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COMMITTEES PLAN COVENANT HEARINGS

SAIPAN-Oct. 28. As the people of the Marianas await final action on the Commonwealth status agreement, the Senate referred the proposal to the Armed Services Committee and the Foreign Relations Committee for their review. The committees plan hearings on November 5 and 18 respectively. The Senate has requested that the two committees complete their review by Dec. 3 and release the agreement for action by the full senate.

From Saipan, two delegates will travel to Washington to attend

the committee hearings, according to MPSC Chairman, Edward Pangelinan, one delegate from the Marianas Representatives at the Congress of Micronesia and the other delegate from the Marianas District Legislature. Pangelinan said, as chairman of the MPSC, he doesn't have to attend every time there are hearings on the covenant, but that "we want to give a chance for others too". Besides that, Chairman Pangelinan said, there is not enough money available to send more delegates.

Refugees May Relocate On Saipan

SAIPAN - Two members of the Interagency Task Force for Indochina Refugees have met with a group of Marianas leaders to discuss a proposal for settling 500 Vietnamese refugees in the Marianas.

The meeting was held on Wednesday, October 23, 1975 between the U.S. members and the Marianas leaders to explore and examine the possibility of relocating the refugees on Saipan, according to MDL Congressman Daniel Muna.

Muna stated that no answer was given to the U.S. officials in this regard and the leaders are not the only ones to decide on this matter; the people of the Marianas also have to decide whether the relocation of refugees is acceptable or not, Muna stated.

According to Steve Shepley, Washington, D.C., who is representing the Task Force, there are about 3000 refugees who were tradition-oriented and wanted to remain in

their large family or village groups and continue to fish and farm.

In a June 6, 1975 issue of Marianas Variety News & Views, a prediction was made in the editorial column that the "Marianas may well be another type of a base to accommodate the awaiting refugees on Guam. However this possibly will be considered in the U.S. plans if the commonwealth is approved. It's just like the saying, "To hit two birds in one shot."



Roulette, Dice, and other games were part of the Las Vegas Nite last week at the Continental Hotel, Sponsored by Saipan Rotarians, has generated close to \$7,000 which most of it will go for Charities and Community projects on Saipan.

PRETRIAL CONFERENCE SET ON BIKINI SUIT

SAIPAN, (MNS)---Trust Territory Attorney General Richard I. Miyamoto left Saipan Thursday afternoon for Honolulu where he will attend a pretrial conference for opposing parties in Bikini's suit against U.S. and TT officials, on Saturday (Nov. 1) a spokesman for the attorney general's office said.

Miyamoto is serving as co-counsel for the TT Govern-

ment. Marshalls District Harley Earwicker will also represent the government.

Earlier this month, the people of Bikini file suit in the Honolulu federal court asking that a comprehensive resettlement plan be developed to provide for protection of their health and the promotion of their economic advancement and self-sufficiency.

The suit was filed by at-

torneys for the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation representing the Bikinians. The complaint requests the U.S. defendants "immediately" to contract for, fund, and support an independent study of the health risks to those members of the Bikini community now living on Bikini island.

The defendants named in the suit are President Gerald Ford; Secretary of De-

fense James Schlesinger, Kent Frizzel, acting secretary of interior; Fred M. Zeder, director of territorial affairs; Robert C. Seamons, Jr., Administrator of the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administrator (ERDA); William J. Stanley, director for the Pacific area; High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston and Oscar DeBrum, Marshalls District Administrator.

SAIPAN TEENAGER SHOT TO DEATH

SAIPAN—On October 26 2:25 A.M., Edward C. Sablan, a 21 year old resident of Garapan, was allegedly shot three times by Fred B. Flores, owner of the Ocean View Restaurant, according to Chief of Police, Jose Mafnas. Sablan succumbed to the shotgun wounds received, and was pronounced dead at 10:12 A.M. on the same day after emergency surgery was performed at Guam Naval Hospital, where he was transported by helicopter from Dr. Torres Hospital at 7:00 A.M.

"Eddie", son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Sablan, was described by those who knew him as a quiet boy, not a trouble maker.

The shooting took

place following a game of chess or checkers between Sablan and friends, who were drinking together. According to police sources, witnesses said there was a lot of noise and excitement, apparently over the game, and when someone called that they should calm down, an argument began, ending in the shooting. Witnesses were quoted as saying they saw Flores shoot the victim, saw the victim fall, and Flores still holding the pistol.

A description of the pistol by witnesses matched the description of the pistol surrendered by Flores to the police, and also matched the expended shells. Two of

the shots were "in shots", in which bullets remained in the body, and one shot exited through the back, and that bullet has not been located.

Flores was taken into custody, but would not talk, after being read his constitutional rights, upon his arrest. He was charged with aggravated assault and illegal possession of a firearm and after the deceased was pronounced dead, the charge was changed to first degree murder, and illegal possession of a firearm. Flores is being held in custody, and investigation is still in progress to determine the motive for the killing.

Convicted After Plea Of Guilty

SAIPAN—On Tuesday, Oct. 27, Francisco R. Santos was convicted of assault and battery and sentenced to 8 days in jail and fined \$25.00, after entering a plea of guilty according to court records. The assault charge was brought against Santos after a complaint was made by Mr. Sam Duval, father of the girl assaulted, who stated that Santos beat his daughter and pointed a revolver at her in the house of Pedro H. Santos about 10:00 a.m., Oct. 23, the police source said. The Public Defender acted on Santos' behalf at the

trial.

Santos, who is on probation for a 12 month period as a delinquent, beginning August 13, has violated the conditions of his suspension on 3 occasions, by leaving the island of Saipan without the written permission of the Probation Officer, the source disclosed. Santos, is also being questioned as a suspect in the burglary of the District Finance Office, and other possible burglaries, with which he is allegedly connected, according to the police source.

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New Alcohol Beverage Board Members Appointed

Saipan-District Administrator, Francisco C. Ada formally appointed new members of the Marianas District Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, according to a memorandum issued by the DistAd on Oct. 28, 1975.

