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3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 30-1971
INTRODUCED BY: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO ADVISING THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS THAT THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS WILL SECEDE FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS BY FORCE OF ARMS IF NECESSARY, AND WITH OR WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

WHEREAS, after the close of the hostilities resulting from World War I the Marianas, Eastern and Western Caroline Islands were given to the Japanese Empire for administration by the League of Nations; and

WHEREAS, contrary to the provisions of the covenants of the League of Nations, the Japanese Empire placed military fortifications throughout the islands, and after the cessation of hostilities resulting from World War II, the Marianas, Eastern and Western Caroline Islands were given to the United States of America for administration by the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, in neither instance did either the League of Nations or the United Nations consult the people concerned as to what their desires were regarding these arrangements, rather a unilateral decision was made to control the lives of people whose history goes back at least 15,000 years; and

WHEREAS, in each instance, however, the people of the Mariana Islands District, Rota, Tinian, Saipan and the islands north of Saipan, accepted and sought to make the best of their fate; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with appropriate provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, provisions of the International Trusteeship System, and provisions of the Trusteeship Agreement for the Former Japanese Mandated Islands, the people have over the years directed grievances to the Security Council and the Trusteeship Council without any favorable action; and

WHEREAS, the original signatories in San Francisco in 1945 unilaterally and willingly accepted responsibility for the proper administration of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory, and pledged to give the people concerned self-government or independence according to the freely expressed wishes of the people concerned; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Mariana Islands District have, over the last twenty (20) years, advised both the administering authority and the Trusteeship Council of its political aspiration, but both have proceeded to ignore these aspirations for reasons of their own; and

WHEREAS, every effort has been made to live and work with the Congress of Micronesia, but it has now become clear that all hope for the people of the Marianas of working harmoniously with the people of the Eastern and Western Caroline Islands is lost; and

WHEREAS, we, the elected representatives of the people of the Mariana Islands District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, do not agree that the United Nations has any legal rights over the lives of the people of the Marianas, and wish that all concerned be advised that we will secede from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, by force of arms if necessary, with or without the approval of the United Nations;

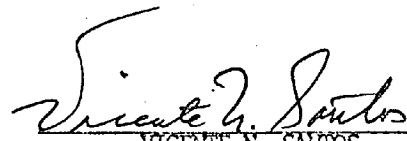
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 3rd. Mariana Islands District Legislature that the Security Council and the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations be and they hereby are advised that the Mariana Islands District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands will secede from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands by force of arms if necessary, and with or without the approval of the United Nations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies of the same to the Security Council of the United Nation, the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, the President of the United States, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of State, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Defense, and to the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

PASSED BY THE 3RD. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE FEBRUARY 19, 1971.


VICENTE N. SANTOS
President


DANIEL T. FINA
Legislative Secretary

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