



representative Communist "Power-movement" on the island.

That was a strange story about Moses Uhdong the other day. He was arrested by the T.T. and charged with libel, and disturbing the peace. While the facts aren't really clear—partially because we don't have a reporter in Palau—we are inclined to believe that it all stemmed from a letter Moses is supposed to have written which talked in somewhat general terms about "sinking some American". While admittedly, Moses, and his brother, are radical students, completely sold on Independence for Micronesia, we doubt very much if the courts can prove libel or disturbing the peace against this young man. We were sent a copy of the letter—mailed from Andersen AB, as a matter of fact, and weren't enough alarmed about its tone to report it to the authorities. We did show it to an Air Mike representative though, in view of the fact that the letter was sent just about the time Air Micronesia was to fly Ambassador Williams to Palau.

We suspect that inasmuch as William's name was mentioned in the letter—calling him a spy—and the words "we'll sink" some American, and inasmuch as both Williams and Moses were to be in Palau, that the authorities got a trifle excited and nervous—understandably.

But it is pretty obvious from what I've seen of the letter that the Trust Territory officials are going to be hard put to make a charge of libel or disturbing the peace stick against Moses. In the meantime it makes him look like a real martyr. I'm certain that he'll get a lot of play out of it back in Hawaii, when he tells how those American colonialists in their police state arrested him. It puts the T.T. in a spot too. Will they really prosecute him? If he's still in Palau, that is? Or would they extradite him if he's going back to Hawaii? I'm sure that there haven't been too many libel cases in the T.T. or for that matter in Guam. And who has he libeled, anyway? The T.T. government, perhaps?

After that letter there is no question that he should have been kept under watch, especially during William's visit to Palau, but arrested, no. Somebody made an error in judgment here.

Well sir, Boyd Chennaux just got back from a hairy trip to Africa. In case you still don't know who I'm talking about, would you believe Frenchie Chennaux, of Pacific Transfer? The Frenchman went to Somaliland, on the Coast of Africa, where the American AID program is helping the locals out by installing a complete water system. Amelco is one of the prime contractors, and sent Frenchie as a consultant to make sure all the pipe and equipment got off the ship.



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