

(U. S. POLICIES ATTACKED IN KWAJALEIN HEARINGS)  
KWAJALEIN, JULY 15 (MNS)---THE U. S. HOUSE SUB-COMMITTEE  
ON TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS HEARINGS CHAIRED BY  
REPRESENTATIVE PATSY T. MINK OF HAWAII HELD ON EBEYE ISLAND,  
MARSHALLS DISTRICT WEDNESDAY (JULY 14), WERE ORIGINALLY  
BILLED AS THE "SOUNDING" OF MARSHALLESE PUBLIC OPINION WITH  
REGARD TO THEIR FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS. BUT, THEY WERE  
QUICKLY CONVERTED INTO A WELL-ORCHESTRATED ATTACK ON U. S.  
POLICIES AT THE KWAJALEIN MISSILE RANGE (KMR). July 1976

THE FIRST WITNESS, CONGRESSMAN ATAJI BALOS (MARSHALLS)  
SOUNDED THE KEY NOTE BY MAKING A LENGTHY DEFENSE OF ATTORNEY  
GEORGE ALLEN'S STATEMENTS MADE AT THE UNITED NATIONS  
CALLING EBEYE A "BIOLOGICAL TIME BOMB" AND REPEATING ALLEN'S  
CHARGES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AT KWAJALEIN. BALOS SAID  
THAT ONE WAY THE MARSHALLESE COULD BE TREATED AS EQUALS, IS  
FOR THEM TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT AS A SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT  
PEOPLE. HE SAID THAT THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA WAS "COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE  
TO THE MARSHALLESE" AND THAT THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE  
ASSOCIATION WOULD "PERPETUATE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS"  
REFERRING TO THE LEASE OF KWAJALEIN ISLAND. QUESTIONED BY  
REP. MINK AS TO WHETHER THE OTHER MARSHALLESE MEMBERS AT THE  
CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SUPPORTED HIS POSITION, BALOS REPLIED  
THAT THEY WERE ALL SUPPORTING THE SAME POSITION.

HOWEVER, IN LATER TESTIMONY, GIVEN BY JOHN HEINE,  
FORMER MARSHALLESE REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CONGRESS OF  
MICRONESIA, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP  
SILK HAD INITIALED THE RECENT DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE  
ASSOCIATION. HEINE, A SURPRISE WITNESS, WAS THE ONLY  
PERSON TESTIFYING WHO WAS NOT ON A SPECIAL WITNESS LIST  
PREPARED BY THE MARSHALLS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION  
(MPSC). HE APPEARED AT THE PERSONAL REQUEST OF REP. MINK  
WHO MET HEINE ON THE AIR MICRONESIA FLIGHT TO KWAJALEIN.

HEINE, SPEAKING AS ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE "VOICE OF  
MARSHALLESE" ORGANIZATION, SAID THAT THE MEMBERS OF HIS  
GROUP WERE IN FAVOR OF THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION  
AND ARE FOR MICRONESIAN UNITY. HE CHARGED THAT THE  
MPSC PROCEEDED TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK ON THEIR OWN  
ACCORD AND WITHOUT ANY MANDATE FROM THE PEOPLE TO SEEK A  
GOVERNMENT SEPARATE FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. HEINE  
SAID HIS 200 PERSON ORGANIZATION HAD NO ACCESS TO THE  
MEDIA SO THEIR VOICE HAD NOT YET BEEN HEARD. HE SAID THE  
PEOPLE OF THE MARSHALLS WERE CONFUSED AND URGED THAT  
FUTURE STATUS DECISIONS BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THE  
FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.

HEINE ALSO CHARGED THE MPSC WITH NOT SUBMITTING ANY  
REPORT ON THEIR EXPENDITURES OF WHICH A TOTAL OF \$200,000  
PLUS WAS APPROPRIATED. HE SAID HIS GROUP WANTS ASSURANCE  
THAT THE MONEY WAS BEING PROPERLY USED.

PERHAPS THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL TESTIMONY OF THE FOUR  
HOUR SESSION ATTENDED BY OVER 200 PERSONS IN EBEYE  
PROTESTANT CHURCH WAS BY DR. CONRAD KOTRODY, AN EMPLOYEE  
OF ERDA'S BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY.

