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NEWSLETTER

DEAR FRIEND:

Just a few months before the 1964 United Nations Visiting Mission arrived in the Trust Territory to investigate the conditions in Micronesia, the Office of the High Commissioner proudly announced to the world that the main office of the Pacific Micronesian Lines (T. T. fleet) will be moved unto the soil of the Trust Territory and thus it will provide more jobs and economic advantages to the people of the Trust Territory.

Now that the United Nations Visiting Mission concluded its tour in the Trust Territory and have long since it returned to New York, the office of the Pacific Micronesian Lines is again moved out from Saipan to Guam.

Since the transfer was rather made smooth and silent, many residents of Saipan cannot help but to wonder what has happened. Whatever it is, it looks as if the Trust Territory Government is VERY RICH that it wants to throw away some good money for all this round around in relocationing.

When the late President of the United States John F. Kennedy have decided to do something special for the people of Micronesia, he formed the so called "White House Mission" and dispatched them to the Trust Territory last year to investigate and report personally back to him the things and means needed to boost Micronesian economy, politics, education and social conditions. In doing so, the President sent a Harvardman Anthony M. Solomon, his most trusted and able trouble shooter.

The Solomon group spent many weeks in the Trust Territory talking with poor, rich, illiterate, educated, and politicians of Micronesia. The group went out and see things for themselves. After many weeks of investigation the Solomon group compiled their reports and recommendations and was submitted to President Kennedy. But the Solomon report was never made public. In fact, it was branded TOP SECRET.

The Office of the High Commissioner announced that the State Department declined to make this report public for some security reasons. What does the State Department has to do with the Administration of Micronesia? We thought the Interior Department is running the show here. If it were for reasons of SECURITY the argument is not valid simply because there is no military bastion in the Trust Territory except in the Marshalls, and

besides, security matters should have been handled by the (FBI) Justice Department.

We know that the High Commissioner has a copy of the Solomon Report. We also know that the Solomon Report recommended to the late President Kennedy to FIRE or REPLACE many of the old hands presently in the staff level.

But unfortunately to the world and especially to Micronesia, President Kennedy was assassinated and the Solomon recommendations were never carried out. Perhaps now that President Lyndon B. Johnson is no longer just filling the post vacated by our beloved President Kennedy, maybe he can and will enforce or make use some of the Solomon's recommendations. After all, considerable amount of money were spent to sent here these investigators. We often wonder when will this TOP SECRET REPORT be reclassified as not crypto.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order to the people of the United States for electing Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson as their president.

It would have been a very interesting election result had it only been the GOP leaders unified themselves for common victory and valor. Throughout the hard campaigns, Senator Goldwater was reputed as trigger happy and who opposed many legislation in congress of vital interest. Mr. Richard Nixon blamed the Republican's LOSS on New York Governor Rockefeller, while former President Eisenhower thinks the fault lies in a false image of the party.

Another CONGRATULATIONS are in order to our neighbors, the people of GUAM for graduating from the one-party system in congress. One party system in government is the seed of graft and corruptions.

Since Guam is Micronesia's gateway to civilization and American showcase of the Pacific---we regard any development and especially major changes in the Territory of Guam as our personal concern.

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EDITORIAL COMMENTS

In the past two years there have been considerable building constructions and other programs implemented by the Government of the Trust Territory throughout the Territory---and all of these brings us PROGRESS. However, there are times when the government over-look the Federal Procurement Regulations which requires that all services for government programs must be publicly advertised for the purpose of soliciting competitive bids, thus, creating ill public relations among the local contractors and business circles. While this may involved questions of applicability of Federal Laws in the Trust Territory---nevertheless, this question if viewed upon the fact that our government operates financially on U. S. Congress appropriations there should be no doubt that our expenditures must be govern by the same principle of which the machinery of Federal Funds appropriations is based.

