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THIEU SAYS SOUTH VIETNAM NOT READY TO STOP BOMBING IN NORTH

Saigon--President elect Nguyen Van Thieu said Friday he would wait until officially assuming office about Oct. 1 to formally offer North Vietnam a bombing pause.

It was the first time Thieu had spoken with newsmen since he was elected last Sunday. Thieu said he thought his inauguration would take place Oct. 1 and "maybe one week or 10 days after that I will suggest the bombing pause.

Thieu reiterated that there would be no pause unless Hanoi showed some sign she would reciprocate. "In principle it will start one week (after the inauguration) but it all depends on how Hanoi replies to my suggestions," he said.

"Any sign of good will, any acceptance of meeting or any acceptance to stop infiltration to create a good atmosphere for a meeting or a talk" would be sufficient, he added.

UNITED STATES TO HELP FIJI INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION

Washington -- Ratu Mara, Chief Minister of Fiji, said Thursday after a call on Secretary of State Dean Rusk that the United States has offered to help the South Pacific Islanders increase their food production.

The six foot five Polynesian, one of the hereditary paramount chiefs, said Rusk expressed readiness to help by sending a U.S. government rice expert to the islands to demonstrate the use of the new IR-8 miracle rice strains that have been developed at the International Rice Institute in the Philippines.

The 47 old Oxford-educated chief said he was on an around-the-world visit to study the problems of multi-racial societies.

The British colony with a population of 475,000 has 51 percent Indian population 10 per cent European, 2 per cent Chinese and the remaining 37 per cent Polynesian.

PRESIDENT THIEU REFUSES TO BE SEEN WITH VICE PRESIDENT KY

Saigon--A long-smoldering feud between President-elect Nguyen Van Thieu and Vice President-elect Nguyen Cao Ky broke into the open Friday.

Thieu refused at late hour and for a second time to appear on the same American television program with Ky. Thieu agreed, however, to appear alone and did so Friday.

The program was the National Broadcasting Company's "Meet the Press" panel show and was recorded for viewing next Sunday in the United States. A spokesman for NBC said he had received agreements two weeks ago from both the Thieu and Ky camps that they would appear together on the program.

The original taping of the show was scheduled for Thursday morning, but Thieu backed out. He said through a spokesman that he had not been properly informed. Instead, Thieu arrived at the television studio and recorded a brief message to the People of Vietnam, calling on them for sacrifices.

COVER: High Commissioner William R. Norwood greets Leo Falcom and his family as they arrive in Saipan. Mr. Falcom will take over the position of Special Assistant to the High Commissioner.

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EDITORIALS

Free Press

Guam - "Guam Daily News" -- on the "Micro Scope

Somedays it is hard to believe what you read. Like today.

We received a copy of a Resolution No. 39-1867, passed by the Second Marianas Island District Legislature, which is a real paradox. It is just not possible that thinking men can pass such asinine legislation --- and we have, in the past, been enthusiastic about the quality of men serving in that District Legislature.

The resolution says: "A resolution relative to respectfully memorializing and the requesting the staff Micro Scope to discontinue publishing stories and pictures about the other district in issues to be distributed in the Marianas."

Micro Scope is a new publication started by Peace Corps Volunteers, which provides information on the Trust Territory as well as world news. We quote from the resolution "WHEREAS, the interest in providing another newspaper in the Mariana Islands District, and those Peace Corps Volunteers who are publishing Micro Scope are to be commended for their efforts, but are advised that people in the Mariana Islands District have no interest in stories and pictures concerning the other districts within the Trust Territory;"

Impossible! Is this some kind of strange joke? Is this a dictatorial attempt to suppress news, and keep the people of the Marianas in the dark as to what the other districts are doing? Is this political folly and political immaturity?

Is the Marianas District Legislature really not interested in what is happening in the other districts? How could this be possible? Are the people of Iowa not interested in what happens in California? Do the people of Lima, Peru, want to know what is happening in Hong Kong? Of course they do: This whole concept of mass communication is based on just that. People everywhere want to know where progress is being made, where new ideas are born,

where trouble exists, and where tragedies occur. To keep any part of the Marianas in the dark about events in Yap, or Ponape is sheer idiocy.

We think that is part of the trouble with the entire Trust Territory. There is no news media giving the people the total picture of events and progress being made in all of Micronesia. There is no such communication expressing the ideas of the people...and there is no printed voice crying out in criticism such as the free press that exists throughout the modern world.

We're not saying that the Scope is the unbiased, objective publication that the Micronesians need, and deserve. It is too small, and hasn't the private freedoms that an individual newspaper has. But it is something. It is a step forward. And how, by virtue of the resolution passed by the Mariana Islands District Legislature, it is like saying to the world, "go away and leave us alone." It is like saying "We don't want to know. We don't want to become part of the 20th Century." It is like telling the people of the entire world, "We want to stick our heads in the sand, and maybe when we pull our heads out everything bad will have gone away."

