

(UN SESSION FEATURES GENERAL DEBATE)

UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, JULY 2 (MNS) --- THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION IN THE FRIDAY JULY 2 (SAIPAN TIME) AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL REPUTED IN FINE DETAIL THE CHARGES OF APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION MADE BY GEORGE ALLEN, LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE MARSHALLESE DELEGATION. ALLEN, IN A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE SESSION, SAID THAT HE STANDS BY HIS ORIGINAL STATEMENT. 11

RESPONDING TO A REQUEST BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVIET UNION TO ANSWER ALLEN'S CHARGES, ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN SAID THAT HE "CATEGORICALLY REJECTS THE ALLEGATIONS" THAT THERE IS A POLICY OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN REGARDS TO THE MARSHALLS OR ELSEWHERE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. HE SAID THAT IF THERE WERE ANY EVIDENCE OF SUCH A SITUATION HE WOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION.

ACCORDING TO A REPORT RELAYED TO SAIPAN VIA PEACESAT SATELLITE, COLEMAN DETAILED THE USE OF VARIOUS FACILITIES ON KWAJALEIN BY THE MARSHALLESE, INCLUDING THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS NOT AN UNCOMMON EVENT FOR THE MARSHALLESE BASEBALL TEAM TO DEFEAT THE AMERICANS.

COLEMAN NOTED THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY REIMBURSES THE KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL FROM \$20,000 TO \$30,000 A MONTH JUST FOR THE MEDICAL REFERRAL OF MARSHALLESE TO THE HOSPITAL. HE ADDED THAT FOR MORE SERIOUS CASES, MILITARY AIRCRAFT FLY MARSHALLESE PATIENTS TO HONOLULU HOSPITALS.

COLEMAN SPOKE AT LENGTH ON EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS ON EBEYE BY UPGRADING MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT THE ORIGINAL FACILITIES WERE MEANT FOR A POPULATION OF ONLY 3,500 MARSHALLESE WHO HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN DISPLACED FROM OTHER ISLANDS OF THE ATOLL. THE REMAINING 3,500 LIVING THERE ARE PERSONS NOT FROM THE AREA AND IN MANY CASES NOT EVEN FROM THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT, COLEMAN SAID. HE ALSO STATED THAT PRIVILEGES HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO A NUMBER OF MARSHALLESE WHOLESALERS TO PURCHASE BASIC FOODSTUFFS FROM THE KWAJALEIN PX'S FOR RESALE ON EBEYE. COLEMAN EMPHASIZED THAT THE MARSHALLESE EMPLOYEES ON EBEYE RECEIVE U.S. MINIMUM WAGE AND THERE EXISTS AN EMPLOYEE COUNCIL TO HANDLE THEIR GRIEVANCES.

U.S. AMBASSADOR ALBERT W. SCHERER, JR. RESPONDED TO ALLEN'S ALLEGATION THAT AMERICAN DOCTORS FAILED TO ASSIST AILING MARSHALLESE DURING AN EPIDEMIC EARLIER THIS YEAR. SCHERER SAID THAT HE WAS SHOCKED WHEN HE HEARD THE STATEMENT AND PLACED AN IMMEDIATE TELEPHONE CALL TO THE AUTHORITIES ON KWAJALEIN. HE SAID THAT HE WAS ASSURED THAT ON NO OCCASION DID THE AMERICAN DOCTORS ON KWAJALEIN FAIL TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE OR FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR EBEYE ISLAND, AND FURTHERMORE THAT HE INTENDS TO FOLLOW UP ON THE MATTER.

DURING THE MORNING SESSION THE PALAUAN DELEGATION PRESENTED THEIR PETITION TO THE UN TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IN THE ABSENCE OF SENATOR ROMAN IMETUHL WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE STILL UNKNOWN. IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE MARSHALLESE PRESENTATION OF THE DAY BEFORE, THE PALAUAN STATEMENT, READ BY CONGRESSMAN KUNIWO NAKAMURA, WAS VERY MEASURED AND DIPLOMATIC. LIKE THE MARSHALLESE HE SAID THE PALAUANS' INTENT WAS TO SEEK A FUTURE STATUS SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE CONSTITUTION OR COMPACT PROPOSALS, ADDING THAT THE PALAU DISTRICT SOUGHT A CLOSE AND ENDURING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES.

THE PALAUANS BASE THEIR CASE FOR SEPARATE STATUS ON THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION, NOTING THAT IN THE PAST THE UNITED NATIONS HAD REMOVED THE COLONIAL POWERS WITHOUT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE WISHES AND ASPIRATIONS OF ALL THE PEOPLE CONCERNED.

