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NATIONS FROM DOING WHAT THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO DO IN OUR ISLANDS--THAT IS, DOMINATE US MILITARILY."

BALOS SAID THE SITUATION, ESPECIALLY ON THE 200TH BIRTHDAY OF AMERICA'S INDEPENDENCE WAS "HYPOCRITICAL AND CONTRADICTION" IN THE SENSE THAT "REAL FREEDOM OF CHOICE DOES NOT EXIST" FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

"AS LONG AS WE DO NOT HAVE AN ECONOMY, AND AS LONG AS THE UNITED STATES CONTROLS OUR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, WE HAVE NO REAL FREEDOM OF CHOICE."

"TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE," HE CONTINUED, "THE BASIC UNDERLYING PRINCIPLE THROUGHOUT THESE NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN THIS: THE CLOSER THE RELATIONSHIP (WITH THE U.S.), THE MORE FINANCIAL AID WE WILL RECEIVE."

"AS FOR MYSELF," BALOS DECLARED, "I MUST REJECT THE OUTCOME

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OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS. THIS KIND OF RELATIONSHIP CAN ONLY LEAD TO A KIND OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STRAIGHT-JACKET FROM WHICH THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA CAN NEVER ESCAPE."

BALOS DECLARED THAT ANY FUTURE STATUS AGREEMENT WITH ANY OTHER NATION OF THE WORLD WHERE MICRONESIA MUST GIVE UP ITS SOVEREIGNTY FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME--AS PROPOSED BY FREE ASSOCIATION--WILL, IN HIS WORDS, "CRUSH OUR ABILITY TO REMAIN A PEACEFUL AND NEUTRAL PEOPLE."

"I WANT PEACE FOR MY PEOPLE," BALOS CONTINUED. "IF THE UNITED STATES WANTS ANYTHING FROM US, SUCH AS OUR LANDS, THE U.S. MUST DEAL WITH US ON AN EQUAL BASIS--AN EQUAL AND SOVEREIGN NATION."

"AS FOR ME, I CHOOSE INDEPENDENCE. I CHOOSE EQUALITY AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD," HE SAID, "JUST AS THE UNITED STATES DID 200 YEARS AGO WHEN IT DECLARED ITS OWN INDEPENDENCE."

THE MARSHALLS CONGRESSMAN SAID THIS MONTH, WHILE AMERICA CELEBRATES ITS INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY, THE PEOPLE OF BIKINI REMAIN EXILES...THEIR HOME ISLANDS REMAIN POISONED BY RADIO-ACTIVE WATERS.

"HE SAID THEIR HOME NOW IS AN ISOLATED ISLAND LESS THAN ONE-SQUARE MILE IN SIZE WITH NO PROTECTIVE

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LAGOON.

"WHILE AMERICA CELEBRATES," HE CONTINUED, "THE PEOPLE OF ENYMETAK ALSO REMAIN EXILES...THEY STILL WAIT FOR AMERICA TO BEGIN TO CLEAN UP THE RADIOACTIVE WASTE FROM ATOMIC AND NUCLEAR TESTS WHICH HAS ALSO POISONED THEIR ISLANDS."

AND WHILE AMERICA CELEBRATES, THE PEOPLE OF KWAJALEIN ALSO REMAIN EXILES WHILE THEIR BEAUTIFUL LAGOON IS USED AS A TARGET FOR MISSILES FROM THE UNITED STATES."

BALOS SAID AS LONG AS THIS IS THE CASE, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY AGREEMENT WITH A NATION "WHICH HAS SO ABUSED ITS HEARD TRUST OVER THESE ISLANDS, WILL PROTECT OUR PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE."

"AND THOSE WHO MAY DISAGREE WITH ME, I SAY LOOK AT THE MARSHALLESE WARRIORS VICTIMS OF RONGFLAP AND UTIRIK," BALOS DECLARED. "I SAY TELL ALL THESE UNFORTUNATE MARSHALLESE EXILES THAT THEIR HOMES, THEIR LIVES, THEIR LANDS AND WELFARE WILL BE PROTECTED BY THE AMERICAN MILITARY."

