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# Junketers 'Learned A Lot' On Saipan

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772-6437.

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down to 110 pounds."

SAIPAN - Still rankled at being called a  
junketer, Rep. Phillip Burton and members of the  
House Interior Subcommittee on Territorial and  
Insular Affairs left Saipan yesterday afternoon for  
a brief stopover on Tinian before traveling on to  
Guam and American Samoa.

Burton, Chairman of the subcommittee,  
summarized the delegation's three-day Saipan visit  
by saying, "we learned a lot, and that's what we  
came for."

Sen. Edward DLG. Pangelinan, chairman of the  
Marianas Political Status Commission,  
accompanied the group to Tinian on a Navy HU 16  
plane. They departed Saipan late after skipping a  
planned luncheon with the commission in order to  
continue the morning's closed door briefing  
between the subcommittee and the status  
negotiators.

Asked to characterize the sentiment in the U.S.  
Congress toward the two separate sets of  
Micronesian future status talks, Burton repeatedly  
emphasized that his committee was not "a second  
negotiating team."

The California Democrat said that he would  
reserve judgment on the various status proposals  
until final agreements are presented to Congress  
for its approval. Even then, said Burton, he could  
regard the agreements only as having been "freely  
and willingly entered into" by both the  
Micronesian and U.S. negotiators.

Burton said that his meeting with the Marianas  
Status Commission had left him "impressed with  
the political savvy" of the members.

He also said he believes the people of Tinian  
"are not going to be disadvantaged" by having a  
major U.S. military base there.

One of the tentative Marianas-U.S. agreements  
reached so far came under fire from Burton for  
being of questionable origin and a potential boon  
only to the rich. This is the decision to continue a  
tax exemption on certain series E and H U.S.  
Savings Bonds.

None of the subcommittee members would say  
whether past remarks made by Ambassador F.  
Haydn Williams about presumed congressional  
reaction to portions of the status talks accurately  
reflect their personal views. Williams, head of the  
U.S. status delegation, has reportedly told the  
Congress of Micronesia negotiators that the U.S.  
Congress would never approve an annual  
post-trusteeship grant of \$100 million as they  
requested.

To back up the U.S. preference to purchase  
rather than lease land on Tinian for the military,

Williams has also stated that Congress has been  
historically opposed to such leases.

Traveling with Burton in the delegation were  
Reps. Thomas S. Foley of Washington, William M.  
Ketchum of California, Antonio B. Won Pat of  
Guam and Ron de Lugo of the Virgin Islands.

Ketchum confirmed the belief that the rapid  
progress of the Micronesian status talks, in the  
Marianas at least, was a prime incentive for the  
congressman's visit to the Trust Territory. Despite  
this, he admitted that probably fewer than 100 of  
his colleagues know anything at all about  
Micronesia.

Burton stressed that he was primarily interested  
in political issues in the TT and not so much in  
such things as roads, schools, hospitals "and  
whether there's dust up on the door ledge."

He also indicated that he had no immediate  
plans to put to use any of the information on the  
TT gleaned from this trip.

One TT official speculated yesterday that as the  
future status talks come to a head, the  
subcommittee's interest in Micronesia will change  
from the day-to-day details of TT administration  
to the ramifications of the status negotiations.

During the three-hour meeting Monday morning  
with the HiCom department directors and their  
deputies and other members of the HiCom's  
cabinet, Burton noted that it had been about six  
years since an official U.S. Congress delegation had  
toured any part of the Trust Territory. At that  
time, he said, committee members spent more  
than three weeks visiting the districts as well as  
conferring with officials on Saipan.

The meeting with the cabinet proceeded with  
questions from the congressmen, which TT officials  
answered, the discussion ranging over virtually the  
entire scope of government operations in  
Micronesia. There were basic questions, about  
numbers of schools and hospitals and so forth, as  
well as questions about the more detailed aspects  
of the Economic Development Loan Fund, the  
Bank of Micronesia, the land survey program and  
other capital improvement projects, the role of the  
Peace Corps and the political education program.

The congressmen also asked the cabinet  
members to suggest ways in which the Interior  
committee could help the TT government achieve  
its goals. The nearly universal answer was that the  
TT could use more money. Several others  
suggested that congressional visits such as the  
current one could contribute substantially to a  
better understanding of TT problems of logistics  
and support to the six districts among those who  
must make decisions about Micronesia from  
10,000 miles away in Washington.