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Marines First Invasion To Tinian

SAIPAN - A unit of 200 men of the Third Marine Division will invade Tinian Island this weekend June 21-26, 1974 for amphibious landing training.

The unit which will be transported by the Navy's dock landing ship USS Monticello will come to Tinian's shore in tracked landing vehicles on Friday, and on Saturday they will do civic action works on the Island.

Sunday the Marines will

stage a rehearsal for an invasion of Tinian's Unia Lam Lam Beach on the northwest coast.

The troops in their training invasion will be carrying small arms, carbines, machine guns and will be supported by simulated naval gunfire. Also four Marine Corps A6 attack planes will participate.

The training maneuver will be the first one in this area.

Local Searchers Tow Missing Boat

SAIPAN - A 22-foot boat with seven persons aboard was located and towed back to Saipan after three days of drifting early Wednesday morning by six Saipanese rescuers aboard the San Jose, a Saipanese fishing boat.

The missing boat which is owned by Gonzalo Pangelinan of Saipan was on a hunting trip to Anatahan Island located approximately 60 miles north of Saipan. The hunting party left Saipan on Saturday and failed to return at its scheduled time

on Sunday. Late Sunday it was announced that the boat was missing and an aerial search was begun by a Navy aircraft.

The aerial search continued Monday and Tuesday and the aircraft from Guam located the missing boat at sunset on Tuesday and notified the search and rescue boats of its location.

According to Mr. Ben Cepeda, the skipper of Roman Benavente's boat and local searcher who first reached the missing Pangelinan

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Tenorio Files Suit Against T.T.

SAIPAN - As a result of a preliminary hearing, TT Chief Justice Burnett informed both parties in a land survey bid lawsuit that he will soon issue a ruling on a possible preliminary injunction requested by Juan C. Tenorio Associates, Inc. of Saipan.

The preliminary hearing was conducted at the high court on Monday and Wednesday, June 17 and 19 concerning a complaint filed against the Trust Territory government by Juan C. Tenorio and Associates, Inc., a Saipan surveying company. The complaint is seeking to prevent from signing a contract with Asia Mapping Company, a foreign surveying team who also submitted bids for the contract to survey Micronesian Homestead and

public lands. Chief Justice Harold W. Burnett presided.

At the beginning of the first day session, the Defendant's Attorney Alan Nicholson raised a motion for dismissal. He based the motion upon allegation that the court has no jurisdiction. Nicholson cited Title 6, Section 252, Subsection 2 of the

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Morton Disapproves Admiralty Bill

SAIPAN, JUNE 19 (MNS)--- Secretary of the Interior Rogers C.B. Morton has disapproved the Admiralty and Maritime bill, which would have made Micronesia a port of registry for ships, (SB 94). The measure was vetoed by the High Commissioner last year, but was repassed this year by the Congress of Micronesia.

In a letter to Trust Territory High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston, Secretary Morton stated: "I deeply regret I must take this action because there is obvious merit to such legislation for the Trust Territory. However, the bill as enacted is not

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PULL HARD! What treasures of the sea will be found by this Saipanese family when they close the circle of their chinchulu net?

BURNETT DISQUALIFICATION QUESTIONED

SAIPAN - Chief Justice W. Burnett as a result of an oral argument between Councils Alan Nicholson, representing the TT government and Benjamin Abrams representing Chief Public Defender St. Pierre on Wednesday, June 19 will reconsider his decision to disqualify himself to further preside over the

St. Pierre hearing.

Burnett early last week disqualified himself to further preside over the St. Pierre case due to the fact that he had been a material witness in this case involving substantially the same parties and other considerations such as personal correspondence.

COM MEMBERS GO TO CARACAS

SAIPAN, JUNE 19 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---Members of the Joint Committee on Law of the Sea of the Congress of Micronesia have left the Trust Territory for Caracas, Venezuela in South America to attend the third United Nations conference on Law of the Sea, (LOS).

The conference has been described as the largest international meeting in history and is expected to run for about ten-weeks. Its aim is to harmonize centuries-old sea laws with recent individual claims to the enormous biological and mineral wealth of the seas and the threat of widespread pollution.

It has been reported that a third group of nations, composed of landlocked countries and those with narrow coastlines will propose an intermediate position between the 12 miles of the major powers and the 200 miles of the developing states, in hopes of greater benefits from a proposed international sea.

While developing nations are far more interested in the protection of their sea resources, the major powers of the world are more interested in the guarantee of freedom of innocent passage of their freighters and tankers and

in the elimination of any obstacles for the deployment of their warships.

Nations with no coastlines or very narrow continental platforms would like to see the resources of the seas come under international control, while coastal and island countries such as Micronesia, favor a 200 mile limit..which would protect the ocean's resources from exploitation by major powers of the world.

The Congress of Micronesia's stated position has been to claim control over all waters within straight lines connecting Micronesia's outermost islands, or otherwise known as the "archipelago theory." It also feels that Micronesia's jurisdiction applies to a second zone 12 miles outward from the first zone, but would respect the right of "innocent passage" where vessels could pass freely.

