

# ESG "Modification" Planned

SAIPAN - Recommendations which seek a departure from the current program for the Education for Self-Government (ESG) in the Marianas District have recently been received from the United States Department of the Interior.

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Carpenter, Director of Territorial Affairs, recently wrote to High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston, recommending that the ESG program for the Marianas be altered to meet the "realities of the emerging political situation in that district."

Mr. Carpenter goes on to

explain that the ESG program should comply with "the Presidents instructions calling for a Commonwealth relationship to be negotiated with the Marianas District."

In a letter to Francisco C. Ada, District Administrator for the Marianas District, the High Com-

missioner affirmed the recommendation from the U.S. Department of the Interior. Mr. Ada was directed to modify the current ESG program to comply with the United States demands.

The High Commissioner

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## LOVE vs. JUSTICE STRUGGLE ON TINIAN

SAIPAN - The opponents to the expansion of U.S. military operations on the island of Tinian have been criticized by a new U.S. support group, the "WE LOVE AMERICA COMMITTEE."

On July 10, WE LOVE AMERICA COMMITTEE submitted a "Petition of Tinian Proclamation" which was allegedly signed by 206 qualified Tinian

voters, and was forwarded to U.S. Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams.

Stressing that the petition represented a departure from the sentiments expressed by the Tinian Committee for Justice, the new committee went on to impute the Justice Committee's method of gathering signatures. They further stated that the May 19, 1974 petition opposing U.S. military expansion was never translated from English, and gained public support through "coercion."

Aside from attacking their opponents, WE LOVE

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## MARSHALLESE SUPPORTS HICOM DISMISSAL OF ST. PIERRE

SAIPAN - Twelve Marshallese traditional and political leaders have sent a letter in support of High Commissioner Edward E. Johnstons efforts to dismiss the Trust Territory's Chief Public Defender, Roger L. St. Pierre.

The letter represents an extreme departure from the previous letter of support from other districts, and was met with sharp criticism by both St. Pierre and his Attorney, Ben Abrams.

"That letter was manufactured and tailored to the High Commissioner's needs," stated Abrams who was formerly a Marshall's

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## Sablan Construction Gets The O.K.

SAIPAN - Sablan Construction Co. has been notified to begin construction of the arrival building of Saipan International Airport Terminal on July 19, 1974.

Sablan Construction, a local Saipan firm, was

awarded the contract for the construction of the arrival building last month.

To comply with the contract, Sablan Co. has been given ten days to obtain a surety bond before they begin construction.

This is the first time such a contract requirements has been imposed in Micronesia," according to Mr. Fred Mitchell, TT Construction Division Chief. "We know it is difficult for a local firm, but Sablan Construction has been willing to comply," stated Mr. Mitchell.

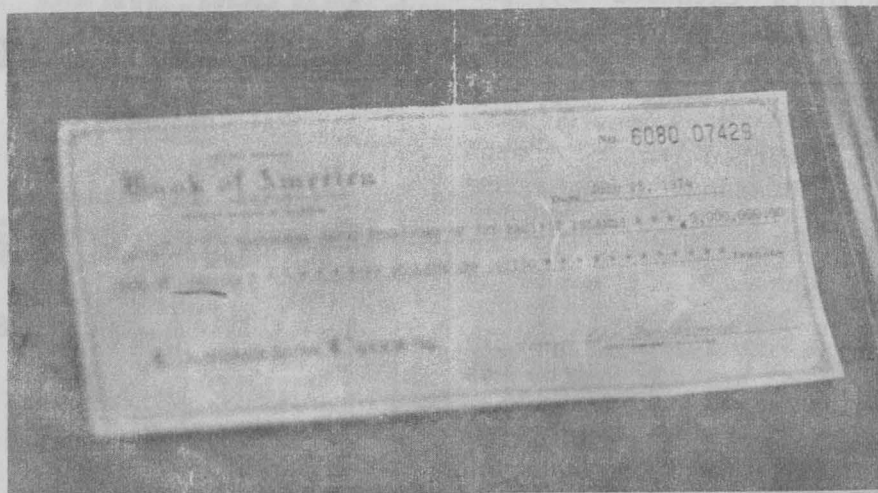
In order to comply with the contract requirements the Sablan firm must furnish the surety bond to insure the time and the quality of work.

Sablan failed to obtain the bonds within the 10 day period, but an extension of time has been given to him.

Last week Sablan was able to deposit the

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## \$5,000,000 CHECK



SAIPAN - A \$5,000,000. check was received by Marianas District Administrator Francisco Ada by Mr. Thomas P. Horville, President of International Shoppers Ltd., at a June 18, 1974 presentation.

