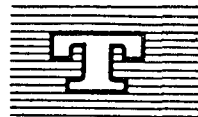


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COMMUNICATION FROM MS. CLAIRE RANDALL, GENERAL SECRETARY,
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE
PACIFIC ISLANDS

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A.
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20 November 1979

President of the Trusteeship Council
Trusteeship Council
United Nations
New York, New York 10017

Dear Madame President:

I have the pleasure of transmitting to you the enclosed resolution on Micronesia which was adopted by the Governing Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America at its meeting on 9 November 1979. I hope that you will consider this communication to the Trusteeship Council in accordance with Articles 76 and 77 of the Charter of the United Nations and circulate it to the members of the Trusteeship Council.

As the resolution states, the National Council of Churches is committed "to the realization of the comprehensive rights of the people of Micronesia". I therefore look forward to the success of the United Nations periodic visiting mission to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, 1980, which may well be the last such mission before the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement, ^{1/} because it will have a special responsibility to research and assess whether the United States has adequately encouraged the fulfilment of these rights through the promotion of political, economic, social and educational advancement of the people of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Claire RANDALL
General Secretary

^{1/} Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (United Nations publication, Sales No. 1957.VI.A.I.)

Enclosure

RESOLUTION ON MICRONESIA

Adopted by the Governing Board of the National
Council of the Churches of Christ

9 November 1979

WHEREAS, the United States of America, with a broad historical role as a Pacific Power, finds its economic, political and strategic interests directly affected by the changing circumstances of the region; and

WHEREAS, the United States assumed the powers of Administering Authority over Micronesia in 1947 based on the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, under Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, the United States, as Administering Authority, is obligated by article 6 of said Trusteeship Agreement to:

1. Foster the development of such political institutions as are suited to the Trust Territory and shall promote the development of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory towards self-government or independence ...;
2. Promote the economic advancement and self-sufficiency of the inhabitants ...;
3. Promote the social advancement of the inhabitants ...;
4. Promote the educational advancement of the inhabitants ...; and

WHEREAS, a change in the status of Micronesia from a strategic trust of the United States to that of free association with the United States will have important ramifications for the people of Micronesia, as well as for regional relationships; and

WHEREAS, United States and Micronesian leaders are entering the final stages of negotiations for the termination of the Trusteeship, which the United States hopes to end in 1981; and

WHEREAS, questions as to whether the United States has fulfilled those obligations listed above have been raised by the new Focus on Micronesia Coalition (formed by units of the National Council of the Churches of Christ along with Protestant and Catholic boards, agencies and mission societies); and

WHEREAS, the National Council of the Churches of Christ Governing Board (October 1975) urged "the President and the Senate of the United States to honour

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Article 83.1 of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) in order to bring about genuine self-determination for the entire Trust Territory of Micronesia";

THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ of the United States of America:

1. Reaffirms its commitment to the realization of the comprehensive rights of the people of Micronesia, which are grounded in Judeo-Christian values, defined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and guaranteed in the Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands;
2. Expresses its deep concern for the ecological preservation and protection of the marine environment in which the peoples of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands live;
3. Calls on the United States Government to make every effort to deal with the problems resulting from the nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands, including provision for a comprehensive ongoing care programme for radiation victims, adequate resettlement and compensation for displaced communities, and rehabilitation of the contaminated environment; and further calls on the United States Government to fulfil the intent of the recommendation of the forty-sixth session of the United Nations Trusteeship Council a/ by associating independent experts with future surveys of the health hazards resulting from weapons testing in the Marshall Islands; and
4. Calls on the responsible United States agencies to develop the present United States-Micronesia relationship in a way that will free the people of Micronesia to realize fully their right to self-determination and human fulfilment; and
5. Requests the General Secretary to assure communication of these concerns to the appropriate United States government officials, reminding them of both the legal obligations and the moral principles which should govern the ongoing relations between the United States and Micronesia.

a/ Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-fourth Year, Special Supplement No. 1 (S/13759), paras. 652-657.