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 AMEMBASSY CANBERRA FOR PAC. ISL. MONTHLY
 (SPEECHES HIGHLIGHTED HOUSE SESSION)
 SAIPAN, JAN. 17 (MNS)---THREE SPEECHES HIGHLIGHTED AN OTHERWISE
 ROUTINE SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS THE CONGRESS OF
 MICRONESIA BEGAN ITS SECOND WEEK OF MEETING ON SAIPAN, MONDAY (JAN.
 17).
 FIRST TO SPEAK WASH FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN RUBEN ZACHARIAS OF
 THE MARSHALLS WHO TALKED ABOUT ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS
 ON HIS STATE OF THE TERRITORY MESSAGE DELIVERED FRIDAY (JAN. 14).
 THE OTHER WAS BY ANOTHER FRESHMAN, CONGRESSMAN KIKUD APIS OF
 PONAPE WHO SPOKE ABOUT MICRONESIA'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STATUS
 IN WHICH, HE SAID, NO ONE "CAN TAKE PRIDE". THEN, APPROPRIATIONS
 CHAIRMAN KUNIO NAKAMURA TOLD THE HOUSE THAT HE WILL DO HIS OWN
 RESEARCH WITH REGARD TO A "MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING" SIGNED
 BETWEEN COLEMAN AND NORTHERN MARIANAS RESIDENT COMMISSIONER
 ERWIN D. CANHAM GIVING THE LEG SLATURE 100 PERCENT OF THE TAXES
 COLLECTED IN THE NORTHERN MARIANAS.
 IN HIS REMARKS, CONGRESSMAN ZACHARIAS POINTED OUT THREE
 THINGS CONCERNING COLEMAN'S SPEECH. THEY ARE THE INDICATIVE
 DEVELOPMENT PLAN; THE METHOD OF APPROPRIATION AND THE UNITY OF
 MICRONESIA.
 ZACHARIAS SAID THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE BLAMED "FOR NOT
 CARRYING OUT ITS OBLIGATION" UNDER THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT TO
 DEVELOP MICRONESIA ECONOMICALLY TOWARD SELF-SUFFICIENCY. HE SAID
 THE CONGRESS WAS "NO ALTERNATIVE" BUT TO WORK TOWARD THAT GOAL.
 COMMENTING ON COLEMAN'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE CONGRESS
 SHOULD TACKLE NATIONAL PROJECTS INSTEAD OF AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL,
 ZACHARIAS ASKED THE CONGRESS TO "ANSWER AND HONOR THE REQUEST"
 OF THE OUTER ISLANDS PEOPLE DURING THIS SESSION.
 TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF UNITY OF MICRONESIA, THE FRESHMAN
 CONGRESSMAN DECLARED: "UNITY WILL DEPEND ON THE OUTCOME OF THIS
 CONGRESS SESSION," HE CALLED FOR THE CONGRESS TO SOLVE THE
 KWAJALEIN, PIKINI AND ENEWETAK PROBLEMS BECAUSE THIS COULD AFFECT
 THE UNITY OF MICRONESIA. HE SAID THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION
 SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED "IN GOOD FAITH" WITH RESPECT TO LAND ABOUT
 WHICH HE ACCUSED THE U.S. MILITARY OF FOSTERING THEIR OWN INTERESTS
 IN SEEKING MILITARY BASES IN MICRONESIA.
 PALAU CONGRESSMAN KUNIO NAKAMURA ANNOUNCED THAT AS CHAIRMAN
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OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. HE WILL CONDUCT HIS OWN RESEARCH ON THE IMPACT OF A MEMORANDUM OF INTENT WHICH COLEMAN AND CANHAM SIGNED ON FRIDAY GIVING THE MARIANAS LEGISLATURE 100 PERCENT OF ALL THE INCOME TAXES COLLECTED IN THE MARIANAS.

"I AM SURE WE ALL AGREE THAT THE FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION ON THIS MATTER IS ONE WHICH SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE CONGRESS' LEADERSHIP IN CONSULTATION WITH MEMBERS AND STAFF," NAKAMURA SAID.

THE HOUSE ALSO UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED TWO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS, THUS COMPLETING ACTION ON THEM. THEY ARE A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE CONSOLACION ATAYO SABLAN. (SJR 7-2) AND A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE APPRECIATION OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA TO THOSE CONTINENTAL/ AIR MICRONESIA PILOTS WHO VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICES DURING THE RECENT STRIKE. (SJR 7-3). THE LATE CONSOLACION A. SABLAN WHO DIED LAST MONTH, WAS THE MOTHER OF TRUST TERRITORY EXECUTIVE OFFICER JUAN A. SABLAN.

