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COUNTDOWN BEGINS FOR THE ASTRONAUTS

Will Saipan get a moon rock when the Apollo 17 astronauts visit here from June 29 to July 1?

Even if we don't, the people of Saipan will have a chance to ask the last astronauts who walked on the moon what it was like -- and whether it would ever beat Saipan as a place to live.

Flying into Saipan from Manila as part of a worldwide goodwill tour will be Apollo 17 Commander and Mrs. Eugene A. Cernan, Command Module Pilot and Mrs. Ronald E. Evans and Lunar Module Pilot Harrison H. Schmitt.



Portions of their schedule on Saipan are still to be confirmed, but plans call for a colorful airport welcome, a Micro Beach reception given by the District and Municipality, a Chamber of Commerce luncheon, a TV interview, sightseeing and an informal gathering with the people of Saipan at which Guam's Navy Band may play.

The astronauts' visit also coincides with the start of Liberation Day festivities.

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Tinian's Mayor, three members of its Municipal Council and its representative in the Congress of Micronesia recently went on a well-publicized trip to the Orient, but was it legal?

Deposed Speaker Felipe Mendiola of Tinian's Municipal Council contends it was not, so he asked the TT's Internal Auditors to conduct a thorough investigation of the trip.

That audit report, begun June 8, was due to be made public in Tinian this Friday.

The trip to the Philippines, Hong Kong, Taipei and Japan was taken in mid-May to study the effect of U.S. military bases on the local population. The Tinian leaders

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The fascinating topic of cement manufacturing is luring six men from the Marianas District Legislature on an 11-day junket to the Orient.

Leaving Saipan on Sunday, the group will proceed to Guam, Manila, Hong Kong, Taipei and Okinawa, returning to Saipan on July 4 via another stop-over on Guam.

Going on the jaunt are Ignacio Dela Cruz, Juan Diaz, Larry Guerrero, Manuel D. Muna, and Marcelino Manglona, all members of the District Legislature. Accompanying them will be Saipan attorney William B. Nabors, legal counsel to the legislature.

The legislators are members of the Economic

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Tinian Election Challenged

The results of Tinian's June 10 election are being challenged by one of the defeated candidates.

Ousted Municipal Council Speaker Felipe C. Mendiola had questioned the legality of two candidates' being near the polling place during the election. This is illegal, he said, under Tinian's municipal code and also under the TT code. These prohibit candidates from being within 100 feet of the polls during the voting.

Mendiola flew to Saipan this Wednesday to obtain legal advice. He planned to consult with either ex-Chief Public Defender Roger St. Pierre or Saipan attorney William B. Nabors. A formal challenge to the election was expected to come from these discussions as we went to press.

A5-DAY LIBERATION DAY

Liberation Day festivities on Saipan are scheduled to begin four days before the July 4 observance of the day, 27 years ago, when the people of Saipan were liberated from their bonds of war.

The usual parade, complete with floats, Liberation Day Queen, marching bands and Scouts, will

highlight the activities on July 4.

A final program for the five-day celebration was still in flux earlier this week. With only a week to go, the 16 committees formed to oversee Liberation Day activities were expected to get down to some hard work.

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hoped to find out how their island could deal with a similar planned influx of the military.

Mendiola was scheduled to go on the trip, but refused when he learned of how it was to be financed. Mayor Antonio Borja and Rep. Felipe Atalig did go, however, along with Council members.

Funds for the \$5,000 trip came from a grant-in-aid made to Tinian by the Congress of Micronesia. The grant was supposed to be used for a community project, said Mendiola on Saipan Wednesday afternoon.

He told us he thinks

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the expenditure of this money was illegal. The Council should have first passed a specific ordinance appropriating the funds for the trip, Mendiola said.

Originally planned for April, the trip was postponed a month and coincidentally took place just as word of the U.S.'s plans for the Tinian takeover hit the newsstands.

Mendiola was on Saipan this week in regard to another alleged illegality on Tinian, the conduct of the June 10 municipal election in which he lost his Council membership.

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Committee of the legislature.

A similar five-country trip was made in April 1972 for the Economic and Social Committees; eight people, however, took part in that one.

Last year's junket brought forth from the participants five recommendations, all taking up no more than a single typewritten page.

One of these recommendations was "that the legal counsel [Nabors] accompany future groups on their missions so that technical legal questions [not answers] can be provided when inquiries are made."

In their other recommendations, last year's tra-

velers suggested that to reduce the cost of living in the Marianas, more extensive trade with the Philippines was necessary; that to promote tourism, a greater effort should be made to establish recreation centers and to produce local handicrafts, and that the tourism commission should be funded. They also approved of the proposal that duty-free gift shops be established at Saipan's airport.

