEMAN SENT A CABLE TO M. CHARLES SCHMIDT, GOVERNOR OF FRENCH POLYNESIA (TAHITI) CONGRATULATING THE CREW MEMBERS OF THE HOKULE'A. HE SAID: "MICRONESIA IS ESPECIALLY PROUD THAT ONE OF HER SONS (PIALUG) MADE A WORTHY CONTRIBUTION TO THIS GREAT FEAT OF SEAMANSHIP. THE PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS THROUGH THE AGES HAVE ALWAYS LOOKED UPON THE SEA AS A BRIDGE THAT JOINTS THEM RATHER THAN SEPARATES THEM."

THE DAY OF THE CANOE'S ARRIVAL WAS DECLARED A HOLIDAY IN TAHITI. SOME OF THE WELCOMERS HAD SLEPT IN THEIR CARS TO BE ON HAND WHEN THE HOKULE'A ARRIVED.

CREW MEMBERS INCLUDED AN ANTHROPOLOGY PROFESSOR FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, A PHYSICIAN, AND SEVERAL PERSONS OF HAWAIIAN DESCENT.

THE VOYAGE WAS A BICENTENNIAL PROJECT OF THE STATE OF HAWAII. THE PURPOSE WAS TO TEST A THEORY THAT, AS LONG AS 1,000 YEARS AGO, POLYNESIANS SAILED ACROSS GREAT REACHES OF THE PACIFIC, PERHAPS MIGRATING FROM TAHITI TO HAWAII OR TRADING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS.

RUDY CHOW, A DIRECTOR OF THE SPONSORING POLYNESIAN VOYAGING SOCIETY, SAID THAT THE TRIP WAS A "100 PERCENT SUCCESS."

THE CREW OF THE HOKULE'A TRAVELED TO TAHITI GUIDED ONLY BY WAVES, STARS, WINDS AND OCEAN SWELLS.

(APRIL WAS "PRETTY GOOD MONTH" FOR TOURISM)

SAIPAN, JUNE 7 (MNS)---THE TI GOVERNMENT'S OFFICE OF TOURISM REPORTS THAT APRIL WAS A "PRETTY GOOD MONTH" FOR VISITOR ENTRIES WITH THREE DISTRICTS SHOWING GAINS OVER APRIL OF LAST YEAR. THE MARIANAS WAS UP EIGHT PERCENT, TRUK SIX PERCENT, AND PALAU THIRTY-SIX PERCENT. THE DISTRICTS OF YAP, PONAPE AND THE MARSHALLS WERE ON THE MINUS SIDE FOR THE MONTH. TOTAL TI VISITOR ENTRIES WERE UP FIVE PERCENT.

WHEN MEASURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING APRIL 30, 1976, IN COMPARISON WITH THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, MICRONESIA AS A WHOLE SHOWED A THREE PERCENT INCREASE, WITH FOUR DISTRICTS ON THE PLUS SIDE: PALAU UP FIFTY PERCENT, TRUK UP NINE PERCENT, MARSHALLS UP SEVEN PERCENT AND YAP UP TWO PERCENT. THE MARIANAS AND PONAPE DISTRICTS WERE DOWN FOUR PERCENT AND ONE PERCENT RESPECTIVELY FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD.

ALTHOUGH VISITOR ENTRIES FROM JAPAN DECLINED IN APRIL, THERE WAS A SHARP INCREASE FROM THE UNITED STATES. OF THE 4,954 ENTRIES DURING APRIL, FIFTY FOUR PERCENT HELD U.S. PASSPORTS, THIRTY SEVEN PERCENT JAPANESE, TWO PERCENT FROM THE PHILIPPINES, AND SEVEN PERCENT FROM OTHER NATIONS.

THE OFFICE OF TOURISM FORECASTS THAT MAY PROBABLY WILL NOT HOLD UP AS WELL AS APRIL BECAUSE OF THE TEMPORARY CUTOFF OF VISITORS IN SOME DISTRICTS AS THE RESULT OF TYPHOON PAMELA.

(YOUTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR HIRED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 7 (MNS)---GERALD L. "JERRY" HEYL HAS ARRIVED ON SAIPAN TO ASSUME THE POSITION OF YOUTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR, IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY WILLIAM ALLEN, CHIEF, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, WHERE YOUTH SERVICES IS LODGED, WORKING WITH HEYL AS DEPUTY YOUTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR IS WILTON MACKWELUNG, A PUBLIC SERVICE INTERN WHO HAS BEEN ON THE JOB SINCE MARCH 1 OF THIS YEAR.