NAKAMURA SAID THE PALAUANS ARE AMONG THE FIRST TO ADMIT THAT THEY HAVE MUCH IN COMMON WITH THE REST OF MICRONESIA, BUT ALSO WITH THE REST OF POLYNESIA AND MELANESIA, EMPHASIZING THAT THEIR POSITION WAS PROMPTED NOT BY ANY SENSE OF ANTAGONISM BUT BY THEIR POLITICAL AWARENESS OF THE REALITIES OF LIFE IN MICRONESIA.

NAKAMURA SAID THAT THERE IS NO QUESTION IN THEIR MINDS THAT THE PEOPLE OF PALAU WOULD REJECT BOTH THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION AND THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION POSED BY AMBASSADOR JAMES MURRAY OF GREAT BRITAIN CONCERNING THE INFLUENCE OF THE PROPOSED SUPERPORT UPON THE ATTITUDE OF THE PALAUAN DELEGATION, JOHNSON TORIBIONG, A SECOND SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP, RESPONDED THAT THEY WERE NOT INFLUENCED BY THAT CONSIDERATION AND HE SAID IT WAS NEITHER RELEVANT NOR MATERIAL.

AMBASSADOR MURRAY, WHO HEADED THE VISITING MISSION TO MICRONESIA THIS SPRING, ASKED THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY TO COMMENT ON REPRESENTATIVE RAYMOND SETIK'S STATEMENT THAT "DAILY DECISIONS ARE BEING HANDED DOWN FROM WASHINGTON RATHER THAN BEING MADE IN MICRONESIA."

ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER COLEMAN RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT THE LINES OF AUTHORITY ARE A PERENNIAL PROBLEM OF AMBIVALENCE, BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH HE IS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE IN MICRONESIA THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS LOOKS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AS THE SUPERVISOR OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AS FAR AS THE WAY CONGRESSIONALLY APPROPRIATED FUNDS ARE SPENT.

TOMORROW (FRIDAY, JULY 2 NEW YORK TIMES) THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE, COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE, WILL BE FINALIZING THE REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IN REGARD TO THEIR REACTIONS TO THE PRESENTATIONS MADE THUS FAR. AS A CONSEQUENCE THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC SESSIONS OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL UNTIL TUESDAY, JULY 6 AT WHICH TIME THE COUNCIL'S REACTIONS WILL BE MADE KNOWN.

IN OTHER NEWS FROM NEW YORK, THE GREATEST CONGREGATION OF INTERNATIONAL NAVAL VESSELS IN HISTORY WILL ANCHOR IN NEW YORK HARBOR OVER THE JULY 4TH WEEKEND. AT 12-NOON ON JULY 4TH EVERY SHIP WILL ROAR OUT A 21-GUN SALUTE TO THE UNITED STATES IN OBSERVANCE OF ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY.

ON THE FLAGSHIP, THE SUPER CARRIER, THE U. S. S. FORRESTAL, WILL BE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN, WHO WILL PARTICIPATE BY SPECIAL INVITATION OF THE U. S. CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.

(COM LEADERS COMMENT EDWARD E. JOHNSTON)

SAIPAN, JULY 2 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAVE EXTENDED SPECIAL THANKS TO FORMER HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON ON BEHALF OF CONGRESS AND THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

IN A RECENT LETTER TO FORMER HICOM JOHNSTON, SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA AND HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY SAID SINCE THE FORMER HICOM CAME TO MICRONESIA IN 1969, "WE HAVE CONTINUED TO BE IMPRESSED WITH YOUR SYMPATHY, UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF THE NEEDS, DESIRES, AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA."

THE PRESIDING OFFICERS SAID "WE BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE NOT ONLY BEEN A FRIEND OF MICRONESIA BUT AN ACTIVE AND ENTHUSIASTIC CHAMPION OF THEIR RIGHTS AND WELL-BEING...THE CONGRESS HAS SUPPORTED YOU, BECAUSE YOU DESERVED THAT SUPPORT."

NAKAYAMA AND HENRY TOLD THE FORMER HICOM "YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF MICRONESIA AND HER PEOPLE, THEIR CULTURES AND TRADITIONS AS MICRONESIA STRIVES TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF TODAY AND THE FUTURE WILL BE SORELY MISSED."

THE PRESIDING OFFICERS WISHED JOHNSTON AND HIS FAMILY MUCH SUCCESS IN HIS NEW JOB AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF PACIFIC TRAVEL ASSOCIATION, A SAN FRANCISCO BASED FIRM.

(KABUA & DOMNICK DISSAPPOINTED OVER AIR ROUTE AWARD)

SAIPAN, JULY 2 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---TWO MEMBERS OF THE MARSHALLS DELEGATION TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAVE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER PRESIDENT FORD'S DECISION TO AWARD CONTINENTAL AIR MICRONESIA THE SAIPAN-JAPAN AIR ROUTE.

SENATOR AMATA KABUA AND CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DOMNICK SAID IN A DISPATCH RECEIVED ON SAIPAN "FORD'S DECISION IS A GREAT DISSERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF ALL MICRONESIA...PARTICULARLY TO THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS WHO ENJOY A COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES."