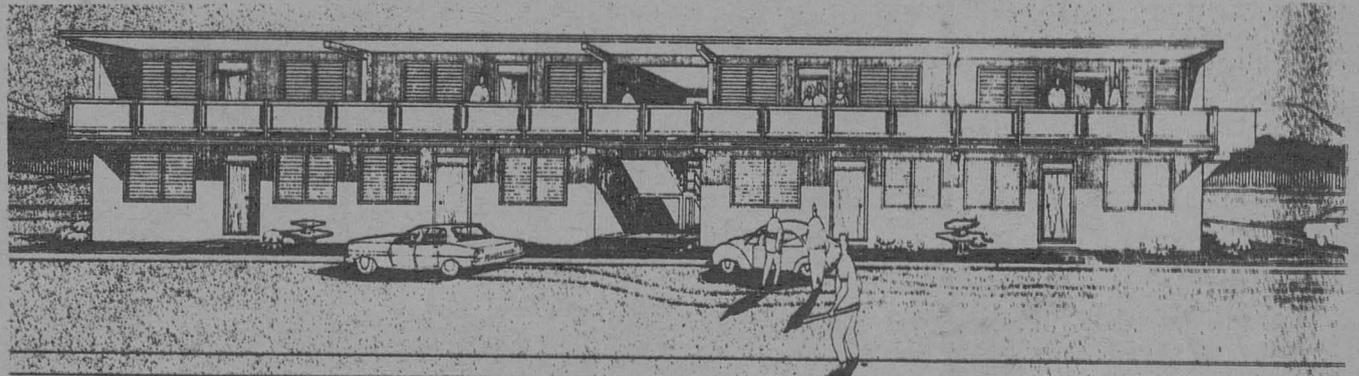
The people of Saipan are eagerly awaiting this year's recommendations, with hopes that they will be more concrete.

(District Administrator Francisco C. Ada also is in the Orient-- on a vacation, however. He left June 18 for Japan and is expected back on June 28.)

Going up!

This is half of a two-building complex being constructed in Gualo Rai to house the expatriate staff of the new Continental Hotel. Shown is the 30-room portion that will have a central recreation-dining area downstairs. Six two-bedroom apartments for management personnel also will be built, all by March 1974,

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Air Pacific Pilot Grounded

Rusty Hansen, one of Air Pacific's two pilots, was penalized by the Federal Aviation Administration last week for nearly running out of gas on a flight between Pagan and Saipan on March 22.

At a June 12 hearing on Guam, Hansen received a 60-day suspension that required the confiscation of his pilot's license and temporary stripping of his pilot's stripes.

Hansen had been grounded since April 22, when the FAA investigation began. His suspension was thus due to end on June 22.

FAA regulations require that all planes must have 30 minutes' reserve fuel on landing. When Hansen glided Air Pacific's new four-engine de Havilland onto Kobler Field that day in March -- with two of the engines shut off -- he had one minute's fuel in the tank. He and the flight engineer thought they had two minutes to spare.

The round trip flight to Pagan was chartered by the District Administration so that officials could inspect the fire-fighting progress following the island's disastrous blaze. This was the first time

that Hansen had taken the new plane up to Pagan.

Rather than take on all the necessary fuel on Guam, as is the standard procedure, Hansen elected instead to fill up the plane's tank on Saipan. There wasn't enough of the right fuel, but the plane took off anyway.

On the return flight, none of the 12 passengers sensed anything was amiss until the flight engineer started getting out all the life jackets. When someone suggested that they were running low on fuel, they thought it was a joke.

Then one engine was turned off, then a second, in order to save gas. Hansen managed, however, to bring the plane in for a safe landing, on a minute's fuel.

At the FAA hearing, presided over by a chief examiner brought out from Honolulu, Hansen acknowledged his misjudgment. He could have been grounded for six months.

Two Saipan residents, Tobias Aguon, the airport radio operator, and Felix Torres, the district's radio operator and a passenger on the Pagan plane, testified at the hearing.

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chapter of the Red Cross. Last year, \$13,000 was put into the scholarship fund.

Each Liberation Day Queen candidate is vying for the honor of bringing in the most donations, and thus capturing the title. The candidates are Pauline Guerrero, of the District Administration; Rita P. Cruz, of the San Antonio Youth Club; Lucy C. Santos, of the 4-H Club; and Bernie F. Boyer of the Municipality of Saipan.

Major events of past celebrations have included the Queen's Coronation; Queen's Ball, speeches by the High Commissioner, local officials and invited guests and a luncheon following the parade.

Liberation Day...

Joaquin I. Pangelinan is the general chairman for the celebration.

So far, Gov. Carlos Camacho of Guam has been invited, four queen candidates have been selected and a roster of sports competitions has been drafted.

The Navy Band from Guam has agreed to participate in the July 4 parade, and the Air Force Band may follow suit.