The new appointees have been confirmed by Marianas District Legislature and will serve for a period of two years, in accordance with District Code, Section 11.16. 010, the memorandum said.

The new appointees

are: Antonio R. Sablan, Chairman; Antonio M. Camacho, Member; Abel R. Olopai, Member; Edward T. Diaz, Member; Alfred M. Apatan, Member; (Rota); and Ricardo P. Villagomez, Member, (Tinian).

By these new appointments of the members to the Board, the previous appointments, under memorandum dated March 21, 1972, will be superceded and cancelled, effective as of midnight, October 27, 1975, the DistAd memorandum concluded.

Marching To Protest Land Disposition

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND,---The second Maori land march started

Wednesday (Oct. 28) from Wellington on their way up to the North Island of Rotarua. It is a much smaller march this time with only about 50 people so far, but they hope to collect more on the way. They expect to take about two or three months to complete the round

trip back to Wellington. Maoris are marching to express their concern about the disposition of traditional Maori lands. Last week they camped on the steps of the Parliament building and on Parliament grounds in Wellington demanding to meet with the Prime Minister, Mr. Rowlings.

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Marianas Training Center participants (21) bake cakes and put together with many different donated items on sale in order to generate funds for the center.

Marine Scholarships Applications Available

SAIPAN, (MNS)---The Trust Territory Transportation Division announces that applications for Marine Transportation Scholarships are being accepted for school year 1976-1977, in the following Transportation related fields: Marine Engineering; Navigation (Nautical Science); Marine Electrical and Electronics; Marine radio Telephone/Telegraphy; and Marine Steward.

Duration of the training programs varies from one to four years depending on the particular field of study.

Four - year academic programs in Marine Engineering, Electrical Electronics and Navigation require the applicant to be a high school graduate, not over 22 years of age, with a solid background in English, Mathematics and Science.

Interested applicants should obtain a Trust Territory Government Financial Aid Application form from the District Scholarship Coordinators and submit two completed forms to the Headquarters Transportation Division no later than

December 12, 1975.

For further information on the above programs, please contact the Headquarters

Transportation Division of the Department of Transportation and Communications.

Airport Assistant Manager Applicants Interviewed

Saipan---- The airport authority held meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week, and according to Mr. Jim Mellus, Airport Manager, things are beginning to move smoothly in the direction of progress. A committee has been appointed to work on the By-Laws for the Authority and another committee was given the task of working with the Attorney and Treasurer to affect the transfer of physical properties of the airport to the Authority, according to Mellus.

Wednesday night's

meeting also included interviews with 4 of the 5 applicants for the position of Assistant Airport Manager, and "selection will probably be made within a week", said Mellus. The applicants include, Francisco Chong, DistAd Rep. on Tinian, Carlos Shoda, MDL Congress, Joaquin Tudela, Lawyer and Frank Torres, Front Desk Attendant, Continental Hotel. All applicants are from the Marianas.

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37 DAYS TRAINING COURSE BEGINS

Saipan--A training course, initiated by the Dept. of Resources and Development, and made possible through the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), of which the Trust Territory Gov't. is a member, got underway on Saipan, Tuesday morning, at the Garapan Garden Hotel. This was the beginning day of a 37 day course (Oct. 28-Dec. 5), Entitled, "Sub-Regional Course on Project Development and Planning for Island Countries," which is being sponsored by the United Nations Asian Develop-

ment Institute in cooperation with the Trust Territory Government.

Deputy High Commissioner Peter T. Coleman, addressing the participants, said that "the success of any project or enterprise" depends on the management, and stressed that emphasis in the course should be placed on taking steps to solve practical management problems. He then pledged full support to the success of the training program. Dep. DistAd Dan Akimoto also addressed the group, which consisted of officers of the A.D.I. and

participants, including six from the Trust Territory, and others from Fiji, Papua, New Guinea, Sahah, Tonga and Western Samoa. Akimoto expressed pleasure on behalf of the Marianas Dist. Gov't. for Saipan being selected as the site for the course.

Dr. Gerhard Dalke, Specialist in Training from the U.N.A.D.I., headquartered in Bangkok, is the director of the course.

Manny Sablan, Dep. Chief of the Economic Development Division, said the other lecturers from the South Pacific Commission and the U.

N.A.D.I. organizations will be attending the training program, along with senior officials of various countries, private businessmen, and various Dept. heads of the T.T. Government.

This course is part of a projected 5-year plan for economic development of Asian and Pacific countries. Phases I and II of the plan have been completed and Phase III is to begin in Jan. 1976, with emphasis on eradication of poverty, unemployment and social inequality in the countries of Asia and the Pacific.



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Ponapeans Held Lavish Party For CON CON

SAIPAN--"It was one of the best parties I have ever been to, with plenty of food, drinks, and especially the colorful traditional dances presented by the Ponapean community on Saipan," said a delegate to the Micronesian Constitutional Convention.

The delegate was speaking about the "big, lavish party" that the Ponape Delegation to the Convention and the Ponapean community on Saipan presented in honor of the Micronesian Constitutional Convention last Saturday (October 25) at the White Sands Hotel on Saipan, where the historic Convention has been meeting since July 12, 1975.

The Ponapean women provided hand made mwarmwars (leis) to all the guests attending, and there were dances (hula and a marching dance) by young Ponapean girls. A most exciting performance by a group of Pingelapese men from Saipan seemed to be the highlight of the evening's festivities. The two "traditional" dances", (dihn dihn and Liohdoki), performed by the men have historical significance in the culture of the people of Pingelap.

Dihn dihn, a dance using empty biscuit cans, supposedly started several centuries ago, when Kusaians and Marshallese were preparing to invade Pingelap, an atoll in the Ponape District, located 160 miles east of Ponape Is. According to legend, Pingelapese prepared for the invaders, and by beating on the empty cans, chased the invaders away with the poise.

The Liohdoki dance was used prior to battles with invaders of Pingelap. Vigorous, fast and colorful, the stick dance was per-

formed; and if a man was hit, he was disqualified from participating in the battle.

