

Self-government in the Yap Islands is developing satisfactorily, and continues well-established in the low islands. Now that the functioning organization has been placed in native hands, the major role of the CAU should be a gradual withdrawal into a purely advisory capacity. Resisting the temptation to control or to direct decisions of native governing bodies, in the interest of promoting independence of thought and self-confidence on the part of these bodies will be our main contribution to their further development.

We are convinced that as long as the United States sticks to its principles we can be a very successful mandatary. The principles are maximum self government, education for self government and ultimate liberation or incorporation as a goal. As Secretary of State, Marshall once said, "The worst civil government is preferable to the best Military Government in the world." Only free people can lend a human significance to the coconut palms and the sea birds, to the green waves and the white clouds, and so make this ocean highway a civil as well as a beautiful place.