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(BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY OVERRULED)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 17 (MNS) ~~THE~~ TRUST TERRITORY ASSOCIATE JUSTICE ROBERT A. HEFNER HAS DECLARED A TRUST TERRITORY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY PROHIBITING EMPLOYEES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FROM HOLDING ELECTIVE OR APPOINTIVE POSITIONS NUL AND VOID.

THE JUDGEMENT, ISSUED THIS WEEK IN PALAU, PUT TO AN END A LONG AND CONTROVERSIAL DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THREE EMPLOYEES OF THE PALAU EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE PALAU LEGISLATURE AND THE TRUST TERRITORY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THEY ARE SADANG SILMAL, PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE PALAU EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND CURRENT SPEAKER OF THE PALAU LEGISLATURE; JOSHUA KOSHIBA, CLASSROOM TEACHER AT PALAU HIGH SCHOOL AND VICE SPEAKER OF THE PALAU LEGISLATURE; AND TOSIWO NAKAMURA, SUPERVISOR OF PALAU ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PALAU LEGISLATURE.

JUSTICE HEFNER RULED THAT "IT IS APPARENT ON THE FACE OF THE POLICY (TT BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY NO. 73-2) THAT IT IS SO BROAD THAT NOT ONLY TEACHERS AND THEIR SUPERVISORS ARE INCLUDED, BUT CLERKS, JANITORS, OR SCHOOL CAFETERIA PERSONNEL ARE ALSO WITHIN THE POLICY'S SCOPE".

"IT MAY BE ARGUED," HEFNER CONTINUED, "THAT TEACHERS AND OTHER CRITICAL PERSONNEL SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM MEMBERSHIP IN DISTRICT LEGISLATURE BECAUSE THEY CANNOT BE REPLACED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, BUT IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THAT A CLERK, COOK IN A SCHOOL CAFETERIA OR A JANITOR CANNOT BE REPLACED FOR THE TIME NECESSARY TO ATTEND A LEGISLATIVE SESSION."

JUSTICE HEFNER FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT EVEN IF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DID NOT INTEND TO INCLUDE POSITIONS SUCH AS JANITORS AND COOKS, THE WHOLE ARGUMENT AND REASON FOR THE POLICY COMES INTO QUESTION WHEN THE REMAINDER OF THE POLICY IS CONSIDERED. THE PURPORTED PURPOSE OF THE POLICY IS TO KEEP TEACHERS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL PERSONNEL AT THE SCHOOL. HOWEVER, THE SAME POLICY DEFEATS THIS PURPOSE BY ALLOWING AN EMPLOYEE WITH SUFFICIENT ACCRUED LEAVES TO ASSUME THE LEGISLATOR'S POSITION. IN ADDITION, THE POLICY PROVIDES AN "APPEAL" PROCEDURE IN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCE, AND THEREFORE, THE FINAL DECISION OF WHETHER AN EMPLOYEE MAY HOLD A POSITION IN THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURE IS VESTED IN AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIAL OR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. HEFNER SAID "THE POSSIBILITY OF MANIPULATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH IS EVER PRESENT UNDER THE EXISTING POLICY".

JUSTICE HEFNER STATED THAT THE TT BOARD OF EDUCATION CAN STILL SET PROPER LIMITATIONS UPON EDUCATION EMPLOYEES TO ASSURE THEIR PRESENCE ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS DURING THE CRUCIAL DAYS AND MONTHS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

"THE INTENTION OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN ENACTING TITLE 61 OF THE TT CODE IS CLEAR. IF ANY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ACT ENGAGES IN ANY OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER OUTSIDE ACTIVITY NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE FULL TIME AND PROPER DISCHARGE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIS POSITION, THE EMPLOYEE MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN HIS JOB OR OUTSIDE ACTIVITY", JUSTICE HEFNER SAID.

HE CONCLUDED HIS JUDGEMENT BY SAYING "ALTHOUGH THE PLAINTIFFS WIN THE BATTLE OVER POLICY NO. 73-2, THEY MAY WELL LOSE THE WAR OVER THE APPLICATION OF TITLE 62 AND ANY TT BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY FORMULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW".