THE SENATE MONDAY FAILED TO HAVE IN ATTENDANCE SEVEN SENATORS NECESSARY FOR A QUORUM AND THE SESSION WAS ADJOURNED SHORTLY AFTER ROLL CALL. 17 JAN 77.

MEETING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS WEEK WITH SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE ARE SENATE PRESIDENT JOSINO NAKAYAMA AND SENATORS WICK BOSSY OF TRUK AND BAILEY OLTER OF PONAPE. ACCOUNTING FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ABSENCES AND BRINGING THE NUMBER OF SENATORS DOWN TO SEVEN ARE SENATOR AMATA KABUA AND SENATOR WILFRED KENDALL OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, WHO ARE NOT YET ATTENDING THE CONGRESS. WITH THE ABSENCE OF SENATOR ROMAN TMETUCL OF PALAU FROM MONDAY'S SENATE SESSION A QUORUM COULD NOT BE REACHED. ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES, SENATOR TMETUCL IS OFF-ISLAND.

PRESIDING OFFICER, SENATOR AMBILOS IEMSI OF PONAPE DISMISSED THE SENATORS WITH A SMILE. "LET'S TRY AGAIN TOMORROW," HE SAID. (APIS URGES UNITY OF MICRO STATES)

SAIPAN, JANUARY 17, (COM)--"SEPARATIST POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN MICRONESIA ARE NOT SURPRISING AND CERTAINLY NOT UNIQUE TO MICRONESIA ALONE," DECLARED FRESHMAN CONGRESSMAN RIKUO APIS IN A SPEECH DELIVERED MONDAY (JAN.17) BEFORE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

"THE MULTITUDE OF NATIONS EXPERIENCING THE TRANSITION FROM A COLONIAL STATUS TO INDEPENDENCE ALSO EXPERIENCED SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS," OBSERVED CONGRESSMAN APIS.

THE PONAPE CONGRESSMAN POINTED OUT: "THE POLITICAL

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BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED BY COLONIAL POWERS BRINGING TOGETHER
 THE HETEROGENEOUS AND DISPERSED POPULATION OF MICRONESIA IS ALSO
 EXPERIENCE SHARED WITH OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD."
 AS IS NOTED, "DISPITE THE IMPOSITION OF POLITICAL BOUNDARIES
 BY COLONIAL POWERS BRINGING TOGETHER POPULATIONS FAR MORE
 HETEROGENEOUS AND ISOLATED THAN IS THE CASE IN MICRONESIA, THESE
 BOUNDARIES WERE PRESERVED BY NATIONS THAT ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE."

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THE BOUNDARIES WERE "PRESERVED" BECAUSE LEADERS OF THOSE NATIONS RECOGNIZED THAT TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY, TO INSURE CONTINUED SOVEREIGNTY, AND TO ESTABLISH A HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING FOR ITS PEOPLE, ALL HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES HAD TO COME TOGETHER IN ONE COMMON AND JOINT EFFORT," CONGRESSMAN APIS POINTED OUT.

AN EVENT IN POINT WHERE ALL DISTRICTS TOOK UNITED FRONT WAS THE FIRST MICRONESIAN CONVENTION ON LAW OF THE SEA WHERE ALL OF THE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES TOOK DUE RECOGNITION OF THE ESSENCE OF A "UNIFIED AND COMMON ANFORT" TO CONTROL THE FATE OF MICRONESIA'S MARINE RESOURCES, APIS SAID.

CONGRESSMAN APIS RELATED HE WAS SOMEWHAT CONFUSED AND DISTURBED BY PRONOUNCEMENTS THAT SOME DISTRICTS WILL DO BETTER GOING IT ALONE. HE SAID PERHAPS THOSE DISTRICTS "HAVE LOOKED AT THE PAST RECORD OF THE TT GOVERNMENT AND HAVE DECIDED THEY MUST LEAVE MICRONESIA TO PRESERVE AND ACHIEVE WHAT IS BEST FOR THEIR DISTRICT."

DECLARED APIS: "THE RECORD OF THE PAST MAY JUSTIFY SUCH A MOVE, BUT I FEEL THE PROMISE OF THE FUTURE DOES NOT...AND IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF EACH DISTRICT TO BECOME A STATE OF THE FUTURE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA."

