

(MARSHALLS PRESENTATION AT UN OPPOSED)

SAIPAN, JUNE 24 (MNS)---AN ORGANIZATION IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT HAVE CABLED THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IN NEW YORK OBJECTING TO THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION TO BE MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE MARSHALLS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION. THE OBJECTION WAS BASED ON THE ORGANIZATION'S CLAIM THAT THE COMMISSION'S POSITION HAS NOT YET BEEN ACCEPTED OR REJECTED BY THE MARSHALLESE PEOPLE. 1976 11

THE "VOICE OF MARSHALLESE" ORGANIZATION CLAIMED THAT "A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER" OF MARSHALLESE DISAGREED WITH THE POSITION OF THE POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION.

TWO MEMBERS OF THE MARSHALLS STATUS COMMISSION LEFT MAJURO SUNDAY FOR NEW YORK TO VOICE "STRONG POSITION" TO A U. S. BACKED PLAN FOR MICRONESIAN UNITY UNDER A NEW CONSTITUTION. THEY ARE CHAIRMAN AMATA KABUA AND VICE-CHAIRMAN TONY DEBRUM. DEBRUM SAID IN HONOLULU THIS WEEK THAT THEY WILL VOICE FOR A DESIRE FOR "INDEPENDENCE" FOR THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT AT THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HEARINGS WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO BE OPENED JUNE 29.

ACCORDING TO THE TELEGRAM, "MARSHALLESE OPPOSITION HAS BEEN EFFECTIVELY SILENCED AND PREVENTED FROM ANALYSIS OF POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION POSITION AND FROM RESPONDING WITH ITS OWN CONTRARY VIEWS AND RATIONAL FOR TWO REASONS.

"FIRST, THE POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION HAS REFUSED TO RELEASE ITS WRITTEN PRESENTATION BEING MADE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AND SECOND, THE ENTIRE POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION BUDGET IS LIMITED TO A PREDETERMINED, ARBITRARY AND PRESUMPTIVE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS POSITION. MARSHALLESE OPPOSITION THEREBY BEING DENIED NECESSARY FUNDING TO PREPARE A SIMILAR PRESENTATION TO THAT NOW ADVOCATED BY THE COMMISSION."

THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE "VOICE OF THE MARSHALLS" ORGANIZATION. SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO REACH MAJURO BY TELEPHONE WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.

(PALAUAN MAN STILL IN JAKARTA JAIL)

JAKARTA, JUNE 24 (MNS)---THE TRIAL DATE FOR A 24-YEAR OLD PALAUAN MAN BEING DETAINED AT KOMDAK JAIL IN JAKARTA FOR THE OFFENSE HE COMMITTED HAS NOT YET BEEN SET ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED ON SAIPAN FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY THERE.

SIMON MAKILONG, OF KOROR, PALAU DISTRICT, WAS ARRESTED AND DETAINED IN JAIL ON CHARGES OF POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA APRIL 27. HE WAS A THIRD ENGINEER ON THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT-OWNED MV GUNNERS KNOT AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST. MAKILONG WAS IN A BAR NEAR THE JAKARTA HARBOR AREA AND WAS ARRESTED BY POLICE AFTER A ROUTINE CHECK OF CUSTOMERS IN A BAR.

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY OFFICIALS, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF MISTREATMENT OR DENIAL OF MAKILONG'S RIGHTS. JAIL OFFICIALS ARE ALLOWING EMBASSY STAFF TO PROVIDE MAKILONG WITH CIGARETTES AND OTHER MINOR ITEMS.

THE CASE WAS FORWARDED TO THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AND THEN RETURNED TO THE POLICE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. A LAWYER FOR MAKILONG HAS NOT YET BEEN APPOINTED. THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL IN INDONESIA, THE AMERICAN EMBASSY NOTED. NORMALLY, A TRIAL DATE IS SET FIRST AND THE PROSECUTOR NAMED BEFORE A DEFENSE ATTORNEY IS APPOINTED.

