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INTERVIEW WITH DR. PALACIOS

"We shall not Alienate our Political Freedom"

Because of the importance of situations developing over the past weeks on the issues of political status land and economy, the Marianas Variety has the honor of introducing the following questions to Dr. Palacios and bringing the answers to our readers in this interview.

Dr. Francisco T. Palacios is a Saipanese born member of the Marianas Status Talks Commission and a leader of the Territorial Party in the Marianas with extensive experience and activities in the field of politics here in the Marianas. In addition, he serves as a medical doctor in the Trust Territory Health Service Office on Saipan.

MARIANAS VARIETY:

Dr. Palacios, how do you explain the issue of the Marianas Political status today?

DR. PALACIOS:

Our issue can be reduced into three categories, You might call it a Three Points Doctrine. First, we shall not alienate our political freedom. Second, we shall not alienate our land. Third, we shall not alienate our economic resources. In the alienation of our political freedom, the question arises about whether vesting sovereignty into the U.S. Congress will lead to alienation of our political freedom. This will depend on the provisions of the compact. I have made it clear that I will not support surrendering our political freedom for material assistance from the U.S. or any country.

The territorial party supports the concept of a free associated state in association with the U.S. The difference between a free associated state and the proposed commonwealth under negotiation is in the area of termination or amendment of the relationship.

MARIANAS VARIETY:

Now you are talking about termination. Termination of what?

DR. PALACIOS:

Termination of the relationship between the U.S. and the Marianas, or modification thereof. Of course, the U.S. Delegation has agreed to support the re-examination of the relationship with the Marianas every five years. In the area of sovereignty, well, if sovereignty in the U.S. as a concept still survives in the details of the compact or the provisions of the compact, and if it guarantees internal self-government, then I think we can agree to that. But if it doesn't guarantee internal self-government, without interference from the U.S. Federal government, then we will not agree to that.

MARIANAS VARIETY:

Do you think that the Marianas can manage self-government today?

DR. PALACIOS:

We can definitely manage self-government today. Look at the United States. Look at other countries when they started. When the United States became independent from England, half of the people in the United States were illiterate. So I don't think there is any real criteria for saying these people are ready and those people are not ready. Everybody is ready, regardless of whatever sophistication the country has.

MARIANAS VARIETY:

And what about U.S. responsibility in the foreign affairs of the Marianas?

DR. PALACIOS:

We can let the United States handle foreign affairs with qualified provisions such as we may represent our own interest in the areas of economic, health and

social affairs in international organizations when we choose to.

MARIANAS VARIETY:

Do you think this could be accomplished within the status of a commonwealth?

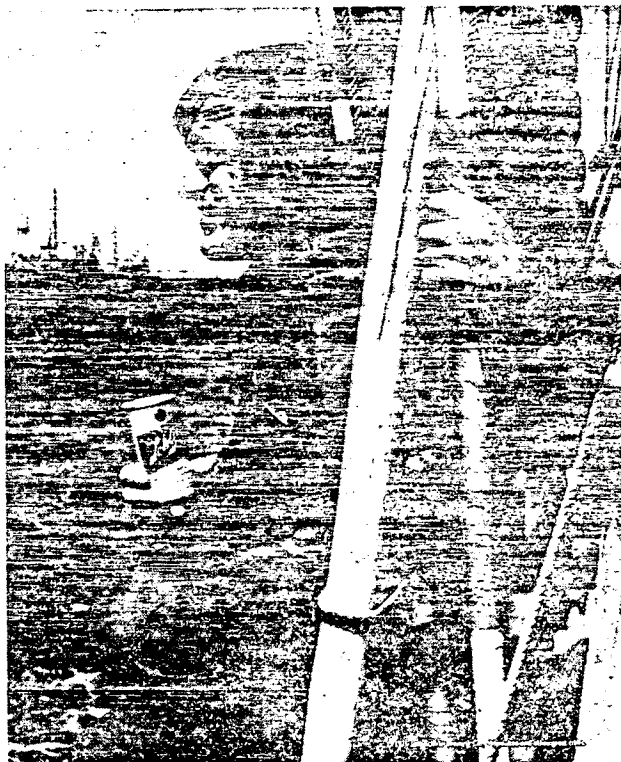
DR. PALACIOS:


Well, you say "commonwealth". That's a very broad term. So let's leave the "label" and the name of the relationship. The important things are the provisions of the compact. Some people have attempted to name it a commonwealth relationship with provisions similar to an unincorporated territory.

MARIANAS VARIETY:

In the Commission papers it was pointed out that the Marianas will accept a commonwealth status like Puerto

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DR. PALACIOS...

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Rico's. What do you think about that?

DR. PALACIOS:

Well, I think that's the least acceptable to us. Anything less than a Puerto Rican type of commonwealth is not acceptable.

MARIANAS VARIETY:

How about the Marianas people becoming U.S. citizens?

DR. PALACIOS:

I already have a citizenship. Why should I change my citizenship? I am a Marianas citizen. I think it should be optional for the individual if he wants to remain a Marianas citizen. Puerto Rico has the same thing although some Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens.

MARIANAS VARIETY:

Another subject being discussed is the U.S. military presence in the Marianas (Tinian). What's your opinion?

DR. PALACIOS:

Well, the security needs of the United States must be considered, and I feel personally that we should bend backwards to meet those needs, taking into consideration the welfare of the people also. This is a very difficult thing to determine when we do not know all the details or factors involving the military defense and security needs. But I feel that we must accommodate the United States military for whatever security needs it has. It's for the United States' government to resolve that problem.

MARIANAS VARIETY:

You stated in the beginning that "we shall not alienate our political freedom, we shall not alienate our land and we shall not alienate our economic resources." Does this exclude the military base?

DR. PALACIOS:

Well, we do not agree to sell our land to the military. We will lease our land to such an extent that it will not hinder our economic development. But there must also be certain sacrifices on the part of the people in the Marianas to accommodate the security needs of the United States. That doesn't mean that we give away all the land. There will be some impact by the fact that the military will be here and by the fact that there will be jobs at the military base.

Direct participation by the military in government affairs on Tinian is interpreted by our people to be an unacceptable encroachment by the U.S. military on the political freedom of the people.

Next week will be the continuation of this interview on land, land resources, economy, tourism and labor.

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ANSWER: Today, nearly half the people in Micronesia depend on money to live. If they didn't have money, they would have to return to a poorer way of living.

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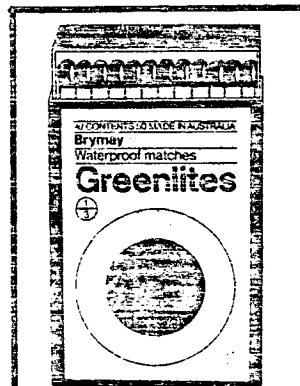
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