A major purpose of the Liberation Day festivities is to raise funds to support student scholarships; 90% of all money raised will go for scholarships, with the remaining 10% donated to the Marianas

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Personal View

BY: JON A. ANDERSON

FACES IN AN OLD CROWD ... FOR A MUSEUM?

Mr. Cecil Williams
Box 37
Horse Cave, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Williams:

The photographs which you found in Saipan and which were run in the Marianas Variety of May 25, 1973, are most interesting and certainly deserve preservation and return to the rightful owners.

As I also feel they are of historical interest, I would like to have them reproduced so that they could be placed in a local museum. We could then circulate copies of these photos to the American Embassy in Japan and they could contact appropriate Japanese officials in an effort to trace the original owners and even individuals shown.

I would be willing to undertake this on your behalf should you still not be able to locate the owners through the Marianas Variety. I would, of course, like to make certain that copies of all photos and other documents which you may have and turn over to us would be made available to the museums in the Trust Territory.

Also, should you have other photos of the war on Saipan, these would prove to be of considerable historic interest, and we would appreciate having the opportunity to make copies for the museums.

PETER T. WILSON
Chief, Marine Resources

LIBERATION DAY GALA

THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION LIBERATION DAY QUEEN COMMITTEE IS SPONSORING A GALA NIGHT ON SATURDAY, JUNE 23, AT THE SUSUPE BASKETBALL COURT. THERE WILL BE FOOD, FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT, FEATURING POLYNESIAN DANCES.

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THE 1973 ANNUAL MEETING of the United Nations Trusteeship Council has ended. For a little more than a week the members alternately listened and asked questions as the accomplishments and frustrations of the past year in Micronesia were brought to their attention. Now that it's over, what was it all worth? Not much, really.

The Council will dutifully consider all that it has heard, and all that its Visiting Mission learned during six weeks in the districts earlier this year. Then it will make some recommendations, which will go to the Security Council and to the United States. And that's that. The U.S. may, if it wishes, implement some or all of the recommendations. Or it may ignore them.

It seems to me that this annual exercise really has only one worthwhile purpose, namely publicity. It affords an opportunity for the Congress of Micronesia representatives to air grievances, as well as for the U.S. and TT spokesmen to thump the tub a little bit. Things are probably neither as bad as some of the Congressmen paint them, nor as good as the Administration would have us believe. Reality, as Congressman Sigrah pointed out this year, is in the eye of the beholder, probably lying somewhere between the views of the various spokesmen who expound before the United Nations.

For awhile during the hearings, though, some attention is focused on Micronesia. A few stories are written, a set of recordings of the proceedings goes out to the district radio stations, a handful of top diplomats from the Council's member countries are required to spend a little time considering the Trust Territory and her problems. If all that happens afterward is a little better understanding of what is taking place in Micronesia the exercise is probably worthwhile.

Solutions to the problems of the Trust Territory are not likely to be resolved through the United Nations, however. Whatever develops will be through the mutual efforts of people of good will on both the Micronesian and U.S. side, working together, with the United Nations as an interested bystander. To ascribe any more significant role to the U.N. Trusteeship Council is, I feel, not realistic.

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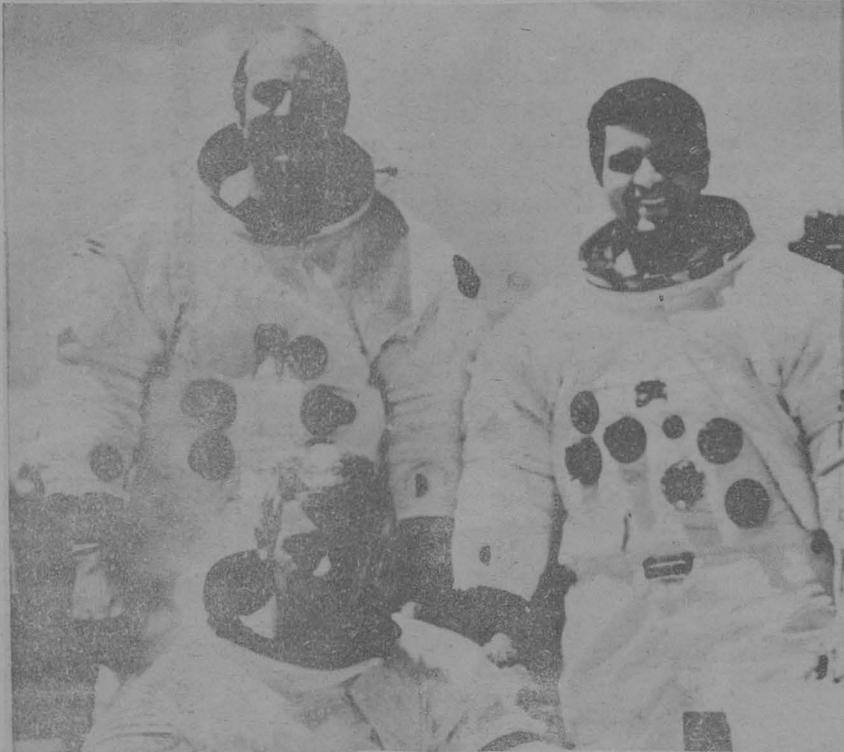
By mid-week, this was the itinerary for the astronauts:

Friday, June 29

4:35 p.m. Arrival at Saipan airport via military transport.

