

# Borja Asks COM Tinian Demand

SAIPAN (COM) — Sen. Olympio T. Borja of the Marianas inserted into the senate journal Friday a statement concerning a house joint resolution which demands that the United States immediately end the unilaterally imposed moratorium on homesteading and leasing of public lands on Tinian.

Borja said in the agreement under article 6 of the trusteeship the United States obligated itself to promote economic development and protect the lands and resources of the Micronesian people.

However, the same document gave the U.S. the right to "use these same lands, if need be, for strategic purposes," he noted.

"During the early years of the trusteeship," Borja said, "the United States used this power to evacuate the residents of Bikini and Eniwetok atolls in the Marshalls to make way for nuclear testing and in the early 1960s used part of the island of Saipan as a training center for Nationalist Chinese."

Borja pointed out that even as

the end of the trusteeship draws near, Micronesians can see the United States' strategic interest in the TT has not "diminished" but "increased."

Last May, Borja said, in the midst of negotiations between the Marianas, Political Status Commission and the U.S., without informing the people of Tinian or the Marianas leaders, the U.S. directed the High Commissioner to halt the issuance of homesteading permits on Tinian even though the commission had requested that only long-term leases for public land by non-citizens should have been halted, without restrictions to Micronesians.

Borja indicated that although the people of the Marianas have said they would welcome the military, they are opposed to the U.S. exercise of "carte blanche" privileges. He said these privileges are "included in the strategic trust agreement to employ much heavy handed practices with its own interests and not Micronesia's interest in mind."

The senator said that although

a third of Tinian has been classified as "military retention" since the end of World War II, the U.S. must be reminded that "Tinian does not belong to the United States."

"Tinian belongs to the people added.

Borja said, it is the responsibility of the Congress of Micronesia to see that Micronesians' rights are protected and that it therefore must demand termination of the Tinian moratorium.

## Interior Plywood

1/4" X 4' X 8'  
1/2" X 4' X 8'  
3/4" X 4' X 8'

## Exterior Plywood

1/2" X 4' X 8'  
3/4" X 4' X 8'

## Plyform, Oiled

5/8" X 4' X 8'

## Plyform, Plain

5/8" X 4' X 8'

## Reinforcing Steel

## Hollow Core

## Flush Doors

13/8" X 24" X 80"  
13/8" X 26" X 80"  
13/8" X 28" X 80"  
13/8" X 30" X 80"  
13/8" X 32" X 80"  
13/8" X 36" X 80"

## Solid Core

## Flush Doors

13/8" X 30" X 80"  
13/8" X 32" X 80"  
13/8" X 36" X 80"  
13/4" X 30" X 80"  
13/4" X 32" X 80"  
13/4" X 36" X 80"

## Reinforced Door