The party was the second to be presented for the Convention in the name of "Micronesian Unity". The first party was presented by the Palau delegation for the Convention several weeks ago, and it has been reported that certain groups of Saipanese will be presenting another lavish party in honor of the ConCon and to promote "Micronesian Unity" next Saturday, November 1, at the White Sands Hotel.

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CON CON'S WORK SUMMARY

I happened to have a short conversation with a friend who is on the Island for a couple of months, and within the exchange of ideas, I was impressed to hear his comment when he said, "Here, there is such a thing as when 'some greens' get to some guys' hands, the important thing for them is to spend them until they are completely used up". My friend continued and brought an example when he said, "Like a fellow who decided to take a trip for three days and on the first day, he finished all the food he had".

As I said I was impressed that he (my friend) understood this system here within such a short time and, of course I agreed with him perfectly, because I know that he is right,

In many cases, when I asked a question, I was given the answer, "We are out of funds", or "not enough funds", or "no more money available", etc., especially when I asked about the status of this or that project or why this or that program was not being carried on any more. For those officials, it's become a habit to answer with those monotonous answers. They are true answers, of course, because they had used all the money, but the project for which the money had been appropriated had not been completed. It was easy for my friend to realize that, even within a short period of time. Now the question is, how can this island be developed, especially when there is such a habit.

Talking about bad habits, lately we realized that when somebody on this Island gets mad at another, they won't carry on an argument or fight and beat each other, instead they shoot with guns and kill each other! It's not only a bad habit, but a most dangerous one.

Also, it's an indication that there are so many fire arms on this Island, although it's illegal, but no enforcement is made to collect them. Maybe an official will someday be injured or killed and at that time some restriction on guns will take place. But why do the law makers or the officials have to wait until such an incident takes place? Why not, right now, declare a very tough punishment on any individual found with a gun illegally? Now is the right time to do so! There are many innocent people here on this island who wish to live in peace.

The map below shows the National Territory of the State of Micronesia in accordance to the provision of National Territory which passed by the Micronesian Constitutional Convention.

Only a few days are left before the scheduled conclusion of the Micronesian Constitutional Convention. During the past week, several measures were given final approval and several others were either deferred or amended substantially and sent back to Committee for reconsideration.

FINAL PASSAGE (Passed by 3/4ths vote and re-referred to the Committee on Style Arrangement.)

CIVIL LIBERTIES

Freedom of Expression, Assembly, Association and Petition. No law may deny or impair freedom of expression, peaceable assembly, association or petition.

Protection of Tradition: The traditions of the Micronesian people may be protected by legislation. If challenged as violative of this Article, protection of Micronesian traditions shall be considered a compelling social purpose warranting such governmental action.

Privacy, Search and Seizure: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and other possessions against unreasonable search, seizure, or invasion of privacy, may not be violated. A warrant may not issue except on probable cause, supported by affidavit particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized.

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Excessive Bails, Fines, etc: Excessive bail may not be required, excessive fines imposed, or cruel and unusual punishments inflicted. The writ of habeas corpus may not be suspended unless required for public safety in cases of rebellion or invasion.

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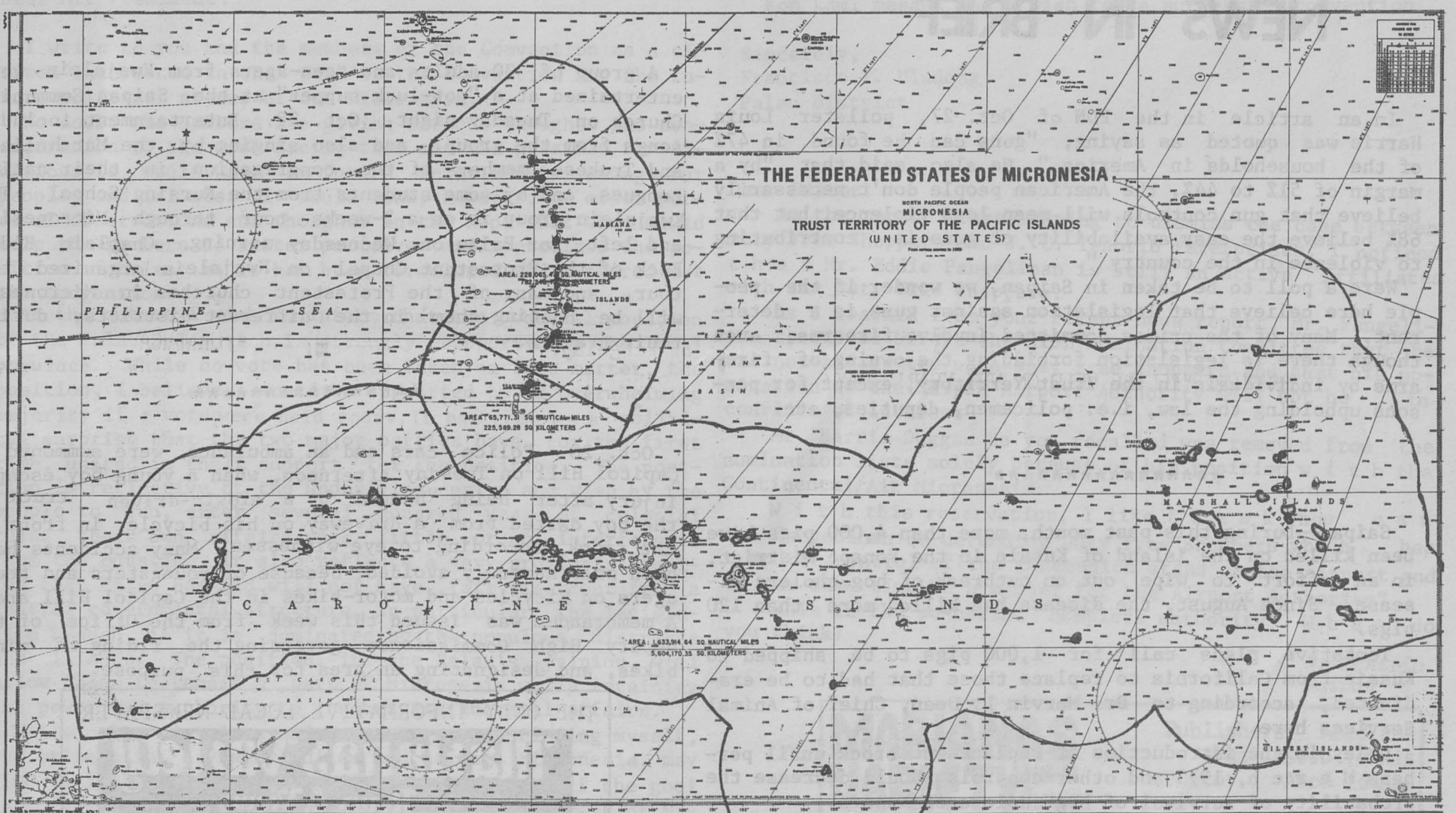
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Capital Punishment: Capital punishment is prohibited.