4:40 p.m. Welcoming reception by Saipan officials, including brief remarks by DistAd Ada and Captain Cernan. Police color and honor guards will be present.

5:10 p.m. Motorcade to Royal Taga Hotel, where the astronauts will be staying.



Astronauts Schmitt and Cernan, standing, and Evans.

5:25 p.m. Arrival at Q. Maratita, who is coordinating the visit.

5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Free time. Everyone is invited to greet the astronauts at the airport or along the motorcade route, in order to give them a warm welcome to Saipan.

7:15 p.m. TV interview, to be broadcast live.

Saturday, June 30

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Proposed opportunity for general public to meet astronauts at Royal Taga. Boy and Girl Scouts and Navy Band may be present.

11:30 a.m. Luncheon given by Saipan Chamber of Commerce at Hafa Adai Hotel.

1:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free time for sightseeing, fishing, boating or golf.

Mrs. Cernan and Mrs. Evans may go on a separate sightseeing and handicraft shopping tour.

6:30 p.m. Reception at Micro Beach sponsored by the District Administration, District Legislature and Saipan Municipality. Program includes presentation of gifts by the astronauts and Saipan officials.

Sunday, July 1

9:30 a.m. Departure for visit to Majuro.

Although the astronauts' visit is being billed as a district or local affair, they will make a courtesy call on the High Commissioner, said District Public Affairs Director David

Saipan BOOWLING News



by DANNY DANGZALAN

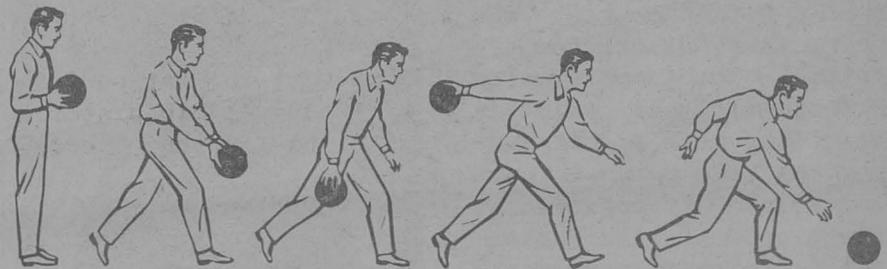
Starting a new league is no easy job.

When I arrived from the Philippines to accept this enviable position as manager of the Saipan Bowling Center, I never dreamed of seeing so many teams signed up for leagues and raring to go. Not too many local pin-toppers are above par as compared to those in Guam or back home but, boy, you should see their enthusiasm and love for the game. Just like ducks go for water.

Right off the bat, we were able to form eight leagues, or a total of 68 five-man teams. And, almost simultaneously, too.

During the very second week of the leagues, fair records were established. Joe Guerrero of the Guerrero brothers bowling clan hit a whooping 248 high game. This, however, may not stand as a top record for long. Just watch the smokes of name bowlers like Ralph Villagomez, Luis Benavente, Glenn Butteris and promising southpaws like Manny T. Sablan, Dave Sablan, Frank Castro and Bob Coddingham. Even my assistant manager, Nick Guerrero, promises to be the best of 'em all.

In the powder-puff division, Toni Sakisat and Annie Tudela are showing the way. Rita Ayuyu and Mary Halstead are right behind their heels. All the other women are trying very hard to improve their game-- Yoshie Screen, Lynn Saito, Bobbie Yamada, Alice Guerrero, to name a few.



I'd like to see the day when we could form a pretty strong team or teams to challenge neighboring Guam bowlers in friendly matches. It may not be in a couple of months, but perhaps next year. Just watch, buddy!

Saipan Bowling Center has made plans for a big tournament to commemorate Liberation Day on July 4. It will be the first tournament at this center, actually. This calls for 12 four-man teams (including ladies' division) and they will bowl six games, scratch. A highly favored team to romp off with the title of Liberation Day Champion in the men's division is the tough and sharp southpaws, led by Dave Sablan. That's my personal view, of course, and I can be wrong. Other teams will be out there to prove they are much better.

