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SHOULD BE LIMITED, HE SAID, AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SHOULD BE GIVEN ITS RIGHTFUL SAY IN DESIGNATING AREAS, IF NECESSARY, WHICH COULD BE USED FOR BASES. FOR EVERY PIECE OF LAND USED BY THE AMERICAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES, THERE SHOULD BE DUE COMPENSATION FOR MICRONESIA. "RIGHT NOW THEY DO NOT HAVE TO PAY" SENATOR SALII SAID.

THE MICRONESIANS SUSPECTED THE U.S. WOULD BUILD MORE BASES IN MICRONESIA. IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT THE U.S. WOULD MOVE OUT OF OKINAWA IN 1972. "IF THEY PULL OUT, THE NEXT LINE OF DEFENCE, SO TO SPEAK, IS MICRONESIA" HE ADDED. RETENTION OF ECONOMIC TIES WITH AMERICA, INTERNAL SELF-GOVERNMENT AND A FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH THE U.S. IS HOW SENATOR SALII THINKS THE FUTURE OF MICRONESIA WILL DEVELOP. "POLITICALLY, WE ARE PREPARED TO TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY, BUT WE DO NOT HAVE NEOUGH MICRONESIANS WITH ENOUGH SKILLS". SANATOR SALII ADVOCATED STRONGER TIES BETWEEN FIJI AND MICRONESIA.

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