

Carolínians Say Report Wrong

SAIPAN—The Carolinian leader of a Saipan youth group claims that a report stating that Carolínians here do not support the separate Marianas-U.S. status talks is "another attempt to segregate the people of the Marianas."

"I object to involving the Carolínians in political maneuvering," said Tony Maresam, president of the Marianas Young Movement Organization. "I don't believe in anything that pulls us further apart."

The report Maresam refers to was prepared by a subcommittee of the Congress of Micronesia's Joint Committee on Future Status and presented to the congress on Tuesday.

Based on public hearings held in July, it recommends that the congress establish "immediate liaison" with the Marianas Political Status Commission in order to protect the interests of Carolínians in the Marianas who may not support the separation of the district from the rest of Micronesia.

"The Carolínians comprise the largest ethnic minority on Saipan," states the report, "comprising well over 2,000 of the district's population. They are nearly unanimous in their desire to remain with the rest of Micronesia in the future, and do not support the efforts of the majority in the Marianas to separate."

"This position is well documented by a petition, reportedly signed by every adult Carolinian on the island, and by testimony received from the leadership of the United Carolinian Association, which purports to represent the entire Carolinian population of the island."

"Carolínians in the Marianas were originally emigres from the Central Caroline Islands presently located in the Yap and Truk Districts."

The subcommittee's conclusions followed from a meeting with Felix Rabauliman, Ben Fitial and Joe Lifofoi of the UCA.

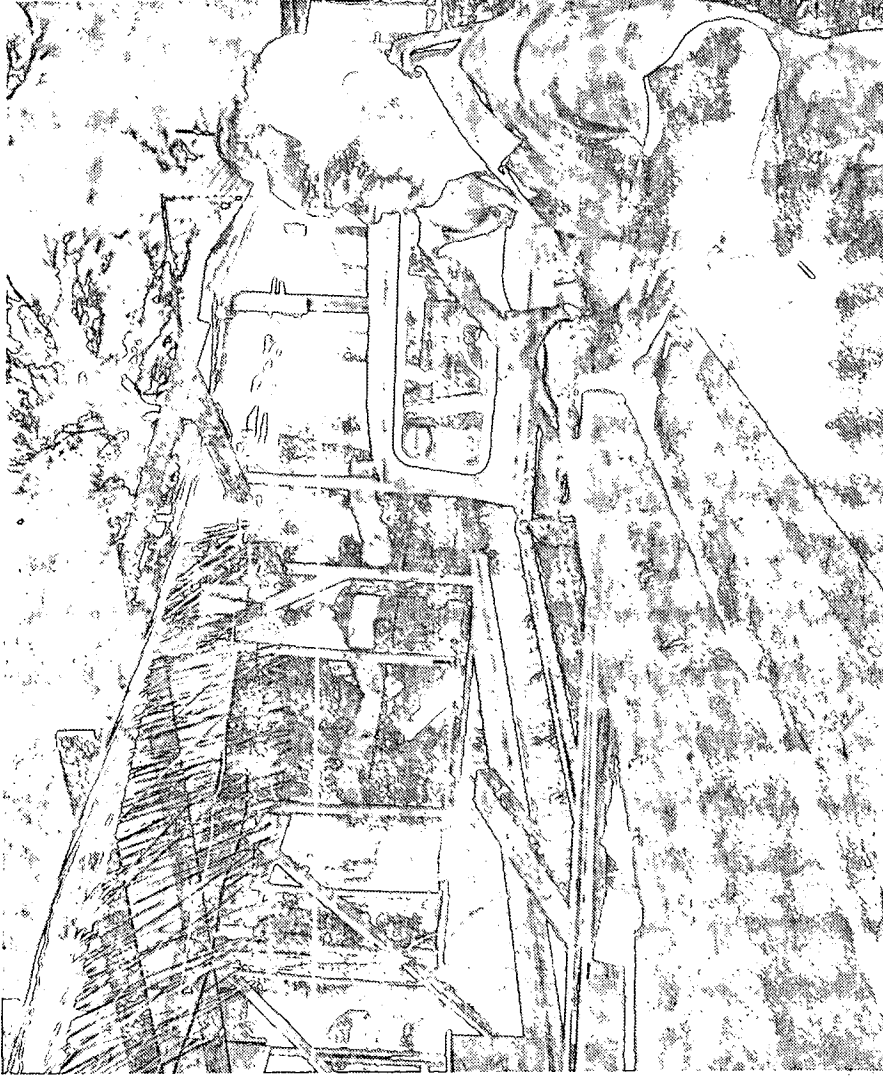
Rabauliman, who represents the association on the Marianas status commission, said yesterday he had no quarrel with report's findings.

