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# Tinian Tale: We're In With Marianas

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Ponape and the Marshalls in a similar attempt to obtain the future political status aims of the citizens of Micronesia.

## Resolution A Topic

The Tinian resolution proved to be a popular topic during the three-and-a-half hour nighttime hearing, as speaker after speaker referred back to its contents. While supporting the Marianas Political Status Commission, which is engaged in negotiating a separate political status for this district, some of the speakers could not resist the opportunity to get the ear of the joint committee members on a few of the special problems Tinian is facing in the Marianas negotiations.

Said Leonardo Diaz, vice speaker of the Tinian Municipal Council, "I don't know whether the Congress of Micronesia should involve itself over the question of land on Tinian. But if they have the authority," he added, "I personally favor the military coming to Tinian - but only in their present retention area. I'd like to urge the committee to help in any way you can to consider the people in their desires to keep the present village where it is."

One of the U.S. military's proposals for the use of Tinian

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TINIAN - When it comes to future political status, the people of Tinian don't beat around the bush. In a meeting here, their mayor presented the Joint Committee on Future Status with a resolution expressing the desire of the Tinian Municipal Council to stay with the Marianas Political Status Commission in its efforts "to have closer relations with the United States" and to request that "the Joint Committee on Future Status of the Congress of Micronesia recognize this desire of the people of Tinian."

The resolution was "the first clear official expression of political views made to the committee throughout our hearings," said Joint Committee Chairman Lazarus Sali in accepting it.

Tinian was the next-to-last stop on the committee's hearings circuit, which so far has taken half of the 12 committee members to Yap, Palau, Rota and Tinian in the western districts of Micronesia.

Beginning with meetings today, Saipan is the final destination of this group, which is headed by Sen. Sali. Another joint committee delegation has been touring Truk,