Another point that needs clarification---Does Mr. John Spivey the Assistant Commissioner of Administration is running his office on the basis of FAVORITISM? We often wonder whether in the near future he might end up working for some firm in Guam. The extra ordinary good friendship between the Trust Territory Government and the Guam Atkins and Kroll, a foreign interest, and presumably geared by Mr. Spivey, has been reconfirmed by the recent announcement appearing in the Mariana Islands District Panorama. The Panorama announced that the High Commissioner after consultation with the District Administrator and members of his staff, has agreed to grant a license to the Atkins and Kroll to do business in the Mariana Islands District. Atkins and Kroll has been the sole and exclusive buyer of the Trust Territory COPRA throughout the entire copra marketing history of this Territory. Atkins and Kroll is also an agent of the New Zealand Insurance Company which handles

insurance policies. It seems therefore that anything the Atkins and Kroll wants to do here it would undoubtedly be granted for it proved that it have special privileges and cushion to hold upon. There are other respectable and highly reputed firms who have voiced their utmost desire to come into the Trust Territory but was turned down by the High Commissioner. Maybe what these firms needs is a CUSHION for them to hold upon. Just exactly how far this foreign interest influenced our public officials in the Headquarters level remains to be seen.

Why can't the government of the Trust Territory negotiate proceedings to enable Micronesian firms to be the sole and exclusive agent on all copra produced in the Territory? Why does we have to charge additional copra fees at the cost of Micronesian copra growers to pay a middleman's profit such as the Atkins and Kroll? We have a whole fleet of vessels to transport our copra productions directly to Japan.

If the Government of the Trust Territory really wants to lift the economy of Micronesia, then it should start where charity should begin---
---HOME.

Only seventy-two days before the General Election in the Trust Territory and so far the people throughout the Territory does not know what procedure they should follow in order to vote for the Congress of Micronesia.

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EDUCATION---The Free Press has been informed that Education Specialist Dr. Byron Bender is resigning from his Trust Territory post and plans to accept a position in the University of Hawaii as Associate Professor. Dr. Bender who has spent more than ten years of his life time in Micronesia have persistently dedicated his time and efforts in educating the people of the Pacific Islands.

Our informer reported that Dr. Bender feels very sorry to leave Micronesia but he is all fet up and disgusted with the way the Department is operated.

The Free Press and many other citizens throughout the Territory are also VERY SORRY AND SAD to see him go. We have just lost a true friend of Micronesian education.

POLITICAL---Assistant Political Affairs Officers Ray Ulochong and Strik Yom are presently in the other districts of the Territory assisting in the preparations of the forthcoming general election of Micronesia.

RECREATION---The Whispering Palm Country Club Golf Course is facing several difficulties with the land owners---lessors.

The problem are concerned with the present rental rates offered by the T. T. Government. While some of the lessor are demanding higher rental rates, others demands complete eviction.

MR. BRIAN ARRICLA IS NOW BACK IN WATCH REPAIR BUSINESS. HE IS LOCATED IN CHALAN KANOVA, SAIPAN. BEHIND THE BANK OF AMERICA BUILDING.

HOUSING--- The Government of the Trust Territory is so rich and prosperous that it can afford to provide modern house to it's bachelor government employees. These houses are not only has one single occupants, but it also have two private bathrooms, and three bedrooms.

We often hear about the creation of a Housing Authority in the Trust Territory. We also hear many publicity about the low-cost housing program to be launched by our government to benefit the underpaid and poor Micronesian citizens. When will this promises be implemented into action and instead of only talks, planning and publicities?

TRANSPORTATION---The Trust Territory Government has completed negotiation for the construction of a 100 foot vessel in Japan.

Recently, it sent three of their staff members to complete negotiations and their trip was lucky enough to coincide with the World Olympic Games is Tokyo. Very good planning.

HONOR ROLL OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER.

Although we have every reasons to castigate Assistant Attorney General Bill Nabors for his roll in vigorously attempted to put our Editor-Publisher behind bars.....On the contrary, we are proud to announced that he became the second government official to be listed as HONOR ROLL OF THE MONTH. We thank U for your contributions to Micronesia.

JOE TEN

THANKS GIVING DAY IS APPROACHING NEAR AND IT'S TIME FOR YOUR TURKEY SHOPPING. YOU'LL FIND IN OUR AIR CONDITIONED SUPER MARKET FULL OF THIS INDISPENSABLE MEAT TO COMMENMORATE THE DAY OF THANKS GIWING.

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 contributions to this section, provided
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