He explained that while the Carolínians he represents have taken a pro-unified Micronesia stance, officially they are withholding a commitment on the status question until both the Marianas and joint committee agreements with the United States are drafted. "Then we'll make our decision," said Rabauliman.

Maresam contends that the United Carolinian Association has become inactive and that the figures its spokesmen presented to the subcommittee are outdated.

"I urge the Joint Committee to conduct hearings based on today's information," Maresam said.

"I'm not in the stage of supporting Marianas separatism yet, but I'd rather see more political education so the people can decide what they want. Then if the people decide to seek their own status"



WEEKS AFTER the closing of the Elks carnival at Paseo, Joseph Diaz yesterday was the first known person to arrive to dismantle his stand. The rest of the buildings and rides are sitting unattended and vacant. (Daily News Photo by Jim Haas)

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will support whatever most of the Marianas want. "But these psychological games are just zigzagging people's minds, disrupting them, instead of giving them a real choice," said Maresam, whose organization has about 22 Carolinian and Chamorro members.

Kabauliman said the UCA is not inactive and that a public political education meeting to explain the Marianas commissioner's work is set for this Friday.

The petition mentioned in the subcommittee's report was presented to the United Nations. According to Kabauliman, it expressed the Carolinians' opposition to the Marianas separating from the IT.

At the July hearing, Lifofoi told the subcommittee: "We consider ourselves, the Carolinians, as the minority group on this island and should the decision be made by the majority of the people to accept commonwealth... what would happen then is that we will be forced into a status which we consider may be detrimental to our children. "Could the Congress of Micronesia assist us in this way?"

The subcommittee was chaired by Sen. Lazarus Salii of Palau. Also present for the Carolinian hearing were Sen. Andon Amaraich of Truk and Sen. Edward DLG. Pangelinan, chairman of the Marianas status commission.

INVITATION TO BID

The Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority will receive sealed bids for the Rehabilitation of structures of the following owners:

1. Balajadia, Bartola P.
Lot No. 12, Block 3, Yona
2. Eustaquio, Natividad I.
Lot No. 4, Block 4, Yona
3. Cruz, Jose T.
Lot No. 6, Block 5, Yona
4. Balajadia, Juan
Lot No. 4, Block 10, Yona

The project standard, specifications and work write-up may be obtained at the GHURA Rehab and Loan Division in Sinajana. Bids will be received at said office up to 2:00 p.m. January 29, 1974.

Saipan (COM) — The co-chairmen of the Congress of Micronesia's Joint Committee on Future Status, Sen. Lazarus Salii and Rep. Ekpap Silk, presented two subcommittee reports to the congress Tuesday, summarizing more than 50 hearings held through the Trust Territory last July.

The reports included public sentiment concerning issues such as political education, Micronesian unity, public lands and status alternative preferences.

In the eastern districts, there seemed to be no clear consensus favoring a particular status alternative, a frequently-expressed opinion was that

independence was preferred, if it should prove to be economically practical. "Interestingly," the report states, "support for a continued relationship with the United States seemed to be based on the uncertainty which would accompany independence rather than enthusiasm for a close association with the United States."

In delivering the reports to the senate, Palau's Salii, chairman of the joint committee, who headed the subcommittee that traveled to the western districts of Yap, Palau and the Marianas, said a general lack of political awareness still hampers

Micronesians from making a meaningful choice of a future political status. But, he said their findings indicated that the "overwhelming sentiment of the people...believe and support the unity of Micronesia as being in the best interests of all our people."

The Marshalls' Silk, in his eastern districts subcommittee report, which included hearings held in Truk, Ponape and the Marshalls, echoed the same sentiments.