(KUSAIE CELEBRATION)
(KUSAIE ISLAND WILL BECOME A SEPARATE DISTRICT ON JANUARY 1, 1977. IN ANTICIPATION OF THAT BIG EVENT, MNS SENT A REPORTER TO KUSAIE TO OBSERVE THE PREPARATION FOR SEPARATE DISTRICT NOW TAKING PLACE THERE. THE FOLLOWING IS THE FIFTH AND FINAL REPORT FILED FROM KUSAIE BY MNS BUREAU CHIEF FRANK ROSARIO).

KUSAIE, SEPT. 17 (MNS)---PERHAPS THE BIGGEST EVENT TO HAPPEN IN KUSAIE IN NEARLY THREE DECADES WILL BE THE TRANSITION FROM THE DESIGNATION AS A SUB-DISTRICT CENTER OF PONAPE TO A FULL DISTRICT STATUS, JOINING THE REST OF THE OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS OF MICRONESIA.

KUSAIE'S GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, TRADITIONAL, ELECTED AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS ARE GOING "FULL SPEED AHEAD" WITH THEIR PREPARATION FOR WELCOMING A LARGE NUMBER OF LEADERS AND VISITORS FROM THE OTHER DISTRICTS AND OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDS NATIONS WHO WILL COME TO JOIN THEM IN CELEBRATING THE BIG EVENT ON JANUARY 1, 1977. THE THREE-DAY EVENT WOULD BE SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

DECEMBER 29TH. THE CELEBRATION WOULD BEGIN WITH THE ARRIVAL OF OVERSEAS DIGNITARIES AND LEADERS OF MICRONESIA FROM THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES. THE U.S. NAVY BAND ON GUAM HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED.

DECEMBER 31ST. A TOUR AROUND THE ISLAND FOR DIGNITARIES. EACH OF THE FOUR VILLAGES WILL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO FEAST AND ENTERTAIN THE GUESTS.

JANUARY 1ST. A BIG PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS DATE. SPEECHES FROM LEADERS OF MICRONESIA AND OTHER DIGNITARIES ARE PLANNED. A BIG BANQUET WILL BE HOSTED BY THE ENTIRE ISLAND. LOCAL DELICACIES SUCH AS FISH, BREADFRUIT, YAMS, TARO, BANANAS, COCONUT CRABS, MANDROVE CRABS AND OTHERS WILL BE FEATURED. SINGING AND DANCING WILL ALSO BE PERFORMED.

THE COMMITTEE HAS INDICATED THAT THEY WANT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR ~~THE~~ THE CELEBRATION FROM THREE TO FOUR, THAT IS STILL BEING DISCUSSED.

THE PRESIDENT OF NAURU, HAMMER DE ROBERT, WHOSE WIFE IS PART KUSAIEAN, HAS BEEN INVITED, AND SO HAVE THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM, RICARDO J. BORDALLO; ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN; THE COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES MARIANAS; ALL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR; ALL SPEAKERS OF THE LEGISLATURES; CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LEADERSHIP AND OTHERS. INVITATIONS WILL ALSO BE SENT TO ALL MICRONESIA'S TRADITIONAL LEADERS AND OTHER HIGH RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

THE TRUST TERRITORY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PUT ALL KUSAIEAN SEAMEN DAY. HOWEVER, THE REQUEST IS STILL PENDING BECAUSE MOST OF THE OFFICERS ON IT SHIPS ARE KUSAIEANS.

THE PEOPLE OF KUSAIE HAVE EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA WHO CAN COME ON JANUARY 1, 1977 TO JOIN THEM CELEBRATE THEIR NEWLY ACQUIRED DISTRICT STATUS.

(PONAPE PEPPER'S FUTURE LOOKS GOOD)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 17 (MNS)---PONAPE BLACK AND WHITE PEPPER CAN NOW CLAIM A POSSIBLE MARKET OUTLET AT ONE OF THE TOP 10 CLUBS IN THE UNITED STATES.

IN A LETTER TO KNOX MCCONNELL, PRESIDENT OF MICRONESIA DEVELOPMENT BANK, LAST WEEK, RICHARD BOSNIJAK, EXECUTIVE CHEF AND PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN CULINARY FEDERATION, SAID, "IN MY PROFESSIONAL OPINION, THIS (PONAPE PEPPER) IS TRULLY A GOURMET PRODUCT AND I CAN ASSURE YOU OF MY UTMOST COOPERATION IN YOUR ENDEAVOR TO MARKET PONAPE PEPPER IN THE UNITED STATES."

