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OF EXPERIENCES SINCE THEN, A SITE SHOULD BE SELECTED AND A COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS ASSIGNED TO WORK OUT THE PROCEDURES, SO THAT AN EASY TRANSITION CAN BE POSSIBLE WHEN THE TIME COMES TO MOVE THE CAPITAL.

ALTHOUGH THE VICE SPEAKER SAID SAIPAN IS THE SEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, HE SAID, "I WOULD REMIND ALL OF US THAT SAIPAN HAS NEVER BEEN DESIGNATED

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A PERMANENT CAPITAL OF TRUST TERRITORY, AND STILL REMAINS A PROVISIONAL SEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT."

"IT WOULD BE FOOLHARDY FOR US TO CONTINUE ON OUR PRESENT COURSE OF DISCUSSING FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT," DOIS SAID, "WHEN WE HAVE YET TO DETERMINE WHERE OUR HOME WILL BE NOT ONLY WILL IT BE MORE COSTLY THE LONGER WE WAIT, BUT THE LONGER IT IS DELAYED, THE GREATER THE CHANCE WILL BE, THAT EVENT AND CIRCUMSTANCES WILL OVERTAKE US, AND

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WE WILL FIND OURSELVES IN THE ANKWARD POSITION OF AGAIN ACTING AT THE "ELEVENTH HOUR."

MEANWHILE, CONGRESSMAN FELIPE O. ATALIG OF THE MARIANAS COMMENTED ON SECRETARY ROGERS C. B. MORTON'S REMARKS CONCERNING THE RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS TO LOCAL CONTROL, THAT FINAL DECISION ON MICRONESIA'S POLITICAL FUTURE MUST BE MADE BY MICRONESIANS, THAT INVESTORS FROM THE WORLD'S COMMUNITY WILL BE PERMITTED TO COME INTO MICRONESIA AND THAT THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS "WILL HAVE COMPLETED THE PROCESS OF SELF-DETERMINATION THAT IS THE RIGHT OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD."

ATALIG POINTED OUT THAT WHAT MORTON DID NOT MENTION IS THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON OR ABOUT MAY 8 OF LAST YEAR, WITHOUT INFORMING THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN, DIRECTED THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO HALT THE ISSUANCE OF HOMESTEADING PERMITS ON TINIAN.

ATALIG SAID THAT MORTON ALSO DID NOT MENTION AT THE SAME TIME THE HICOM AND THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR WERE ORDERED TO CEASE APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENTS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS TO NON-CITIZENS. THEY WERE ALSO INSTRUCTED TO CANCEL OR REVOKE ANY EXISTING BUSINESS PERMITS WHICH HAD NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED ON TINIAN AND THAT THEY ARE NOT CONSIDERING ANY NEW APPLICATION FOR

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PERMITS," HE NOTED.

IN TERMS OF THE MORATORIUM, THE MARIANAS CONGRESSMAN STATED "THE OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS HAS PROMISED THAT IT IS ONLY TEMPORARY--TO LAST ONLY DURING THE LENGTH OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE MARIANAS DISTRICT AND THE UNITED STATES, BUT ... THIS

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TEMPORARY SITUATION MAY GO ON FOR ONE OR TWO YEARS MORE DURING WHICH TIME THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN WILL LOSE MANY ECONOMIC BENEFITS. HE SAID THE "PROMISE" REMINDS HIM AND THE PEOPLE OF TINIAN OF ANOTHER PROMISE MADE BY THE UNITED STATES--AFTER THE WAR, THE UNITED STATES EVACUATED PEOPLE FROM TINIAN FROM YAP AND RETURNED THEM HOME WITH THE PROMISE THEY WOULD BE GIVEN LAND. THEY ARE STILL WAITING FOR THE LAND."

THE CONGRESSMAN THEN ASKED HOW CAN THERE BE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHEN THE UNITED STATES UNILATERALLY IMPOSED A MORATORIUM ON TINIAN AND HOW CAN MICRONESIANS EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION WHEN DECISIONS ARE ISSUED FROM WASHINGTON AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE.

REPRESENTATIVE ATALIG CALLED UPON THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS TO GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO A RESOLUTION HE PLANS TO INTRODUCE LATER RELATING TO THE CURRENT SITUATION. HE ALSO ASKED THAT MEMBERS

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FOLLOW THE SITUATION CAREFULLY FOR IN HIS WORDS: "REGARDLESS OF WHICH KIND OF FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS WE MAY FOLLOW, THE IMPLICATIONS ARE CLEAR THAT IN ANY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRESENT ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY, ITS DEEDS CAN BE COUNTED UPON TO REVEAL THE TRUTH OR FALSITY OF ITS WORDS."

FINALLY, REPRESENTATIVE ATAJI BALOS OF THE MARSHALLS INTRODUCED A "TONGUE-IN-CHEEK" HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION THAT POINTED OUT THE UNFAIR TREATMENT THAT THE DISPLACED PEOPLE OF KWAJALEIN ATOLL HAVE RECEIVED SINCE THE U.S. ARMED FORCES BEGAN USING THEIR ISLANDS ABOUT 30 YEARS AGO.

IN INTRODUCING THE RESOLUTION, WHICH DECLARED THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE ACCORDED EQUAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO THAT KWAJALEIN PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED, BALOS SURPRISED HIS COLLEAGUES SAYING:

"I HONESTLY FEEL THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS OUTDONE ITSELF IN ITS GENEROSITY TO OUR PEOPLE AND NOW WE MUST PAY AMERICA BACK."

BALOS RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGED THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD THE AUTHORITY TO USE KWAJALEIN "IN THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY," BUT SAID THE UNITED STATES HAD DONE SO FOR 20 YEARS, UNTIL 1964, WITHOUT NEGOTIATION LEASE

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AS HE PROMISED IN HIS JAN 25 SPEECH TO HOUSE (REFTEL), REP ATALIG (MARIANAS) INTRODUCED JAN 29 RESOLUTION (HJR 88) "DEMANDING" THAT U.S. TERMINATE "FORTHWITH" ITS "UNILATERALLY IMPOSED" MORATORIUM ON

HOMESTEADING AND LEASING OF PUBLIC LAND ON TINIAN. RESOLUTION CONTAINS LANGUAGE TO EFFECT THAT U.S. "SUDDENLY IMPOSED MORATORIUM WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH ELECTED REPS OF PEOPLE OF MARIANAS" AND THAT AMB.

WILLIAMS "PERSONALLY ASSURED" MARIANAS REPS IN SEPTEMBER 1973 MORATORIUM WOULD SHORTLY BE ENDED. RESOLUTION CLAIMS MORATORIUM MAINTAINED WITH "TREACHEROUS INTENT" OF HOLDING DOWN FAIR MARKET VALUE OF LAND ON

TINIAN SO U.S. MILITARY COULD ACQUIRE IT "AT A FRACTION OF THE REAL VALUE." RESOLUTION LABELS MORATORIUM A "BREACH" OF U.S. OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 6 OF TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT.

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