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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA FOR PAC. ISL. MONTHLY

(CONGRESS SENDS FOUR BILLS TO HICOM)

KOLONIA, PONAPE, JULY 31 (MNS)---IN ITS BUSIEST DAY

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SO FAR DURING THIS SPECIAL SESSION, THE CONGRESS OF  
MICRONESIA PASSED AND SENT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOUR  
MORE BILLS FOR HIS ACTION.

THE BILL WOULD: EMPOWER THE MICRONESIA DEVELOPMENT BANK  
TO ADMINISTER AND MANAGE THE TRUST TERRITORY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
FUND UPON THE GRANTING OF SUCH AUTHORITY BY THE UNITED  
STATES GOVERNMENT, INCURRED PRIOR TO THE TIME AND FUND IS ACTUALLY  
TRANSFERRED. (SB 6-397);

---APPROPRIATE \$15,000 TO DEFRAY THE OPERATING AND  
CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY PERSONNEL BOARD,  
(HB 6-571);

---APPROPRIATE \$5,000 TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE  
TERRITORIAL REGISTER. (HB 6-579); AND

---TO POSTPONE THE REVERSION DATE OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED  
UNDER PUBLIC LAW 5-100 FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC PROJECTS IN TRUK  
DISTRICT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1977. (HB 6-573).

WITH THE PASSAGE OF THESE FOUR BILLS, A TOTAL OF EIGHT  
BILLS HAVE BEEN APPROVED SO FAR DURING THIS SPECIAL SESSION.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE HE  
RECEIVES THE BILL TO ACT ON THEM.

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IN ITS AFTERNOON SESSION, THE HOUSE MEMBERS APPROVED AND  
SENT TO THE SENATE A BILL WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE CHARTERING  
OF DISTRICT GOVERNMENTS. THE HOUSE JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL  
RELATIONS COMMITTEE HEADED BY REP. POLYCARP BASILIUS OF PALAU,  
STATED IN ITS NINE PAGE REPORT THAT THE CHARTERING OF THE  
DISTRICT GOVERNMENTS "IS ONE STEP IN MICRONESIA'S ORDERLY

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PROGRESSION TOWARD EVENTUAL SELF-GOVERNMENT. IT IS A CONSERVATIVE MEASURE DESIGNED TO BE IN ACCORD WITH THE CONTINUING ADMINISTRATION OF THE TERRITORY BY THE U.S."

ACCORDING TO BASILIUS'S COMMITTEE, THE CHARTERING OF DISTRICT GOVERNMENTS IS ALSO PART OF THE RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN THE DRAFT FIVE YEAR INDICATIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

IT SAID THE BILL IS "COMPATIBLE" WITH THE PROGRAM OF DECENTRALIZATION INITIATED BY THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS.

"THE KEY TO EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY POLICY WHICH CALLS FOR TRANSFERRING POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO THE DISTRICTS," THE COMMITTEE POINTED OUT, "IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER GOVERNMENT AT THE LOCAL LEVEL."

AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES

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OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENTS ARE PART OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND ARE NOT CHARTERED LEGAL ENTITIES LIKE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES.

"UNLESS THERE EXISTS A LEGALLY COMPETENT AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, ALL THE TALK ABOUT DECENTRALIZATION IS EMPTY PLATITUDE. TRANSFER OF POWER IS MERELY ON PAPER. IF THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT REMAINS AN ARM OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, LIP SERVICE IS BEING GIVEN TO A CONCEPT OF DECENTRALIZATION WHICH CANNOT LEGALLY OR POLITICALLY IMPLEMENTED," REPORTED BASILIUS'S COMMITTEE.

THE OTHER TWO BILLS THAT PASSED SECOND READING WERE: TO APPROPRIATE \$5,000 FOR THE OPERATING AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE MICRONESIA DEVELOPMENT BANK, (HR 6-572); AND TO EARMARK \$64,000 CONTINGENT UPON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC PROJECTS IN KUSAIF, (HB 6-548).

THREE JOINT RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED. ONE OF THEM WAS A RESOLUTION RELATING TO INTELLIGENCE GATHERING ACTIVITIES BEING CONDUCTED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, (HJR 6-207).