Members of the Joint Committee on LOS are: Senator Andon Amaraich, Chairman; Representative Herman Q. Guerrero, Vice Chairman; Representative Luke Tman; and Representative Masao Nakayama. The committee is accompanied by Congress' Legislative Counsel Kaleb Udoi, staff-attorney Fred Ramp, and Law of the Sea Consultant Frederick S. Wyle.

St. Pierre's Council Ben Abrams delivered his argument on the basis that Burnett should not disqualify himself now as he had already presided once in the case hearing both his and the government Attorney's arguments in their entirety before ruling on his fitness to hear the case.

However, the Trust Territory Government's Council, Alan Nicholson

disagreed with Abrams' arguments saying that even though Burnett will reconsider his decision, "it leaves the issue of his past participation or relationship to the case or parties to the opinion of the judge. It seems to leave that decision to the judge and it would appear that, once made, that decision could only be changed under very unusual circumstances."

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 CONTINENTAL AIRLINES
AIR MICRONESIA 

U.N. TRUSTEESHIP ISSUED ANNUAL REPORT ON T.T.

NEW YORK, (MNS)---The United Nations Trusteeship Council ended its 42nd Session Friday (June 17) after submitting its annual report on the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to the U.N. Security Council.

Much of this year's report is concerned with the future political status of Micronesia. The Council said it hopes that the terms of the U.S.-Micronesian political status negotiations "will be clearly defined (by the United States) and that no alternative, including independence, will be ruled out."

The Council report was especially concerned with the separate status negotiations being conducted with the Marianas and the possibility of such negotiations starting with the Marshalls. It hoped that provisions would be made for "the maintenance of the closest possible links" between the Marianas and the other districts. The possibility of the Marianas rejoining the rest of Micronesia was another area of special concern to Council members.

As for the Marshalls, the report noted "with genuine concern that (the Marshalls) has also expressed the intention of initiating separate negotiations with the Administering Authority." The Trusteeship Council urged the United States "to preserve the unity of the Marshalls and Carolines."

Again this year, the annual report asked the United States to be sure to hold a political plebiscite for all districts at the same time. Concern was expressed that such a referendum not be held in the Marianas District before the other five are ready. The UN Council stressed that it expects to be included in all of the major phases of the Micronesian transition

from its present Trusteeship status to its freely chosen future political status.

The Council also hopes that the Trusteeship Status could be terminated before 1981, the date projected by the U.S., the report states.

Another area of concern was the veto power now held by the High Commissioner over Congress of Micronesia legislation. It was the Council's general consensus that the veto power "should be regulated by appropriate legislation" which distinguishes "between special interests of territory and international obligations" of the United States.

The report also concludes that the Congress of Micronesia should be given final authority over a larger percentage of the Trust Territory budget. The Congress of Micronesia, the Council states, should be asked to give its consent before any separate status negotiations are conducted. The Council had made this same point in an earlier report.

The Soviet delegate to the Council Mr. V. Kovalenko, said that his delegation could not agree with some of the report's assessments, conclusions and proposals. He said that the negotiations between the United States and the Marianas District were contrary to UN Charter principles and decisions. In its report, the Council said it "hopes that in the search for an agreement the (United States) will not lose sight of the moral and

legal obligations it has accepted to fulfill vis-a-vis the Territory."

Kovalenko also said that the report diminished the role of the Congress of Micronesia and insufficiently reflected the true situation in the Trust Territory. For these reasons, the Soviets abstained on the report. The other three delegations, however, approved the report. They are the United Kingdom, France and Australia. The United States as administering Authority, abstained from voting on the report.

The Trusteeship Council will meet again in September to consider the present situation in Papua New Guinea. It is expected that Territory, the only other United Nations Trusteeship, will receive independence this year.

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8th Of The HAPPENINGS WEEK...

The popular party on Tinian held a meeting last week to reorganize and select new officers. According to Joe Cruz from Tinian, Silvester C. Cruz was selected as the Chairman, the Vice Chairman is Juan B. King and the Secretary Treasurer is Bernardo F. Diaz.

The former chairman, Mr. Fredrick Dela Cruz was removed because of his support for the two unsuccessful candidates for the mayorship election which was held on Tinian June 9th. Mr. Philip Mendiola (of the Territorial party) won the mayorship election.

The Marianas District Legislature Economic Committee is planning a trip to Japan for research and study of the Japanese fishing industry with special emphasis on shark fishing potential.

The Committee members and their counsel together with Marianas Fishing Authority members are scheduled to be in Japan for a week in July. The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Juan Cabrera, will not go on the trip because of his obligations to his job here. Expenses for the trip will be covered by an appropriated fund of the MDL and the District Economic Development Office.

Guam Congressman Antonio B. Won Pat announced today that the Office of Economic Opportunity has issued a \$13,000 grant to the Community Action Agency in the Marshall Islands. The funds will be used for administrative expenses, OEO officials in Washington reported, according to a Washington D.C. press release.