DR. KOTRODY, WHO TESTIFIED THAT HE VOLUNTEERED AT THE  
EBEYE HOSPITAL AS MANY AS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, SAID THAT  
KWAJALEIN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE MEDICAL PROBLEMS OF EBEYE  
WAS ONE OF APATHY, AND QUESTIONED THE PROFESSIONAL ETHICS  
OF HIS FELLOW PHYSICIANS ON KWAJALEIN. HE ALSO CITED THE  
POOR QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE AT EBEYE, SPECIFICALLY CITING  
THE LACK OF QUALIFIED MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND SUPPLY SHORTAGES.

ASKED BY CONGRESSWOMAN MINK ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF  
GEORGE ALLEN'S TESTIMONY BEFORE THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HEARINGS  
IN NEW YORK CONCERNING EPIDEMICS ON EBEYE AND THE ASSISTANCE,  
OR LACK OF IT, PROVIDED BY KWAJALEIN, DR. KOTRODY COULD  
PROVIDE NO CORROBORATING EVIDENCE TO ALLEN'S CHARGES BUT  
PROMISED MRS. MINK THAT HE WOULD "CHECK THE FILE."

ANOTHER WITNESS WHO TESTIFIED CONCERNING THE ALLEGATIONS  
MADE AT THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WAS A PH. D. CANDIDATE  
FROM THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH IN NEW YORK, WILLIAM  
ALEXANDER. ALEXANDER TOLD MRS. MINK THAT HE WISHES TO  
PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH EVIDENCE OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION  
AT EBEYE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD INTERVIEWED APPROXIMATELY  
75 EBEYE WORKERS AND THAT CLOSE TO 90 PERCENT SAID THEY  
FELT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE THEY WERE MICRONESIANS.  
HE SAID 75 PERCENT OF THOSE INTERVIEWED PROVIDED HIM WITH  
THE NAMES OF AMERICANS WHO WERE PAID MORE FOR DOING THE  
SAME WORK, ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED HE HAD NOT SEEN ANY PAYROLL  
RECORDS TO VERIFY THE STATEMENTS.

SEVERAL MARSHALLESE, PRIMARILY LAND OWNERS DID HAVE  
AN OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY AND COMPLAINED PRIMARILY ON THE

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SMALL AMOUNTS THEY ARE RECEIVING AS PAYMENTS FOR THE USE OF THEIR LAND.

THE FINAL SPEAKER, MIKE KABUA, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN THE MICRONESIAN PERSONNEL OFFICE AT KWAJALEIN MISSILE RANGE, SAID THE HE DETECTED RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MICRONESIANS IN TERMS OF VACATION TIME, PAY, TRAINING AND FRINGE BENEFITS. "WE MARSHALLESE CANNOT ATTEND KWAJALEIN SCHOOLS. WE CANNOT LIVE IN KWAJALEIN HOUSES," HE SAID.

THE FOLLOWING MORNING, THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TOURED THE RE-ENTRY MEASUREMENT SITE ON ROI-NAMUR ATOLL AND ROI-NAMUR ISLAND IN KWAJALEIN ATOLL. FURTHER HEARINGS WERE HELD THURSDAY MORNING (JULY 15) IN MAJURO (SEE FOLLOWING STORY).

(MARSHALLS FUTURE STATUS DEBATED IN MAJURO HEARING)

MAJURO, JULY 15 (MNS)---THURSDAY'S (JULY 15) U.S. CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS FEATURED A BATTLE OF PETITIONS AND A BATTLE OF WORDS OVER THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

JAMES MILNE, THE MAGISTRATE OF EBON, REPRESENTING THE VOICE OF THE MARSHALLESE, SAID THAT HIS GROUP STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE UNITY OF MICRONESIA AND DID NOT SUPPORT INDEPENDENCE. HE SUBMITTED A PETITION ON WHICH HE SAID THERE WERE 2,000 SIGNATURES. SENATOR AMATA KABUA, REPRESENTING THE MARSHALLS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION, STATED THAT THE MARSHALLESE PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THEY SHOULD NEGOTIATE THEIR OWN POLITICAL FUTURE AND SUBMITTED A PETITION REPORTEDLY CONTAINING OVER 3,000 SIGNATURES.

