

# TINIAN PROCLAMATION

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We, the undersigned, all being 18 years of age and over, residents of the Island of Tinian, in the Mariana Islands, Pacific Ocean, do hereby make the following declaration:

First: Neither we, nor our predecessors, have ever committed any acts of aggression against any person or nation. To the contrary, we and our predecessors have been the recipients of aggressive acts from various nations. Thus, we recognize no claim to the island of Tinian by virtue of conquest by war or otherwise. Accordingly, we contend that the island of Tinian belongs to the inhabitants thereof.

Second. The United States Department of Defense may establish military facilities on the Island of Tinian, but only insofar as it involves the northern one-third (1/3), and certainly not the entire island, nor even two-thirds (2/3). The harbor and existing airfield shall be under the jurisdiction of the people of Tinian.

Third. For establishing its facilities on the northern 1/3 of the island, the United States military must pay a fair rental for the use of such land to the inhabitants of Tinian.

Fourth. The village of San Jose--and its inhabitants--shall not be relocated.

Fifth. We deplore and condemn the "sales" pitch and tactics utilized by representa-

tives of the United States military in their relentless attempts to convince the inhabitants that "what is good for the military is good for Tinian." The "land grab" tactics employed on Guam several years ago, shall not be repeated in Tinian.

Sixth. The economic moratorium imposed on the island of Tinian by the Trust Territory administration is arbitrary and capricious, and without the consent and permission of the inhabitants of Tinian, and is therefore illegal and of no force and effect whatsoever. Thus, for such illegal and dictatorial action, the Trust Territory administration and/or the Department of Interior, are liable to the inhabitants of Tinian for all damages resulting therefrom.

Seven. Pending a referendum, all discussions, conferences, and negotiations involving the island of Tinian and its people--particularly such conferences as are being conducted by the Marianas political status commission with representatives of the United States government--shall immediately cease and desist, it being the desire of the understanding that this proclamation be the official position of Tinian and its people. Such referendum shall be held only after full disclosures have been made by the United States Department of Defense as to their bona fide intentions.

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