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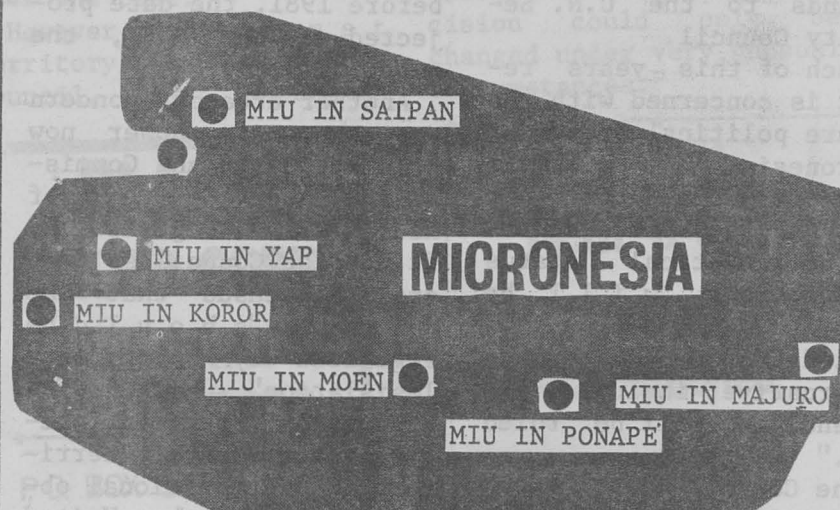
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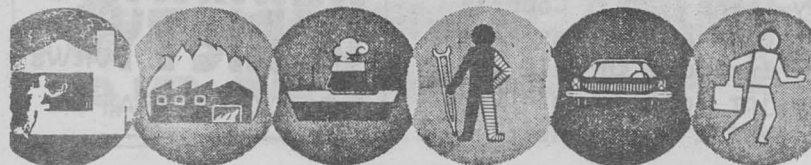
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A Personal View

By: JON A. ANDERSON

One of the more interesting efforts at regional cooperation in the past year has involved PEACESAT, the experimental satellite program that links Saipan with stations in such disparate places as New Zealand, Niue and Tonga. It is an exciting thing to sit in on one of these discussions, listening to the cultured British and Australian accents of our neighbors to the south, talking directly to Fiji or Hawaii, participating in what soon becomes like one big Pacific family.

On Wednesday something new was tried with PEACESAT, and while the initial effort was not especially good it holds great promise. It was a regional news exchange, coordinated by Ian Johnstone, the South Pacific Commission's broadcast officer, who is based in Fiji. Each satellite station was given four or five minutes to give the news from its area of regional interest, and each station in turn tape recorded these news vignettes from the other places. Elias Thomas, the TT broadcast chief, voiced the Micronesian report.

It is his hope that eventually a regular regional news program of about half-an-hour in length will be made available to all six radio stations in the Trust Territory.

Although quality was poor Wednesday, Elias and I were able to hear most of the reports fairly well, with New Zealand, Hawaii, Fiji and the Cook Islands coming in best. We heard about plans for the sugar industry in Hawaii, protests of French nuclear testing from New Zealand, hopes for mineral wealth from the seabed in the Cooks, and so forth. It was fascinating.

Even in the news business we tend to become a bit parochial at times, wrapped up in our own day to day affairs. But things are happening elsewhere in the Pacific of interest and often importance to the Trust Territory; conversely, certain of our stories should prove of interest to our island neighbors. This news exchange is another promising step toward regional cooperation and increased understanding between the nations and territories of the Pacific.

Along these same lines editors and broadcasters from throughout the Pacific are in the process of forming a Pacific Islands Press Association. More About that next week.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

May I humbly find out from Dr. Jack Helkena, Chairman TT Personnel Board whether or not justice is done to Mr. Francisco Demapan's case that is, of course, still in the hands of the District Director of Education-Marianas, District Personnel Officer-Marianas, and the TT Personnel Board?

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. M. Camacho
Concerned Parents

DEAR EDITOR:

Permit me to make a few observations regarding the article which appeared in the I Gaseta News Paper on June 14, 1974, under the Political Panorama by F.S.P.

I am specifically interested in the analysis of Mr. F.S.P. regarding Congressman Atalig which he has indicated that the defeat of the incumbent Mayor of Tinian is indirectly a defeat for Congressman Atalig too. Recalling all the two previous election results, I have every reason to disagree with Mr. F.S.P.

Mr. F.S.P. may not be aware of the election in 1970 and '72. The statistics shows that in 1970 two candidates were running and in '72 three candidates were running, but inspite of that, Congressman Atalig made it smoothly. In the final tabulation of the votes Atalig was ahead by 200 some votes from Palacios.

The winning of Mr. Cruz to the Convention, does not matter too much for Congressman Atalig. Mr. Cruz, in the first place never did support Atalig in the last election but Atalig made it easily.

Let us not underestimate Atalig again.