AMERICAN CULINARY FEDERATION, INC. IS THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL CHEFS AND IS AFFILIATED WITH CANADIAN FEDERATION OF CHEFS DE CUISINE. IT IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF COOKS SOCIETIES.

MCCONNELL SAID HE SENT THE PONAPE PEPPER TO HIS "LIFE LONG FRIEND" FERDRICK R. SEITY, JR. TO EVALUATE. SEITY, IN TURN, FORWARDED THE PEPPER TO HIS CHEF, BOSNIJAK. BOTH GENTLEMEN, MCCONNELL SAID, ARE CONSIDERED IN COUNTY CLUB CIRCLES TO BE TOP ~~MANAGERS~~ AND CHEFS IN THE U.S.

(EDITOR OF PACIFIC DAILY NEWS COMMENT ON PALAU REFERENDUM)

SAIPAN, SEPT. 17 (MNS)---THE ~~SEPTEMBER~~ 17 ISSUE OF THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS CARRIED AN EDITORIAL ON THE PALAU REFERENDUM WRITTEN BY J. C. MURPHY (PDN EDITOR) WHICH CONTAINED SOME ASTUTE OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS ON THE PALAU POLITICAL SITUATION. THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE HAS OBTAINED PERMISSION FROM MR. MURPHY TO REPRODUCE PORTIONS OF THE EDITORIAL IN THIS ISSUE OF MNS. (MURPHY WILL FLY TO KOROR SEPTEMBER 22 TO OBSERVE THE PALAU REFERENDUM).

"THE UNITED STATES HAS BACKED ITSELF INTO A CORNER -- IN A THINLY DISGUISED BID TO GRAB SOME NEEDED LAND FOR MILITARY BASES IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS -- BY AGREEING TO HOLD SEPARATE POLITICAL STATUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS."

"WE'RE NOT SURE HOW THE U.S. NOW CAN DENY SUCH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE OF PALAU AND THE MARSHALLS."

"ALL THE DOUBLE-TALK IN THE WORLD WOULD FAIL TO CONVINCING US THAT ONE GROUP OF PEOPLE, THOSE OF THE MARIANAS, ARE SOMEHOW DIFFERENT THAN THE OTHER ISLANDERS, IN PALAU AND IN THE MARSHALLS, IN THE BASIC RIGHT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION."

"WE HAVE EMPATHY FOR A GROUP OF PALAUANS WHO HAVE BEEN VISITING GUAM THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS TRYING TO DRUM UP INTEREST IN THE ELECTION. THEY ALSO TRIED TO GET THE FEELINGS OF THE MANY PALAUANS LIVING ON GUAM ABOUT THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS."

A FOUR-MEMBER DELEGATION LED BY KUNIWO NAKAMURA, A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, MET WITH PALAUAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WEDNESDAY EVENING AND WITH ISLAND PALAUAN LEADERS ON THURSDAY. THEY EXPLAINED THAT THE POLITICAL-STATUS REFERENDUM, TO BE HELD NEXT FRIDAY IN PALAU, IS CRUCIAL. NAKAMURA HOPES THAT THE REFERENDUM WILL CONFIRM THE POSITION OF THE PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE IN CALLING FOR SEPARATE TALKS ON POLITICAL STATUS BETWEEN THE PALAUANS AND THE UNITED STATES."

"THE PALAUANS WANTED TO ENSURE THAT THE ELECTION WAS COMPLETELY OPEN AND ABOVE BOARD, SO THEY REQUESTED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, SEND OBSERVERS TO CHECK ON THE PROCEEDINGS. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REFUSED TO DO THIS BECAUSE THAT WOULD IMPLY THAT IT WOULD BE BOUND BY THE DECISION OF THE VOTERS ON SEPARATE STATUS (IF THAT IS WHAT THEY DECIDE)."

"NEXT THE PALAUANS TRIED TO GET THE UNITED NATIONS TO MONITOR THE ELECTION, BUT THAT TOO WAS TURNED DOWN, PRESUMABLY AT THE REQUEST OF THE U.S. DELEGATION, WHICH PREFERS TO THINK OF THIS AS AN INTERNAL MATTER AND THUS OF NO CONCERN TO THE UNITED NATIONS."

