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(MOSES CALL SESSION "SUMMER OF DISILLUSIONMENT")
KOLONIA, PONAPE, JULY 30 (COM)---THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
CAME UNDER SHARP ATTACK IN A SPEECH BY A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES FRIDAY.
ACCUSING THE CONGRESS MEMBERS OF "REFUSING TO COME TO
GRIPS" WITH PROBLEMS AND ISSUES WHICH FACE MICRONESIA TODAY,
REPRESENTATIVE RESIO MOSES OF PONAPE SAID HE BELIEVED THE
END OF MICRONESIA MAY BE NEAR.

"I BELIEVE WE ARE SEEING THE END OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND WHAT IT HAS STOOD FOR OVER THE PAST YEARS. WHERE ONCE WE STOOD PROUD AND STRONG, WE NOW STAND WEAK AND DIVIDED, A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO REFUSE TO SEE OR ACKNOWLEDGE COMMON PROBLEMS WHICH LOOM AHEAD OF US."

CONGRESSMAN MOSES, THE 31 YEAR-OLD CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, SAID THE CONGRESS SEEMS TO CONSIST OF "INDIVIDUALS WHO NO LONGER CARE ABOUT MICRONESIA'S COLLECTIVE PROBLEMS."

HE DESCRIBED IT AS A "NEVER MIND MICRONESIA---WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME ATTITUDE."

HE QUESTIONED WHY THE CONGRESS IS ATTEMPTING TO FORMULATE A NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHEN THE CONGRESS AS HE DESCRIBED IT, "STICKS ITS HEAD IN THE SAND" AND BECAUSE OF "CHILDISH PLOYS REFUSES TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES" AND TAKE STEPS TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF LIVING IN MICRONESIA TODAY.

CONGRESSMAN MOSES ACCUSED SOME MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF BELIEVING THAT THE UNITED STATES "WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP US ON THE FULL DOLE FOREVER."

"THIS ATTITUDE IS SUICIDAL," HE DECLARED.

"IF WE ARE MEN, LET US BEGIN NOW TO ACT LIKE MEN...IF WE HAVE BEEN KIDDING OURSELVES ALL ALONG AND WE ARE REALLY CHILDREN WHO DO NOT WANT TO GROW UP --- GOD HELP US," MOSES TOLD THE CONGRESSMEN.

"WE KEEP COMPLAINING ABOUT WASHINGTON (D.C.) MAKING OUR DECISIONS FOR US. NOW CAN YOU BLAME THEM WHEN WE REFUSE TO COME TO GRIPS WITH OUR OWN PROBLEMS AND FAIL TO SEE OUR FUTURE SQUARELY."

MOSES SAID MICRONESIA REFUSES TO TAX ITSELF, WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE FOR THE "COMMON GOOD;" REFUSES TO CHOOSE A NEW CAPITAL; AND REFUSES TO COOPERATE WITH ONE ANOTHER.

"MAYBE THIS WAS ALL BOUND TO COME," MOSES STATED. "MAYBE WE MUST NOW REALIZED THAT TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS ON A SO-CALLED 'NATIONAL LEVEL' IS A WASTED EFFORT ON A CONCEPT THAT HAS PASSED US BY."

THE PONAPE CONGRESSMAN RECALLED THAT AT THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE 5TH CONGRESS, SENATE PRESIDENT TOSINO NAKAYAMA SAID "MICRONESIANS HAVE BEEN SLEEPING FOR MANY YEARS. HE SAID ESSENTIALLY THAT WE HAVE BEGGED AND RECEIVED AND WARNED US TO WAKE UP AND START DOING THINGS OURSELVES."

CONGRESSMAN MOSES SAID MICRONESIANS HAVE "CLOSED OUR EARS TO THAT WARNING" AND CALLED ON EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS TO ASK THEMSELVES IF THEY HAVE, AS HE PUT IT, "REALLY BEEN FAIR TO THE PEOPLE WE REPRESENT."

MOSES DESCRIBED THE TAX BILL NOW BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS "NOT AN EFFORT TO 'EXTRACT' MONEY FROM OUR PEOPLE."

"IT IS AN EFFORT TO AWAKEN US TO DO SOMETHING MORE THAN PAY LIP SERVICE TO OUR OFTEN TIMES PATHETIC WHINING ABOUT BECOMING SELF-SUFFICIENT," HE SAID.

