Saipan boy musing the Atolai fish w h i c h have been netted by his family. The a n n u a l community gathering can be s e e n every August and September along the shores of Saipan's beaches.

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International Airport which is now under construction.

On July 31st, Duty Free Shoppers Ltd. submitted an application for amendment to permit No. 83-74; so that said permit s h a 1 1 authorize applicant "to catering to the tourist trade in the Marianas."

Resolution #74 was introduced August 19, 1974 and was referred to the Economic Committee, according to the author, but for s o m e unexplained reason the resolution did not get to the committee *Con't on page 12* SEPTEMBER 13, 1974 VOL. 3 NO. 27

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SAIPAN - For the second day of the first session of the Twenty Fifth Municipal Council of Saipan, there was much excitement generated by the resolutions introduced by the council members. One such resolution #25-11 which



states "requesting t h e Marianas Political Status Commission to cease and

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various nuclear devices. Located in the Marshall Islands, this atoll was scene of 43 nuclear tests between April, 1948 and July 1958, including the f i r s t explosion of a hydrogen bomb in November 1952.

During 1972 and 1973, the Atomic Energy Commission tested plants, soil, fish, birds and water for radioactive contamination, finding that the amount of Con't on page 6

Honorable Juan Demapan

terminate the retention of James E. White, esq., as staff Attorney."

The author, Hon. J u a n Demapan, further said in his resolution that, "the said James E. White does not occupy the said position on a full time basis, but rather, devotes much of his time to the private practice of 1 a w, a n d *Con't on page 8*

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James E. White the sum or of

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the commission's financial

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Mr. James E. White was

formally the attorney of

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which is now under receivership. He also served as District A t-Con't from page 1 torney in P a l a u before despite this fact, the working on Saipan. commission paid the said

In addition, Hon. Demapan pointed out in support of his resolution t h a t, "the said James E. White is the law firm partner of Sen. Edward DLG, Pangelinan, the chairman of the commission."

After the introduction of the resolution, the members and the speaker of the council exchanged opinions and views related to the issues and resolutions.

Demapan emphasized that appropriated funds for the commission should be utilized to the best advantage of the commission and that 1 o c a 1 lawyers could be hired to meet their needs.

Later on, Demapan was asked how could he defend



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his resolution? "Simply," he said, "my position and d u t y is to protect our people's interest." Immediately he pointed to a stack o f papers showing the financial statement of t h e commission, a n d samples of Mr. W h i t e's billings and charges to the commission indicating his h o u r s and services rendered.

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The resolution stirred some reactions. By the following day, Sen. Edward Pangelinan, chairman o f the Marianas Political Status Commission, h a d writting a letter to the speaker. In it he stated, "in as much as the resolution wrongfully alleges impropriety and conflict of interests on my part and that of Mr. White's as chairman a n d staff of the Marianas Political Status Commission respectively, I wish to request that the council hold a hearing to hear the merits of the resolution." Sen. Pange-linan went on to say "a similar resolution was attempted during the last session of the District Legislature but the resolution was defeated for lack of evidence to support the allegation." In concluding h is letter, chairman Pangelinan wrote, "I believe sincerely that the members of the council. a r e' entitled to be informed of all the facts pertaining to the conduct of Mr. White as staff Attorney of the Status Conmission. For this reason and in the interest of justice, a hearing is very much in order."

However, the members of the Municipal Council met Wednesday evening with the "leaders" to discuss the following issue of importance-political status, political education and t h e separate administraion of the Marianas.

For now resolution #25-11-74 remains in the stage of introduction. Whether it will face the same outcome as the MDL resolution, this remains to be seen.

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