"IN THE REFERENDUM VOTERS WILL BE ASKED TO ANSWER "YES" OR "NO" TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: "DO YOU ENDORSE THE POLITICAL MOVE FOR SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO SEPARATE STATUS NEGOTIATIONS?"

"THERE SEEMS TO BE A CERTAIN DEGREE OF AGREEMENT OVER THE ELECTION IN PALAU. THE TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES, LIBERAL AND PROGRESSIVE, HAVE FORMED A UNITED FRONT IN THEIR BIT FOR SEPARATE POLITICAL-STATUS TALKS."

"A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE BY NSIRATEL ETPIGON, PRESIDENT OF PALAU'S LIBERAL PARTY, AND JACOB SNAICHI, PRESIDENT OF PALAU'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY. IN AN UNPRECEDENTED MOVE FOR POLITICAL PARTIES, BOTH PARTIES HAVE DECIDED TO SUPPORT THE SAME CANDIDATES IN A BID TO KEEP DOWN CONTROVERSY AND TO BETTER UNIFY THE DISTRICT."

"THE PALAUAN LEADERS ARE AFRAID THAT A BITTER CAMPAIGN WOULD CREATE DISSENTION, WHICH MAY AFFECT ADVERSELY THE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES OF PALAU."

"THE MOVE FOR SEPARATION IS NOT A NEW THING," NAKAMURA POINTED OUT. HE SAID THAT A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SEPARATE POLITICAL-STATUS NEGOTIATIONS FOR PALAU FIRST WAS INTRODUCED IN 1947 IN THE FORMER CONGRESS OF PALAU."

"THE IDEA WAS PUT ON THE BACK BURNER FOR MANY YEARS AS THE PALAUANS, ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE MICRONESIANS, HOPED THAT SOME KIND OF ISLANDWIDE UNITY COULD BE WORKED OUT.

"IN THE PAST FEW YEARS," NAKAMURA SAID, "WE'VE REALIZED THAT UNITY IS NOT A REALITY. IS IS A MYTH."

"THE UNITY IDEA WAS FOSTERED, PERHAPS PARTIALLY BY THE U.S. AND THE U.N. WHO REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN OVERALL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF MICRONESIA WITH ITS MANY TINY ISLAND CLUSTERS. IT WOULD BE MUCH EASIER FOR THE U.S. TO DEAL WITH ALL THE ISLANDS COLLECTIVELY INSTEAD OF SEPARATELY."

"THE VIEW OF UNITY WAS ENDORSED FOR MANY YEARS BY MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WHO SEEMED TO GET ALONG WELL TOGETHER. THE IDEA WAS PICKED UP BY MANY OF THE MICRONESIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WHO STUCK TOGETHER DURING THEIR SCHOOL DAYS."

"BUT MICRONESIAN UNITY ALWAYS HAS BEEN A QUESTIONABLE CONCEPT, DESPITE THE OBVIOUS POLITICAL SENSE IT MAKES. THE ISLANDERS REPRESENT WIDELY SCATTERED ISLAND CHAINS, WITH LITTLE IN COMMON ECONOMICALLY OR SOCIALLY. THERE NEVER HAS BEEN MUCH INTERISLAND COMMERCE OR INTERMARRIAGE, FOR INSTANCE. THE LANGUAGES AND THE CULTURES ARE DIFFERENT."

SOME DAY IT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO HAVE A LOOSE FEDERATION OF ISLANDS OUT IN THE PACIFIC BECAUSE THEY DO HAVE SOME THINGS IN COMMON, INCLUDING HISTORIC TIES WITH THE U.S. AND THEY DO HAVE THE SEA."

"BUT RIGHT NOW, AS WE SEE IT, EACH ISLAND GROUP IS GOING TO HAVE TO DO ITS OWN THING, AS DISTASTEFUL AS THAT MAY BE TO THE U.S. OR THE UNITED NATIONS."

"ARE THEY ENTITLED TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN POLITICAL FUTURE? OR SHOULD THE PEOPLE OF YAP, PONAPE AND THE MARSHALLS HELP THE PALAUANS CHOOSE? THAT IS THE QUESTION."