Let the District Legislature, and the people serving on it stand up and rebuke this nonsensical resolution before they become the laughing stock of the world. What would the United Nations delegates say about such a resolution? If the legislators are mad at the Peace Corps, let them say so, but to say that "the people in the Mariana Islands District have no interest in stories and pictures concerning the other districts within the Trust Territory" is complete provincialism that smacks of stupidity.

Vietnam

"The New York Times" on Vietnam and the United Nations:

"Sceptics will point out that the essential precondition for obtaining a United Nations recommendation is some advance indication that Hanoi would accept it. Without suspension of the bombing...Hanoi

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clearly will not agree. With it, United Nations action would probably be unnecessary since there is every reason to believe that Hanoi would open direct talks with Washington...yet, with the Joint Chiefs of Staff opposed to suspension of the bombing... the president has been unwilling to make this essential gesture. Would he be willing to ground the bomber if discussion at the United Nations demonstrates that world opinion favors it and that there is no other route to peace...The key...to peace remains a bombing pause.

Washington-- President and Mrs. Johnson announced Sunday night from their Texas ranch the engagement of their older daughter, Lynda, to Marine Captain Charles S. Robb, 28, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The young couple plan to be married in the White House early in December. Robb and Lynda have been dating for the past four months and the couple were at the ranch this weekend.

U.N. discussion can encourage President Johnson to take this step; by the same token, a Johnson decision undoubtedly would make U.N. discussions more productive. But it would be tragic if this chicken-egg dilemma hampers action."

MICRONESIA -- PART VIII -- YAP

ULITHI-WOLEAI AREAS

The outer islands in the Ulithi-Woleai area have been connected with Yap for many years. The Yapese people have been the landlords on these islands in the past and still are, to a small extent, today.

The Ulithians and Woleaians are very different from the Yapese. They are lighter-skinned and look more Polynesian. Their language is similar to Trukese and is very different from Yapese. Yapese and outer-island men both wear loin cloths, but the outer islanders do not add hibiscus bark to indicate manhood. They usually wear loin cloths made out of hibiscus or banana fiber. The women wear skirts until they reach womanhood. Then they wear lava-lavas made of hibiscus or banana fiber.

These low outer islands are struck by typhoons almost every year. It is not unusual for a canoe full of people to be surprised by a sudden storm. When this happens the people may be lost at sea and never be found or they may drift as far as the Philippine Islands before another boat finds them.

LANGUAGE

The languages of Yap District belong to the large Malayo-Polynesian language family which is found all the way from Madagascar to Easter Island. Yapese is a very different from any other of the languages in this area and cannot even be compared to other Micronesian languages. The Ulithians, who live 100 miles away from Yap, speak a language similar to Trukese. Yapese is a complex language which has definite tenses and grammar. The number of words in the Yapese language is large and most new ideas or things that are brought into the culture by foreigners are followed by foreign words to describe them. For these reasons the Yapese language includes Yapese, Japanese, Ulithian, German and English words.

There are also small language differences between islands in the Yap district. A Yapese person can tell what island another person is from by the way he talks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editors:

The resolution passed by the Marianas District Legislature, and subsequently reprinted in the "Micro Scope," is a sad reflection upon the times in which we live. Dismissing all other considerations for the moment the resolution shows a decided lack of tolerance for other cultures which on the merit of their very existences, command respect. That those cultures do not command respect is less a fault of their own than of that culture which so swiftly passes judgment upon them. The ethnocentrism and self-righteousness embodied in the above-mentioned resolution is of the sort responsible for each and every major conflict that has ever taken place between and among people who place different values on the varied ways in which human behavior is patterned.

First and foremost, however, the resolution is insulting. It is not a political act. Instead it is an act aimed at deriding another people's most intimate and subtle human activities. The resolution makes no attempt to conceal its negative approach to that people's socio-economic and even psychological forms of reference. It is insulting because the negative approach is not founded on a rational justification, but merely on disdain and on a lack of both understanding and sympathy.

Yet, the resolution is not only insulting, but it is insulting in a highly undiplomatic fashion. The Marianas District Legislature has, as I have already stated, gone far beyond engaging in a political act. As such it has abused its deliberative duties. Such a body political should in the Greek democratic tradition, engage and, and promote, sophisticated political thought and behavior. The Marianas deliberative body has clearly not lived up to these standards. I do not deny that separatist tendencies among the districts of the Trust Territory do, in fact, exist. They are a political reality and should be dealt with in such a fashion. The Marianas Legislature chose a different fashion and stooped, in the process, to a level which casts poor light on the

body. In doing so it has brought discredit upon itself, so much so that the politically valid aspects of the resolution have become fogged over by trite and prejudicial sentiments.