Slavery: Slavery and involuntary servitude are prohibited except to punish crime. (FINAL FORM) (Note: Freedoms of religion and protection from discrimination are still being considered)

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What THEY Say

By: B.B.

Governor Bordallo of Guam is in deep trouble with his people because of a silly remark he made about martial law. I think the lesson has been learned here rather quickly. Last night I requested an audience with a very high official in the Marianas district government to discuss the subject and this is what happened.

"What do you think about Martial law?", I asked the official.

Official: "I don't know what the animal looks like".

"Don't you ever have conferences to discuss the subject?", I inquired.

Official: "Whenever we have a conference, he is always absent and we feel that it is not nice to talk about somebody when he is not there to defend himself".

"You mean you never make an effort to make sure that the topic is discussed?", I asked incredulously.

Official: "It's his headache, not ours".

"Since the topic is important, I think you owe it to your people to make sure that it is discussed in a conference", I pressed.

Official: "I'm willing to let his secretary talk to mine; they always figure out something."

"I think the matter of martial law should be dealt with separately from your secretary's other duties", I told him.

Official: "Maybe, but the matter will probably be forgotten as soon as we enter a conference room. Lots of important topics have been lost or misplaced just outside the conference door".

"If you don't take the time out to discuss the matter, the Legislature will probably transmit it to you in a form of a resolution, and when that happens you'll be in a bad spot", I said.

Official: "Not likely. If the legislature is to transmit that thing to us, they will have to discuss it first. And since they, too, are honorable men, they wouldn't talk about something they had not seen in the first place".

"I still think you should take appropriate action on the matter", I persisted.

Official: "Do you know what to do with it?"

"No", I admitted. "I have very narrow views on the matter myself".

Official: "In that case, I suggest you talk to old government employees who know the score. I recommend governor Bordallo of Guam and President Marcos".

"Yes, I've been thinking about a vacation for a long time but I'm afraid I don't have the time to do that now", I replied.

Official: "Stay away from Guam and Manila if you go on vacation. I've been told that martial laws are running wild in those places. Not only that, I hear scientists have not come up with an effective drug to combat that kind of disease".

"I'll stay on Saipan for a while", I said. "I myself don't want to meet with martial laws yet", I added as I left the government office.



Hafa Gachong

BY: R.G. VILLAGOMEZ

We have heard enough criticisms and remarks about our full-time District Legislature which are not nice. We have heard remarks that some of them do nothing but read the newspapers. We have also heard that some of them spend most of their time driving around the island or sitting around shooting the breeze. These may all be true, but certainly it cannot be true of all our legislators and for any legislator it cannot be true all the time.

We are not to compare our legislators with members of the U.S. Congress. Our legislature has just been made a full-time working body. They need time to develop their skills and experiences.

Certainly this is not to discourage our citizens from examining or criticizing their leaders. As we all know, our citizens have the right to do that and it is healthy for them to do it. After all, our citizens probably do think

about the \$8,000.00 that each of the sixteen legislators are earning per year. They naturally would not want to pay anybody \$8,000.00 to read the newspaper.

On the other hand, we cannot realistically expect a perfect legislature. Instead, we should expect that they will make mistakes and they have. For example, they have enacted legislations which were probably not well researched, studied or drafted. Specifically there was the bill to create a \$2.25 minimum wage; the bill to require a 5-year residency of other T.T. citizens before they could vote in the Marianas; and the bill to require the private business sector to provide annual leave and sick leave for all employees without any exception. Legislations of these natures need to be studied to determine their impact on our economy or their constitutionality.

Naturally some people blame the situation on the legislative counsel. It is true that the legislators depend heavily upon their legislative counsels and they should be very careful and very choosy in their hiring of counsels. However, no one single person should be blamed. The problem is inevitable at this stage of our early development. We all had to trip and tumble before we learned to walk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

In an article in the PDN of Oct. 27, pollster Louis Harris was quoted as saying, "guns can be found in 47% of the households in America." He also said that "by a margin of 51% to 44%, the American people don't necessarily believe that gun controls will mean less violence, but that 68% believe the easy availability of guns is contributing to violence in the country".

Were a poll to be taken in Saipan, we wonder if the people here believe that legislation against guns is a deterrent. Many of the crimes committed involve firearms, even though there is legislation forbidding the owning of firearms by individuals in the Trust Territory, except for persons upholding the law, i.e. policemen, deputies, etc.

Saipan--During this past month, more than 4,000 pigs have been killed on the island of Kusaie in the Ponape District, in an effort to wipe out an outbreak of hog cholera disease. Since August, the disease has killed more than 120 pigs.

Tentative plans call for 1,000 pigs to be shipped to Kusaie from California to replace those that had to be eradicated, according to Dr. Marvin L. Dean, Chief of Animal Services here.

Delay in the introduction of replacement stock until perhaps March, 1975 and other controls should decrease the probability of survival of hog cholera on Kusaie.

A group of 30 adults and teen-agers from Kwajalein were entertained at a "pot-luck supper" at the Saipan Community Church on Tuesday night, Oct. 28. Entertainment included songs from the group, and also singing by the Marshallese and Trukese members of the congregation in their native tongues, and by some students from the Nursing School. The Kwajalein group is on a 2-weeks tour through Micronesia, and left for Palau on Wednesday morning. Chaplain Elden Buck of the Protestant Chapel on Kwajalein organized the tour, and many of the Protestant churches in Micronesia will be hosting them in the different districts, during their travels.