THE HOUSE JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE TERMED THE SPYING ACTIVITIES AN "UNWARRANTED AND UNJUSTIFIED"

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VIOLATION OF PRIVACY OF MICRONESIANS," ADDING THAT TRANSMITTAL OF SUCH INFORMATION TO INTELLIGENCE GATHERING OFFICES IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS "MOST REPUGNANT."

THE OTHER WAS TO REQUEST THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD TO RETAIN THE STUDENT FARES FOR CERTAIN POINTS BETWEEN THE TT AND THE U.S., (HJR 6-204); AND TO APPRISE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON THE CONDITIONS OF THE SEVEN TUNA FISHING BOATS WHICH WERE PROCURED THROUGH THE WAR CLAIMS AGREEMENT, (HJR 6-100).

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RENOMINATION OF DEMEI OTOBED OF PALAU TO THE TRUST TERRITORY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD WAS APPROVED IN THE SENATE SATURDAY.

OTOBED, CHIEF OF THE HEADQUARTERS ENTOMOLOGY DIVISION, HAS BEEN ON THE BOARD FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS. HE WAS RECOMMENDED TO BE RENOMINATED TO THE BOARD BY THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON JULY 20.

OTOBED IS ONE OF THE SIX CITIZENS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY WHO NOW SERVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD. THERE IS ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE DISTRICT OF MICRONESIA ON THE BOARD.

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THE SENATORS APPROVED A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD TO DETERMINE IF A SECOND CARRIER SHOULD BE PERMITTED FULL AIR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, WHICH STUDIED THE RESOLUTION, INFORMED THE SENATORS: "YOUR COMMITTEE CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY, GIVEN THE FACT THAT AIR MICRONESIA FARES CONTINUE TO INCREASE, THAT AN ADDITIONAL AIR CARRIER SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AIR SERVICES ON A REGULAR AND SCHEDULED BASIS SO THAT THE QUALITY OF AIR SERVICES, AS WELL AS AIR FARES, CAN BE MADE MORE COMPETITIVE." (SJR 6-118)

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT OTHER AIRLINES SUCH AS AIR NAURU AND PAN AMERICAN SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO PROVIDE FULL AIR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN THE TRUST TERRITORY. (HJR 6-201)

THE SENATE SATURDAY ALSO ADOPTED SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS: THANKING RED CROSS FOR HELP TO PEOPLE IN TRUK DISTRICT

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AFTER SUPERSTYMON PAMELA HIT THE DISTRICT IN MAY (HJR 6-200).  
CONGRATULATING SENATOR HYRAM FONG (REPUBLICAN-HAWAII) FOR HIS  
LONG CAREER AND ASSISTANCE TO MICRONESIA AND INVITING HIM TO  
VISIT THE TRUST TERRITORY (HJR 6-208); EXPRESSING SORROW AND

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EXTENDING SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO THE HUSBAND AND PARENTS OF THE LATE MRS. SUE CARROL, WHO WAS KILLED ALONG WITH NINE OTHER PEOPLE IN A LANDSLIDE ON MOEN, TRUK (SJR 6-212); RELATING TO INTELLIGENCE AND SPYING ACTIVITIES IN THE TRUST TERRITORY (HJR 6-207); AND APPROVING THE FIVE YEAR INDICATIVE

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PLAN FOR MICRONESIA (HJR 6-213).

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE TOSIWO NAKAYAMA INFORMED THE SENATORS THAT HE HAD APPOINTED SENATORS AMATA KABUA, JOHN MANGFEL, AND BAILEY OLER TO STUDY SB 6-140, A BILL FOR AN ACT TO DIRECT AND AUTHORIZE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO ENTER INTO A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH DROSTHOLM PRODUCTS AS OF NEDBAEK, DENMARK, FOR THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A PILOT PLANT IN MICRONESIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF UTILIZING LATERITE AND OTHER SOIL DEPOSITS NEEDED IN THE "LATOROX" PROCESS.

2 KENDALL SAYS UNITY NO LONGER VIABLE

HELENTA, PUNAPE, JULY 31 (COM)--SENATOR WILFRED KENDALL OF THE MARSHALLS TOLD THE SENATE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SATURDAY THAT THE CONCEPT OF UNITY HAS "PLAYED OUT ITS ROLE IN THE HISTORY OF EVENTS OF MICRONESIA.

