

Moratorium Approach Wrong: U.S.



U.S. AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, at Guam airport last night, said three days of talks here on future status questions had been "pleasant"—and progressive. (Daily News Photo by Manuel)

Hawaii Warned On Visitor Woe

Honolulu Star Bulletin

HONOLULU—The chairman of the Hawaii Visitors Bureau has called for a statewide plan for the control of the growth of tourism, saying "the sands of time are running out."

William G. Foster, speaking at a dinner meeting of 130 sales and marketing executives at the Kahala Hilton Hotel, said

Hawaii's giant tourist industry is on the threshold of real trouble.

He said the industry must work with community leaders to establish controls through the Legislature.

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Pangelinan, it is now set for mid-November, probably on Saipan, she reported.

The Commission had hoped to hold the talks in Washington but its budget cannot support the trip, Pangelinan said.

For yesterday's meeting with Williams and the Marianas Legislature, Status Commission and Municipal Council, Herman M. Manglona, Tinian's representative on the Status Commission, issued a statement saying his people "are bewildered and hurt" by the moratorium.

"It is obvious to everyone that the Trust Territory government dutifully imposed the moratorium when its strings were jiggled in Washington. There is certainly nothing new or unusual about such displays of puppetry by our marionette government," he said.

Manglona told Williams that the ban was imposed to "allow the military to get what they need for a song."

The unilateral action has made Tinian's residents lose faith in the U.S., said Manglona.

"We people of Tinian are coming to the same realization that the American Indian reached a century or more ago; that is, that the Great Father in Washington tends to speak with a forked tongue on matters relating to land that somebody else has but that he covets."

Adding that "next week could be too late," Manglona asked that the moratorium be terminated immediately and that a forthright explanation for it be given to the people of Tinian.

And Williams reportedly used the meeting to reiterate the U.S. contention that the moratorium

stemmed from sound and obvious reasons, that wild land speculation based on military interests in Tinian must be prevented, and that the U.S. does not want to pay unreasonable costs to acquire land on Tinian.

He stressed, however, that the U.S. is determined to pursue its proposals for acquiring all of Tinian and leasing back one-third for use by the current residents.

The head of the U.S. delegation to the Micronesian status talks also pledged to help expedite the extensive land survey program required in the Marianas, a job that Williams acknowledged would take a lot of money.

He added that a great deal of progress on the Marianas-U.S. negotiations had been made in a relatively short period of time, since December 1972, when the first round took place.

Williams also reportedly told the delegates that additional teams of military planners—and economists—will be visiting Tinian in the months ahead. One such military team was reportedly there even yesterday.

"Nothing is secret about what we're doing. Nothing will be kept from the public," Williams told the closed session.

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Correction

A typographical error in Thursday's Daily News resulted in an incorrect report on the price of the new Congress of Micronesia directory. Copies of the directory are available at \$1 each plus 33 cents for postage from the Office of the Legislative Counsel, Congress of Micronesia.

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