Oct. 28 - Police cars and an ambulance were summoned to Capitol Hill on Tuesday afternoon, when a young boy escaped injury after being "bumped" by a slowly-driven truck as the boy darted from a driveway on his bicycle in front of the truck, according to eye witnesses. Many accidents have been only narrowly avoided, because of youngsters and teen-agers on bicycles and motor-bikes in the Capitol Hill area. A memorandum was issued this week from the Office of the Deputy High Commissioner governing the riding of mini-bikes, and designating an area for this purpose.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Your article in the October 10th issue pertaining to the resolution introduced by my good friend "Al" Rasa (asking the ConCon to oppose and "condemn" the separation of the Marianas from the other districts) was of great interest to me.

With the limited time remaining for the ConCon, I doubt if they would take notice of such a "pop corn" resolution. Pop corn resolutions are the ones that just pop up automatically when it gets too hot--without knowing which comes first or what direction they should go.

"Al" became a member of the ConCon shortly after Joaquin Pangelinan resigned. Therefore he has missed most of the general discussion of the ConCon in its early stages. Then he came to participate and claimed that his resolution represents the views of the minority in his precinct. I wonder whether it is worth that much to represent the small percentage of the people who oppose the separation of the Marianas, and condemn the great majority of our people who do not want to continue associating with the rest of Micronesia.

Isn't it true, Al, that on June 17, 1975, 78 percent of our people voted to discontinue association with the rest of Micronesia and to become a permanent part of the United States under the form of Commonwealth? Congressman Oscar Rasa who was considered to be a leader against passage of the Covenant prior to June 17th changed his position shortly after the plebiscite. Prior to the plebiscite I feel that everyone is entitled to his own personal opinion, since the public opinion is not yet known. Now that the public has given its official opinion, don't you think it is time for you, Al, to represent the views of the majority of our people? From the results of the plebiscite on June 17th it is clear that our people want change, even though change might bring risks and responsibilities as well as new opportunities and challenges.

Sincerely,
Felipe Q. Atalig

Publication of this letter upon the request of the author: Editor

The Honorable Tosiwo Nakayama
President
Micronesian Constitutional Convention
Saipan, Marianas Islands 96950

Dear Mr. President:

I write to you and the members of the Convention as a citizen interested in the work of the Convention and the future political status of our Micronesia.

No doubt the Members are giving serious thoughts and consideration to the work facing them and the possible ramifications it would have on future relationship among our peoples and islands. I would like, however, to offer personal observations and thoughts in the hope that they would help the Members to better perceive and appreciate the position of Palau as it has been formulated and offered at the Convention.

At the outset I wish to inform that the over-all position of the Palau Delegation is strongly supported by the local populace. While no vote has been taken on this matter, the position, I believe, would be supported by an overwhelming majority if a vote were held today. It has come as a political surprise that the two major parties have, for the first time, united in their support for the position. The position is reflective of the underlying desire and wish by the people to run, after several hundred years of colonial rule, their own affairs with little or no interference from the outside. It also reflects a very provincial feeling that Palau has and will not have fair treatment from a central governmental structure, in particular, the legislative branch, if it is dominated by the populous districts and islands. The position, in the Palau's opinion, will allow Palau to remain a part of Micronesia while retaining the power and authority to conduct its internal affairs.

While other districts and many others, including myself, who believe in a viably united and strong Micronesia, may find fault and even repulsion at this position, if the goal is to establish some form of unity binding the rest of Mi-

cronesia into a united nation it will be foolhardy to try to ignore this political fact with respect to Palau. Because of the nature of our peoples and geography of our would-be nation, it would not be possible to provide for a mechanism, i.e. military force, in the government to enforce in Palau a national unity that runs counter to Palauan feeling. Any, centrally strong, population-based governmental system would be ineffective in Palau or would cause Palau to break away, both prospects that would be undesirable and detrimental to any lasting relationships among our peoples in the future. The only alternative therefore is to establish a Micronesian nation with much of the powers in the hands of the district governments and allow, in the constitution, the future generations to device a strong central government when practical benefits can be perceived and appreciated by most of our peoples.

If on the other hand, the Convention desires to put together a constitution not mindful of whether Palau will accept it or not, it could do so as it is its privilege but it can rest assured that Palau will have no choice.

I wish now to comment on another aspect of the Convention's work, namely an economic system that would be created under the new constitution. Reading news reports about the activities and deliberations of the Convention one gets the impression that no serious consideration has been made as to what economic system is envisaged under the new constitution. It appears that the Convention is taking for granted that what we have become used to under the American system is correct and beneficial to our peoples. While the capitalistic and individual-oriented economic system may be good and working for rich and big nations like America, we Micronesians must take a second look at it to see if it would be the same for our future nation. Since our islands lack much in the way of natural resources and capital, we would have to depend on foreign assistance to develop our economy. If our future government lacks the necessary control and authority over the economy, the built-in tendency in foreign assistance and investment to favor those few with influence and in power will inevitably lead to poverty among many and concentration of wealth in few. To avoid this in our future nation, we must have a constitution that provides the government with power to regulate, control, and participate in the development of the economy.

Finally, I am much disturbed by the position taken by some delegates regarding the status and position of the female population of Micronesia. It is indeed a custom in many of our islands, and in fact it has been a historical tradition with the entire human race, that women should not enjoy as much rights, privileges and opportunities as men. But the world, and thus the human race, is changing and the traditions and customs with regards to women are also changing. It is only human and rightful for Micronesia to also grant our women the same status and position in our future society with all the rights, privileges, and opportunities that men traditionally have enjoyed.

Kom kaml mesaul and I wish for a successful convention.

Sincerely,
Francisco T. Uludong
Palau District

Dear Editor:

At the recent court hearing to dismiss the case between Duty Free Shoppers and J. C. Tenorio Enterprises, I noticed that Mr. Eddie Pangelinan is still an active affiliates with the Duty Free Shoppers.

