

'Overwhelming' 'Unreasonable'

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SAIPAN — The Marianas Political Status Commission has told the United States that its request for land on Tinian for military purposes is "overwhelming" and that another move to retain land on Saipan is "unreasonable."

Letter From Gachong

Dear Mr. Editor:
That was an interesting story on computers.
What we have to watch out for, though, is the first super computer that starts muttering "Cogito Ergo Sum."

Gachong

Marianas Dispute U.S. Papers Show

EXCLUSIVE

Position papers that have now come to light from the latest Marianas-U.S. status talks also reveal that the commission's "best current thinking" was that it would not agree to the sale of Tinian land for the military, as the U.S. has sought. Instead, the Marianas delegation favors a lease agreement covering only the military's minimum land

Marianas commission in effect asked the U.S. delegation to go home and rethink its military requirements for the Marianas in view of the commission's "concerns."

The more than 100-page set of position papers includes statements prepared for discussion during the talks and formal responses from both sides. Topics covered are future political status and self-government of the Marianas, economics and finance and land and military requirements.

The papers were recently presented to the Mariana Islands District Legislature but have not been made public.

They support the presumption that the most serious differences of opinion between the Marianas and U.S. delegations arose over the military's stated land needs.

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stated that Kaiser will adapt the Super for the transport of bulk cement, and that the company expects to have the ship in hand by the end of this month. The ship will be used exclusively for the Guam cement run, and the first voyage is expected to arrive here prior to Sept. 22, he said.

Reeves explained that the company has an indefinitely-renewable six-month charter on the Super, which he said will call at Guam at least once a month "or as often as it can make the round trip" between the cement source and the island.

Kaiser does not know yet whether the Super will be loading in the (Continued on page 4)

Laos Coups Fails

VIENTIANE, Laos (AP) — Laotian government troops in less than 10 hours crushed an attempt by a right-wing exiled general Monday to overthrow Premier Souvanna Phouma and torpedo the pending agreement with the Communist Pathet Lao to set up a coalition government.

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controversy, the Marianas side said: "We recognize the United States' preference for outright purchase of the required land but are unable to honor it. Prevailing practice in the United States has little relevance to the Mariana Islands, where land is scarce and has a special cultural significance to the people.

"Regardless of the guarantees which the United States might make, the members of the Commission could not possibly justify or explain to their constituents or families the seemingly permanent transfer of so much of the Marianas' limited land to the United States for military purposes."

Williams' Response

"I believe the record is clear that the United States Government appreciates the importance which the people of the Marianas attach to their land," said Ambassador Franklin Haydn Williams, head of the U.S. delegation.

But the U.S. "historically," he added, "purchases, not leases, land" for military bases.

has been used for target practice by the military since 1970.

Saipan Debated

"The commission believes that the United States' requests for land on Saipan for military purposes are unreasonable," says its position paper.

"It is difficult to reconcile the sweeping requests of the United States for land on Tinian for presently-contemplated uses with its specific requests on Saipan for more generalized future uses.

"Before the commission accedes to any requests for land on Saipan, it will have to be persuaded that these contingency needs could not possibly be met through use of land and facilities to be developed on Tinian."

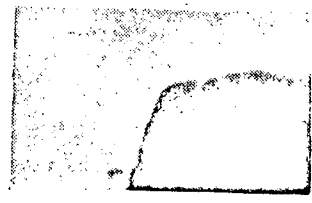
At particular issue was the U.S. request to retain 320 acres in Saipan's main harbor area for contingency purposes and another 500 acres adjacent to Isley Field, which is about to be converted to the island's new air field.

The U.S. now holds 4,966 acres of retention lands on Saipan, approximately 4,100 of which it has

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"This does not mean, however, that the Commission's concerns on permanency could not be satisfied in some fashion," Williams continued. "The U.S. would perhaps be willing to commit itself, if at some time in the future a decision was made to close the Tinian base, to make the land available to the people of the Marianas through some kind of covenant within the purchase arrangement.... However, such a qualification would in turn have a marked effect on the initial purchase price which the U.S. was able to pay."

Added Williams: "The U.S. Congress is reluctant to commit large sums to projects with only the protection of lease."

The U.S. has projected that the proposed 18,500-acre Air Force-Navy base on Tinian would require \$144.6 million in construction alone. Relocation costs for Tinian residents would take another \$13.5 million. The U.S. estimates that the base would eventually add \$15 million annually to the Marianas economy.

The Marianas commission, which is headed by Sen. Edward DLG. Pangelinan, also strongly contested U.S. proposals for Saipan and Farallon de Medinilla, a tiny island north of Saipan that

proposed to return.

While the U.S. delegation said it was "a little puzzled" and found the commission's position equally unreasonable, the Marianas paper explained that the air field especially is too important for Saipan's future economic development "to be burdened by restrictions arising from hypothetical needs of the United States in the future."

As to the Farallon de Medinilla, question, the commission told the U.S. it "definitely prefers" that one of the more distant Northern Mariana Islands be selected. The Marianas asked for cost differentials and reassurances as to safety precautions.

"The island will be used for air-to-ground and ship-to-shore target practice only," said Williams. "It will not, I repeat will not, be used as a ground-to-ground missile target area."