MOSES CRITICIZED THE CONGRESS MEMBERS FOR WORRYING ABOUT WHETHER THEY WILL HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR "SILLY PORK BARREL APPROPRIATIONS" WHICH HE SAID ARE USED TO "CONVINCE OUR CONSTITUENTS TO RE-ELECT US."

BEFORE ENDING HIS REMARKS, REPRESENTATIVE MOSES OFFERED HIS "HUMBLE APOLOGIES" FOR OFFENDING ANYONE IN THE CONGRESS. BUT HE SAID TO CONTINUE WITH THIS MENTALITY IN THE CONGRESS WAS AN "INSULT TO OUR PEOPLE AND TO THE 'SACRED TRUST' BESTOWED UPON US BY THE VOTES" THE CONGRESSMEN WERE ELECTED WITH.

IN CLOSING, CONGRESSMAN MOSES LABELED THE CURRENT SESSION: "THE SUMMER OF DISILLUSIONMENT AND BETRAYAL OF PUBLIC TRUST." (HOUSE SESSION MARKED WITH SPEECHES)

KOLONIA, PONAPE, JULY 30 (AMS)---FIRST, A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS LABELED ONE SESSION THE "WINTER OF FRUSTRATION." ANOTHER CALLED ONE SESSION THE "SPRING OF DO NOTHING." NOW, IT WAS THE "SUMMER OF DISILLUSIONMENT AND BETRAYAL OF PUBLIC TRUST."

THE LATTER WAS A STATEMENT MADE BY PONAPE REPRESENTATIVES REISON MOSES WHO, IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FRIDAY MORNING, SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR "REFUSING TO COME TO TRIPS" WITH PROBLEMS AND ISSUES MICRONESIA IS FACING TODAY. (SEE PRECEEDING STORY).

IN ANOTHER SPEECH, REP. EDGAR EDWARD OF PONAPE SPOKE AS HE OFFERED A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THOSE DISTRICTS WHICH WANT TO SEPARATE FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA TO GO THEIR OWN WAY. EDWARDS STATED THAT HE HAS "GROWING DOUBTS THAT THE KIND OF UNITY THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE PAST IS POSSIBLE IN ACTUAL PRACTICE." (SEE FOLLOWING STORY).

THE OTHER SPEECH WAS BY REP. KUNIO HAKAMURA OF PALAU, WHO ASKED THE HOUSE MEMBERS TO POSTPONE ACTION OF THREE LEGISLATIVE AREAS, AND CONCENTRATE ON TOP PRIORITY ITEMS SUCH AS THE FIVE-YEAR INDICATIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN. (ALSO SEE FOLLOWING STORY).

IN OTHER HOUSE BUSINESS, TWO JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED. THEY WERE: THANKING THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS, HAWAII STATE CHAPTER, FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF TRUK DISTRICT IN THE AFTERMATH OF SUPERTYPHOON PAMELA IN MAY, (HJR 6-202); AND CONGRATULATING U.S. SENATOR HIRAN L. FONG (R-HAWAII) FOR HIS LONG AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE SENATE AND HIS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, AND CORDIALLY INVITING HIM TO VISIT MICRONESIA AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE (HJR 6-203). BOTH RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

IN THE SENATE, THE SENATORS ADOPTED A HOUSE AMENDMENT ON A MEASURE RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON FUTURE STATUS AND TRANSITION AND SENT IT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HIS ACTION.

THIS IS THE FOURTH BILL TO COME OUT OF THE CURRENT SPECIAL SESSION.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED IN THE SENATE EARLIER THIS WEEK, THE BILL WAS SENT TO THE HOUSE. THE HOUSE THURSDAY REMOVED A TIME RESTRICTION FOR THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND TRANSITION IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE MARSHALL ISLAND DISTRICT TO BE REPRESENTED ON THE COMMISSION.

THERE WAS NO DEBATE ON THE AMENDMENT IN THE HOUSE FROM THE OTHER DELEGATIONS.

THE BILL, WHICH WAS ORIGINATED IN THE SENATE, STATES THAT FIVE MEMBERS FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND ONE PERSON FROM EACH DISTRICT SELECTED BY THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES WILL BE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

ACCORDING TO THE BILL, IF THE LEGISLATURE IS NOT IN SESSION, THE APPOINTMENT FROM THE DISTRICT WILL BE MADE UP BY THE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATURE.