International Shoppers Ltd. was awarded the contract for the prime concession at the new Isley Airport on July 2, 1974. The joint decision by the DistAd and the

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## OPTIMISM PREVAILS AT LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE

CARACAS, (COM RELEASE)-- After a slow start caused by a first week of debate over voting procedures, Micronesian delegates to the United Nations Conference on Law of the Sea are optimistic that agreements on many major issues concerning the use of the sea and its resources can be reached as a result of the 10-week meeting.

According to Micronesian Joint Committee Chairman Andon Amaraich of Truk, the willingness of participating nations to negotiate and compromise instead of seeking confrontations when determining voting rules has been applauded by many delegations at the conference. Amaraich said such solutions open the door to further agreements on more sensitive issues later on in the conference.

Presently at the meeting, 147 different nations are presenting their formal statements in the plenary sessions concerning their views and positions on the mutual use of the sea and its potential resources, Amaraich said. Among them are major maritime countries such as the Soviet Union and others who appear to be leaning toward the "200-mile economic zone" concept, a position which was endorsed by the United States delegation July 12, according to press reports.

The Congress of Micronesia's Joint Committee on Law of the Sea is participating in the meeting as part of the United States delegation. The Congress' official position is to claim exclusive control over all waters within straight baselines connecting Micronesia's outer-most islands as an internal sea area, establishing a 12-mile territorial sea beyond that where ships would pass freely, and finally a 200-mile resource and internal zone extending

outward from the territorial sea.

This concept has also been supported by Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Greece, Peru, the Philippines, Fiji, Indonesia, and other coastal and island countries where geographical conditions are similar to Micronesia.

Amaraich said although it would be presumptuous at the present time to expect that specific arrangements be worked out at the conference, he said current indications appear to be that if adequate navigational rights and scientific research can be guaranteed, a number of major maritime powers "may be willing to seriously consider the concept of the 'economic zone' proposal."

According to Amaraich, the activities of the Congress' Joint Committee at the meeting include "consulting on a regular basis and trying to establish a close working relationship and rapport with the members of the U.S. delegation to the conference." He said the Micronesian representatives are appreciative of the many courtesies and cooperative efforts extended by the American delegation and hope to work with the U.S. officials "in a spirit of constructive cooperation to represent Micronesian views and interests in sea resources which are so vital to Micronesia's future economic well-being."

"We are relying heavily on the United States as our administering authority in this regard," he continued, "and we have every reason to hope that the United States will carry out her trust obligations to Micronesia in this respect."

Headed by Chairman Amaraich, the members and staff of the Micronesian Joint Committee on Law of the Sea had the unique opportunity on July 1 to pay a courtesy call on

Conference President Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe of Sri Lanka. During the brief visit, Senator Amaraich outlined Micronesia's interests in the conference and expressed hope that the U.S. delegation "will in good faith protect the Micronesian interest" during the current and future sessions. Amaraich also extended Micronesia's congratulations to the conference president for the "brilliant and excellent leadership" he has contributed to the proceedings, which have been called the largest meeting in history.

In addition to Chairman Amaraich, other members of the Micronesian Joint Committee on Law of the Sea include: Representative Herman Q. Guerrero of the Marianas; Representative Masao Nakayama, Vice-

Chairman; and Representative Luke Tman of Yap. Other members who are expected to join the group immediately after the July 23 Special Session of the Congress include Marshalls Senator Amata Kabua; Representative Resio Moses of Ponape; and Representative Timonhy Olkeriil of Palau. Congress staff participants at the conference include Special Consultant Frederick S. Wyle, Congress Staff Attorney Fredrick L. Ramp, and Legislative Council Kaleb Udui who returned to Saipan last week to prepare for the upcoming Special Session.

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## RIGHTS CASE PROVOKES MINI-TEMPEST IN MICRONESIA

This country's colonial rule over Micronesia has encountered a new embarrassment in the form of a protracted effort by the presidentially appointed high commissioner to fire the Trust Territory's public defender.

The significance of the bureaucratic dispute lies partly in the fact that it is being widely publicized in the island territory at a time when its future relationship with the U.S. is being negotiated.

Newspaper reporters who have sporadically assessed this country's 30-year rule over Micronesia, the island groups east of the Philippines, have generally recorded a steady decline in the well-being of its 100,000 inhabitants. The malaise of Micronesia often has been attributed to U.S. neglect, which is sometimes compared unfavorably to vigorous exploitation of the islands by the Japanese before World War II.

In the last 12 years, however, one American official has attracted an enthusiastic following among politically active Micronesians. He is Roger L. St. Pierre, a former Democratic state senator from Rhode Island, who as chief public defender, has represented Micronesians charged with crimes or locked in civil disputes with the government.

Some of St. Pierre's admirers describe him in large terms. "He is the Albert Schweitzer of Micronesia," wrote his former assistant, Arthur L. Rothenberg, in a letter enlisting newspaper support for St. Pierre.

"Many of the Micronesians who have emerged as leaders of the Congress of Micronesia and in the Micronesian judiciary are former public defender representatives trained by Mr. St. Pierre and inspired by his vision," Rothenberg wrote.