BALOS SAID HE REALIZED SOME PEOPLE IN MICRONESIA MAY BE AFRAID OF INDEPENDENCE. HOWEVER, HE SAID TIME MUST BE TAKEN TO CONSIDER THE GREAT POTENTIAL THE ISLANDS REALLY POSSESS.

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"WE MUST ASK OURSELVES WHY OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD SEND THEIR BOATS TO TAKE FISH FROM OUR WATERS. WHILE THE GREAT FISHING NATIONS OF THE WORLD SUCH AS JAPAN AND CHINA PAY OTHER COUNTRIES FOR THE RIGHT TO FISH IN THEIR WATERS," BALOS SAID HE IS UNFAIR THAT OUTSIDERS ARE PERMITTED TO FISH IN OUR OCEAN AND TERRITORY.

BALOS SAID JAPAN PAYS THE FORMER TRUST TERRITORY OF NEW GUINEA OVER FIVE MILLION DOLLARS EVERY YEAR TO FISH IN THEIR WATERS.

"WHY NOT US TOO?" HE ASKED. "WHY DOES THE UNITED STATES PERMIT THESE NATIONS TO FISH FOR FREE IN OUR WATERS? IS THIS THE KIND OF PROTECTION FOR OUR RESOURCES THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO BRING UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTSHIP AGREEMENT?"

BALOS SAID THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA "MUST REALIZE THAT OUR FUTURE IS HEAVY WITH THE PROMISE OF THE FUTURE."

HE SAID REPEATED WARNINGS FROM THE U.S. THAT MICRONESIA'S

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ECONOMY IS "BANKRUPT" ARE MISLEADING.

"OUR SEAS ARE RICH WITH TUNA, AND RICH WITH MINERALS. YET, WE ARE BEING TOLD WE CANNOT SUPPORT OURSELVES." THE MARSHALLS CONGRESSMAN CHARGED THAT THIS WAS BEING DONE "SO THAT OUTSIDERS

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ALONE CAN REAP THE BENEFITS FROM MICRONESIANS SEAS."

"IF THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD LOOK TO OUR SEAS FOR FOOD, THEN WE SHOULD BE TREATED NO DIFFERENTLY THAN THOSE WHO RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR GRANTING FISHING RIGHTS TO OTHER NATIONS," HE SAID.

BALOS SAID THIS CAN BE DONE "ONLY IF WE ARE AN INDEPENDENT

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PEOPLE," HE SAID THE INCOME FROM GRANTING THESE FISHING RIGHTS SHOULD BE USED TO BUILD A FISHING INDUSTRY SO THAT SOMEDAY MICRONESIA CAN EXPORT FRESH FISH AND CANNED TUNA, INSTEAD OF, AS HE PUT IT, "BUYING OUR OWN FISH IN SOMEONE ELSE'S CANS"

BALOS DESCRIBED MICRONESIAN CONTROL OVER ITS OCEAN RESOURCES AS ONE OF THE SEA OF "PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE FOR ALL ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC."

"NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO UNITY OR POLITICAL STATUS IN THE OCEAN, THE OCEAN IS ONE AREA WHERE WE MUST WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR COMMON INTERESTS. WE DO NOT, WE MAY FIND OURSELVES COMPETING AGAINST OURSELVES TO SELL FISHING RIGHTS TO OTHER NATIONS. WE MUST PROTECT OUR OCEAN IN THE SAME MANNER THAT WE WOULD PROTECT OUR SMALL ISLANDS," HE DECLARED.

BALOS SAID HE IS CONVINCED THAT IN "OUR AFFAIRS WITH OTHER NATIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, WE MUST STEER FOR DEEP WATERS. WE MUST AVOID AGREEMENTS THAT COMPROMISE OUR FREEDOM AND OUR LIBERTY."