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MARIANAS LEADERS "RUSHING INTO COMMONWEALTH"

By DERSON RAMON

KOLONIA, PONAPE--Marianas leaders seem to be rushing into commonwealth, according to Guadalupe Borja, Public Information Specialist with the TT's Department of Public Affairs on Saipan.

"I just would like my Marianas leaders to go slower," said Ms. Borja during the June 3-9 political status seminar held in Ponaape.

"If the Marianas leaders thought about the issues that we are discussing at the seminar, I believe that they would have taken a let's-wait-and-see attitude."

Ms. Borja indicated that "let's-wait-and-see" is the attitude that the other five districts are taking. The commonwealth arrangement, she said, is certainly not a wait-and-see attitude because commonwealth, if approved by the people of the Marianas, is going to permanently put the people into the American political family.

"I favor the free association status. Considering the realities in Mi-

cronesia, we cannot stand alone. We need financial help from the United States," said Ms. Borja. She further indicated that there are "not many" people in the Marianas who share her view, but she said that there are a few who favor the free association status.

The people who share Ms. Borja's view of favoring free association certainly do not endorse the commonwealth arrangement now being offered to the Marianas by the United States. Ms. Borja said that her personal feeling is not for commonwealth.



Photo by Carlos Viti

"My reason for not thinking very well about the commonwealth arrangement includes the fact that the Marianas people will become a minority group in the United States family, and the minority group won't have too much to say about its own welfare," she said.

Ms. Borja added, however, that under the commonwealth proposal, which was offered to the Marianas in the recent negotiations between the United States and the Marianas, the Marianas will be able to proceed with the construction of big buildings and big hospitals, among many things.

"The commonwealth proposal is going to be accepted by the people primarily for economic reasons," she said.

"The judicial system (under commonwealth) for the Marianas will be consistent with the U.S. federal law. There are many customs in the Marianas that are very different from the American judicial

law," she added.

According to Ms. Borja, the status talks between the United States and the Marianas have not resulted in anything definite. These are preliminary talks, and the arrangement has to be presented to the people for ratification.

"From my observation I think it (commonwealth) is going to be done as speedily as possible. The Marianas leaders are very much in a rush to have this settled."

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ALL FOR A SHARK



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After being alone on the sea for two days, lost weekend boaters Arthur Akina, Jim Dudley and Bob Coddington had a veritable flotilla to escort them into Saipan's Charley Dock late Monday afternoon. They drifted helplessly in Coddington's boat (upper left, being towed in) after a hooked shark broke the 100 hp. motor's propeller shaft on Saturday. After being located by a Navy search plane on Sunday evening, the trio was lost by a rescue boat, but then found again Monday morning. Word has it they were boning up on their Tagalog, just in case their next port of call was the Philippines.

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A FISHY LEAVE STORY. The big question on our bureaucrats' minds when Arthur Akina finally straggled into Saipan after drifting for two days was: Would the TT Personnel Director take annual leave, emergency leave, administrative leave, leave without pay or sick leave for the day's work he missed while he was lost at sea? This may be the fishiest leave story ever told! I'd think only one thing is sure now. After their battle with the shark, none of the three lost fishermen is going to be overly eager to enter the Micronesian Insurance Underwriters' big "Fishermen's Tournament" set for next weekend.

TRIAL BALLOON. Everybody knows by now that the astronauts are about to descend upon Saipan. But few there are who are looking behind the "goodwill" nature of the visit to guess what the real reason for it is. I thought I had it all figured out until I was told that, no, they aren't going to lead a public parade down the streets of Tinian and pass out surplus moon buggies, after all.

SOUR GRAPES OVER SOUR CREAM. Well, not really sour grapes, but yes, really sour cream. Those of you who are even middling gourmets know that the commercial type of sour cream is not really cream that has curdled to the point of inedibility. But on Saipan our "fresh" sour cream is really sour. Thinking Beef Stroganoff the other night, I walked over to the dairy case of one of Saipan's leading groceries, and was overjoyed to find cartons upon cartons of sour cream lining the shelves. I long ago learned that it pays to be a wary consumer, especially on Saipan, so I casually sneaked a look at the bottom of one carton of sour cream picked at random. May 2 it said, meaning that that is the very last day the sour cream could be sold with any guarantee of freshness. I was doing my shopping on June 15 -- roughly six weeks after the sour cream was to have really soured. In quick succession I checked the other shelf-life dates: May 18, June 2, June 4 -- a whole assemblage of probably rotten food, none fresher than about 10 days past its prime. I told the manager, and he just shrugged his shoulders. So now I just shrug my shoulders when anyone suggests I shop there again. Anyone for a shoppers' boycott to keep Saipan from being the garbage can of the Pacific's chain stores?

CURING PIGS WITH A PEN. If you're a pig (other than male chauvinist type) or a cat or a dog, there was good news for you from Headquarters last week: The TT has been declared free of hog cholera and rabies.