NOTING THAT HE HAS SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT OF MICRONESIAN UNITY IN THE PAST, KENDALL SAID EVENTS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS HAS CAUSED HIM TO BELIEVE THAT THE CONCEPT OF UNITY NOW MUST BE "PUT ASIDE."

"IT NOW HAS BECOME EVIDENT, TO ALL OF US THAT BASED ON

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OUR EXPERIENCE, THE IDEA OF SEPARATION OF THE DISTRICTS MAKE MORE AND MORE SENSE," HE SAID IN A PREPARED STATEMENT.

"POLITICAL REALITIES OF MICRONESIA DEMAND THAT WE PUT ASIDE OUR PERSONAL BELIEFS FOR MORE SUBSTANTIAL CONSIDERATIONS."

UNLIKE OTHER COUNTRIES, KENDALL NOTED, MICRONESIA HAS NO NATIONALLY KNOWN LEADERS. "I SAY THIS WITH ALL DUE RESPECT

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TO THE MANY TRADITIONAL CHIEFS AND ELECTED LEADERS WHO ARE WELL-KNOWN IN MANY OF THE DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA," HE SAID. "THIS HAS LEAD THE CONGRESS TO PURSUE THE OFTEN SELF-SERVING GOAL OF TRYING TO LEGISLATE FOR ALL DISTRICTS," AND NOTED THIS IS ALSO A CONTRADICTIONARY GOAL."

HE SAID MANY TIMES COMPROMISES ARE NECESSARY IN THE CONGRESS IN ORDER TO ENACT LEGISLATION WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL DISTRICTS. "THIS IS NOT ALWAYS ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY TO OUR CONSTITUENTS," HE POINTED OUT.

KENDALL SUGGESTED THIS SITUATION WAS "PERHAPS THE FAULT OF THE UNITED STATES." "IF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY HAS INITIATED STEPS TOWARD SELF-GOVERNMENT EARLIER, WE MIGHT BE PART THIS PERIOD NOW."

NOW, HE SAID, MICRONESIA HAS REACHED A "STAGE OF RISING

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EXPECTATIONS. WITHOUT THE CONCOMMITANT MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND POLITICAL MATURITY NECESSARY TO TRY TO ACHIEVE THESE EXPECTATIONS TOGETHER."

CONSEQUENTLY, HE SAID THE CONGRESS, "IN THE NAME OF TERRITORIAL VIABILITY, DENY THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF CERTAIN DISTRICTS, AND AS A RESULT OF THIS I CITE THE MARIANAS SEPARATION AND THE CASE OF REVENUE SHARING AS EXAMPLES."

KENDALL ADDED THAT IT IS REALLY "NOBODY'S FAULT, IT SIMPLY REPRESENTS THIS EXIGENCIES OF TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCES."

THE MARSHALLS SENATORS SAID FOR THESE REASONS HE BELIEVES THAT THE PROSPECTS OF MICRONESIAN UNITY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION "ARE POSSIBLE IN THE FUTURE," ALTHOUGH "THEY APPEAR REMOTE DURING THIS SPECIAL SESSION."

"WE HAVE A LOT IN COMMON, AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE A LOT IN COMMON; IT IS SIMPLY UP TO THE FUTURE TO DETERMINE OUR AGREEMENT ON PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS ON WHICH WE SHALL COOPERATE JOINTLY," HE SAID.

KENDALL PREDICTED THAT THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA WILL, "BY NECESSITY AND FOR CULTURAL REASONS, WISH TO

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"ESTABLISH A FORM OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION SUCH AS A COMMON MARKET IN THE FUTURE." HE ALSO SAID SOME, IF NOT ALL, OF THE DISTRICTS MAY WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIAISON OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

BUT HE SAID HE DOES NOT FORSEE THE CONTINUANCE OF FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS "BASED ON THE POLICIES" OF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION.

HE SAID WHILE THE CONCEPT OF MICRONESIA IS "FOREIGN TO US," HE NOTED THAT THE ISLANDS HAVE "THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF HISTORY BETWEEN US."