Furthermore, a body politic (the Marianas District Legislature), modeled after the best the democratic tradition has to offer, has proposed what, in principle, amounts to press censorship. The danger inherent in this action is particularly acute when we bear in mind that the body politic in question is but a young deliberative body. The traditional argument for press freedom is relevant here, for it is aimed at understanding and developing respect for others rather than enhancing one's own position. Only a free exchange of ideas and facts can promote an objective appraisal of one's own culture that reveals both its strengths and weaknesses, an appraisal that will work ultimately to prevent a particular cultural group, in an act of self-righteousness, from scorning and attacking another cultural group.

Gilmoon
Tomil, Yap

Dear Micro Scope:

I thought someone was pulling my leg when words went out that the Marianas District legislature had passed a resolution relative to discontinuing the publication and distribution of the Micro Scope in the Marianas District if it continued to carry stories from the other districts of the Trust Territory. But when Resolution No. 39-1967 appeared in last week's issue of the Micro Scope, I was appalled by the fact that it was no joke nor a "leg pulling business".

That the District Legislature, an august and honorable body manned by supposedly respectable and intelligent leaders considered such a resolution is most regrettable, to put mildly. I believe that the resolution does not represent the consensus of the Marianas people. In fact, many people are not even aware of the introduction of such a resolution.

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The passage of such a resolution only reflects the desirability of its proponents to continue to remain ignorant about the conditions and developments in our neighboring districts as well as the world around them.

We have more critical problems facing us in this district that need immediate resolutions by the legislature than the consideration of Resolution No. 39-1967.

I like to read the Micro Scope and I believe many are still interested in seeing more pictures and stories of the other districts in the Micro Scope. I think I am speaking for many people of this district when I say "I like to read the Micro Scope".

Sincerely yours,
Pedro R. DeLeon Guerrero

Dear Micro Scope:

I want to thank the Editors of the Micro Scope for printing the impressive view of the Mariana Islands District Legislature concerning the other districts of Micronesia.

I want to express my humble admiration for the honorable introducer of Resolution No. 39-1967 for having the nerve to introduce the resolution which prohibits the circulation of the Micro Scope in the Marianas Districts if pictures and stories of the other districts are to be printed in the weekly publication. It is evident that resolution No. 39-1967 is expressive of the sentiment of a people which is not satisfied with the prevailing conditions in the other five districts.

I am aware of the fact that this is a moment of split-second decisions. This is a moment in the life of the people of Micronesia, as a whole, through their duly elected representatives, to decide what is to be the status of their political, social and economic future. Is resolution No. 39-1967 expressing the

view that the people of the Mariana District are to sever all social and economic ties with the other districts? Or, are the people of the Mariana District merely criticizing the other five districts like an older sister calling her younger sisters names, such as, primitive, ugly looking, sisters of the stone age, ignorant and slow to learn?

Resolution No. 39-1967 is a major (forward or backward?) Deliberately and calculatedly taken by a legislative body to ostensibly enhance its chances of obtaining a stable future. Is this a sure step? Or, it is a step by an irresponsible body onto a stone which is in the middle of a quick sand pit?

Those of us in the other five poor districts who have come into contact with some of the people from the Mariana District have found that they are a sophisticated people. This fact of adopting Resolution No. 39-1967 could have been flared by a little touch of sophistication sprinkled with a tint of superiority complex over the backward people in the other districts. It is an act by a people caught in the mid-stream of political, social and economic changes. Their customs and traditions will not guide them for they have cut themselves from these. They can only base their actions on their present merits, if any, and hope for a better future.

Although this as a ridiculous piece of legislation, may I say more power to the Mariana Islands District Legislature and may they succeed in their search.

Aloysius J. Tuuth

Dear Editors:

Thank you for printing the Resolution introduced by a legislator in the Mariana District Legislature regarding the prohibition of stories and pictures to be further published in the Micro Scope.

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The introducer of this resolution is, no doubt, out of his mind, if not poorly advised, to make such degrading resolution which contradicts all forms of democratic ideals and philosophy of which the Trust Territory is being on the move to attain. The resolution as such is a disgraceful defilement of the freedom of the press, thus continues a perfect example of totalitarianism, something of which the rest of the Trust Territory Islands do not wish to be a part.

On the second premise, the Resolution itself is base, childish, and reflects a sense of political immaturity, a detrimental element for a better political autonomy of the whole Trust Territory.

On the Third premise, the Resolution may create an international controversy which is not favorable to the present Administering Authority of these islands for some people may mistake it to mean a reflection of the quality of education in political philosophy the Trust Territory is receiving. Of course, the resolution can only be thought of as a by-product of one man or few men, and does not necessarily reflect all the thinking of the people on Saipan, or for that matter - the Trust Territory.