St. Pierre reportedly

has enjoyed some singular successes in representing Micronesians. One of his most celebrated victories was the 1972 acquittal of a man accused of setting fire to the official residence of the High Commissioner, Edward E. Johnston.

In April, 1973, St. Pierre received a letter from Johnston's deputy informing him of his dismissal.

In the letter, it was alleged that St. Pierre took a \$7,500 fee for legal work that came to him as public defender.

St. Pierre appealed his dismissal. An Interior Department administrative judge, after a two-week hearing, ruled that the defender had violated federal employee regulations but should only be suspended for 90 days as punishment.

The administrative judge ruled that St. Pierre's breach of regulations had to be viewed in the Micronesian context, where the lines between official and private enterprise have apparently become hopelessly blurred—especially among lawyers.

Testimony at the hearing revealed that St. Pierre's assistants scattered over the 3-million-square-mile Pacific region regularly carry on a private practice using the offices and stationary that come

with their official duties.

Moreover, it was revealed that prosecutors working for the Attorney General helping to make the case against St. Pierre follow the same practice.

High Commissioner Johnston adopted the judges' findings of fact but not his recommended punishment. Last May, he again dismissed St. Pierre.

The defender, through Washington lawyer Lawrence Speiser, is again appealing, now to the High Court of the Trust Territory. A temporary restraining order has been issued keeping St. Pierre on the payroll until the matter is settled.

The St. Pierre affair has received close press attention in the Trust Territory and nearby Guam, and the hearings last November brought out

By Paul G. Edwards  
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Washington Post

crowds of Micronesian supporters of the defender.

A former mayor of Tinian, Jose Cruz, even tempered his previous support for a U.S. military base on his island by saying that reinstatement of St. Pierre should be a condition in any agreement establishing the base.

St. Pierre himself, in an affidavit seeking the restraining order, said Micronesia has now become his home and that termination of his job there would "destroy" him.

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Ignacio D.L.G. "Ike" Demapan, has been promoted from Air Micronesia Customer Service Agent, to Supervisor Accounting. The announcement was made by Barrie Duggan, Vice President and General Manager of Air Micronesia. Ike started with Air Micronesia as a part-time summer trainee in 1971. In the fall of 1971 Ike attended the University of Guam major in accounting. In July of 1973 he returned to Saipan and to Air Micronesia as a full-time Customer Service Agent. Ike has paved his way to his successful promotion by taking full advantage of "in-house" training programs. Mr. Demapan will report to Robert Grimes, Manager Accounting.

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Pedro Pangelinan Castro's appointment as the new Commissioner of Pagan has been officially endorsed and approved by Vicente D. Sablan, Mayor of the Municipality of Saipan. Mr. Pangelinan will be replacing former Commissioner Juan Aguon who resigned on June 6, 1974 before his return to Saipan.

The new Commissioner, who represents the Saipan Municipal Administration in Pagan, began performing his official duties on July 4, 1974. In the Mayor's July 19th announcement, Mr. Sablan commended Mr. Pangelinan's abilities and wished him and the people of Pagan his best personal regards.

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The Political Committee of the Mariana Islands District Legislature has recently written to Senator Olympio Borja requesting his assistance in their attempt to amend the merit system act.

Daniel T. Muna, Chairman of the Political Committee, who authored the letter at the Committee's request, urged Senator Borja to provide for a minimum wage of \$1.00 per hour for government workers. The Political Committee is considering a measure, Act No. 75, which would provide for a minimum wage of \$1.00 per hour for a private sector employee. Government worker's wages do not come under the jurisdiction of the Political Committee. In seeking a single pay plan amendment from the Trust Territory Government the committee hopes to

avert disparity in wages between private and public sector employees. With the recent rise in the cost of living, combined with the fact that the majority of working people in the Mariana Islands are employed by the Trust Territory Government, the Committee felt it was absolutely necessary to raise salaries and make them compatible with private industry wages.

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SAIPAN - The joint land committee for the Marianas and the United States began their week long meeting concerning the U.S. land needs in the Marianas.

The negotiators are meeting to determine, among other issues, the method of acquisition, price, and the joint uses of land that the U.S. has previously indicated it needs in the Marianas.

The results of the joint committee meeting will be submitted for final action to the two status delegations during the next round of Marianas Status talks which will take place later this year.



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# A Personal View

By: JON A. ANDERSON

Contact between Saipan and the Philippines is increasing as this island's expatriate Filipino population grows. With this growth will come increasing awareness of what is going on in that huge, complex island nation just three hours jet flight west of here. One cannot hope to learn much about a country in only two days, but with that disclaimer in mind I'd like to offer a couple of observations from my brief stay in Manila last week.