"THAT IS SOMETHING WE ALL SHOULD THINK ABOUT AS WE DEPART THIS SESSION AND CONTEMPLATE ON THE FUTURE," HE CONCLUDED.

3. BITGLER SAYS ESG MISLEADING

COLONIA, PONAPE, JULY 31 (COM)---THE TRUST TERRITORY'S EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT PROGRAM CAME UNDER FIRE SATURDAY AS THE HOUSE'S REPRESENTATIVES FOR PRINTING REMARKS CALLED MISLEADING IN THE MOST EXTREME SENSE OF THE WORD."

THE REMARKS WERE DELIVERED BY REP. CARMEN BIGLER CONCERNING AN ARTICLE IN THE JULY 1, 1976 ISSUE OF THE OFFICIAL TRUST TERRITORY PUBLICATION, HIGHLIGHTS.

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THE ARTICLE CONCERNED AN APRIL 1976 REPORT BY THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, WHICH HAD CRITICIZED THE DRAFT COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION.

REPRESENTATIVE BIGLER POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMISSION HAD MADE ITS COMMENTS BASED ON THE 1974 VERSION OF THE COMMISSION'S COMMENTS WITH THE RECENTLY INITIALLED JUNE 1976 VERSION.

"WHEN I ASKED: IS THIS TRUE POLITICAL EDUCATION? IS THIS WHAT THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT CALLS PRESENTING CONCLUSIVE FACTS TO OUR PEOPLE?" ASKED MRS. BIGLER.

SHE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE ESG ARTICLE IN HIGHLIGHTS WAS WRITTEN SOLELY TO "DISCREDIT" THE MARSHALLS STATUS COMMISSION, AND THAT FOR SUCH AN "ERROR" SHE WANTED AN EXPLANATION.

MRS. BIGLER THEN INSERTED INTO THE HOUSE JOURNAL A COPY OF THE ARTICLE.

4. CHALLENGE PETITIONERS OBJECT TO GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS

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KOLONIA, PONAPE, JULY 31 (MNS)---A GROUP OF 155 PEOPLE FROM  
KOLIKIR AREA IN SOKEHS MUNICIPALITY, PONAPE DISTRICT, HAVE PLEADED  
THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER AND REVISE ITS PLANS  
WITH REGARD TO THE RELOCATION OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF

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MICRONESIA AND TRUST TERRITORY HEADQUARTERS TO PALIKIR, AND HAVE ASKED THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO GIVE THEM ALL AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE IN PROTECTING THEIR LANDS AND THEIR FUTURE.

THE PETITIONERS LISTED SOME 20 REASONS WHY THEY HAVE TAKEN THIS ACTION TO HAVE THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT REVISE ITS PLANS.

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UNDER THE LAND LAW OF THE GERMAN ADMINISTRATION, THE LANDS OF PALIKIR WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HOMESTEADED TO ANYONE DESIRING AND ABLE TO USE THE LAND," THE PETITIONERS SAID. "HAD OUR ANCESTORS BEEN PRESENT AT THE TIME, AND IF THE GERMAN ADMINISTRATION HAD HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE THEIR LAND-GRANT PROGRAM, WE WOULD HAVE FULL TITLE TO OUR LANDS AND THE LEGAL AS WELL AS MORAL RIGHTS TO JUST AND ADEQUATE COMPENSATION FOR THE TAKING OF OUR LANDS, SHOULD WE BECOME STATELESS."

THE PETITIONERS CLAIMED THAT THEIR GRANDPARENTS WERE NOT PRESENT IN PALIKIR THEN, AS MANY OF THEM ARE THE DESCENDANTS OF ANCESTORS FROM OTHER ISLANDS, AND ARE MADE LANDLESS BECAUSE OF THE GERMAN HOMESTEADING LAW.

THEY WERE ALLOWED ON OUR LANDS BY THE US NAVY ADMINISTRATION UNDER REVOCABLE-USE PERMITS, WHICH WERE ALL REVOKED IN 1963, WHEN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT TOLD US THAT OUR LEASES WOULD BE CONVERTED INTO HOMESTEADS. BUT HOMESTEAD PERMITS HAVE NEVER COME," THE PETITIONERS SAID.

