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NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BRIEFS VISITING CONGRESSMEN

SAIPAN, M. I. (NOV 17). . . Kaleb Udui, who recently assumed office as Legislative Counsel for the Congress of Micronesia, conducted a short briefing session yesterday for members and staff of the U. S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Territorial and Insular Affairs of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. Members of the Subcommittee included: Rep. N. Neiman Craley, Jr. (D-Pa), Rep. Richard C. White (D-Tex) and Commissioner Santiago Polanco-Abreu. Also present at the briefing were Dr. John L. Taylor and Mr. Charles Leppert, Jr., Consultant and Counsel to the Subcommittee, respectively.

The short briefing by Mr. Udui touched on the organizational structure of the Congress as prescribed under Secretarial Order 2282, as amended; extent of its powers to legislate; functions of the legislative counsel; and immediate need of the Congress for adequate offices and assembly halls.

(Mr. Udui, who received his LL.B. degree from George Washington University in 1963, was the first Micronesian to receive a law degree.

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He returned to the Trust Territory the same year and joined the staff of the Attorney General as an Assistant Attorney General. By Joint Resolution No. 1-45, the Congress of Micronesia nominated Mr. Udui as Legislative Counsel in accordance with Interior Secretarial Order No. 2882, as amended.

In his memorandum of November 5, 1965, to Mr. Udui^o, the Acting High Commissioner, Richard F. Taitano, congratulating him for being selected to the important position of Legislative Counsel, stated: "I have the highest confidence in your ability to perform the duties of this position for the benefit of all the citizens of Micronesia.")

Following the briefing, the visiting Party met with teachers at Hopwood High School and with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

The remainder of their schedule in the Mariana Islands District includes a joint meeting with the Mariana Islands District and the Saipan Municipal Legislatures to which the public is invited; a tour of Saipan; and visits to Rota and Tinian. The Mariana Islands District Administration and the Saipan Municipal Legislature are holding a joint reception for the group this evening at 7:00 p. m. in the District Legislature Building in Susupe, Saipan.