MAKILONG'S ONLY COMPLAINT IN JAIL IS THAT HE IS NOT BEING GIVEN ENOUGH FOOD. MEALS ARE SERVED TWICE A DAY IN JAIL THERE.

THE EMBASSY HAS LOANED HIM A SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BUY EXTRA FOOD, SHOES AND FOR OTHER INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

(TRIMARAN SEIZED AT KWAJALEIN)

SAIPAN, JUNE 24 (MNS)---A 40-FOOT TRIMARAN OWNED BY A U. S. CITIZEN WAS SEIZED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY POLICE DEPARTMENT LAST WEEK (JUNE 18) AT KWAJALEIN ATOLL IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT.

THE M/V EVENING STAR, OWNED BY W. A. CORLEY OF PORTLAND, OREGON, WAS ARRESTED FOLLOWING A COURT ORDER ISSUED BY HIGH COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ARVIN BROWN ON PONAPE ALLEGING THAT THE VESSEL LEFT WITHOUT PAYING SOME DEBTS FOR SERVICES DONE WHILE IN PONAPE.

THE VESSEL ARRIVED IN PONAPE TWO MONTHS AGO AND RAN AGROUND ON A REEF THERE, ACCORDING TO HARLEY EARWICKER, IT ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL. WHEN THE VESSEL LEFT PONAPE FOR

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KWAJALEIN RECENTLY JUDGE BROWN ISSUED A COURT ORDER TO HAVE THE VESSEL ARRESTED.

THE SHIP ARRIVED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY EARLY THIS YEAR WITH PERMISSION FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO VISIT MICRONESIA ON A PLEASURE TRIP WITH A FAMILY OF HUSBAND, WIFE AND DAUGHTER ABOARD.

THE VESSEL IS BEING HELD IN EBeye IN KWAJALEIN ATOLL AWAITING COURT ACTION.

(PALAUAN MAN STILL MISSING ON GUAM)

GUAM, JUNE 24 (MNS)---AFTER TWO DAYS OF SEARCH AT TWO LOVERS POINT, GUAM POLICE ARE UNABLE TO FIND ANY TRACE OF A PALAUAN MAN MISSING SINCE JUNE 13, ACCORDING TO GUAM'S PACIFIC DAILY NEWS.

A RED 1971 DATSUN BELONGING TO JOSHUA JOHANNES, 23, WAS FOUND AT TWO LOVERS' POINT FRIDAY (JUNE 18), THE DAY HE WAS REPORTED MISSING.

POLICE SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TEAMS WERE ASSIGNED TO SEARCH THE AREA WHERE THE CAR WAS FOUND AND THE BASE OF THE POINT, THE REPORT SAID.

WEDNESDAY'S SEARCH, WHICH INVOLVED A BOAT TO AID IN THE HUNT ALONG THE CLIFF, LASTED FOUR HOURS.

JOHANNES HAD BEEN STAYING AT THE DEDEDO HOME OF HIS AUNT, JULIANA CHARFAUROS, WHILE ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM THE PAST THREE YEARS.

A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY SAID JOHANNES LAST WAS SEEN BY THE CHARFAUROS WHEN THEY LEFT HIM ALONE AT THE HOUSE ABOUT 10:25 A.M. JUNE 13.

SOURCES ON GUAM SAID THAT JOHANNES LEFT FISHERMEN'S TAVERN WITH AT LEAST TWO MEN THE NIGHT HE DISAPPEARED BUT POLICE HAVE REFUSED TO COMMENT EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THEY "HAVE LOOKED INTO IT."

JOHANNES' S FATHER, NGIRAKESAU, ARRIVED ON GUAM FROM PALAU MONDAY TO FOLLOW UP ON HIS SON'S DISAPPEARANCE, THE DAILY NEWS STORY SAID.