IT'S A ... WHAT!?!?! What is there to be said about human rights in a society where the birth of a female baby is still greeted with frowns, ridicule or outright contempt?

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TINIAN TAKEOVER: A SIGN OF THE FUTURE?

By PACIFIC PEOPLES ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

This is the first part of a planned serial about the U.S.'s military plans for Tinian. The "scenario" was written by PPAS, or Pacific-Pas, as they prefer to be called, "because 'pas' means peace in the Chamorro language."

According to their statement of purpose, Pacific-Pas "grew out of research that began over a year ago on the role of Hawaii as the center for expanding domination of the highly profitable Pacific Basin by the United States' economic interests.... The need for a thorough examination of all economic, social and cultural alternatives is one of the most crucial needs at present. A fast-changing world requires a patient and exhaustive analysis of all future possibilities open to the peoples of the Pacific." -- Pacific-Pas, P.O. Box 5207, Barrigada, Guam 96913

"BUY" THE PEOPLE

Early this year students at Marianas High School in their newspaper, *The Reformer*, characterized their local government as "a government fool the people, off the people, and buy the people." Youth around the world are known to be somewhat hasty in their judgments but their basic honesty often results in embarrassment to their elders. The older people, however, especially those on Tinian two miles to the south of Saipan, have begun to appreciate the cynicism of their offspring. "Mayor ex-Mayor Says yes, People says No!" announced a sign at the noon airport welcoming party.

On the morning of the big meeting, an insider remarked how even pro-military Tinianese were expressing dismay at the extent of the military land grab. Some felt that the youth were being forced into a decision without much of a choice in the matter. And after the meeting was over, the chairman of the Political Status Commission for the Marianas was heard to say that "we made a mistake, we should have gone to the people right from the start." Is this an admission that the local gov-

The scene is Tinian, June 1, 1973. The night is cool but the humidity makes its presence felt. The villagers are angry and distraught. Such vocal and intelligent opposition was totally unexpected. A few hours earlier the Status Commission had landed and was met at West Field by half the village, or so it seemed, for on one side was a dancing lake of small cardboard placards proclaiming "We Love You Yankees!" and menacingly closer and closer to the passenger ramp of the gleaming new four-engine de Havilland rolled a huge sea of banners saying "No more Hiroshima Nagasaki," "We Love America But We Love Tinian More," and "UN Says Plebiscite Only After 3 years."

The public hearing that night to announce the U.S. military's intended takeover of the 39.25 square-mile island got off to a late start. The ambassador and his seven State Department and military advisers sweated through six hours of tense discussion in the national language of the Marianas, Chamorro, which was then translated into English though the ideas got somewhat shortened in this laborious process. It was not until after one o'clock in the morning that Haydn Williams, president of the Asia Foundation and personal representative of President Nixon, was able to call it a day. Showing signs of great strain, he began to tremble visibly as he walked out of the door. What had gone wrong? he must have been thinking as he clambered onto the Japanese-built village school bus taking his entourage and the seven Micronesian members of the Commission back to the Fleming's hotel a quarter of a mile away. What could have gone wrong?

felt to be the very basis of the Micronesian Chamorro way of life was fully expressed by the people at the public hearing on Friday. Some of the most defiant and emotional speeches revolved around the eventual loss of land, and for a few of the landless, the possibility of gaining some. Other issues brought out were a self-sufficient economy versus a single economy based on the military; the role of the United Nations in judging the legality of certain actions like the dislocation of people; the reasons for the necessity of military control; the distrust toward military administration, and finally, the disadvantages of the military: pollution, restrictions, accidental explosions, involvement in another war, etc.

LAND

The People: Do we have to give up our land in order to be part of the American family? How are we to live five to ten

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ernment is indeed elitist, as the Reformer suggests? Perhaps the people of Tinian are receiving a valuable lesson in history and politics. And for the people of the other five districts this may be a foretaste of what to expect from the Administering Authority during the approaching period for termination of the Trusteeship Agreement.

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years from now in the small area you will give us? Think of our children's future...I don't want to leave my land. How did you decide that the Caroline area was best for farming? Are we to be restricted from our fishing and hunting areas all over the island? What about us homesteaders who have spent years farming the land? Who's going to decide who will get which new site after relocation? Who determines "the fair value" of our property? If you promised the Chamorros who had been living on Yap that you would give them land and electricity and if you failed to carry out these promises, how can we believe you now?