Patrick B. Mangar

Dear Editors:

Thanks for publishing the recently passed resolution by the Mariana District Legislature relative to the discontinuation of publication of stories and pictures about other districts in issues distributed in the Marianas. Indeed, I am happy that the public has been asked to comment for I am sure a lot of "letters to the editor" will be arriving your desk at the same time mine will.

It is rather insulting from a political point of view that such a political body as the Mariana District Legislature should act in such an undemocratic manner. Even more insulting is the fact that this re-

solution tends to undermine the maturity of the Marianas political leaders as well as the Marianas population in the course of our political endeavor.

If I am not totally mistaken, the aim of the Territory leaders is to bring about unity for all of Micronesia, an element so adherent in our economic, social, and political movement for a better and stronger Micronesia that can be included in the brotherhood of men. Toward that prime goal, several legislative bodies have been created and directed of which the Mariana District Legislature is one of the originals and supposedly mature. Since no one in his or her right mind can question the fact that communications through any media including press is only but one of the means aimed to bring about this goal, we should question the validity and consequences of such a legislation.

From the standpoint of democratic adaptation, Saipan in reality has the advantage over other districts since it has become the provincial capital of the Trust Territory where the office of the High Commissioner is located. A piece of deliberation as such by the political leaders of Saipan and the rest of the Marianas will reflect nothing other than to shatter and jeopardize the image and merits of other legislations and resolutions acted upon by other districts.

In a recent article in the World & News Report, it was indicated that the U. S. may plan in the future for a change in their Pacific strategic defense, in which the Marianas was mentioned as a possible base relocation site. In the same article a question was imminent: Which is important the birth of a new nation or the defense of the Pacific area. This is a question that should not be dealt with too hastily.

I wonder what the Marianas delegation in the Congress of Micronesia feels about their counterparts in the district level with regards to such an ambiguous resolution inasmuch as they represent a good portion of the population of Micronesia.

Andrew B. Ruepong
Rull, Yap

Dear Editors:

I wish to extend my personal gratitude for your generous publications and tireless working ability in which you have contributed to the various districts in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and perhaps some other parts of the world.

There is no doubt that during our life time almost all undeveloped nations or territories must at least have some kind of an education to help their people and land to grow so that they may be able to secure their living in it's betterment.

When I say "education" I mean all sources of study through books, classrooms, learning skills and other important methods with regard to the technical changes in the cultural and community environment. These must be utilized whenever possible and are what the Trust Territory and it's people really need to have, not for the future only, but for right now.

The issues of the Micro Scope as well as the Highlights have greatly helped our people in Palau in the English reading classes. I hope that nothing will eliminate or limit your issues, but rather that your articles will increase for the benefit of all of us.

Comments: For Mariana's District Legislature Resolution No. 39-1967:

1. We should encourage the respect for the human rights and for the fundamental freedoms of all people without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion and encourage the recognition of the interdependence of the Micronesian people.
2. How? What? Why was Resolution No. 39-1967 passed? Because of the primitive way of live and cultures of the other districts which were published and pictured in the Micro Scope? Because of their histories? If that is true what about the Mariana Islands history and their primitive way of living a long time ago? What about the way they are today?

3. What a most unfortunate thing it may be if all the districts will have elected such narrow-minded representatives to their honorable Legislatures. (Like a frog in the well - he knows nothing of the lake or the Pacific Ocean which surrounds us.)
4. The Resolution No. 39-1967 is in contradiction with the "Objectives and Policies of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands."

Your very sincerely,
Jonas W. Olekeriil
District Treasurer
Palau

The editors of the Micro Scope would like to thank all those people who have commented, either through letters or editorials, about the resolution passed by the Marianas District Legislature. We have printed all signed letters which were sent to the Micro Scope by September 14 commenting on this subject.

BASEBALL STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pct.	Behind
St. Louis	90	55	.621	---
San Francisco	79	65	.549	10 1/2
Cincinnati	79	66	.545	11
Chicago	69	69	.534	12 1/2
Philadelphia	74	68	.521	14 1/2
Atlanta	72	71	.503	17
Pittsburgh	72	73	.497	18
Los Angeles	65	78	.455	24
Houston	58	88	.397	22 1/2
New York	54	89	.378	35

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	Won	Lost	Pct.	Behind
Minnesota	83	62	.572	---
Boston	82	63	.566	1
Detroit	81	64	.559	2
Chicago	80	64	.556	2 1/2
California	73	69	.514	8 1/2
Washington	68	76	.472	14 1/2
Cleveland	67	78	.462	16
Baltimore	64	79	.448	18
New York	63	81	.438	19 1/2
Kansas City	59	84	.413	23