THE PONAPE CONGRESSMAN SAID IT IS HIS CONVICTION THAT THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTION "PROVIDES FOR MAXIMUM AUTONOMY" FOR FUTURE STATE GOVERNMENTS, THEREFORE, "A DISTRICT THAT SEPARATES FROM MICRONESIA TO BECOME A SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT NATION WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE LEGAL CONSTRAINTS, HOW MINOR THEY MAY BE, OF THE CONSTITUTION."

"BUT IF THAT DISTRICT ENTERS INTO A COMMONWEALTH OR FREE ASSOCIATION WITH THE UNITED STATES, ITS AUTONOMY WILL BE FAR LESS THAN AS A STATE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA," APIS SAID.

CONGRESSMAN APIS OBSERVED: "EVEN AS A SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT NATION, A DISTRICT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STAND ALONE IN THIS WORLD OF NATIONS, AND ITS BARGAINING POSITION WITH NATIONS AND CORPORATIONS WILL BE SEVERELY COMPROMISED THROUGH SEPARATION FROM MICRONESIA."

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE "REALITIES OF THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL LIMIT THE ACTUAL SOVEREIGNTY OF THAT NATION TO DEGREE BEYOND THAT OF A STATE WITHIN THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA."

THE PONAPE CONGRESSMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WHILE HE HAD READ ADMIN INTERNAL USE ONLY

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POSITIONS AND HEARD DEMANDS FOR SEPARATION, "THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REALITIES OF SEPARATION HAVE NOT BEEN PRESENTED."

ASKED CONGRESSMAN APIS: "HOW CAN A DISTRICT ALONE AMONG THE GREAT POWERS OF THE PACIFIC ACHIEVE SELF-DETERMINATION AND ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY TO A GREATER DEGREE THAN AS PART OF A UNITED AND COMMON EFFORT WITH ALL MICRONESIANS?--WILL AN ECONOMY UNDER ONE SMALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT BE MORE PROSPEROUS FOR ITS PEOPLE AS OPPOSED TO AN INTERGRATED ECONOMY WITH THE REST OF MICRONESIA?"

"THE EXPERIENCE WE HAVE ALL SHARED UNDER THE TT GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A PRECEDENT FOR PROPOUNDING SEPARATION," APIS DECLARED, HE ADDED THAT THE TT GOVERNMENT AT HEADQUARTERS LEVEL IS "STRONG AND CENTRALIZED WITH DISTRICTS HAVING LITTLE CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN AFFAIRS."

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE TT GOVERNMENT, IN THE WORDS OF CONGRESSMAN APIS, IS AN AGENCY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT...AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IS A RECENT CREATION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR LIMITED IN REVENUES AND AUTHORITY OVER THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH."

"WE HAVE YET TO EXPERIENCE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS," THE PONAPE CONGRESSMAN POINTED OUT.

NOTING THAT THE CURRENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STATUS "IS NOT ONE IN WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND MICRONESIA CAN TAKE PRIDE..." IT IS THEREFORE THE SEVENTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA WHO MUST "RESOLVE" THE ISSUE OF POLITICAL STATUS BY INITIATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTITUTION...AND MUST ALSO INITIATE THE RESOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF MICRONESIA THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INDICATIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN."

(PALAU NOT TO PARTICIPATE ON STATUS NEGOTIATIONS)

SAIPAN, JANUARY 17 (MNS)---MEMBERS OF THE PALAU DELEGATION TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAVE SENT A LETTER TO THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP INFORMING THEM THAT THEY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMISSION ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND TRANSITION ACTIVITIES NOR PARTICIPATE IN THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCES.

IN A LETTER DATED JANUARY 11, ONE DAY BEFORE THE PRESIDING OFFICERS WERE TO LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH SECRETARY STATE DESIGNATE CYRUS VANCE, THE PALAU DELEGATION STATED THAT IN LIGHT OF A "STRONG MANDATE" FROM THE PEOPLE OF PALAU WHICH WAS EXPRESSED IN A SEPTEMBER 24, 1976 REFERENDUM ON SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, THEY COULD NOT PARTICIPATE.

ON FRIDAY, (JAN.14) THE PALAU DELEGATION SENT A CABLE TO VANCE

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STATING THAT THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP HE WAS TO MEET "IN NO WAY REPRESENTS OUR PEOPLE'S WISHES AND EXPRESSED WILL ON MATTERS OF FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND LAW OF THE SEA. OUR CARDINAL HUMAN RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION IS BEING SUPPRESSED."

