

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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Every business firm in Micronesia except the Micronesian Free Press may use the services of the Trust Territory Government Printing Facility. We would like to know the reasons for such discrimination and wanton violation of our Bill of Rights. Attorney General Tindal, Your Lordship Screen and Rubber Stamp Arentzen, why are you afraid of the Free Press and why do you want to see it stop? Don't you believe in the Freedom of the Press? Why do you have to behave like the gestapo? We intend to fight you all in our court of justice ---that is if we do have justice in Micronesia. I am sure the millions of good Americans all over the world are sick and tired of hearing the familiar cry of "Ugly American" because of the conduct and behaviour of the few such as you are.

We have received word from our Truk correspondent that very recently Jesse Guigley, District Administrator of Truk, used men of the Truk Public works to work on his garage. It may well be a government house, but there are countless of other government work to be done by the Public Works Dept. than the garage of the chief god of that District.

Micronesian Cry Baby, in retaliation to this paper, was circulated around a number of offices at TT Headquarters. A copy was posted at the lobby bulletin board. It was short-lived as it quickly was missing. According to Micronesian employees it didn't go through the PIO. The Cry Baby denounced us and even suggested that we should have used the papers used to print the first issue for toilet tissues. We are interested to find out those responsible with that paper to come out in the open because we're all civilized and we're supposed to be in a democratic society. Anyone who can tip us, please do so; we are offering a reward.

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