"WHEN I WAS A SMALL CHILD, I WAS TAUGHT THAT WHEN GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE, HE INTENDED FOR EVERY MAN TO BE MASTER OF

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THE OCEAN," HE SAID. BALOS POINTED OUT THAT THIS PRINCIPLE WAS RECOGNIZED WHEN MICRONESIA BECAME A TRUST TERRITORY UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS.

"I CAN SAY THAT THIS PRINCIPLE HAS NOT BEEN MAINTAINED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. TODAY, THE MARSHALL ISLAND POPULATIONS REMAIN EXILED IN THE MARSHALL

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PSIANN. THREE DECADES OF ABUSE IS ENOUGH."

SALIS SAID: "WE WOULD BE TREATED MORE HUMANLY, MORE EQUALLY IF WE ARE A SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT PEOPLE."

ONE MORE BILL GOES TO HICOM)

KOLONIA MINARE, JULY 24, (MNS)---A BILL DESCRIBING THAT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE OBLIGATION OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE TRUST TERRITORY (HD 505) PASSED THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HIS ACTION.

THE BILL WAS THE SECOND MEASURE TO PASS THE CONGRESS AND BE SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER DURING THIS SPECIAL SESSION.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS HEADED BY PALAU SENATOR LAZARUS SALI WHICH CONSIDERED THE BILL STATED THAT "...A LARGE PART OF THE FINANCIAL

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MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY EXECUTIVE BRANCH RISE FROM THE SYSTEM BY WHICH THE TRUST TERRITORY INCURS OBLIGATIONS."

THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT RECENTLY IMPLEMENTED THE NEW FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, WHICH IS UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE HONORARY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TERRY L. GARRETT.

SALIS COMMITTEE REPORTED THAT THE NEED TO RESOLVE THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS "COMPELLING."

THE BILL SHALL BE RECORDED AS AN OBLIGATION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY UNLESS IT IS SUPPORTED BY CERTAIN DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE. THE COMMITTEE POINTED OUT.

THE BILL WAS AUTHORIZED BY VAP CONGRESSMAN LUKE M. THAN DURING THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE CONGRESS ON SAIPAN EARLIER THIS YEAR.

THE HOUSE BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE AND SENT BACK TO THE HOUSE WITH AMENDMENTS WAS A MEASURE WHICH WOULD "PROVIDE A FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY, WHILE MAINTAINING THE OWNERSHIP OF LAND IN THE HANDS OF MICRONESIANS," IF THE HOUSE AGREES WITH THE SENATE AMENDMENTS,

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... TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. IF NOT, A
... COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF MEMBERS FROM BOTH THE
... WILL BE FORMED TO iron out their differences.
... MARSHALL REPRESENTATIVE AJAJI GALDS COOK
... OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SUGGESTED THAT
... INDEPENDENCE AS ITS FUTURE
... PROCEEDING STORY.

... A BILL TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE ON
... AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FOR ITS
... TO THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND
... BY REP. JOHN SIGRAK OF PONAPE. THE
... OF THE HOUSE. THE BILL WAS
... LAMBERT AARIN AND JOHN
... LENGTHY AMENDMENTS.

... NAKAMURA ALSO SPOKE AGAINST THE BILL.
... WITH THE INTENT OF IN MEASURE,
... THE BILL WAS DEFEATED IN THE HOUSE OF
... IN JANUARY OF THIS
... HAPPENED.

... HIS BILL IN ITS PRESENT FORM IS LIKE PUTTING

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... "I DON'T THINK
... SINCE THE DRAFT COMPACT
... BEEN COMPLETED. HE FURTHER
... EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT

... THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE CREATED
... WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER BEING SIGNED INTO
... NAKAMURA, AND SINCE SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
... EVENTUALLY BE APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION,
... IN ELECTION YEAR AND SOME MEMBERS "COULD BE
... THE ELECTION, THE PALAU CONGRESSMAN SUGGEST-
... SHOULD WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR."

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