As I learned from your recent news report, Mr. Pangelinan testified before the MIDL Nomination Committee that he was not affiliated with Duty Free Shoppers and that his nomination to the Saipan Airport Authority will not be in conflict of interest.

Mr. Barrie Duggan as you recalled was removed from the nomination lists solely because of his position with the Continental/Air Micronesia.

With this reservation, I like to ask how can Mr. Pangelinan be defending Duty Free Shoppers which has complete control of the concession stand at the airport and at the same time be a member for the Airport Authority?

This is the so-called 'complete authority'. What do you think?

N. Tenorio
Saipan

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JUDICIAL

Judicial Guidance: Decisions of Micronesia courts shall be consistent with this Constitution, Micronesian customs and traditions, and the social and geographical configuration of Micronesia. (FINAL FORM)

TRANSITION

Renegotiation of Leases. A land use agreement for an indefinite term is prohibited. An existing agreement becomes void 5 years after the effective date of this Constitution. Within that time, a new agreement shall be concluded between the parties. When the Government is a party, it shall initiate negotiations.

Land Leased to the United States. The national Government of the Federated States of Micronesia shall seek renegotiation for any land leased to the Government of the United States of America. (FINAL FORM)

Local Government. A local government and its agencies may continue to exist and to function even though its charter or powers are inconsistent with this Constitution. To promote an orderly transition to the provisions of this Constitution, and until State Governments are established, the Legislature (Congress) shall provide for the resolution of inconsistencies between local government charters and powers, and this Constitution.

This provision shall cease to be effective five years after the date this Constitution becomes effective. (FINAL FORM)

Effective Date. This Constitution takes effect 1 year after ratification unless the Congress of Micronesia specifies an earlier date. If a provision of this Constitution is held to be in fundamental conflict with the United Nations Charter or the Trusteeship Agreement between the United States of America and the United Nations the provision does not become effective until the date of termination of the Trusteeship Agreement. (FINAL FORM)

Transfer of Property. An interest in property held by the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands is transferred to the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia for retention or distribution in accordance with this Constitution. (FINAL FORM)

DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC MONIES

General Fund. There shall be a General Fund within the National Treasury, into which shall be deposited all public monies raised or received by the National Government, except as otherwise provided by this Constitution or by law. No money shall be withdrawn from the General fund except pursuant to appropriation law.

Special Fund. There shall be such Special Funds within the National Treasury as may be established by law. No money shall be withdrawn from any Special Funds except pursuant to law.

Foreign Financial Assistance. Foreign financial assistance received by the National Government shall be deposited in a Special Foreign Aid Fund. Except where a particular distribution is required by the terms or special nature of the assistance each state shall receive a share equal to the share of the Federal Government and to the share of every other state.

STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION:

The Structure of the Government: Tentative approval has been given to the organization and responsibilities of the new national judicial branch, setting up a Supreme court with not more than one Chief Justice and five Associate Justices. The organization and structure of the executive branch is being determined from three alternative points of view: the presidential idea modelled after the United States, the Executive Council of Ministers, modelled after Switzerland and an adaptation of the parliamentary system based on the British tradition.

The Legislative organization discussion is revolving around uni-cameral or bi-cameral, size and representation. Decisions are expected shortly on these organizational questions.

Admission and Secession: Whether or not states will be permitted to withdraw from the Federated States of Micronesia and if and how new territories will be treated is still pending. It has been scheduled for October 31.

Site of the Capital of Micronesia: This question has been put off until November 8, the last day of the Convention.

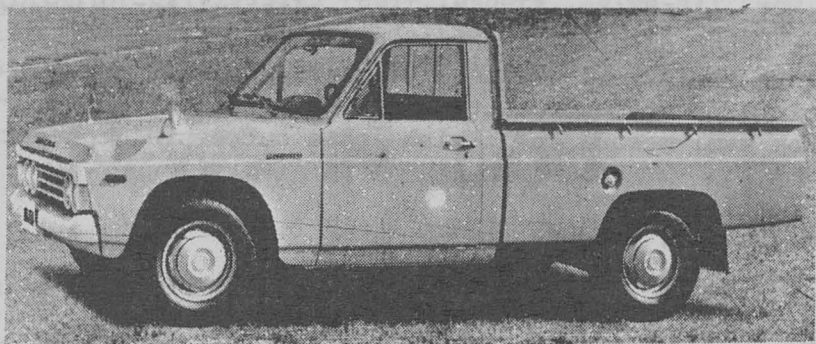
Taxation: Final action is expected shortly on the powers of taxation in the new government. The Committee of the Whole has already approved a provision giving the central government authority to pass import and personal and business income taxes along with 50% revenue sharing and no export taxation.

Land Ownership: Who will be able to own land in the new nation, citizens only? Micronesian National? Aliens? This question is being considered by the Committee on Style in the form of a proposal which would give only Micronesian citizens the right to acquire land after the effective date of the new Constitution. It would not affect the rights of landowners at the time of transition.

AT THE TIME OF THIS REPORTING, THE CONCON GAVE ITS FINAL APPROVAL TO THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION:

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Palau's Place In Japanese Oil Strategy

BY: Roger Gale

Tokyo: Japan's efforts to put itself in a better bargaining position against the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), which so damagingly began to turn off the oil tap two years ago, have placed increasing emphasis on storage of the precious commodity. But in land-scarce Japan, storing oil is difficult, and plans for mammoth tank farms and huge oil tankers (which would, in effect, provide floating storage capacity), could depend on proposals for a big port on Palau Island in Micronesia.

According to Tadashi Hasegawa, a development authority at the Industrial Bank of Japan, tank farms and a new breed of ultra-large crude carriers would be the "best hedge against OPEC." And this is where Japan might turn to Micronesia for help. Increased storage capacity would help put Japan in a position to ride out embargoes or threatened price hikes. At present, the country is dependent on imported oil for 80% of its energy needs, but fishermen and ecologists have succeeded in virtually guaranteeing that no large central terminal storage (CTS) tank farms will ever be built in either mainland Japan or in Okinawa, where opposition to oil companies is even stronger (Review, Aug. 29).