KABUA AND DOMNICK SAID "THE SELECTION OF CONTINENTAL AT BEST PROVIDES FOR AN INEXPERIENCED OPERATION WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF EXPERIENCE IN THE JAPAN ORIGIN MARKET. IT WILL DENY THE UNITED STATES THE ABILITY TO JOINTLY PROMOTE THE

ATTRACTIVEIONS OF SAIPAN AND GUAM...A POINT ALREADY KNOWN TO THE JAPANESE."

SENATOR KABUA SAID SAIPAN IS A "DESIRABLE TOURIST DESTINATION. VITAL AND EXPEDITIOUS AIR SERVICE BETWEEN SAIPAN AND JAPAN IS IMPORTANT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MARIANAS AND ITS ECONOMIC PROGRESS."

HE NOTED "PAN AM NOW HAS RIGHTS TO SERVE JAPAN AND COULD HAVE IMMEDIATELY STARTED THIS SERVICE IN THE INTEREST OF THE MARIANAS."

KABUA, ON BEHALF OF PAN AM'S PACIFIC AREA VICE-PRESIDENT EDWARD E. SWOFFORD, SAID THE ELECTED LEADERS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS, GUAM AND MICRONESIA DESERVE "OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR THEIR STEADFAST SUPPORT DURING THESE YEARS THAT THE SERVICE TO SAIPAN CASE HAS AWAITED FINAL DECISION." THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD AND PRESIDENT FORD'S DECISION IS, IN SENATOR KABUA'S WORDS, "UNWISE."

FORD AWARDED CONTINENTAL AIRLINES THE SAIPAN-JAPAN ROUTE THIS WEEK AFTER FOUR YEARS OF DEBATE AS TO WHO SHOULD BE GIVEN THE COVETED AIR ROUTE.

(APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR WASHINGTON LIAISON POST)

SAIPAN, JULY 2 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS EXTENDED THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE MICRONESIAN WASHINGTON LIAISON OFFICER UNTIL JULY 19TH, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (JULY 2). IT IS EXPECTED THAT CONSIDERATION OF ALL APPLICANTS FOR THE WASHINGTON LIAISON POST WILL BE TAKEN UP BY CONGRESS DURING A SPECIAL SESSION ON PONAPE JULY 19.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE \$25,000.00 PER YEAR WASHINGTON LIAISON POSITION REQUIRES THAT APPLICANTS MAY, BUT NEED NOT TO BE, IT CITIZENS. PREFERENTIAL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO MICRONESIANS.

THE LIAISON OFFICER SHALL MAINTAIN THE MICRONESIAN WASHINGTON OFFICE HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND SHALL REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS ON A FULL-TIME BASIS BEFORE THE UNITED STATES AND BEFORE THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, ON ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE TRUST TERRITORY AND SHALL ACTIVELY AND FULLY ADVOCATE ALL PROGRAMS AND POLICIES DULY ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

APPLICANTS MUST ALSO BE AT LEAST 25 YEARS OF AGE, A RESIDENT OF THE IT FOR NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT; SHALL NOT HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY BY ANY COURT OF THE IT OR THE U.S.; POSSESS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HAVE EQUIVALENT WORKING EXPERIENCE, AS DETERMINED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA; AND, HAVE COMMENSURATE EXPERIENCE, MATURITY AND CAPABILITY TO UNDERTAKE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES REQUIRED OF HIM ON THE JOB.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, 96950.

(TAKEUCHI TO REPRESENT IT AT SPC'S PLANNING COMM. MEETING)

SAIPAN, JULY 2 (MNS)---CLARENCE TAKEUCHI, TRUST TERRITORY'S ASSISTANT SPECIAL CONSULTANT, LEFT THIS WEEK FOR NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA TO REPRESENT THE IT AT THE EVALUATION OF SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES FOR 1975 AND PLAN A WORK PROGRAM FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT IS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION. TAKEUCHI IS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT A CLOSE EXAMINATION OF REPORTS PREPARED BY PACIFIC ISLANDS GOVERNMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIONS ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SPC PROJECTS CARRIED OUT IN THEIR COUNTRIES IN 1975.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO REVIEW THE 1977 SPC'S BUDGET AND WILL REVIEW IN DETAIL THE PROGRAM WHICH SPC PROPOSES TO UNDERTAKE OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

THE REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE SIXTEENTH SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE, WHICH IS TO MEET DURING OCTOBER IN NOUMEA.

TAKEUCHI IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO THE TRUST TERRITORY JULY 12.

(NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: BECAUSE MONDAY, JULY 5TH IS A LEGAL HOLIDAY, THERE WON'T BE ANY MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE DISPATCH FOR THAT DATE. THE NEXT MNS DISPATCH WILL BE DATED JULY 6TH.