To summarize the reports, a lack of fundamental political education prohibits the great majority of the Micronesian population from making an intelligent choice on the future status issue, whether the choice be independence, free commonwealth or, free association. "Many people in the Marianas, for example, said they favored commonwealth, by which they meant a close association with the United States, but without knowing any of the implications of that status and without knowing how close an association with the United States was contemplated under the other two alternatives or, in fact, under a commonwealth status (Continued on page 14)

Welcome To Our Accident

The two men's tail of woe began before they flagged down a passing police patrol car—then it got worse.

The car the two unidentified Perez Bros. Construction Co. workers stopped was on its way to investigate a minor accident in Tamuning. Once inside, the pair related to the policeman how their green pickup truck had been stolen.

No problem, said the cop, ride along to the accident and after that he'd take up the matter of the truck. As the patrol car arrived at the accident, there was the stolen pickup—only now in worse shape. It had been in the accident.

The thief, described as a young man with long hair, got out of the truck and ran. Police haven't found him.

According to police, the young man apparently swiped the truck to cart away lumber stolen from the Ray-Ray Construction Co. When the firm's workers saw the young man stealing lumber, he got in and drove away.

Then he hit another piece of construction with the truck. It was a birdbath.

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The eastern unit's report says the apparent underlying factor for their sentiment is "...the condition of dependence which nearly 30 years of American administering and several hundred million dollars have engendered." Those districts prefer independence, says the report, "...but only if (Micronesians) can have their schools, roads, hospitals, and other capital improvement projects, government jobs,

principles' of self-government, can be obtained from the United States."

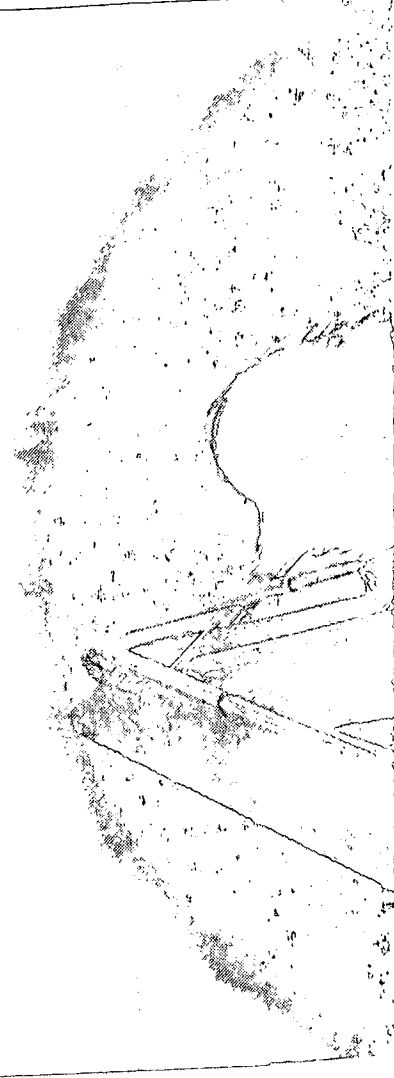
"The sub-committee believes that there are two essential pre-requisites to a successful compromise," states one of the reports. "That the relationship with the United States be a close and enduring one, and that any district should have the option to retain the agreement if and when other districts terminate it."

However, the report says will be able to make a choice between various status alternatives the economic aspects of the status question as well as the philosophical implications involved must be discussed directly with the people.

To assist in continuing to help the people of Micronesia to become politically aware, the reports recommend the immediate reactivation of the political education commission and serious consideration to the establishment of independent news media to balance regulation and control of the news media by the executive branch of the TT government (Micronesian New Service). In this vein, the reports strongly deplore certain actions of the Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations in Washington, which had withheld certain portions of political education radio programs intended for dissemination in Micronesia, calling these actions "sinister and deplorable efforts at censorship..."

Concerning Micronesian unity, the reports say continued

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To attain this, the reports recommend that the future government of Micronesia be organized as a loose federation, with severely limited powers in internal affairs in each district, particularly in fiscal matters. They also recommend that funding should be allocated according to population the location of military facilities, and on the basis of the equality of each district. The reports strongly disapprove of any district conducting separate negotiations with the United States of using threats of secession to gain political leverage.

