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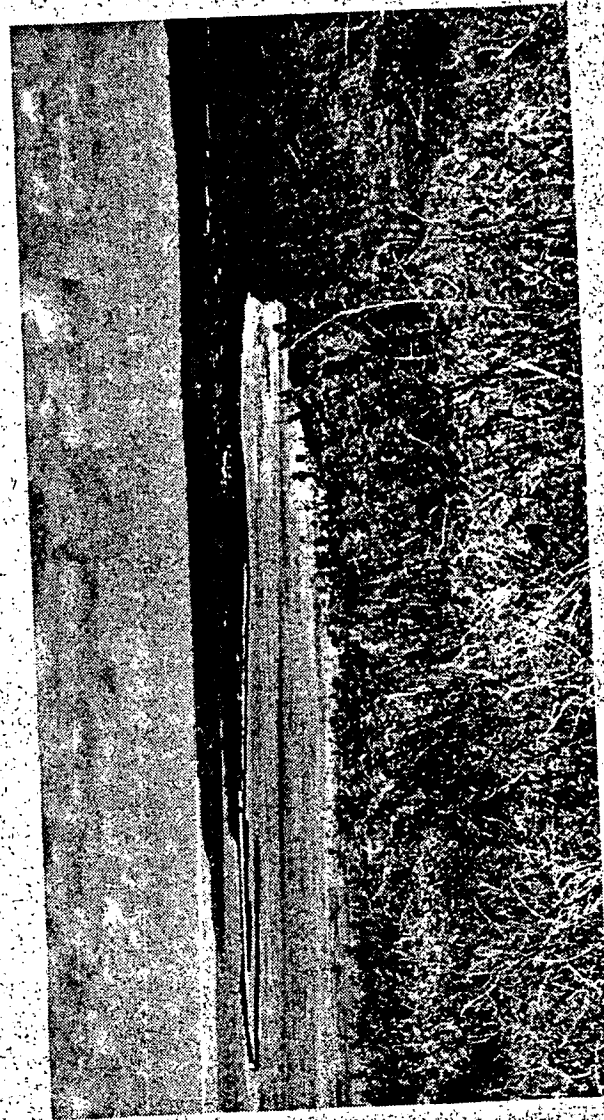
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Out of Tinian



LAND VIEW of island of Tinian that the Navy seeks to take over in entirety. (Daily News-Photo by Ronn Ronck)

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News Saipan Staff

SAIPAN — U.S. Ambassador Franklin Hayden Williams yesterday told members of the Marianas Status Commission Trust Territory government officials and local citizens his delegation is confident that

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Daily News Staff

The United States is proposing to the Mariana Islands that the entire island of Tinian be turned over to the American military, and a massive military facility be constructed there, the Pacific Daily News has learned.

The proposal — outlined in an inch-thick document — is made as part of the continuing status talks about the future of the Marianas, now in session on Saipan.

The suggestion, drawn up by the Department of Defense and approved at the highest levels of the U.S. government, is that a giant Air Force and Naval base be constructed on the tiny island, and that all private property would either be sold or leased on a long-term basis to the U.S. government.

The residents of Tinian would either be employed at the base or if they chose, moved off-island to relocate later. Navy officials have been on Tinian in recent months and talked to residents, and — insiders say — believe Tinian residents would welcome such a sweeping move.

A still-classified report, outlining these proposals, was recently hand-delivered to members of the Marianas Political Status Commission.

The mimeographed document includes another proposal if the first idea proves to be a hard sell.

If the people won't give up their island altogether the U.S. will propose to move the present harbor-fronted village of San Jose from the southern end of the island to the Marbo area in the central northwest.

This is the best agricultural land on the island. But the price to be paid is high. The military would put the present civilian government under its control and insist on

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Letter From Gachong

I'm surprised that fellow who said "Thanks, I need your purse" got away in the chase at Ipaog Beach. You'd have thought his high heels would have slowed him down.

Gachong