*Congressman Atalig supporter from precinct A.
Name withheld by request.*

Dear Editor:

Upon my arrival on Saipan in mid afternoon on June 4, I was quite impressed with the beauty of Saipan and on my way down to the village I observed the best road in the Trust Territory.

Unfortunately, after I had an opportunity to go around and visited a few bars, shopping store, and Government Departments I became disappointed when I found out that most employees are strangers (not the Saipanese). Perhaps, I am talking about the labor Force here in Saipan. Why the Palauans, the Yappese, the Koreans, and those who are not the natural citizen of Saipan? Saipanese are not dumb; as a matter of fact Saipan is more advanced than the rest of the Trust Territory.

My Conclusion is, PLEASE GO HOME to your own home. Don't try to stay here in Saipan with the hope that you might find a new wife, new husband or a new homestead. YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT. DEPORT YOURSELF.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Ermang

Palauan University Student

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OUR SELF GOVERNMENT

QUESTION:

What are the advantages and disadvantages of independence and Free Association?

The difficulty arises, not because there is no information available, but because of the nature of any response to the questions. What is an advantage to one may be clearly disadvantageous to another. There may be one element of a response which is advantageous but is paired to something else which is disadvantageous. For example, raising taxes means that people would have to give more of their money to the government to support more services for the citizens which is clearly an advantage. Some aspects of a US military presence may be considered a disadvantage politically or socially while economically there may be considerable advantage. And so on. As the poet remarked, beauty is in the eye of the beholder and the reader must decide what is acceptable and what is not. It is the voters of Micronesia who will ultimately decide.

Free Association for our purposes must be defined in relation to the negotiations presently being carried out between the Congress of Micronesia's Joint Committee on Future Status and the US Government. Since the negotiations are not yet completed, it is not possible to define the term completely, but it refers to a freely negotiated relationship with the United States whereby the US would continue to provide certain vital services to a self-governing Micronesia in return for the right to use certain lands for military purposes. The Draft Compact of Free Association, according to the Micronesian position, must be based on the four points guaranteeing sovereignty in the Micronesian government, recognizing the right to choose independence, or association with any other nation or organization of nations, the right to have a national constitution and the right to terminate any agreement of association unilaterally.

Independence is, of course, complete exercise of sovereignty by the Micronesian people and government, both externally (foreign relations) and internally. Relations with other nations would be on a footing of equality and without intermediary. Free Association was the primary choice of the negotiators during the Koror Status Talks in April of 1972. Following the later talks in Ponape and in preparations for the talks at Barber's point in Hawaii, (Fall 1972) Congress also instructed the JCFS to negotiate on independence. The US, however, has expressed the opinion that they are not yet prepared to discuss this alternative during the negotiations on Free Association. Thus far, therefore, only Free Association has been negotiated between the JCFS and the US Government following the rejection of Commonwealth Status by the Congress in 1970.

ON FREE ASSOCIATION:

(Lazarus Salii, in Yap, July 10, 1973) "... I think that the best thing about free association is that it gives Micronesia the right to run its own internal affairs without interference. It is also not a permanent type of relationship therefore it can be changed or terminated in the future if we do not like it. It also insures some protection by the United States for Micronesia. Depending on the terms we can work out, it also assured some sort of financial assistance to the Government of Micronesia and that seems to be acceptable to the United States."

"... On the negative side--first, there will be no longer the United Nations to review the performance of the administering authority in Micronesia. Second, the

difficulty is that we will be required to make land and water areas available to the United States for military purposes. Third, it will require that control over our external affairs and control over defense and the use of Micronesia for military purposes will be in the hands of the United States and not in the hands of the Government."

(Senator Petrus Tun, in Kusaie, July 18, 1973) "Free Association means that Micronesia will have a kind of relationship with the United States, a free association relationship. It is free because if at some time in the future the Micronesians decide to have a different kind of status, political status, they are free to do so. They can either move away from or move closer to the United States. There will be an agreement for this association and that agreement will spell out the responsibilities of the United States and those of Micronesia. The United States has indicated that they want to see included in that agreement of Compact that the United States will be responsible for things like defense and foreign affairs, and Micronesia will be responsible for internal affairs. Micronesia will make and adopt her own constitution and change it in any way they want. A Micronesian constitution will have to be consistent with the Compact or agreement and certain U.S. laws that may be applicable to Micronesia."

ON INDEPENDENCE:

(Senator Tun in Kusaie) "Independence means that we will not be under any foreign powers like we are now. We will control all our affairs, internal and foreign affairs. We will also have to be responsible for our defense. We will be responsible for everything in Micronesia. We will no longer be dependent on other countries. We will be on our own. We will make and adopt our own constitution and change it in any way we want. Our constitution will not have to be consistent with the laws of any nation. In case of war we will have to defend ourselves and our land. We will have to finance our own government."

(Representative Ekpap Silk, on Kusaie, July 18, 1973) "As to the advantages of independence, we will have complete control over our own internal and external affairs. We will be free not to be involved in any war with any other country and we will be free to accept any assistance from any nation or international organization, including the United States itself."