The papers are filled with praise for President Ferdinand Marcos, his wife Imelda, and what is termed "The New Society." The term is a euphemism for martial law, which Marcos proclaimed on September 21, 1972. Since that time, it is claimed, crime has decreased, the cities and countryside have become safer, and disruptive elements in the society have ceased threatening to tear the country apart. I'm in no position to either dispute or confirm those claims, although some with whom I spoke disagree with them emphatically.

I did meet with a newsman who, before the New Society, wrote for one of Manila's largest dailies. When martial law was proclaimed he and about two dozen other newsmen were thrown in jail. He spent two and a half months in prison, without ever being charged with any crime. His newspaper was closed down, and has never resumed publication. Since being released from jail, this man has had his passport taken away, so he cannot leave the country, and he is unable to write. Indeed, no opposition whatsoever to the Marcos regime is permitted in the press, not even in letters to the editor. There is a bland sameness to the "news" and the way it is presented. If there are any problems with the New Society, Marcos has insured that they will not be publicized.

The President does not care for the idea that he is a dictator, naturally enough, and his supporters react angrily to any suggestion that the Philippines is now a dictatorship. But the jailing of journalists and the systematic suppression of opposing viewpoints are the marks of totalitarianism, by whatever name it is called. In the New Society, if you disagree you could be in serious trouble unless you keep your feelings to yourself.

All of this has put the United States Government in a difficult position. Just what posture the "father of Philippine democracy" should adopt in relation to the Marcos government is the subject of some disagreement among career American diplomats in Manila, and rather "delicate" negotiations, as one official described them, are currently underway.

The whole scene is being watched with more than the usual interest by the thousands of Filipinos living here and on Guam. At least one has gone so far as to request asylum from the United States, a request that was recently denied. And the lines of people outside the U.S. Embassy in Manila, seeking immigrant visas, are long and growing.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

It has been established by the Marianas Political Status Commission that the land situation in the Marianas is one of the major problems facing us today. A factor of this problem, of course, is that the present government is blatantly depriving our people of their rights to their land, and instead, leasing our best land to outsiders. There are over five hundred homestead applicants in the last 7 years who have not yet even received any correspondence about the status of their homestead applications. These are mostly young married couples who are landless, homeless, and are seeking aid from the American administration in Micronesia. However, instead of responding to the land needs of these natives, the American administration prefers to lease our best land to outside entrepreneurs.

We have here a situation where over five hundred of our people are floating landless on OUR OWN island, whereas, outsiders are in possession and control of our best land. The situation is sickening and totally unjust. It is what some people call American imperialism and exploitation.

Yet, the saddest point of all is not that the American administration deprives us of our land, but that our leaders, administrators, legislators, etc., are either oblivious or consenting to this unforgivable dilemma.

In my opinion, our land should be given to our people now, not fifteen years from now, and the outsiders should lease from our individual citizens.

Sincerely yours,

Ramon G. Villagomez

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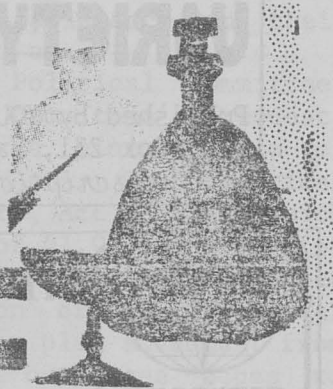
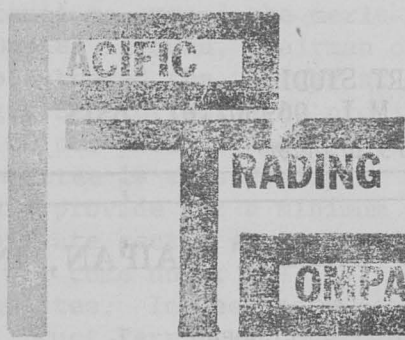
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WHAT ARE THE PROVISIONS FOR TERMINATING THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION?

Title II of the Draft Compact of Free Association has not yet been agreed upon by the Joint Committee on Status and the U.S. negotiators led by the President's personal representatives Ambassador Williams.

This question has been unresolved since the fourth round of talks in Koror.

It is expected that Title XI will be one of the major topics of discussion at the eighth round soon to take place on Saipan.

The differences between the Micronesian position and the U.S. position is primarily one of time and principle.

### MICRONESIAN POSITION

Mutual agreement up to five years and unilateral termination after five years.

### U.S. POSITION

Mutual agreement up to 15 years and unilateral termination thereafter.

Both position would allow single district to remain in association with the United States if they did not wish to remain with the rest of Micronesia after termination.

The U.S. position would guarantee the U.S. that no other foreign power would have base rights in the islands for a period of 99 years.

The Micronesian position would provide for a negotiated mutual defense treaty between the U.S. and Micronesia following termination.

Unilateral termination means that if one of the two parties, the U.S. or Micronesia, was unhappy with the arrangement of Free Association, they could withdraw without the approval or agreement of the other.