(UNTC CONCLUSIONS)

SAIPAN--SEPTEMBER 15, 1976--(COM RELEASE)---THE UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HAS REAFFIRMED ITS POSITION THAT "THE UNITY OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS AND THE CAROLINE ISLANDS SHOULD BE PRESERVED" ACCORDING TO A COPY OF ITS DRAFT CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL DOCUMENT WAS ISSUED ON JULY 8, 1976 FOLLOWING THE 43RD SESSION, AND WILL, IN ITS FINAL FORM, BE PART OF THE COUNCIL'S REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL ALSO MADE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS CONCERNING THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN MICRONESIA.

IT NOTED WITH "SATISFACTION" THE U.S. REAFFIRMATION THAT THE TRUSTEESHIP WOULD BE TERMINATED AT THE SAME TIME FOR ALL PARTS OF MICRONESIA "AND NOT FOR ONE PART SEPARATELY."

REGARDING THE VETO POWER OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, THE COUNCIL NOTED WITH "CONCERN" THAT THE U.S. "HAD NOT IMPLEMENTED ITS PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATION" THAT A DISTINCTION SHOULD BE MADE BETWEEN THE SPECIAL INTERESTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY AND THE U.S. INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS WITH THE "ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF RESTRICTING AS FAR AS POSSIBLE THE OCCASIONS FOR THE EXERCISE OF THE POWER OF THE VETO..."

CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA OVER THE TRUST TERRITORY BUDGET, THE COUNCIL SAID IT "WELCOMES" THE NEW BUDGETARY PROCEDURE BY THE CONGRESS TO PRESENT ITS OWN VISION OF THE BUDGET TO THE U.S. CONGRESS AND SAID THAT THIS STEP "SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY CLOSER INVOLVEMENT OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS."

MICRONESIAN WAR CLAIMS WAS ALSO MENTIONED AND THE COUNCIL SAID THAT WHILE THEY CONSIDERED THAT TITLE I CLAIMS WERE SETTLED, THEY URGED THAT "TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE SHOULD BE INCREASED TOWARDS THE LEVE EMISSAGE BY THE MICRONESIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION, SO THAT ADJUDICATED CLAIMS MAY BE PAID IN FULL" FOR TITLE II.

WITH RESPECT TO MICRONESIANS ASSUMING POSITIONS OF HIGH RESPONSIBILITY IN GOVERNMENT, THE COUNCIL SAID ~~THAT~~ THE U.S. SHOULD "GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO PREPARING MICRONESIANS FOR ASSUMING THE HIGHEST EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS" AND THAT IT SAW "VALUE IN PROMOTING A MICRONESIAN TO THE SECOND MOST SENIOR POST IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH."

IT ALSO REAFFIRMED THE "NEED FOR THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO BE CONSULTED BEFORE THE APPOINTMENT OR REMOVAL OF JUDGES OF THE HIGH COURT."

ON LAW OF THE SEA, THE COUNCIL NOTED THE STRONG VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA THAT IT WAS VITAL MICRONESIA'S INTERESTS IN THE POTENTIAL WEALTH OF THE OCEAN BE PRESERVED FOR HER PEOPLE AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

THE COUNCIL, HOWEVER, FAILED TO ACTUALLY ENDORSING THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S POSITION AND ONLY NOTED THAT "THE INTERESTS OF MICRONESIA MAY NOT NECESSARILY COINCIDE WITH THE INTEREST" OF THE U.S.

REGARDING THE COMPACT AND THE CONSTITUTION, THE COUNCIL SAID THAT "THE STATUS OF FREE ASSOCIATION AT PRESENT UNDER CONSIDERATION, IF ENDORSED BY THE POPULATION, WOULD NOT BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE AIMS OF THE

TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT" AND THAT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
~~SHOULD~~ "DO ITS BEST" TO ENSURE THAT WHEN THE CONSTITUTION
IS VOTED UPON BY THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, "IT WILL BE IN A
FORM LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THE DISTRICTS IN THE
CAROLINE AND MARSHALL ISLANDS."

CONCERNING THE PEOPLE OF KIKINI AND THEIR RETURN,
THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDED THAT THE NECESSARY FUNDS BE PROVIDED
FOR A RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY "SO THAT A DECISION MAY BE MADE
BY THE PEOPLE OF BIKINI EITHER TO RETURN TO THEIR ANCESTRAL
HOME OR TO OBTAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS
ON KILI."