(Senator Amaraich, July 11, 1973, in Palau) "It is also my understanding that under an independent arrangement or an independent nation, we can say that all these lands are ours and we do not need to ask Ambassador Williams to return them to us. It is my understanding that if we are politically independent we can negotiate with the United States on many things on an equal basis, and that we can negotiate with another nation also."

(Congressman Balos, July 11, Palau) "All I can say at this time is unless we have economic stability, we cannot become independent. I think this is the main thing that everybody is scared of and that is we do not have the economic stability."

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.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS COLLECTED

SAIPAN - A total of \$961.25 has been collected from donations from Marianas leaders, businesses and private citizens for a monument on Tinian in memory of the eight persons who lost their lives in a tragic March 25th boating accident, according to Joe Cruz of Tinian.

Out of the thirteen passengers aboard the tiny eighteen foot boat which began the fateful trip to Saipan, only five were rescued although extensive rescue operations were carried on for several days in the hope of locating further survivors. The boat, owned by John

Shai of Tinian, capsized in rough seas and the survivors were rescued by passing fishermen.

Contributions for the monument which has already been erected on a Tinian coastline have also been received from Guam with the assistance of Joe Murphy of Guam. These donations were given to Father Meno of Tinian.

According to Cruz, the funds have been used to construct the monument and pave a road to reach it.

Mr. Cruz, as spokesman on behalf of the bereaved families of Tinian, added that the families wished to thank all donors for helping make the monument possible.

Tenorio's Suit...

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TT code which states that "any Claim based... upon the exercise or performance or the failure to exercise or perform a discretionary function or duty on the part of any agency or employee of the government, whether or not the discretion involved be abused" as the ground for dismissal. Judge Burnett denied the motion.

Tenorio and Associates represented by Jim Brooks of Guam and Associate Council Edward D.L.G. Pangelinan, contends that their bid was the lowest in price. However, the TT Lands and Surveys Division of the Department of Resources and Development states that Asia Mapping is the best and should be granted the proposed contract. The factors used in determining a contract award are the firm's responsibility, organization, technical qualifications, experience and the quality of its person-

nel, the Land and Survey officials testified. Asia Mapping Inc., Hawaii architects and Juan C. Tenorio and Associates are the three competing firms.

The case arises out of the return of public lands to Micronesian control by the U.S. There have been difficulties in some of the TT districts in determining exactly who owns certain lands. The survey project funded by a special U.S. government appropriation, is to determine the exact boundaries of the land parcels.

During the hearing, six individuals from both parties took the stand and testified. Juan C. Tenorio, the sole owner of the firm, Pete Tenorio, office manager and Jose Tenorio, project manager testified in the hearing. On the governments side, three land and survey officials also testified. They were Emmett Rice, K. Yamata and Don Mayol.

TRUK FISHERY BUSINESS APPROVED

SAIPAN, JUNE 19 (MNS)--- Trust Territory Deputy High Commissioner Peter T. Coleman has approved the granting of a foreign business permit to the Truk Development Corporation.

The company proposes to engage in skipjack tuna fishing and the processing of marine products in Truk, according to the weekly report of foreign business activity from the Economic Development Division of the Resources and Development Department.

The Truk Economic Development Board, in recommending approval of the application, stated that the company will be required to commence its operations within seven months, and that if it fails to do so the permit

will be subject to revocation. The board also required, and the company agreed, that fish caught by the company will be sold locally, and only after local needs have been met will the surplus be exported.

Truk Development Corporation will have its principle place of business on the island of Uman, in the Truk Lagoon. Managing Director of the firm is Kenneth J. Robinson of Tokyo, Japan, who is also an officer of Kendel Corporation, a U.S. company. Micronesian executive officers of the company are Robert Narruhn and Enis Nedelic of Truk. Truk Development Corporation initially plans to operate five skipjack fishing boats. They foresee a minimum catch per year of 7,000 tons of fish.

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fully consistent with the obligations of the United States under international conventions relating to shipping and, therefore, as written, exceeds the legislative authority of the Congress. I do not mean by my action, however, to discourage the future enactment of such legislation, and to this end, we in the United States Government are prepared to work closely with representatives of the Congress of Micronesia to develop maritime laws for Micronesia which, while providing suitable legislation to govern Trust Territory shipping, will also comply with the many international conventions relating to safety, pollution control, financial responsibility, possible labor standards, and the

like.

"I trust that you will convey to the leadership of the Congress of Micronesia," the Secretary's letter continued, "the sense of my regret in taking this action and our sincere desire to assist them in developing at an early date a workable law, should the Congress wish to pursue new legislation in the admiralty and maritime area."

Secretary Morton's action on the bill is final. There can be no further review of this particular piece of legislation by the Congress of Micronesia. It is the first time in nearly five years that a piece of legislation has been sent to the Secretary for action, and only the second time since the Congress was formed in 1965.

Local Search...