Mutual consent would mean that one could not withdraw without the approval or agreement of the other.

The Micronesian position is based on #4 of the Four principles adopted by the Congress and the Joint Committee as the basis for negotiations. It states: The people of Micronesia have the right to choose free association in the form of revocable compact terminable unilaterally by either party.

(Senator Nakayama, Uh, Ponape, July 29, 1973) "The concept of the free association arrangement is that the relationship is a free relationship. It is free in such a way that when we choose to associate with the country that we would like to be related with it is from the choice of the people. It is also free in the sense that when you want to separate yourselves and sever the association, the people may decide to quit that arrangement with the larger country."

(Ambassador Williams, Hana Maui talks, October 11, 1971, P 131 Report on Hana Maui Talks) "We believe on the single issue of termination that your interests would have to be mutually agreed upon. They would also take into account our basic responsibilities in the Pacific, which we believe are recognized by you and by others. These responsibilities justify our belief that the United States should have a voice in any decision which might have the effect of altering seriously the stability in the area which we hope to maintain in your interest as well as in the interest of others, including our own."

These questions and answers on the future status of Micronesia are published in the Marianas Variety as part of the ESG program for your information.



## U.S. TO GET NEW TERRITORY

By Don Oberdorfer  
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TOKYO, July 6 - The United States is about to acquire the first permanent addition to its territory since the purchase of the Virgin Islands half a century ago.

The new American domain is the proposed Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, a thinly populated island chain, 5,000 miles from California in the far Pacific.

Negotiations that have taken place without much notice over the past 14 months have recently resolved nearly all the fundamental questions between representatives of the islanders and the U.S. delegation headed by special presidential representative Franklin Haydn Williams. In an interview this week, Williams said he hopes for agreement on final terms this fall and early submission to the U.S. Congress possibly as soon as the beginning of next year.

The major reason for American interest in the new territory is a Pentagon plan to build a \$300 million air-naval base on Tinian, the flat-topped volcanic island from which the U.S. Air Force launched its 1945 atomic bomb raids on Hiroshima and nearby Saipan as major bases until pushed off by bloody U.S. landings in World War II, is 1,500 miles away.

Since the end of World War II, the Northern Marianas and other parts of the vast mid-Pacific empire of Micronesia ("land of the small islands") have been administered by the United States as a trusteeship under United Nations auspices. Although the United States pledged to work for an early end of the trusteeship with self-government and independence for the island peoples, little progress had been made toward such goals until the past few years.

The proposed Tinian Base and the U.S. installations on Guam, at the southern end at the Marianas chain—already a U.S. territory, acquired from the Spanish in 1898—are widely expected to be the American "fallback position" in the western Pacific when and if U.S. forces leave South Korea, mainland Japan, Okinawa, the Philippines, Taiwan and other base areas.

U.S. negotiator Williams said there are "no present plans" to redeploy major U.S. operational units to Tinian from elsewhere in Asia, but he did not deny that such a possibility exists for the future.

"The plans are to go forward (with the Tinian base) regardless of whether we redeploy," Williams said.

Williams, who is chairman of the San Francisco-

based Asia Foundation, said the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Defense Department have determined a national "requirement" for the Tinian base "including air operations and forward deployment of war material and war reserves." President Nixon approved the military plan in 1971 and reaffirmed it in 1972 following a National Security Council review.

So far Congress has not been asked to authorize either the proposed base on Tinian or commonwealth status for the Northern Marianas chain, of which the island is a part. Nevertheless, detailed planning for construction of the base is far along, including projections of a permanent U.S. garrison of 2,500 men and their families.

As part of the commonwealth negotiations, the United States has "tentatively agreed" to pay \$13.5 million yearly for seven years plus \$3 million yearly in federal services to support the palm tree-and-coconut domain. The population of the proposed U.S. commonwealth would be about 14,000, a little less than that of Hyattsville or Chevy Chase, Md.

Williams said he has

consulted informally on the plan to expand U.S. territory with key lawmakers who "led me to believe Congress is favorably disposed and encouraged me in our efforts."

As a public-relations exercise and small-scale test of what is to come, about 250 U.S. Marines staged a landing on Tinian last month from a warship off the coast. The first Marines to hit the beach of the rugged island since World War II spent most of their onshore time painting churches, giving barbecues, repairing Jeeps and doing other volunteer chores for the islanders.

Most of the residents of Tinian, Saipan and the other inhabited parts of the proposed Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas are believed to favor permanent affiliation with the United States. However, no test votes have been taken recently, and a proposed referendum on Tinian alone was vetoed by U.S. authorities early this year, on the ground that this is a decision for the entire Northern Marianas chain.