U.S. Response: To belong to the U.S. family each member must carry out certain obligations. We would like to control all of your island, but our minimum requirement is two-thirds. Therefore, we will own the whole island, but you will have your own civilian government elected by you. We are not forcing you into anything against your will. It is for you to decide. Your recreation area at the harbor will be open except on rare occasions. The entry restrictions for the rest of the island can be negotiated later. Homesteaders who wish to get land exchange may do so but we can only exchange

with you land located at the present military retention area in Saipan. There are certain "family problems" that only you and your district and municipal leaders can decide for yourselves, such as, who will get which new site and how much the "fair value" will be. We cannot be responsible for what the military promised 20 years ago. We're truly sorry. But, times have changed. Now you have your own elected government to protect your rights. Public Law 646 of the 91st U.S. Congressional session will ensure you a fair and equitable deal when we move you. We have consulted with Congress. They know what we're doing. However, I'm from the Executive Branch, I cannot speak for Congress.

Analysis: If a neutral observer were to make an initial judgment, he would probably start by criticizing the unfairness of the decision-making process. Because what irritated many people at the hearing was that the administering authority, via the President's personal representative, was saying "We are causing the problem, but you solve it." There is a long-time favorite American cartoon strip, "Pop-eye the Sailorman," in which a character, Wimpy, philosophizes, "Let's you and him fight." In a his-

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tory class the instructor would describe this as "divide and rule" tactics in which a third party arrives on the scene and causes internal squabbling between the first two parties in order to achieve the goal of the newcomer, the outsider, the third party. A former elected official who was the youngest person ever chosen mayor of Tinian, very keenly realized this when he asked, "If we are the ones to suffer from the military presence, do we get all the revenues created by the military?"

The people indicated that land is their identity and that farming and fishing have made up the backbone of their culture for centuries. And it still is. A student from Tinian who is majoring in business at the University of Guam inserted into the discussion a fact that Williams admittedly didn't know. Williams acknowledged the people's use of the harbor area, but claimed that he didn't know that they also use other areas besides the harbor for hunting deer and ayuyu (coconut) crabs and for fishing and lobstering.

Such an admission of ignorance may make Williams appear naive, but a very important issue is at stake. What is the "best" use of land? This question of what is the proper

usage of land will be a fundamental stumbling block in future negotiations. An average citizen could easily be ignorant of the fact that the villagers have been using more than just the harbor area to hunt and fish. He probably never, read or heard that there are two conflicting attitudes toward land, two views as different as night is from day. One view considering land merely a commodity, a "thing" like a car, to be bought or sold. The other, claiming land as "mother," something to be taken care of tenderly so she could feed you and your community.

Therefore, the question posed to the ambassador about entry restrictions really put him on the spot. He couldn't have possibly answered the question honestly. If America's leaders ever conceded that the land should be preserved to feed the people, then they would be admitting that they were guilty of stealing millions of acres of land from not only the native Americans, but also from the Alaskan Indians, Hawaiians, Guamanians and Puerto Ricans. Many millionaires got their start from buying and selling land. They bought cheap and sold high.

It is because of this materialistic view of land usage that America has become the city of the world. Micronesia is becoming for America the

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boonies where poison gas and dangerous weapons can be stored far away from population centers and where America's middle class officials and upper class executives can bring their families as tourists to briefly escape the polluted, decaying and overpopulated cities of America, the metropolis of the world. Perhaps this is why Kissinger, a member of the upper crust of the so-called Eastern Establishment, can so candidly express, "Who gives a damn about 100,000 people?" And, thus, to the ambassador, himself a member of the higher circles as well as personal aide of the head of the most highly urbanized nation, land in Micronesia is valued for either a defense installation or for recreation, but to the bright young man born and raised on a fertile island, the land is a source of his livelihood, breadbasket and pride.

THE ELITE

Ignorance, real or imagined, is often a symptom of elitism and an elitist attitude results in poor leadership. Good leaders are firmly rooted in the villages just as coconut palms will blow and bend with strong winds but always stand firm even in the sandiest of atoll soils from where they get their nourishment. The elite soon lose contact with the everyday problems of their people. The creation of a class of rulers who grow increasingly distant from the people is, however, encouraged by a system which stresses competition, ambition and self-serving. Furthermore, this elite ruling class cannot exist for long without two factors: legal advice and money. For this reason, Roger St. Pierre has a wide base of support. And for this reason, the Department of

Defense has a budget of \$200 million a year for public relations; and reportedly, Comnavmar has a comparatively huge budget of \$6 million for improving the image of the military in Micronesia and Guam.

Secrecy and elitism exist together when you have around high-powered lawyers like Lloyd Cutler and members of his firm. Cutler's big law factory is Wilmer, Cutler and Pickering [legal counsel for the Marianas Political Status Commission], which has very intimate ties with big business, among them the Rockefellers and Kaiser, who control some of the world's biggest monopolies. WC&P's conspiracy with the auto industry in America over pollution devices resulted in an attack by Ralph Nader, the lawyer who has been combatting bigness in American business. Because of its proven success as "high priests of American politics," the firm was also hired by the drug industry to beat the accusations of the late U.S. Senator Kefauver, who claimed that the public was being cheated by drug prices which had been inflated by the drug manufacturers up to ten times their value. Other clients of WC&P are American Airlines and CBS, one of the Big Three in TV networks.