THE DISPATCH SAID THE "OFFICIAL PALAU POLICY" ON STATUS AND LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS WILL BE FORWARDED BY MAIL TO VANCE.

THE LETTER AND DISPATCH WERE SIGNED BY SENATORS ROMAN TMETUHL AND KALEB LDUJ, CONGRESSMEN POLYCARP BASILUS, KUNIMO NAKAMURA, AND ISIDORO RUDIMCH.

(MICRO TAXES TO STAY IN MARIANAS)

SAIPAN, JANUARY 17 (HNS)--TRUST TERRITORY ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN AND NORTHERN MARIANAS RESIDENT COMMISSIONER ERWIN D. CANHAM SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FRIDAY (JAN.14) WHEREBY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS LEGISLATURE WILL RECEIVE 100 PERCENT OF THE INCOME TAXES FROM TT AND CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA EMPLOYEES UNTIL THE TT CAPITAL IS MOVED TO PONAPE.

CANHAM MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT DURING HIS STATE OF THE COMMONWEALTH MESSAGE TO THE MARIANAS LEGISLATORS FRIDAY, THE SAME DAY COLEMAN PRESENTED HIS MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD PREVIOUSLY THAT THE TT AND NORTHERN MARIANAS WOULD SPLIT REVENUES FROM TAXES OF TT AND COM EMPLOYEES WORKING ON SAIPAN AFTER THE COMMONWEALTH AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED LAST YEAR, THE AMOUNT OF TAXES COLLECTED THAT WOULD GO TO THE NORTHERN MARIANAS LEGISLATURE WAS NOT ANNOUNCED.

COLEMAN IS PRESENTLY IN WASHINGTON D.C. TO ATTEND THE INAUGURAL CEREMONIES OF PRESIDENT-ELECT JIMMY CARTER. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO SAIPAN LATE THIS MONTH.

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(PAN AM APPLIES FOR ROUTE)
SAIPAN, JANUARY 17 (MNS) -- A REQUEST BY PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS THIS WEEK MAY INITIATE THREE WEEKLY FLIGHTS ON A TEMPORARY BASIS BETWEEN TOKYO AND SAIPAN IF IT IS APPROVED BY THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD (CAB).
PAN AM IS SEEKING TO CONNECT TOKYO AND SAIPAN WITH ITS FLIGHTS ALREADY IN OPERATION BETWEEN HONOLULU, HAWAII AND GUAM.

CONTINENTAL AIR MICRONESIA, WHICH WAS AWARDED THE SAIPAN-TOKYO ROUTE LAST YEAR, HAS BEEN UNABLE TO BEGIN FLIGHTS AS THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAD DENIED CONTINENTAL AUTHORITY TO OPERATE PENDING NEW AGREEMENTS IN ONGOING U.S.-JAPAN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AND AIRPORT CONGESTION PROBLEMS AT TOKYO AND OSAKA.

BOTH SAIPAN'S GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE-INDUSTRY OFFICIALS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AGREE THAT THE DELAY IN THE BEGINNING OF CONTINENTAL'S SERVICE IS INJURING SAIPAN'S AND MICRONESIA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

DON BECK, PRESIDENT OF AIR MICRONESIA, INC, WHO IS ON SAIPAN, EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE ANNOUNCEMENT.
"I THINK IT'S BAD TIMING ON THE PART OF PAN AM TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT WHEN THE U.S. AND JAPAN ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF FRAGILE NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING AIR ROUTES.

"CONTINENTAL WANTS TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SAIPAN AND MICRONESIA," HE CONTINUED, "AND PAN AM HAS NOT INDICATED AN INTEREST IN DEVELOPING TOURISM IN THE AREA, THAT'S WHY WE WERE AWARDED THE ROUTE.

"I WOULD HOPE THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WOULD REALIZE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND ALLOW SERVICES TO START," HE ADDED. "THEY SHOULDN'T ALLOW THE ROUTE TO GET HUNG UP IN THE MUCH BROADER STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND JAPAN.

"I AM CONFIDENT THEY COULD FIND A SPOT FOR ONE FLIGHT A DAY AND AM CONFIDENT THAT THAT'S NOT THE PRIME REASON FOR HOLDING UP THIS ROUTE," HE CONCLUDED.

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