Existing tank farms are small compared with those that Nissho-Iwai, Marubeni and other Japanese corporations now have in mind. Not only is land unavailable for the hundreds of tanks that would need to be built, as a Nissho-Iwai spokesman points out, but there is no port in Japan that can safely handle the new generation of tank-

ers on the drawing boards.

Although these 500,000-ton to 1-million-ton supertankers are scheduled to be built in Japanese yards, only one port in Japan is deep enough to handle the fully-loaded tankers already in service. But the port, Kiri, in Kyushu, is too crowded with other shipping to provide a safe anchorage for a sufficient number of large tankers. Local opposition would probably rule out the possibility of constructing adequate storage capacity anyway.

Coupled with this is the limitation on the size of tankers that can pass through the busy but narrow and relatively shallow Malacca Straits between Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia. After a number of serious accidents, the countries bordering the Straits are talking about enforcing a 200,000-ton, 18.9-metres draft maximum on ships. Many of the large tankers bound from the Middle East to the Far East are forced to sail without full loads; a fully-loaded 500,000-ton tanker would require a depth of 28 metres at sea and 30 metres in port or in a crowded passage.

As a result, an increasing amount of Asia's tanker traffic will have to find new routes. Optimistic plans for constructing a pipeline across Thailand's Kra Isthmus or of a canal blasted out by nuclear power have now almost evaporated, leaving only one other viable alternative: a two-day detour through the deep-water Lombok and Makassar Straits in Indonesia. Tokyo Tankers, owner of a fleet of very large crude carriers (VLCCs) are under

400,000 tons in size), already relies on Lombok for about 35% of its shipping.

Economic planners at the Industrial Bank of Japan and Nissho-Iwai, who are jointly developing plans for increasing Japan's storage capacity, say that two unalterable facts stand out as Japan tries to build defense against OPEC: First, despite the current fall-off in demand for oil, new storage depots will be needed - but it is unlikely they can be built in Japan, even though there is continued Government pressure to do so; and, secondly, that the ultra-large crude carriers now on the drawing boards, as well as some of the large tankers already in service, will have to use the Lombok Straits. Eventually, says a Nissho-Iwai engineer, "almost all of Japan's oil will arrive via Lombok."

Robert Panero, a former member of Herman Kahn's "think-tank" - the Hudson Institute in New York - is the creator and salesman for what he dubs Port Pacific, a proposed US\$500-million CTS port in Palau, the most southwestern corner of the US-controlled Micronesian Trust Territory. The port would have an initial throughput of about 50 million tons of various crude oil imports in 1974.

Kossol Harbour, in northern Palau, is a natural, reef-protected, deep-water anchorage capable of handling tankers up to 1 million tons. It is larger than the harbours of New York, Singapore, Kobe or Rotterdam. Most importantly, it lies astride the Lombok-Tokyo oil lane only 500 miles from Indonesia and the

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From Palau, crude oil would be transferred to smaller tankers for distribution throughout Japan and elsewhere. Panero's 40-page conceptual study also suggests the possibility of Palau being a transshipment point for the West Coast of the US as well. Bachtel, the San Francisco engineering group, has already completed a favourable preliminary feasibility study and is now undertaking a more detailed survey for Nissho-Iwai. Both Nissho-Iwai and the Industrial Bank of Japan completed a report on the profitability of the proposed port in September 1974.

On the map, Indonesia appears the most logical for such a port, but as Hasegawa emphasizes, despite Japan's "warm relations" with Indonesia, it is an OPEC member, making it politically hazardous to build a large storage depot there. Nissho-Iwai's spokesman is more pointed: "Building a CTS in Indonesia would be contradictory to our goals."

Palau's attraction, then, is largely political. In Panero's works, its major advantage is that it is "strategically located within the United States military sphere of influence," and is "the only site where stability and security is guaranteed by the US." Although political status talks between Washington and Micronesia are deadlocked, both the Industrial Bank and Nissho-Iwai are confident Micronesia will remain part of the US. The favorable vote in the June plebiscite in the Marianas District, where 78% of the voters opted for permanent annexation, was clearly in their mind.

In comparison with Japan's tight pollution standards, controls in Palau are lax. The fishing industry is small, so even in the event of a major oil spill, compensation would be unlikely to coat anywhere near what Japan paid out for the recent accident in the Malacca Straits or at the Mitsubishi refinery. The weather is also favourable, since, unlike Japan, it is normally outside the Pacific typhoon belt.

Palau's population is only 14,000, so proponents of the tanker port are not worried about local reaction. Although as many as 1,500 people might have to be moved from their homes to make way for construction, Hasegawa of the Industrial

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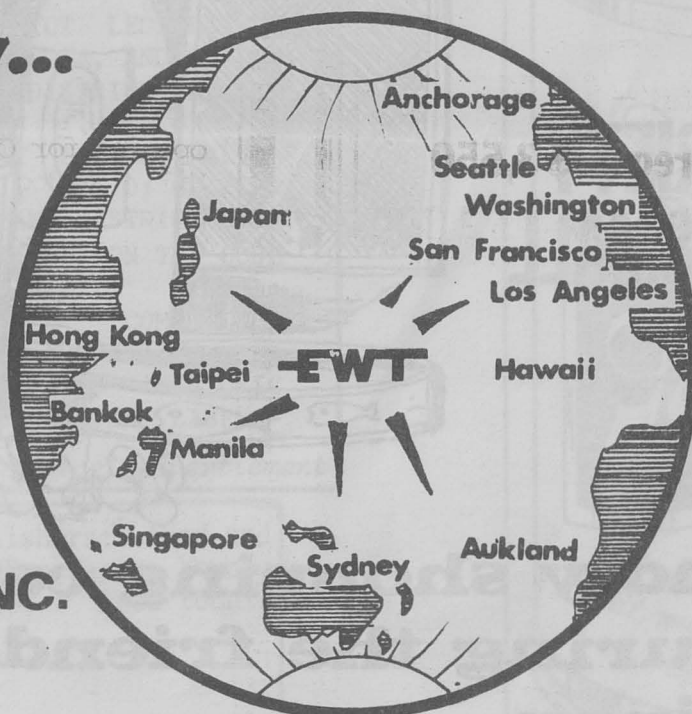


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Bank insists there is strong support for the idea from Palauans.