IF THERE IS NO SUCH COMMITTEE, THE BILL FURTHER STATES, THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE LEGISLATURE WILL APPOINT A RESIDENT OF THAT DISTRICT.

ONE MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE FROM KUSAIE WHICH WILL BECOME A SEPARATE DISTRICT ON JANUARY 1, 1977. THAT MEMBER, ACCORDING TO THE BILL, WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE KUSAIE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS 30 DAYS FROM THE DAY ON WHICH HE RECEIVES THE BILL TO ACT ON IT.

THE SENATE FRIDAY ALSO PASSED ON FINAL READING A MEASURE RELATING TO CERTAIN PUBLIC PROJECTS IN PONAPE (SB 6-413) AND SENT IT TO THE HOUSE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

(RESOLUTION OFFERED TO SUPPORT SEPARATION)

KOLONIA, PONAPE, JULY 30 (CON)---REPRESENTATIVE EDGAR EDWARDS OF PONAPE OFFERED A RESOLUTION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FRIDAY TO ALLOW THOSE DISTRICTS WHICH WANT TO BE SEPARATE FROM THE REST OF MICRONESIA TO GO THEIR OWN WAY.

EDWARDS, WHO HAS SPOKEN MANY TIMES IN THE PAST IN FAVOR OF MICRONESIA UNITY, SAID IN A STATEMENT THAT HE HAS "GROWING DOUBTS THAT THE KIND OF UNITY THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE PAST IS POSSIBLE IN ACTUAL PRACTICE."

HE SAID THE ONLY WAY MICRONESIAN UNITY MIGHT BE PRESERVED MAY BE TO SEPARATE ALL THE DISTRICTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"LET THOSE DISTRICTS WHICH WISH TO REMAIN TOGETHER TO DO SO," HE URGED. "LET THOSE DISTRICTS WHICH WANT TO BE SEPARATED TO GO THEIR OWN WAYS."

EDWARDS SAID "FAE, CIRCUMSTANCE, AND THE ALMIGHTY" HAS DETERMINED THAT MICRONESIA SHOULD BE MADE UP OF PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT HERITAGES, LANGUAGES, AND CUSTOMS. "THESE PEOPLE ALSO HAVE DIFFERENT ASPIRATIONS, GOALS, AND APPROACHES AND RATES OF APPROACH TOWARD THOSE GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS," HE SAID.

THE PONAPE CONGRESSMAN SAID UNITY CANNOT BE ACHIEVED BY "FORCE OF LAW, BY STATEMENTS, POSITIONS OR RESOLUTIONS." HE SAID PERHAPS BY GOING "OUR OWN WAYS CAN GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OR COMMON PROBLEMS, OR SENSE OF UNITY" BE ACHIEVED.

EDWARDS' RESOLUTION, IF ADOPTED, WOULD ESTABLISH AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS. THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE TO STUDY WAYS BY WHICH SEPARATION COULD BE ACHIEVED, AND HOW THE U.S. POLICY CAN BE CHANGED TO SUPPORT MICRONESIAN

DESIRES FOR FRAGMENTATION.

FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE TRUSTEESHIP TO 1972, U.S. POLICY FAVORED SIX UNITED DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA, INCLUDING THE MARIANA ISLANDS. THAT POLICY WAS CHANGED, HOWEVER, IN 1972, WHEN THE U.S. BEGAN SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MARIANAS. SINCE THEN, STATED U.S. POLICY HAS FAVORED FIVE UNIT DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA.

IN RECENT YEARS, TWO MORE DISTRICTS, PALAU AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, HAS ALSO REQUESTED SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THEM UNITED STATES.

(NAKAMURA ON PRIORITY LEGISLATIONS)

KOLONIA, PONAPE, JULY 30 (WNS)---PALAU REPRESENTATIVE KUNIWO NAKAMURA FRIDAY CALLED UPON HOUSE MEMBERS TO DEFER ACTION ON THREE LEGISLATIVE AREAS, AND CONCENTRATE ON TOP PRIORITY ITEMS SUCH AS THE FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

ACTION SHOULD BE DEFERRED ON STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, TAX LEGISLATION, AND POLITICAL EDUCATION, BECAUSE OF CERTAIN EVENTS WHICH COULD CHANGE THE SITUATION WITH THESE ISSUES, HE SAID IN A SPEECH IN THE HOUSE FLOOR.