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vessel, "we followed the aircraft's directions and went to the area where the plane was circling; however, the plane did not throw flare signals and about 10:15 P.M. my brother spotted the running lights of the missing boat." Mr. Cepeda explained that "two hours after we finished tying the ropes to the missing craft, the Coast Guard boat appeared and they asked us if everything was alright and whether we can make it in and then they left." When interviewed by the Marianas Variety, the Benavante boat skipper continued that "it's not true that the Navy boat is the one who towed the missing boat. The local searchers found them and we brought them back safe to Saipan."

Mr. Cepeda added that local searchers who voluntarily participate in helping to locate and rescue missing boats are

unhappy that they don't receive any credit for their efforts.

On the way back to Saipan, the rescued sailors told Mr. Cepeda's crew that their spare ten gallon gas tank was empty. They had found it leaking with only one gallon of fuel left and because the sea was rough, they couldn't reach the channel and started drifting.

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"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).

The men and women who stood around the cross of Jesus on Golgotha had many differing, perhaps even conflicting, thoughts as they watched Him die.

Perhaps some naive, self-righteous Pharisees, honestly and sincerely judging Jesus to be guilty of blasphemy, rejoiced inwardly, thinking God's name has been vindicated. The high priest and his henchmen gloated with relief, saying, "Good riddance! This rabble rouser won't threaten our position with Rome any more." Perhaps one of the Roman legionnaires who divided Christ's clothes thought, "I'm not going to risk my neck. I see what happens to those who buck the powers that be."

The despair of Jesus' followers was later evident in the lament of Cleopas: "We trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel" (Luke 24:21).

These and many other thoughts may have crossed the minds of those who watched Jesus of Nazareth die. And yet probably no one in that crowd really understood the event he witnessed. The ultimate meaning is expressed in this golden text: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son." From the viewpoint of the Roman Empire, the death of the Lord Jesus Christ was an execution. From the moral standpoint of human justice, it was murder. But from the perspective of divine purpose, it was a sacrifice, a substitutionary redemptive payment for the sins of men (1 Pet. 2:24).

It is important to remember that the death of the Lord Jesus Christ as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29) was no afterthought with God, nor was it a shift of strategy to meet an unforeseen emergency. It was the eternal purpose of God, willed before the creation of the universe and executed in "the fulness of the time" (Gal. 4:4).

Thus, Peter reminds Christians that they are redeemed "with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish . . . who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world"

(1 Pet. 1:19-20). Similarly, John identifies Jesus as "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8). In addition, beginning with God's word to the serpent that "thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15), God presented in prophecy and in type His suffering Servant, upon whom He would lay "the iniquity of us all" (Isa. 53:6).

This text tells us that the motivation for God's Gift of His only begotten Son was the fact that "God so loved the world." The hymn writer reminds us that nothing can measure God's love. But the Gift God has given as the expression of His love reveals its infinite worth. This love of God was expressed toward the entire world of mankind while it was still in sin. The very fact that the world of men is in sin required the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. He displayed proof of God's love for humanity (Rom. 5:8).

The gift of God's love in the Person and work of his only begotten Son is for the world of men, but its value and benefit are lost to the individual sinner unless he appropriates it to himself by faith. Apart from this appropriation by faith, the individual will perish, because he remains outside the ark of safety in the Lord Jesus Christ. When the wrath of God falls, he will perish, just as the generation of Noah perished outside the ark when the flood came. This judgment remains, despite God's giving of the gift of His Son.

On the other hand, as the golden text states, "Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The individual sinner who does appropriate by faith God's gift of His Son not only escapes the punishment of eternal separation from God, but he also receives immediately the gift of "everlasting life"—that quality of life which God Himself enjoys and bestows.

This is the gospel of God's grace in the Lord Jesus Christ. God gave His Son, making salvation possible. Have you appropriated that Gift by faith and entered into life eternal?

REDEMPTION ONLY THROUGH CHRIST

Hebrews 5:9

And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.

Hebrews 7:25

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

John 10:9

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

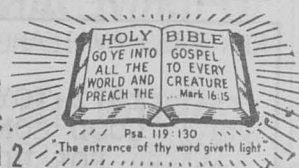
John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 8:24

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

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U.S. OFFSHORE LIMITS CONSIDERED INADEQUATE

WASHINGTON: Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton said yesterday that he is "very uncomfortable" about the United States claiming jurisdiction over only 12 miles of ocean and does not know what would happen if the Soviet Union started drilling for oil beyond the limit but still close to the United States.

Asked what would happen if Soviet oil rigs suddenly showed up for work in deep water off the Atlantic Coast, Morton replied:

"That's a hell of a good question.

"The whole question of the continental shelf has never been decided," he continued at a breakfast meeting with reporters. "I am very uncomfortable with the present setup."

The Baltimore Canyon - a deep trench some 40 miles out from the Maryland coast - looks like a promising area to geologists for oil. Morton said he doubted that the Soviets would want to drill there or other places off the

U.S. East Coast and could be discouraged diplomatically if they tried.