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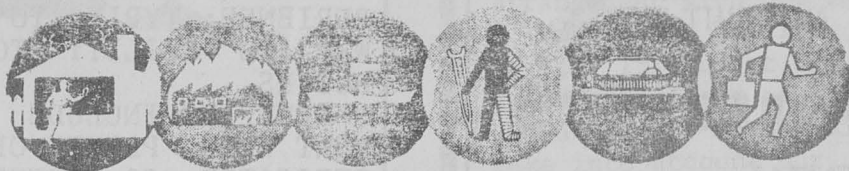
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## Micronesia Day Celebrated On Rota

SAIPAN - No bands played, no traditional field events or speeches took place to mark the ninth annual Micronesia Day in Saipan on July 12, 1974. This special holiday, which commemorates the anniversary of the first meeting of the Congress of Micronesia, while largely ignored in Saipan, was celebrated with much pomp and ceremony in neighboring Rota.

Although last year a celebration took place on Saipan, the apathy expressed by this year's quiet July 12th indicates that this traditional holiday's significance is fading.

In Rota a parade, the crowning of the Micro-

nesia Day Queen, and other public ceremonies marked the holiday in a spectacular fashion.

Flags, marching children and elaborate floats paraded through the major streets of the tiny island. The parade route ended at the Municipal Plaza where the Invocation was given by Rev. Fr. Centonelli. The large assembly of local people were greeted with remarks from Municipal Speaker Misael Ogo, Chairman of Rota's Micronesia Day Celebration, Rota Mayor Anthony C. Atalig and the District Representative Prudencio T. Manglona.

Mr. David Q. Maratita, Marianas District Director of Public Affairs, represented

the District Administrator, and was the featured speaker at the holiday ceremony.

In his address to the participants, Mr. Maratita stressed the significance of the Congress of Micronesia as a necessary

of Micronesia we are helping to achieve the improvements that we need."

Field events, such as coconut husking and basket weaving, children's relay races, and a dance contest ended the day's enjoyable



Miss Matilde Castro Muna as "Micronesia Day Queen" and her court during Rota Island's celebration of Micronesia Day, July 12.

vehicle toward reaching the ultimate goal of deciding our future status.

"The meaning of July 12," Maratita said, "should have a strong attachment to our aspirations of seeking greater opportunity for our people...in that, through the Congress

festivities.

After such a pleasant day, those citizens who attended the celebration certainly affirmed Mr. Maratita's statement thanking "the people and officials of Rota for having selected Micronesia Day as their official public holiday."

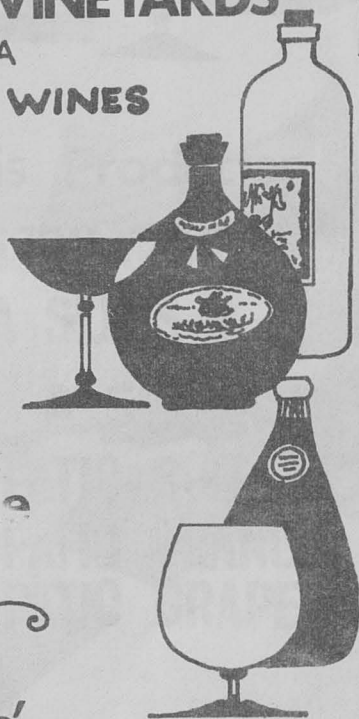
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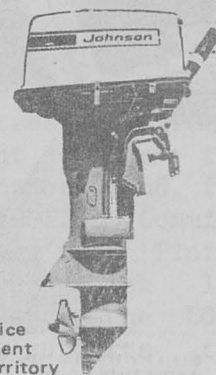
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• He that believeth in Him is not judged. But he that doth not believe is already judged: because he believeth not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (St. John 3:18)

• He that believeth in the Son hath life everlasting: but he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him. (St. John 3:36)

• Jesus said to her: I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth in Me, although he be dead, shall live: And every one that liveth and believeth in Me shall not die for ever. (St. John 11:25-26)

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## ESG....

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wrote, in support of Carpenter's proposal, "that the people of the Marianas are being confused by an ESG program with emphasis on territory unity on the one hand and a separate set of status negotiations on the other." He further stated that it was Mr. Carpenter's feeling that "ESG programs administered in the Marianas should take

fully into account the special political preferences of the district when status information is included in those programs."

Contrary to the Department of the Interiors fears, a Marianas Survey revealed that approximately half of the Marianas populace would like to have more information on all political status alternatives open to them.

The ESG Program, as it now exists, is designed to give the people of Micronesia a better understanding of Micronesia's past and present, and to help the people learn about the very important role they will play in deciding Micronesia's future.

At issue here is the implication that the future status of the Marianas District has already been decided by the Department of the

Interior and Edward E. Johnston. The proposal to modify the ESG program for the Marianas under the guise that it could "confuse the people" suggests that the future program would not fulfill its goal to educate the people, but would change into a propaganda mechanism, tailored to meet the Department of Interiors premature conclusion.