ON STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, HE POINTED TO THE RESIGNATION OF THE CHIEF U.S. NEGOTIATOR, AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS, AND THE UPCOMING US ELECTIONS.

"I SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD APPROPRIATE \$260,000 TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS AT THE PRESENT TIME IN VIEW OF A LIKELY CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION," HE NOTED.

TAX LEGISLATION SHOULD BE DEFERRED FOR TWO REASONS, HE COMMENTED, NOTING THE DESIRE OF THE MARSHALLS TO HAVE ALL KWAJALEIN REVENUE RETURNED TO THAT DISTRICT, AND ALSO BECAUSE THE FIVE-YEAR INDICATIVE PLAN WOULD PROVIDE A GUIDELINE FOR SUCH TAX LAWS.

HE ADDED THAT THE DISTRICT AND NATIONAL INDICATIVE PLANS "WILL DICTATE WHAT KIND OF TAX LEGISLATION WE WILL NEED."

ON POLITICAL EDUCATION, HE ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH EARLIER REMARKS THAT WITH NO COMPLETED COMPACT, A NEW PROGRAM WOULD BE A "WASTE OF TIME." HE SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESENT PROGRAM, ADDING THEY SHOULD CONSIDER DECENTRALIZING IT MORE.

NAKAMURA THEN SAID HE FELT THAT SOME COMMITTEES HAD NOT DONE THEIR HOMEWORK BEFORE THE SESSION, AND THERE WAS NO TIME TO STUDY MAJOR ISSUES IN DEPTH.

HE THEN URGED THAT HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE HOUSE "POSTPONE ACTION ON THESE AREAS AND CONCENTRATE ON PRIORITY MATTERS WHICH ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

(REFERENDUM BILL DEFEATED)

KOLONIA, PONAPE, JULY 30 (WNS)---THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THURSDAY (JULY 29) DEFEATED A MEASURE WHICH WOULD HAVE SPECIFIED THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1977, ESTABLISH A DATE FOR THE REFERENDUM ON THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.

THE BILL WAS DEFEATED UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY REP. POLYCARP BASILIUS OF PALAU.

THE BILL, INTRODUCED AND PASSED IN THE SENATE TUESDAY (JULY 27), STATED THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SHOULD HAVE THE REFERENDUM CONDUCTED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY NOT EARLIER THAN JUNE 15, 1977, AND NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 1977.

IT WAS DEFEATED IN VIEW OF THE OPPOSITION TO THE CONSTITUTION FROM TWO DISTRICTS, PALAU AND THE MARSHALLS. THESE TWO DISTRICTS HAVE CREATED THEIR OWN POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MICRONESIAN AND MARIANAS STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, HAD PUBLICLY DECLARED THAT THE PRESENT UNITY OF MICRONESIA MUST BE MAINTAINED AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MORE SEPARATE POLITICAL STATUS TALKS TO BREAK UP THAT UNITY.

THE CONGRESS DELEGATIONS FROM YAP, TRUK AND PONAPE, WHICH HAVE SO FAR MAINTAINED SILENCE ON THE ISSUE OF FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, DID NOT PRESENT ANY REMARKS IN THE HOUSE THURSDAY REGARDING THE DEFEAT OF THE MEASURE ON THE CONSTITUTION REFERENDUM.

THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA WAS DRAFTED BY THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, WHICH HAD ITS MEETINGS ON SAIPAN FROM JULY 12, TO NOVEMBER 8, 1975.

IT IS STATED IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION THAT THE CONSTITUTION TAKES EFFECT ONE YEAR AFTER IT IS RATIFIED BY THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA UNLESS THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SPECIFIES AN EARLIER DATE.

REFERENDUM ON THE CONSTITUTION IS ONE OF THE 35 ITEMS OF LEGISLATION LISTED ON THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PROCLAMATION CALLING FOR THIS SPECIAL SESSION ON PONAPE.

UP TO NOW, THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA HAVE NOT VOTED UPON THE CONSTITUTION, WHICH WILL BE ONE YEAR OLD BY THIS COMING NOVEMBER 8, 1976.

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