

(FRANCE COMMENTS ON TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TESTIMONY)
UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, JULY 7 (MNS)---THERE IS NO REAL POLITICAL FREEDOM WITHOUT ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE, CONCLUDED THE DELEGATE FROM FRANCE AT THE WEDNESDAY (JULY 7, SAIPAN TIME) MORNING SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL. *July 1976*

IN A DAY LARGELY TAKEN UP BY PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND MEETINGS OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL'S DRAFTING COMMITTEE, ONLY ONE REPORT - THAT OF FRANCE - WAS MADE, ACCORDING TO NEWS RELAYED TO SAIPAN BY PEACESAT SATELLITE.

MR. GARRIGUE-GUYOMMAUD OF FRANCE OPENED THE GENERAL DEBATE BY PRESENTING HIS NATION'S REACTIONS TO THE TESTIMONY THUS FAR. HE SAID THAT IT WAS NOT UP TO FRANCE TO DICTATE TO THE MICRONESIANS ABOUT WHAT TO DO BUT HE NOTED THAT FRANCE HAD DISCERNED INCOMPATIBILITIES BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND FREE ASSOCIATION CONCEPTS.

HE SAID THAT THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS SEEMS WELL DEFINED AND THAT FRANCE DOES NOT WISH TO GO BACK OVER THAT GROUND. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO PRESERVE FUTURE LINKS BETWEEN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS AND THE REST OF MICRONESIA, HOWEVER. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL BEGIN A CRITICAL BUT CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

MR. GARRIGUE-GUYOMMAUD PRAISED THE PROGRESS IN EDUCATION AND HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE TRUST TERRITORY BUT FOUND SMALL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS SUCH AS SMALL ROADS, PIERS, ETC. TO BE FAULTY. HE URGED THAT THE POLITICAL EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA BE STRENGTHENED. HE CONCLUDED BY TELLING THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY THAT ALL FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OPTIONS, INCLUDING INDEPENDENCE, MUST REMAIN OPEN.

AFTER THE REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, TOSIWO NAKAYAMA, HAD INSERTED INTO THE RECORD A FOUR-POINT STATEMENT WHICH HE SAID REPRESENTED THE POSITION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN RELATION OF THE LAW OF THE SEA.

THE FOUR POINTS ARE: 1) THAT ONLY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE SINCE IT PROFOUNDLY AFFECTS THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND NATURAL RESOURCES; 2) THAT MICRONESIA MUST BECOME A CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO ASSERT AND EXECUTE THEIR RIGHTS TO THEIR SEA RESOURCES; 3) THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA OR ITS SUCCESSOR BODY ASSUME THE BURDEN AND OBLIGATIONS PLACED ON IT BY THE LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION; AND 4) THAT THERE HAS BEEN AMPLE HISTORICAL PRECEDENT FOR ALLOWING THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO REPRESENT MICRONESIAN SOVEREIGNTY IN THIS MATTER EVEN THOUGH IT HAS **NOT** YET ACHIEVED SELF-GOVERNING STATUS.

IN LOCAL PRESS REACTION TO LAST WEEK'S EVENTS IN THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MEETING THE "NEW YORK TIMES" IN A LONG EDITORIAL IN TUESDAY'S PAPER REITERATED ITS OPPOSITION TO THE SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, CALLING IT SHORTSIGHTED AND THE RESULT OF "STRONG PENTAGON INFLUENCE." THE "TIMES" EDITORIAL CONCLUDED, "SINCE IT IS TOO LATE TO UNDO THAT POLITICAL BLUNDER AT LEAST THE SEPARATISTS OF THE MARSHALLS AND PALAU SHOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGED TO FRAGMENT THE UNITY OF MICRONESIA ANY FURTHER."

TRUST TERRITORY PRESS OFFICER, JIM HALL, WHO IS FILLING THE MNS RELEASES FROM THE UNITED NATIONS, NOTED THAT THE EDITORIAL HAD INCORRECTLY STATED THAT THE DELEGATIONS FROM THE MARSHALLS AND PALAU ARRIVED IN NEW YORK TO ASK FOR INDEPENDENCE.

(FALCAM DISPUTES COLEMAN'S DECISION TO DISMISS HIM)
PONAPE, JULY 7 (MNS)---OUTGOING PONAPE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR LEO A. FALCAM SAID TUESDAY (JULY 6) THAT ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN'S ACTION TO REMOVE HIM FROM OFFICE IS "MOST DISRUPTIVE, ILL-ADVISED AND INHUMAN."

DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS FRED M. ZEDER ANNOUNCED AT THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HEARINGS IN NEW YORK ON JUNE 30 THAT LEO A. FALCAM WILL BE REMOVED FROM HIS POSITION AS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FOR PONAPE DISTRICT.

"I CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT THE REASONS FOR SUCH ACTIONS ARE PURELY POLITICAL, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCOMODATING CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS," FALCAM SAID IN HIS CABLE TO COLEMAN WHO IS PRESENTLY ATTENDING THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL IN NEW YORK.

ACCORDING TO THE PONAPE DISTAD, LOCAL REACTIONS FROM ELECTED AND TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP WHEN THEY HEARD THE NEWS OF HIS REMOVAL WAS "NOT GOOD."

"REACTION FROM THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE WAS ALMOST VIOLENT," HE ADDED. HE SAID HE ACCEPTED HIS (COLEMAN'S) DECISION TO TERMINATE HIM BUT HE DOES NOT "RESPECT AND I FAIL TO UNDERSTAND THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO ACCOMPLISH SUCH A CHANGE."

COLEMAN'S DECISION SHOWS A "TOTAL LACK OF" AND "COMPLETE DISREGARD" FOR THE VIEWS OF HIS PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT, HE CHARGED. "THIS IS CONSIDERED A SLAP IN THE FACE OF ALL THE TRADITIONAL AND HEREDITARY CHIEFS AND THE ONLY DULY ELECTED CHIEF MAGISTRATES AND OTHER DISTRICT LEADERS WITH WHOM I HAVE WORKED SO CLOSELY," FALCAM SAID.

FALCAM SAID IT IS "IRONIC" THAT IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR WHILE HE WAS IN WASHINGTON, FRED M. ZEDER CONGRATULATED HIM AND HIS STAFF FOR "DOING A GOOD JOB" AS PONAPE'S DISTAD.

"IT IS EVEN MORE IRONIC THAT DURING THE SAME CONVERSATION," HE RECALLED, "I WAS ADVISED THAT SHOULD ALL CONTEMPLATED PLANS OF ACTION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT RECEIVE SECRETARIAL APPROVAL, I WOULD BE ONE OF THE FEW MICRONESIANS WHO WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR THE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER'S JOB."

FALCAM SAID THAT IT IS "VERY UNFORTUNATE" THAT THE "GENUINELY HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MICRONESIA AND THE UNITED STATES" BASED ON THE PRINCIPAL OF MUTUAL RESPECT "IS BEING DESTROYED BY ANOTHER AGENCY OF THE SAME GOVERNMENT."

"CHANGE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR ON A REMOTE ISLAND OF MICRONESIA MAY BE CONSIDERED INSIGNIFICANT," FALCAM SAID, ADDING THAT SOME UNFORTUNATE RESULTS "MAY BE INEVITABLE."

FALCAM ASSURED COLEMAN THAT HIS EFFORTS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA AND PONAPE MAY HAVE BEEN "TEMPORARILY SHAKEN."

"HOWEVER, MY DEDICATION TO SERVING THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA IS NOT DOOMED. I SINCERELY HOPE AND PRAY THAT YOUR EFFORTS TO ADMINISTER THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS OF PONAPE DISTRICT AND MICRONESIA FROM SAIPAN ARE SUCCESSFUL AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF YOUR COUNTRY AND MINE," CONCLUDED FALCAM.

(HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE TO HOLD HEARINGS ON EBEYE)

SAIPAN, JULY 7 (MNS)---THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS OF THE U. S. CONGRESS WILL CONDUCT A TWO-DAY PUBLIC HEARINGS NEXT WEEK IN MAJURO ON THE EBEYE SITUATION IN THE MARSHALLS DISTRICT, THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE HAS LEARNED.

HEADED BY HAWAII REP. PATSY T. MINK, THE HEARING WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE MARSHALLS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION REQUEST FOR SEPARATE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND THE BIKINI AND ENEWETAK RESETTLEMENT ISSUE.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ATTEND THE HEARING INCLUDE GUAM REP. ANTONIO WON PAT AND CONGRESSWOMAN SHIRLEY PETTIS (D-CALIF.).

MAJORITY STAFF DIRECTOR CHARLES COKLIN AND MINORITY STAFF DIRECTOR DON DUNMEYER WILL ALSO ATTEND.

THE MEETINGS WILL BEGIN JULY 14TH.