During the meetings throughout the districts, certain provisions of the draft compact of free association also received near unanimous disapproval. It was felt that it does not adequately protect Micronesian land from possible confiscation by the U.S. military. The reports recommend that the future government of Micronesia should not only have the power to grant, but also the power to deny additional land

unity, the reports say continued unity would be in the best interests of all the districts, and suggest "...a successful compromise which can be equally acceptable to the people of the Mariana Islands and at the same time guarantee the joint committee's four

Also recommended is the inclusion of local district leaders as advisors to the joint committee on future status to broaden the spectrum of interests in the negotiations.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Filipino Community of Guam will have a Board of Directors meeting. Important agenda will be presented, and the President desires that all members attend.

WHEN: January 17th - Thursday
WHERE: Conference Room, Micro-Gas (Ace Hardware Building)
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
REFRESHMENTS: Director Ching Barro will take charge.
 Marc L. Hernandez
 Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**TWELFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
 COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & TAXATION**

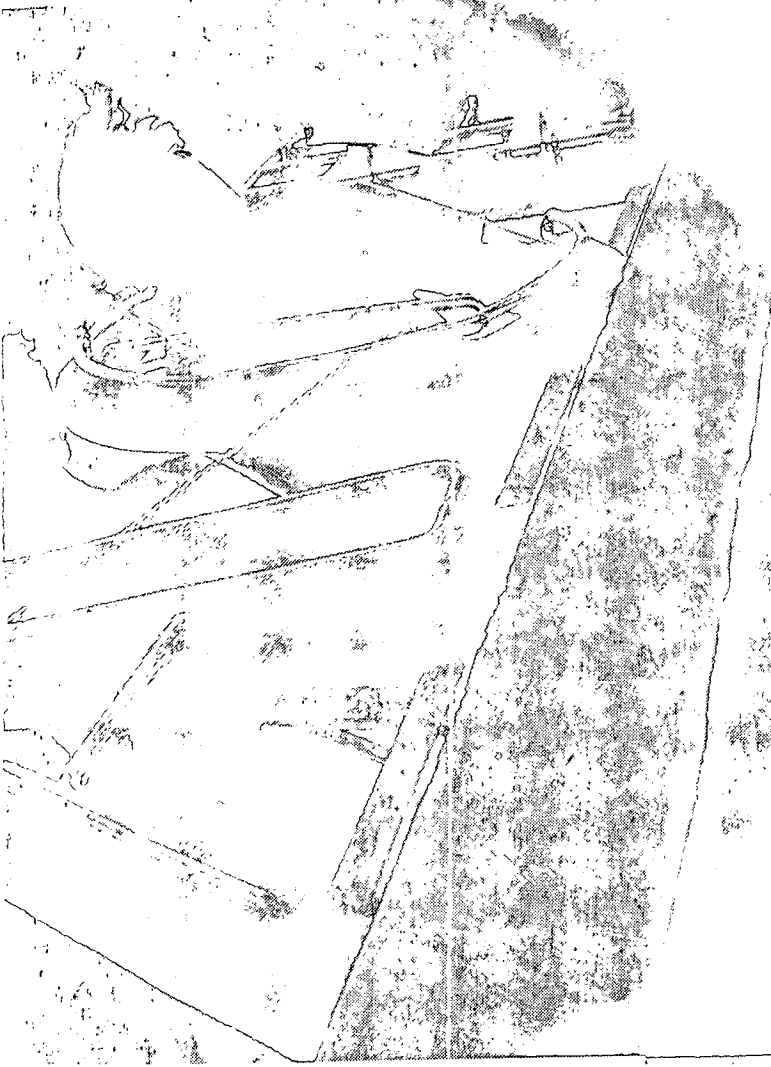
POSTPONEMENT

Thursday, January 17, 1974, 9:30 a.m.
 (If there is a legislative session at 9:30 a.m., public hearing will be at 2:00 p.m.)

BILL NO. 654 - relative to amending Sections 4106 and 4106.2 of the Government Code of Guam relative to salaries in the unclassified service, and making an appropriation therefor.

BILL NO. 655 - relative to amending Sections 4103 and 4106 of the Government Code of Guam to increase the basic compensation paid each employee of the Government of Guam by \$1,200 per annum, and to make an appropriation therefor.

Previously scheduled for January 19, 1974 at 9:30 a.m. is postponed until further notice.



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