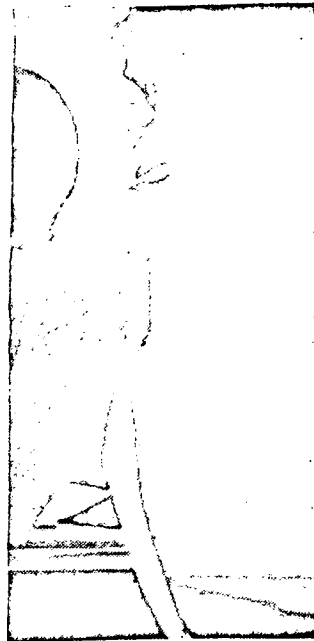
Other Points Told

Other points raised by the Marianas delegation against the Tinian proposals were:

- That the portion of the island "not leased" to the U.S. should remain in civilian control, either private or public.

- That the U.S. should show the approximate

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in "shock language."



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Williams Adds: U.S. 'Also Has A Stake.'

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savings to the U.S. of using the present harbor facilities rather than developing a new location.

- That the land left for civilian use must be adequate for the next 40 to 50 years.

- That the commission must be "fully persuaded that the United States had paid the maximum dollar value" for the Tinian land before the Marianas delegation will be able to "defend any agreement involving the lease of massive amounts of land to the United States."

All position papers and discussions seem to indicate that the relocation of San Jose Village away from military installations has been taken for granted by both sides.

"The United States proposals for resettlement of Tinian residents appear at first glance to be both flexible and generous," said the Marianas delegation. It added that those citizens who prefer to move to other islands should receive benefits equivalent to those given residents remaining on Tinian.

The commission asked the military to explore the possibility of a substantially integrated housing area for military and civilian personnel in the relocated San Jose Village.

To jointly address questions concerning future relations between the civilian and military communities, Williams suggested that a Tinian Civilian/Military Community Relations Committee be formed early in the planning process. The group would be composed of Tinian residents and military representatives.

welfare of the people of Tinian, but it is also vitally interested in the operational effectiveness of the military base, the well-being of men and women who serve on that base, and the efficient expenditure of the large sums of money which the U.S. will expend on Tinian."

The Marianas commission concluded the round of talks by saying: "If the United States re-evaluates

its plans and supplies the requested information, the commission pledges itself, in good faith, to thoroughly consider the United States proposals and attempt to reach agreement with the United States on this important subject."

The next, or third, round of negotiations is due to get underway sometime this fall. Washington, Hawaii and Guam are the three sites under consideration.

Cook Held In Stabbing

Guam police arrested the head cook of the Sakura Restaurant early yesterday for the alleged stabbing of three fellow employees. Booked and confined at the Agana lockup was Hiromi Toyota, 25. He was charged with three counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

Bansho Takuji, 26, a cook, was reported in critical condition at Guam Memorial Hospital from multiple stabbings in his midsection.

Assistant manager Yuuighi Kitamoto, 24, and Tagashi Watabe, 25, also a cook, sustained knife wounds on their right arms.

According to police, Watabe was asleep in his room at the Sakura Hotel, just behind the restaurant in Tamuning, when Toyota woke him up. He and his roommate, Seiichi Someya, were allegedly told to put their hands up.

Toyota slashed at Watabe's right arm because "he did not raise it high enough," police said.

bleeding profusely. He was unable to discuss the incident at the scene or later at GMH.

Toyota was taken into custody by police shortly after they arrived and found him scuffling with General Manager Nobuyoshi Takeshima.

A Plot For The Chickens

LOS ANGELES (UPI) - State and city officials were to meet Monday "to map strategy for the capture and safe transfer" of some 100 chickens that flew the coop years ago.

The birds have been nesting in foliage along the Ventura freeway in North Hollywood ever since, and the State Department of Transportation said Minnie Blumfield, 80, who has been feeding the chickens twice a day, now has tired of the chore.

that the primary objective of the U.S. interests on Tinian "must be constantly kept in mind—that is, to build a needed installation to meet U.S. defense requirements in the Western Pacific."

He viewed the Tinian base as a possibly "ideal civilian/military complex."

"The requirement to acquire the whole island of Tinian was set forth to enhance the prospects of achieving such an objective," said Williams.

"The United States included in its land

'To Prevent' Problems

requirements the southern one-third of Tinian in order to prevent undesirable conditions and consequences which could possibly result from the presence of a major military base and which would not be in the interests of either the local residents or of the U.S. military....

"Let me reemphasize," Williams added, "that the U.S. Government also has a stake in this matter. Not only is it interested in the

Kitamoto was also stabbed in his room.

Police were notified of the incident when Detective F.C. Munoz and Sergeant J.C. Guerrero were making a routine check in Tamuning and were flagged down by an unidentified person who directed them to the Sakura.

They found Takuji under a tree in front of the Sakura,

Goes Mod

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey (UPI) — The Miss America pageant may become Ms. America in spirit.

The title of the pageant show is "movin on," a spokesman said. The general theme is "here and now" and one of the song titles is "call me ms."

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