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June 23, 1969

Dear Mr. Thall:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent resolution. He appreciates your interest in making your views known to him and your comments have been noted concerning the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.

Your comments and suggestions will be carefully reviewed, and your interest in this matter is certainly appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Special Assistant
to the President

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FIRST SESSION, 1969

RESOLUTION NO. 8

MOCK CONGRESS

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE U. S. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH A POLICY WHEREBY ONLY MICRONESIANS CAN BE APPOINTED HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUST TERRITORY.

WHEREAS, there are qualified Micronesians who could hold this office, and there will be an increasing number of such qualified Micronesians to run their own government in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Microneasian High Commissioner would know much better than an American the interests and problems of his own people through his experience as a Micronesian citizen; and

WHEREAS, this Micronesian who will administer the government of the Trust Territory would be more accessible and receptive to the expression of the needs of his own people than an American; and

WHEREAS, the power to veto the bills which are passed in the Congress of Micronesian would be invested in the Microneasian High Commissioner; and now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the U. S. is hereby requested as soon as possible to establish a policy whereby only Micronesians can be appointed High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT copies of this resolution
be transmitted to the Congress of Micronesia and to the
President of the United States.

Date: May 3, 1969

Vote: Yes 16 No 10

Signed: Apollinaris L. Thall
Apollinaris Thall
Speaker, Mock Congress

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a copy of a Resolution which relates to the activities of your organization and which requests you to take action on a matter relating to your function. This Resolution was passed during the First Session of the Mock Congress, which was held on April 17, 18 and 19 at the Truk District Legislature.

The Mock Congress was a coordinated effort of the three high schools in Truk District, Mizpah, Truk and Xavier, in which the following process took place:

- (1) Nine representatives were popularly elected from each of the high schools.
- (2) The representatives met with legislative staff members of the Truk District Legislature to become familiar with the legislative process and in particular, the process of thinking out and drafting legislation.
- (3) Each delegation produced ten resolutions and submitted them to the Truk Legislature staff.
- (4) A pre-session was held on April 17 in which the Mock Congress was formally organized.
- (5) The Session was begun on April 18 by speeches from the Speaker of the Truk District Legislature, Hermes Katsura, Assistant District Administrator Juan Sablan, and Congressman Raymond Setik, all of whom we are deeply indebted to for giving us their time.
- (6) The remainder of April 18 was spent in Committee work, until to our good fortune, Senators Amata Kabua and Francisco Palacios were kind enough to address us and to spend two hours of their valuable time with us answering questions.
- (7) On April 19, all resolutions which passed the Committee stage were read, debated and passed or defeated. The Resolution which is enclosed is one of those which were passed on this date. Again we were exceptionally fortunate, as the Political Status Commission made its statement of position in the afternoon, a truly historic event which we will all remember vividly.

The purposes of the Mock Congress were to familiarize the students with the legislative process as practiced in Micronesia, to provide a forum through which Micronesians from different districts could get to know each other better, and to allow a means of expression for the representatives in regard to the problems which Micronesia encounters today. It is with the latter that the enclosed Resolution deals. It is not merely an expression of opinion: it is hoped that you will seriously consider the request which is made. The student-representatives spent a good deal of time on the Resolutions and they are serious in making the requests.

We are pleased to be able to transmit this Resolution to you.

Sincerely,

Apollinaris Thall
Apollinaris Thall

Speaker Mock Congress