KABUA ALSO STATED FLATLY THAT AS FAR AS THE COMMISSION ON FUTURE STATUS AND TRANSITION IS CONCERNED THE NITIJELA HAS NOT AND WILL NOT SELECT ANY REPRESENTATION FROM THE MARSHALLS NOR WILL THEY SEND ANYONE TO REPRESENT THE MARSHALLESE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.

BEFORE A CROWD OF ALMOST 500 PERSONS AT THE MAJURO PROTESTANT CHURCH, DELEGATE ANTONIO WON PAT OF GUAM AND REPRESENTATIVE PATSY T. MINK HEARD A GREAT VARIETY OF OPINIONS ON THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MARSHALLS ISLANDS.

RUBEN ZACKHRAS, HEAD OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, SAID THAT HIS 50-PERSON GROUP FAVORED SEPARATION FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA AND ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES WHICH WAS WELL UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED UPON BY ALL MARSHALLESE.

ATLAN ANIEN, SPEAKER OF THE NITIJELA, SPOKE OF HIS DESIRE TO CONTINUE CLOSE TIES WITH THE U.S. BUT SAID THAT HE INSISTED ON DEALING WITH THE U.S. DIRECTLY.

ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE NITIJELA, LITOKWA TOMEING, SAID THAT HE WAS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NITIJELA WHO DID NOT VOTE FOR THE FORMATION OF A POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION. HE SAID IT WAS UNCLEAR TO HIM WHAT THE GOALS OF THE COMMISSION WERE AND WHAT KIND OF INDEPENDENCE THEY SOUGHT. HE TOLD MRS. MINK THAT THE RADIO STATION IN THE MARSHALLS, WSZO, ANNOUNCED THAT SHE (MRS. MINK) WOULD NOT SEE ANYONE WHO DID NOT REQUEST TO SPEAK IN ADVANCE AND ASKED MRS. MINK IF THAT WERE TRUE. REP. MINK REPLIED THAT EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO SPEAK.

KUNAR ABNER, ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE NITIJELA, TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT HE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS NOT THE JOB OF THE MARSHALLS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION "TO SELECT THE KIND OF GOVERNMENT FOR US" BUT ONLY TO INVESTIGATE THE "VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES AND THEN REPORT BACK TO US."

THE FINAL SPEAKER OF THE DAY WAS REPRESENTATIVE EKPAP SILK, A TEN-YEAR VETERAN OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. SAYING THAT IT IS AN "HONOR" TO SERVE ON THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS, SILK SAID HE BELIEVES THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION IS THE FINAL DOCUMENT AND IT REPRESENTS THE DESIRES OF THE UNITED STATES AND DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE DOES NOT WANT PEOPLE TO SUPPORT IT JUST BECAUSE HE INITIALED IT. HE EMPHASIZED THAT A GREATER POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM SHOULD BE INSTITUTED THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA. THE COMPACT SHOULD BE TRANSLATED IN ALL MAJOR LANGUAGES OF THE IT, SILK CONCLUDED, SO THE PEOPLE COULD DECIDE THEIR OWN FUTURE THEMSELVES.

(SAIPAN ESCAPES MAJOR DAMAGE)

SAIPAN, JULY 15 (MNS)---SUPER TYPHOON THERESE, REGISTERING WINDS UP TO 185 MILES PER HOUR BRUSHED SAIPAN AND THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS OF PAGAN, ALAYAGAN AND ANATAHAN WEDNESDAY (JULY 14). DAMAGE ON SAIPAN ROTA, AND TINIAN WAS

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MINOR ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME LOW LYING AREAS THAT WERE FLOODED. THERE WERE NO REPORTED INJURIES. POWER AND WATER WAS ALSO CUT DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE STORM WEDNESDAY MORNING (JULY 14).