But Morton stressed that there are territorial and environmental questions about the sea that must be resolved by the United States and other nations. He cited fishing by foreign fleets off American shores as one of the immediate problems.

"I'm concerned about it," he said. "We haven't developed a sort of firmness" diplomatically with other countries to protect

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fishing resources off the American coast. "We really have only slapped people on the wrists-haven't come down hard."

The United States claims the first three miles of ocean off its coast as territorial, and the adjoining nine miles as a fishing zone off limits to other fleets.

Morton said this 12 miles is not enough: "We should extend our fishery," he said, because "We don't have enough leverage with our present policy to take any leadership."

FRANCE WARNS SHIPPING ABOUT NEW PACIFIC TEST

PARIS: France has warned all navigation away from its nuclear-weapons test center at Mururoa Atoll in the South Pacific beginning June 11, in preparation for this summer's series of controversial atmospheric nuclear tests. President Giscard d'Estaing also has announced that after this summer, all testing will be done underground, at nearby Fangatuta Atoll.

Monitor special correspondent Jim Browning reports the timing of the announcements apparently was aimed at quieting the mounting international criticism of the open air tests. This had been led by Australia and New Zealand. In reaction, New Zealand Prime Minister

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Norman Kirk commented: "The French decision to go underground is an improvement on testing in the atmosphere, but what is needed is a halt to all

nuclear testing." New Zealand sent a naval protest vessel into the danger area last year, but has announced no such plans this time.

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DIRECT ROUTE TO SOUTH PACIFIC

SAIPAN - The Governments of Fiji and the United States have been unable to agree on an exchange of air routes that could involve the Trust Territory. The air service discussions took place in Honolulu early this month, according to a report from the public relations office of the Government of Fiji.

The report said the two delegations have accepted the text of an air transport agreement between the two countries, but failed to reach agreement on an exchange of routes. The Fiji delegation offered worldwide routes through Nadi to U.S. airlines, with the exception of certain sectors in the South Pacific region of interest to Air Pacific, the Fiji national Airline.

In return, however, the Fiji Government wants per-

mission from the U.S. for Air Pacific to serve Guam and Micronesia, as well as Tahiti through Pago Pago, American Samoa. The United States delegation, headed by J. S. Meadows, Director of the Office of Aviation of the U.S. State Department, refused this request.

According to Fiji's Deputy Prime Minister, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, who headed the Fiji delegation, "Fiji then offered to allow Pan American a continuation of their present services through Nadi to Sydney and beyond in return for a route for Air Pacific from Fiji via Western Samoa and Tonga to Pago Pago and on to Rarotonga and Tahiti. Despite the insignificant commercial value of the Fiji request in comparison with the value of Pan American's present rights

through Nadi, the U.S. delegation again refused to accept an exchange on these lines."

Ratu Sir Penaia then commented: "The Fiji delegation made it clear that in view of the unreasonableness of the U.S. position they would consider, on their return to Suva, the future of Pan American authorization to serve Fiji was due to expire on June 14.

The Fiji airline, which has no connection with the small, Guam-based Air Pacific that serves the Marianas, has sought to receive to Majuro and other points in the Trust Territory previously, but has been unsuccessful.

Air Micronesia, the Continental Airlines Subsidiary which serves the TT, has been given permission by the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board to pro-

vide a link to the South Pacific from Majuro, via Tarawa and Funafuti to Pago Pago. Air Pacific also serves Tarawa and Funafuti, which are in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, a British protectorate. Bi-lateral negotiations between the U.S. and British Governments to implement the Air Micronesia service proposal have not yet been held.

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* The Lord delayeth not His promise, as some imagine, but deal eth patiently for your sake, not willing that any should perish, but that all should return to penance. (2 St. Peter 3:9)

* And thou, O Lord, art a God of compassion, and merciful: patient, and of much mercy, and true. (Psalms 85:15)

* Who will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:4)

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SAIPAN ROTARY CLUB ANNOUNCES PROJECT FUNDING

SAIPAN - The Rotary Club of Saipan announced the allotment of nearly \$5,000 towards Saipan community projects at its regular weekly meeting June 18. \$2,500 of the total represents the proceeds of the Rotary Club's Las Vegas Night, held April 20

at the Royal Taga Hotel. Civic Center Beach will receive the lion's share of the funds, with \$1,140 awarded for the purchase of park equipment. Other projects and the amounts awarded are: Dr. Torres Hospital equipment, \$580; Boy Scouts, \$300; Handicapped Children, \$300, and the club's Scholarship

Fund, \$200. There is a possibility the hospital award may go toward the purchase of a new EKG machine, according to Saipan Rotary president. Elias Okamura.

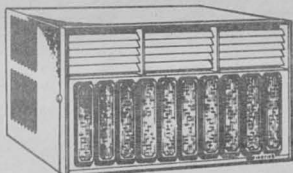
An additional \$2,200 was presented to the club by Y. Ted Okuyama, Secretary of District 358, Rotary International, Tokyo. The

possibility of such an award was suggested by District Governor, Takeo Sugitani, during his visit to Saipan last February. The District official presented a check for \$2,257.58 to club president Okamura, who announced that the funds would be used for the purchase of school playground equipment and for additional equipment at Dr. Torres Hospital.