In a recently published book, the Superlawyers, the author analyzes the power behind Cutler and puts the discussion into the proper focus. The writer is a super-detective in the Jeffersonian tradition, which in U.S. politics is the minority that speaks for the common people. In contrast, the Hamiltonians speak for the rich and the privileged. (This faction in American political history is named after Alexander Hamilton, who laid the foundation for the U.S.

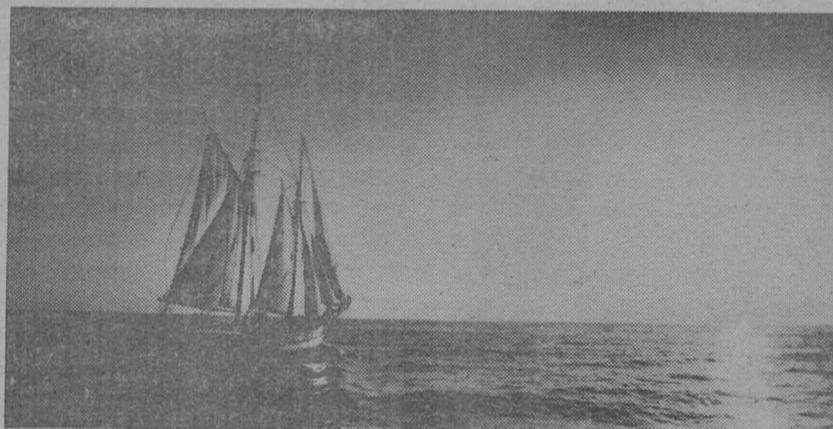
banking system, which today stands at the pinnacle of power in the world.) Some observers have labelled the recent presidential candidate, Senator McGovern, as a Jeffersonian. Obviously describing Cutler as being in the opposite camp, the author says, "A good deal of the Washington Lawyer's clout is by virtue of delegated power. 'When I used to look across my desk and see Lloyd Cutler, I didn't think of him as an attorney, but as an emissary of General Motors,' says a former Senate Committee staffer. 'You know that he's speaking for \$40 billion, and that's a lot of voice, regardless of the identity of the man doing the talking.'"¹

1. Joseph C. Goulden, The Superlawyers: The Small and Powerful World of the Great Washington Law Firms, Weybright and Talley, New York, April 1972 408 pages. Quotes, from pages 12, 336.

In the same book is a quote by Ralph Nader that gets directly to the point of the law firm's involvement with the automotive giants: "Cutler's special task from the beginning was to prevent the law from including criminal penalties for willful and knowing violations that would endanger human life." What these two critics are saying is that Cutler's firm helped the auto industry to delay installation of anti-pollutant devices for 16 years.

The role of the lawyer has been analyzed best by sociologists and historians. In a book called the Wall Street Lawyer Erwin Smigel says "the large law firms are indisputably the spokesmen for big business." In the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, A.A. Berle details the concept of big business and how the lawyer has a relatively new role in serving the new

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economic phenomenon of the multinational corporation: "The law firms become virtually an annex to some group of financial promoters, manipulators, or industrialists; and such firms have dominated the organized profession... what they have contributed... is the creation of a legal framework for the new economic system, built largely around the modern corporation."

But what is their legal framework and how does the lawyer fit in exactly? According to a highly controversial although widely-used college sociology textbook, the author, a well-known sociologist, maintains that "today the success of the corporation depends to a considerable extent upon minimizing its tax burden, maximizing its speculative projects through mergers, control-

ling government regulatory bodies, and influencing state and national legislatures. Accordingly, the lawyer is becoming a pivotal figure in the giant corporation,"² (emphasis added).

A recent report claimed that 90% of the lawyers today are serving only 10% of the population, the 10% that can afford the high prices of legal counsel. This can be understood by realizing that 40% of U.S. diplomats, including Haydn Williams, 50% of federal politicians and 100% of the Supreme Court justices have been lawyers. Who, then, are the lawyers serving? Perhaps this is what Donald Matthews meant when he talked of lawyers as "the high priests of American politics" in The Social Background of Political Decision-Makers.

If lawyers and their

firms are so powerful, then on what criteria was the Cutler firm of WC&P chosen? Is he another St. Pierre to help the poor people free themselves after years of outside influence? Of whom among the huge companies have the Cutler people been in pay? Who are Cutler's business associates? Are these questions public knowledge? (Continued next week)

2. Robert Lefcourt (Ed.), Law Against the People; Essays to Demystify Law, Order, and the Courts, Vintage, New York, April 1971. Page 6 quote from C. Wright Mill's The Power Elite

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