The prime proponent of the scheme in Palau is Senator Lazarus Salii, chairman of the Micronesian Political Status Commission and until now an outspoken supporter of Micronesian unity and self-determination. In a sudden about-face, Salii has demanded that the 100,000 people in the rest of Micronesia accept all of Palau's demands as a condition for unity, or Palau will secede.

Says one Micronesian opponent: "Salii is ready to sell Palau for the super-tanker port". Salii's major opponent in Palau, Senator Roman Tmetuchl, a businessman with extensive connections in Japan, was an early opponent of the proposal but was persuaded by Salii to cancel plans to deliver a critical speech on it during the January session of the

Congress of Micronesia.

Palau also has Micronesia's most aggressive labour movement. During a strike against the Van Camp tuna-packing company a year ago, Molotov cocktails were thrown at the home of the American manager, and scuba-diving strikers attempted to sabotage the company's freezing plant. Banking on fishing as having the most promising future, workers are likely to take a strong stand against the tankers port, which they fear would pollute their fishing grounds.

In May 1973, the Pentagon announced that as part of the political status negotiations, it wanted options to acquire 28% of Palau's land area for guerilla warfare training, for what was euphemistically called the "storage of materials," and for harbour facilities. The land-conscious Palau legis-

lature immediately opposed the plan and is likely to oppose the tanker port, too, if it requires the loss of appreciable amounts of land.

Nevertheless, the Industrial Bank of Japan says it is now in the process of setting up contacts with the US and should know "within two or three months" if it has unofficial blessing of the Pentagon and other interested agencies. The deputy American negotiator at the status talks was recently in Tokyo for meetings. Hasegawa also said the proposed participation of the US group Mobil Oil in the project "is welcome." Should the signs from Washington be auspicious, the Industrial Bank and Nissho-Iwai expect to immediately begin a final feasibility study which should take about a year. If all goes according to plan, Port Pacific could be in operation as early as 1980.

Although under-the-counter Japanese investment, espe-

cially in the tourist industry, has become commonplace in Micronesia in the last few years, it is only since April 1974 that Japanese investment has been sanctioned. Since that time, however, no Japanese company has applied for business permits. The Industrial Bank-Nissho-Iwai consortium would not only be the first such investment, it would undoubtedly be the largest for some time to come.

Caught between the Japanese oil industry and the Pentagon's growing avarice for post-Indochina fall-back positions, Palauans may have reservations about granting a permit for the construction of Port Pacific. But, as the High Commissioner of Micronesia told a recent meeting of the Japan-Hawaii Economic Council in Kyoto, new developments have highlighted the fact that Micronesia's strategic location is not only military by economic as well.

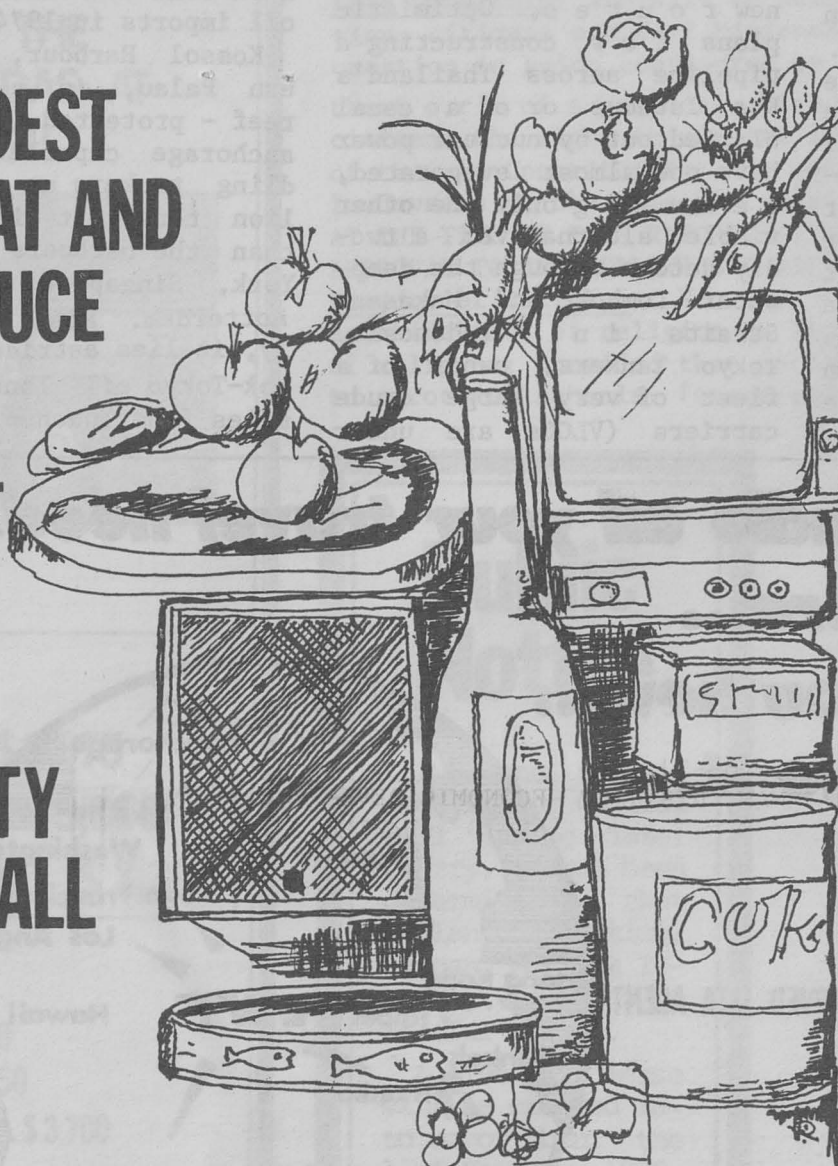


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