SINCE HIS ARRIVAL ON MAY 25, HEYL HAS BEEN DEEP INTO ORIENTATION, AS WELL AS MEETING WITH DISTRICT YOUTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATORS THIS WEEK IN A TRAINING CONFERENCE AROUND THE YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS PROJECTS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR IN ALL SIX DISTRICTS. HEYL HAS HAD BROAD EXPERIENCE IN YOUTH PROGRAMS, HAVING RETIRED EARLY FROM A CAREER WITH THE YMCA, IN WHICH HE PERFORMED AS A WORKER DIRECTLY WITH YOUTH, AS WELL AS ADMINISTERING SEVERAL YMCAS IN MIDWEST USA AND WORKING ON THE METROPOLITAN STAFF OF THE YMCA IN CHICAGO.

FOR THE PAST TWELVE YEARS, HE WAS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF Y Y'S MEN INTERNATIONAL, THE "SERVICE CLUB OF THE YMCA", WHICH ORGANIZES AND FOSTERS SUCH CLUBS IN YS AROUND THE WORLD.

INCLUDED IN HIS EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN DIRECTING DAY CAMPS, AS WELL AS RESIDENCE SUMMER CAMPS; ORGANIZING ATHLETIC LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS; WORKING WITH PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SWIMMING; DIRECTING FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGNS AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT; LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT WITH YOUTH AND ADULTS; AND CONDUCTING PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES.

HEYL RECEIVED HIS EDUCATION IN MIDWESTERN COLLEGES, EARNING A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE WITH MAJOR IN ENGLISH AND SPEECH FROM LAKELAND COLLEGE, SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN; AND A MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN GROUP WORK EDUCATION FROM GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE IN CHICAGO, A SCHOOL WHICH PREPARES PROFESSIONAL WORKERS FOR YMCAS, BOYS' CLUBS, BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS, AS WELL AS SOCIAL WORKERS AND CASE WORKERS.

HEYL IS ACCOMPANIED TO THE TRUST TERRITORY BY HIS WIFE EVELYN. THEIR FOUR CHILDREN ARE ALL MARRIED AND LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES.

(TERRITORIAL PARTY SWEEPS SAIPAN ELECTION)

SAIPAN, JUNE 7 (MNS)---THE MARIANAS TERRITORIAL PARTY (TP) SCORED A LANDSLIDE VICTORY IN SUNDAY'S (JUNE 6) MAYORAL AND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS FOR SAIPAN, WINNING 12 OUT OF 15 COUNCIL SEATS AND ALSO CAPTURING THE MAYORSHIP.

POLITICAL OBSERVERS CONSIDER THIS YEAR'S MUNICIPAL ELECTION AS THE MOST COMPETITIVE EVER IN MARIANAS POLITICS SINCE THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL WAS FORMED IN THE EARLY FIFTIES.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ALSO THAT THE TERRITORIAL PARTY HAS CAPTURED THE MAJORITY OF THE SEATS IN THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL AND THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE ELECTION WHICH THEY HAVE WON. THE FIRST WAS THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA GENERAL ELECTION IN 1974 WHEN THEY WON THREE OUT OF FOUR SEATS.

THE MAYORAL HAS A THREE-WAY RACE BETWEEN TP'S LUIS A. BENAVENT AND FRIENDS OF COMMONWEALTH'S (FOC) TWO CANDIDATES, JOAQUIN I. PANGELINAN AND LAME DUCK SPEAKER VICENTE T. CAMACHO. BENAVENTE GARNERED 1,580 VOTES TO PANGELINAN'S 1,264. CAMACHO TALLIED 585.

IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL'S RACE, THE TP FIELDED 13 CANDIDATES AND LEFT THREE SLOTS OPEN FOR THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE. TWELVE OF THOSE CANDIDATES WON. THE FOC HAD A TOTAL OF 17 CANDIDATES FOR THE 15 SEATS. ONLY THREE OF THEM WERE SUCCESSFUL.

THE ELECTION RESULTS ARE STILL UNOFFICIAL PENDING CERTIFICATION BY RESIDENT COMMISSIONER ERWIN D. CANHAM.