TYPHOON THERESE'S CLOSEST APPROACH TO SAIPAN WAS 77 MILES NORTHEAST AT AROUND EIGHT O'CLOCK WEDNESDAY MORNING. MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS ON SAIPAN WERE REGISTERED AT AROUND 60-75 MILES PER HOUR.

SAIPAN RESIDENTS TOOK SHELTER AT VARIOUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND OTHER DESIGNATED TYPHOON SHELTERS. GOVERNMENT SERVICES WERE SUSPENDED FOR A DAY. POWER AND WATER ON SAIPAN WERE RESTORED BY LATE WEDNESDAY NIGHT ON MOST OF SAIPAN.

SAIPAN WAS DECLARED IN TYPHOON CONDITION FOUR THURSDAY MORNING (JULY 15).

NORTHERN MARIANAS RESIDENT COMMISSIONER ERWIN D. CANNAM REQUESTED SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT FROM THE NAVY ON GUAM FOR THE ISLANDS NORTH OF SAIPAN TO CHECK ON THE DAMAGE THERE AND POSSIBLE AIRDROPS OF FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO ISOLATED AREAS. THE NAVY PLANS TO SEND AN AIRCRAFT FRIDAY (JULY 16) DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER.

HALL ISLANDS AND NAMONUITO ATOLLS IN TRUK DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE SURVEYED BY AIRCRAFT TO ASCERTAIN DAMAGE DONE TO THE ISLANDS THERE. NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SET.

AS OF 10 A.M. THURSDAY, THE TYPHOON WAS REPORTED AT ABOUT 400 MILES NORTHWEST OF SAIPAN, ACCORDING TO JONATHAN KOSHIBA, IT DISASTER CONTROL OFFICER.

(ZEDER SAYS REMENGESAU NOT TO BE REMOVED)

PALAU, JULY 15 (MNS)---DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS FRED M. ZEDER SAID IN PALAU THIS WEEK THAT A RECENT REPORT PRINTED IN SAIPAN'S WEEKLY NEWSPAPER THE MARIANAS VARIETY THAT HE WILL REMOVE PALAU DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR THOMAS O. REMENGESAU IS NOT TRUE, ACCORDING TO PALAU ACTING DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS YOICH RENGIL.

ZEDER ARRIVED IN PALAU LAST WEEK AFTER ATTENDING THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ON GUAM TO INSPECT VARIOUS SITES OF THE PROPOSED SUPER TANKER PORT.

THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS TOLD THE PEOPLE OF PALAU THAT THERE IS "MISINFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE MARIANAS VARIETY ABOUT THE PALAU DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR."

THE VARIETY REPORTED TWO WEEKS AGO THAT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REMENGESAU HAD BEEN ADDED TO THE DOTA'S LIST OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE REMOVED FROM THEIR JOBS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT. THE REPORT CAME IN THE WAKE OF DOTA'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DISMISSAL OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF PONAPE.

"MY REASONS FOR COMING TO PALAU ARE NOT AS WHAT THE PRESS INDICATED," THE DIRECTOR WENT ON TO SAY. "DURING MY LAST VISIT TO PALAU DISTRICT I OBSERVED THAT THIS DISTRICT IS WELL-ADMINISTERED. I HAVE ONCE AGAIN, DURING THIS TRIP OBSERVED TREMENDOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHICH ARE DUE IN MOST PART OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR."

ZEDER CONTINUED: "I HAVE WORKED WITH THOMAS REMENGESAU AND LET ME SAY HERE THAT I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOUR GREAT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR."

IN CONCLUDING HIS REMARKS, ZEDER SAID: "THE WARM RECEPTION THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME, MY WIFE, AND MY DAUGHTER WILL BE REMEMBERED AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT MY OFFICE IN WASHINGTON WILL GIVE YOU THE SAME RECEPTION, AS WE ARE ONE FAMILY TRYING TO DO OUR BEST TO SERVE THE PEOPLE."

THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS WAS VISITING PALAU DISTRICT WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER, WHO WILL BE GOING TO IRAN TO DO RESEARCH FOR HER DOCTORATE DEGREE IN ARCHEOLOGY. ZEDER AND HIS FAMILY DEPARTED PALAU MONDAY, JULY 12.