(MARIANAS LEGISLATURE PASSES CONCON BILL)

SAIPAN, JUNE 24 (MNS)---DESPITE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER ERWIN D. CANHAM'S EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT A MEASURE CALLING FOR A COMBINATION OF DISTRICT AND AT-LARGE DELEGATE ELECTION, THE NORTHERN MARIANAS LEGISLATURE WEDNESDAY (JUNE 23) PASSED UNANIMOUSLY A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION BILL CALLING FOR DELEGATES TO BE ELECTED AT LARGE.

CANHAM EARLIER THIS MONTH VETOED A CONCON BILL PROVIDING FOR ELECTIONS AT LARGE ON SAIPAN BECAUSE IT CONTAINED SEVERAL PROVISIONS WHICH MAY RAISE LEGAL QUESTIONS IN THE FUTURE. AMONG THEM WAS ONE WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATURE AFTER HEATED DEBATE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THAT THE TOP THREE VOTE GETTERS OF "CAROLINIAN ANCESTRY" WOULD BE ELECTED TO THE 39 MEMBER CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. THIS SECTION RAISES "SERIOUS LEGAL IF NOT CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS," ACCORDING TO CANHAM.

CANHAM SAID IN A SPEECH TO THE LEGISLATURE MONDAY THAT "MINORITIES SHOULD BE REPRESENTED" AT THE CONVENTION. HE INDICATED HE WOULD VETO A BILL THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR MINORITY RIGHTS.

SEN. OSCAR C. RASA OFFERED AN AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR A DISTRICT ELECTION BUT IT WAS DEFEATED.

THE ELECTION OF CONCON DELEGATES WILL TAKE PLACE AUGUST 1, 1976 IF THE MEASURE IS SIGNED INTO LAW BY CANHAM.

(MICAL, A WAY TO PRESERVE HERITAGE)

SAIPAN, JUNE 24 (MNS)---IN A SPECIAL AWARDS CEREMONY HELD ON SAIPAN WEDNESDAY (JUNE 23), RESIDENT COMMISSIONER ERWIN D. CANHAM PRESENTED CHECKS TOTALLING \$570,000 TO TWENTY-TWO WINNERS OF THE MICRONESIAN CULTURES AND LANGUAGES (MICAL) WRITING CONTEST RECENTLY CONDUCTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN THE MARIANAS.

CANHAM SAID THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT INVENTIONS OF MAN THROUGHOUT HISTORY HAVE BEEN MONEY AND WRITING SYSTEM. IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT IN THIS DAY AND AGE TO HAVE READING MATERIALS IN THE LOCAL LANGUAGES, HE ADDED.

PRESERVING A LANGUAGE IS VITALLY IMPORTANT, CANHAM SAID, BECAUSE IT IS BEST TO PRESERVE A LANGUAGE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

THE MATERIALS PRODUCED IN THE WRITING CONTEST HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AND WILL BE USED IN THE SCHOOLS.

THIS WRITING CONTEST IS A PART OF MICAL, A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S READING AND WRITING ABILITY IN BOTH ENGLISH AND THEIR FIRST LANGUAGES.

THE MICAL PROGRAM WAS STARTED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY IN 1973 UNDER THE FUNDING OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY SCHOOL AID ACT. WITHIN THIS PROGRAM ARE SIX MICAL PROJECTS, ONE EACH IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS, PALAU, YAP, PONAPE, TRUK, AND THE MARSHALLS.

"IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO IMPROVE THE CHILDREN'S ABILITY IN READING AND WRITING THEIR OWN LANGUAGES AND ENGLISH. IT IS NOT ONLY IMPORTANT TO INCREASE THE ABILITY OF THE CHILDREN AND THE ADULTS IN THE COMMUNITY TO READ AND WRITE, BUT THIS PROGRAM IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO REINFORCE IN THE STUDENTS A PRIDE IN THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE," TRUST TERRITORY ACTING COORDINATOR OF MICAL MS. MELODY ACTOUKA INDICATED.