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Guam Master Plan Sought In Bill Sent To Legislature

Lt. Gov. Kurt Moylan yesterday renewed the call for a new Guam Master Plan as he transmitted a bill to the Legislature to create a Bureau of Planning to deal with the island's comprehensive development.

In an accompanying letter to Speaker F. T. Ramirez, Moylan termed the bill an "urgency measure."

Guam's first and last master plan was approved in 1967, Moylan noted, before the economic growth and development of recent years.

"The pace of development has continued at random, in complete absence of or without reference to any relevant master plan," the letter continued.

One such planning measure

has been pending in the Legislature more than a year, it was noted.

"Substitute bills have been offered, compromises tendered, supposed agreements reached, but no comprehensive planning measure has been enacted," wrote Moylan.

The bill transmitted yesterday incorporates legislators'

objections and suggestions, said a government spokesman, resulting in "some reduction in the scope of power of the proposed bureau."

Under the proposed law all master, development and long-range plans prepared by public agencies would have to be submitted to a Central Planning Council for processing.

The bureau's staff would, according to the bill, include experts in community facilities conservation, cultural development, demography, economics, education, environment, finance, infrastructures, land utilization, natural resources, transportation, urban and rural design and utilities.

Taitano Criticizes Veto

Sen. Richard F. Taitano yesterday criticized Lt. Gov. Kurt Moylan for vetoing a bill "which would have prohibited political parties from making, incurring or contracting for expenses in excess of \$1,000 for any election."

During a legislative session Taitano described the reasons for veto as being in defiance of logic, law and common sense.

"As has happened before, the administration is suffering from tunnel vision in that in vetoing this proposal our administration failed to cross-reference the bill with other pertinent provisions of the code. In what could be termed gross ignorance of the law, Mr. Moylan stated in part 'that it (bill 864) would allow his political

party could spend an unlimited amount of money on his campaign."

"Aside from being poor grammar," Taitano said, "this statement is totally absurd for the following reasons."

Taitano said the bill defines a political party as a person and stipulates that no candidate is allowed to spend on his campaign, more than one-fourth of the salary of the office he or she is seeking.

The bill also states that no person is allowed to incur or contract any expenses in aid of the campaign unless he applies to the candidate's treasurer five days before expense authorization, Taitano added.

Government House Hosts GOP Senatorial Candidates

incumbent Gov. Camacho's rival in the June 29 primary election. Two GOP hopefuls were not

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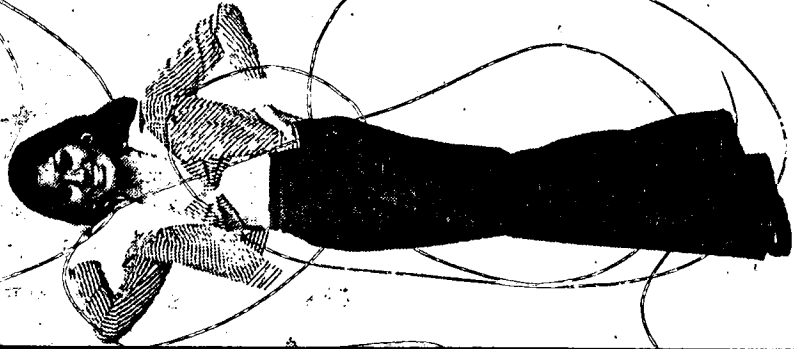
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