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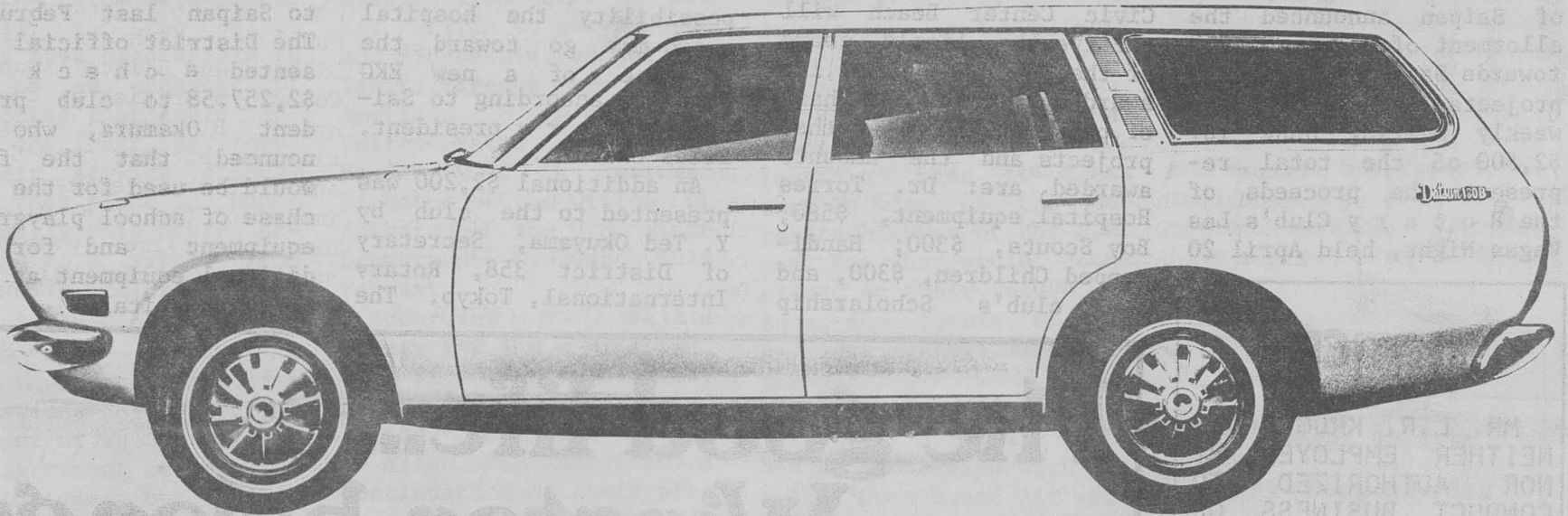
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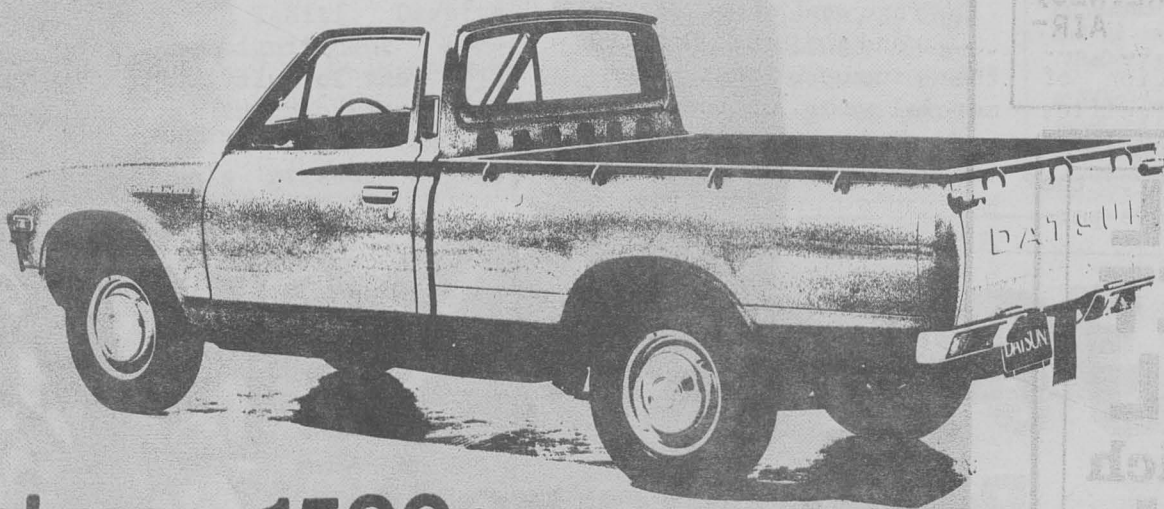
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