

What Mama Brought Me?

Saipan boy musing the Atolai fish which have been netted by his family. The annual community gathering can be seen every August and September along the shores of Saipan's beaches.

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On July 31st, Duty Free Shoppers Ltd. submitted an application for amendment to permit No. 83-74, so that said permit shall 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 some unexplained reason the resolution did not get to the committee

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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 the Marianas Political Status Commission to cease and

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During 1972 and 1973, the Atomic Energy Commission tested plants, soil, fish, birds and water for radioactive contamination, finding that the amount of

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Honorable Juan Demapan

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

The author, Hon. Juan 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 law, and

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despite this fact, the commission paid the said James E. White the sum of \$18,820.62 for services rendered, as reflected in the commission's financial statement of August 28, 1974."

Mr. James E. White was formally the attorney of TransPac Shipping Line

which is now under receivership. He also served as District Attorney in Palau before working on Saipan.

In addition, Hon. Demapan pointed out in support of his resolution that, "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 local 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 duty is to protect our people's interest." Immediately he pointed to a stack of papers showing the financial statement of the commission, and samples of Mr. White's billings and charges to the commission indicating his hours and services rendered.

The resolution stirred some reactions. By the following day, Sen. Edward Pangelinan, chairman of the Marianas Political Status Commission, had written 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 and 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. Pangelinan 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 his letter, chairman Pangelinan wrote, "I believe sincerely that the members of the council are entitled to be informed of all the facts pertaining to the conduct of Mr. White as staff Attorney of the Status Commission. 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 the separate administration 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.