THEY CLAIMED THAT FIFTY VACANT ACRES IN PALIKIR WERE FIRST PROPOSED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY TO BE USED FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA, BUT THE GOVERNMENT LATER DECIDED TO "CHANGE

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AND EXPAND WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH THE PEOPLE OF PALIKIR.

THE PROPOSED SITE FOR THE COLLEGE IS NOW 300 ACRES, ALL IN PALIKIR, AND THIS SITE WILL NO LONGER BE ON A VACANT LAND BUT ON LANDS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN USING AND LIVING ON FOR TWO DECADES OR MORE, THE PETITIONERS COMPLAINED.

THEY HAVE LEARNED THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT IS

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CONSIDERING PLANS TO MOVE ITS HEADQUARTERS AND FUTURE CAPITAL MICRONESIA TO PALIKIR. WE HAVE NEVER BEEN ADVISED THAT THERE ARE SUCH PLANS, AND WE HAVE NEVER BEEN ASKED FOR OUR VIEWS AND CONCERNS. THEY SAID THAT IF THEIR LANDS ARE TO BE TAKEN, THEN LET IT BE DONE QUICKLY AND OTHER LANDS GIVEN TO THEM WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT THEY WILL OWN THEM AND NOT BE DISPLACED AGAIN.

THE PETITIONERS HAVE ASKED THE CONGRESS AND THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER TO "MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MINIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF LAND TO BE USED IN GOVERNMENT PROJECTS IN PALIKIR, TO LOCATE THESE PROJECTS ON UNOCCUPIED LANDS WHENEVER POSSIBLE, TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY TO IDENTIFY AND CONSULT WITH THE PEOPLE OF PALIKIR AND THEIR TRADITIONAL AND ELECTED LEADERS ON A CONTINUING BASIS REGARDING GOVERNMENT PROJECTS THERE, AND TO MAKE A FIRM COMMITMENT TO GIVE HOMESTEAD LAND TO ANY OF US WHO ARE TO BE DISPLACED."

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COPIES OF THE PETITION HAVE BEEN SENT TO MANY PARTIES INCLUDING THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

AT THE PRESENT TIME THE TRUST TERRITORY HEADQUARTERS IS LOCATED ON SAIPAN. THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA IS IN KOLONIA, THE DISTRICT CENTER OF PONAPE.

(SOKEHS HOSTS PARTY FOR COM)

KOLONIA, PONAPE, JULY 31 (MNS)--THE PEOPLE OF SOKEHS MUNICIPALITY ON PONAPE ISLAND INVITED THE MEMBERS AND STAFF OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO A LUNCHEON HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF PONAPE DISTRICT PRESIDING JUDGE KARL KOHLER IN SOKEHS SATURDAY.

THE FEAST WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 200 MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN FROM THAT MUNICIPALITY WHO BROUGHT IN ALL KINDS OF PONAPEAN DELICACIES.

SOKEHS, KNOWN FOR ITS PICTURESQUE ROCK COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "DIAMOND HEAD OF MICRONESIA", IS ONE OF THE FIVE MUNICIPALITIES ON PONAPE ISLANDS PROPER.

TRADITIONAL LEADERS FROM SOKEHS INCLUDING NANMWARKI OF SOKEHS IOANIS ARTUI AND JUDGE KOHLER WERE ON HAND TO WELCOME THE CONGRESSMEN TO THE PARTY, WHICH LASTED FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

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WAS RE-PRESENTED IN THE CONGRESS BY HOUSE SPEAKER  
HENRY HAS ALSO AT THE PARTY AND WELCOMED THE  
GUESTS IN A BRIEF REMARK HE MADE BEFORE THE GUESTS STARTED  
THEY ENJOYED THEMSELVES WITH MANGROVE CRABS, SASHIMI, YAMS,  
CANDY, FRIED BANANAS, AND MANY OTHER DELICACIES.  
ON PONAPE SAID IT WAS AGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE  
GIVEN IN THIS CURRENT SPECIAL SESSION AS COMPARED  
SPECIAL SESSION HELD IN PONAPE IN THE SUMMER OF 1972  
THE CONGRESS COULD ACCOMPLISH MORE LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

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