Censoring information concerning the political status options available to the people of the Marianas District would destroy any meaningful education for self government. Extensive information is an essential ingredient in preparing for the obligation of the people to decide their future status.

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been engaged in sporadic negotiations since 1969 with Micronesia as a whole, looking toward a "free-association" status in which the far-flung islands voluntarily affiliate with the United States for defense purposes and permit continued American use of the missile-testing facilities in the Marshall Islands. In May 1972 the Northern Marianas group chose to carve out a separate future for itself as a U.S. commonwealth, and negotiations to this end began in May 1973.

Presidential representative Williams, who is also chief negotiator in the "free association" with the rest of Micronesia, said this week that "tentative understandings" have been reached on key issues, including the dollar support level for the "free association" group. He declined to disclose the dollar figure or other details of the proposed agreement, which were to be discussed anew in the recent U.S. Micronesian conference on Guam.



## Marshallese Supports...

District Public Defender.

"I was in the Marshalls long enough to know that support for the government is bought and paid for." Abrams is currently an Assistant Public Defender on Saipan.

In an attempt to counter "the allegation that all districts through their legislatures have expressed support for Mr. St. Pierre, the Marshallese leaders became the first body to "speak out for the interests of the client, Mrs. T o t h a Samuel, who in effect was a victim of the former Public Defender's actions," the Marshallese letter explained.

Supporters of Mrs. Samuel and the High Commissioner's efforts who

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signed the letter included Speaker of Nitijela Atlan Anien, Senator A m a t a Kabua, Congressmen Ataji Balos and Charles Domnick, and Joba Kabua, a Marshallese traditional leader.

St. Pierre said that he was surprised that Senator K a b u a had signed the letter. "I find it hard to believe," said St. Pierre "that he is now concerned about T o t h a Samuel."

According to St. Pierre, Kabua had attempted to show during the 1966 estate case that a will existed that gave the \$40,000 owned by Chong Hu to a Marshallese man named Lennimjen. S t. Pierre represented Mrs. Samuel, who was awarded the entire

estate.

She subsequently gave St. Pierre and the Marshalls Public Defender's representative, Anibar Timothy, each \$7,500 as a gift. The Trust Territory has maintained that acceptance of the gift was improper.

The twelve Marshallese leaders contend that "Mr. S t. Pierre's...conduct reflects badly on the image of the Trust Territory and that of the United S t a t e s." Such action on the part of a public servant, it contended, "in our opinion constitutes adequate grounds for dismissal."

The earlier petition, dated May 18, 1974, was sent by seven Marshallese leaders. Signers included Nitijela Vice-Speaker Lawrence Edwards, Congress Representative Ekpap Silk, and Alie Alik, Marshalls Nitijela members.

Their opinion, which they stated "was shared by the vast majority of the Marshallese people" expressed the cultural viewpoint that "the acceptance of gifts...was a customary practice," and they further stated that "to refuse the generosity of a friend is unthinkable and deeply insulting in our culture."

The Marshallese supporters of St. Pierre defended their position as representing the very meaning of Article 6.1 of the U.N. Trusteeship Agreement, that "the administering authority shall give due recognition to the customs of the inhabitants in providing a system of law for the territory."

St. Pierre was described as "one of our most respected civil servants," the petitioned continued, "Were the Trust Territory to be deprived of the independent and determined efforts of R o g e r St. Pierre, our society would suffer irreparable damages and severely question the role of law and justice in our society."

While contradictory

positions come in from the Marshalls the Trust Territory remains under a restraining order preventing it from removing St. P i e r r e. T.T. Chief Justice Harold Burnett is still considering a motion to reconsider his order to disqualify himself from hearing the case. There is still no indication when Judge Burnett will rule on this motion.

## LOVE VS. JUSTICE

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AMERICA Committee also Proclaimed "respect...and support for the mandate of the Marianas Political Status Commission as the duly constituted Body to negotiate for all people of the Mariana Islands District...to develop a status of commonwealth."

WE LOVE AMERICA COMMITTEE further committed themselves stating "support for the original United States proposal to relocate the village of S a n J o s e...and the benefits that would occur to the people of Tinian by such relocation."

The issue of relocation is a primary concern of the Tinian Committee for Justice, while supporting allocation of 1/3 of the island to the U.S. military, they are strongly opposed to removing the people who live in San Jose Village. The two committees are also in disagreement over the distribution of land, for while the JUSTICE Committee believes that Tinian must only relinquish 1/3 of their land, the LOVE Committee supports the U.S. proposal to obtain 2/3 of the island.

Sources in Tinian disclosed that both committees are continuing their signature gathering campaigns.



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In the book of John, chapter 19, verse 26 in part: "When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple standing by, whom He loved..." Notice the three words again, if you will — "whom He loved." You see, the Apostle John had proved his love by following the Lord, even to the cross. Oh, what love! Think of the only begotten, virgin born Son of God, as He stopped, dying as it were, to speak to the disciple whom He loved. Yes, number one, the loving thought of "A Dying Savior's Love." It's a gift.

Then in the book of Romans, the great Apostle Paul writing — Romans 8:34: "...it is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, Who is even at the right hand of God, Who also maketh intercession for us." Number two — "A Living Savior's Intercession." What a glorious thought! You see, it's free.

Then number three — "A Keeping Savior's Power." Romans 8:38-39: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Look again, if you will, to Calvary's hill where some nineteen hundred and thirty three years ago, the Man called Jesus, gave His life, that

you might live. As He said (John 19:30), "It is finished." Look, my friend, at the thorn crowned head of the only begotten Son of God, as He bowed His head, with His pure undefiled blood dripping, from swollen beaten cheeks, running down His bruised body and falling to the ground. As that happened, it seems as if His blood whispered to the sand, "It is finished." The sand whispered to the rocks, "It is finished." The rocks began to break, as the earth rolled and shook at the cry — "IT IS FINISHED!" The graves were opened and many bodies of the saints which slept, heard from their graves, "It is finished" and arose leaving behind an open grave. You ask me why I know "It is finished"? I know because "He saved my soul." Now I can sing with the poet:

The sheltering fold held securely;  
The ninety and nine safe within.  
But one poor lost sheep found no shelter,  
Far out in the desert of sin.  
Yes, the terror of the night fell around it,  
And filled it's poor heart with alarm;  
But the Good Shepherd sought till He found it:  
And gathered it safe in His arms.  
Through the storm, through the night He came seeking;  
And He sought it with such fearful cost:  
And I am so glad that He found it;  
For I was the sheep that was lost.

—Unknown

Then number four — "The Beautiful Thought of Being Saved." John 14:6: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." So it too, dear friend, is free. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

So as we look again to Calvary's hill, remember ... He (Jesus), the Man on the middle cross, between two thieves, "bled that we might belong."

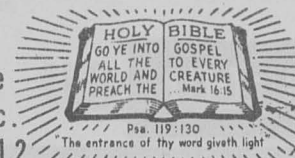
My unsaved friend, can you believe that? You see, Jesus said (John 6:37), "...Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Then the great prophet Jeremiah, in the long ago, uttered these tremendous words: "And ye shall seek me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart." Will you take God at His word, and come to Him just now?

## God Loves You.

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." — John 3:16.

"God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." — Rom. 5:8.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" — Rom. 8:35.



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## PROGRESS MADE AT MICRO STATUS TALKS

SAIPAN - At the conclusion of four days of informal talks in Guam on the future political status of Micronesia with members of the Joint Committee on Future Status Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, the President's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiations, stated, that Further considerable progress was made in reaching agreements in a number of important areas. Tentative agreements previously reached at Carmel were reaffirmed, according to a statement discussed by the TT Status Liaison Office.

The next step will be the referral of the draft agreement by Senator Lazarus Salii, Chairman of the Joint Committee for Future Status, to the full JCFS sometime before or during the forthcoming special session of the Congress of Micronesia. Ambassador Williams stated that a release of the details of the tentative agreements reached would have to await a review by the JCFS.

The Ambassador was to leave for Palau on Monday, July 15 to discuss the invitation to the U.S. from the Palau District Legislature to send a technical team to Koror for an on-the-spot survey of possible sites for the military land use options in that district. He will be accompanied by Captain

Richard Y. Scott, Director, Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations, and Mr. Alf E. Bergesen, Status Liaison Officer from Saipan.

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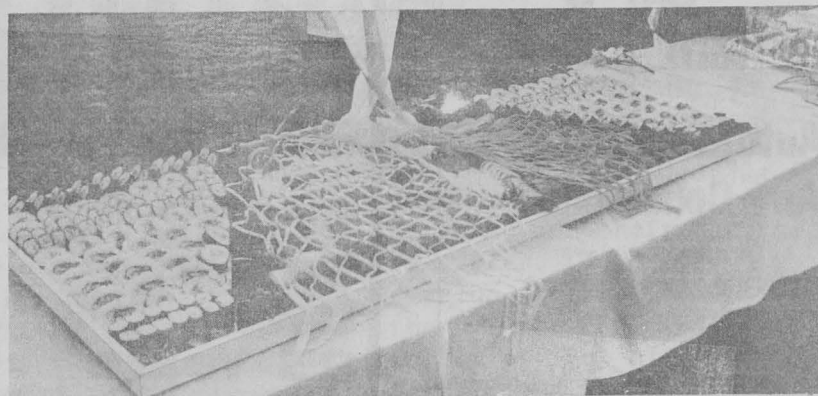
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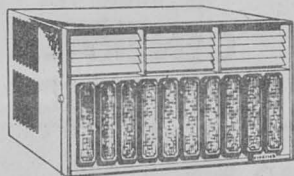
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