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OF FAILING "TO LIVE UP THE HIGH IDEALS EXPRESSED IN ITS OWN  
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, AND CONSTITUTION, AND IN THE UNITED  
NATIONS CHARTER, AND THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT."

SILK SAID DESPITE HELP FROM "FRIENDS" IN THE UNITED STATES

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CONGRESS AND DESPITE "FINE WORDS" BY THE SECRETARY OF INTERIOR ABOUT INCREASING SELF-GOVERNMENT IN MICRONESIA, THE UNITED STATES "KICKS THIS CONGRESS AROUND WHEN IT FEELS LIKE IT, TO ACHIEVE ITS OWN ENDS."

"IT IS NOW OBVIOUS THAT IN THE FUTURE WE CANNOT BELIEVE WHAT THE UNITED STATES SAYS THROUGH ITS POLICY STATEMENTS, OR THROUGH THE MOUTHS OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES," HE DECLARED.

SILK PARAPHRASED A FAMOUS QUOTE BY A FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY

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GENERAL WHO WAS RECENTLY CONVICTED FOR CONSPIRACY, OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE, AND SEVERAL OTHER COUNTS: "DON'T LISTEN TO WHAT WE SAY; WATCH WHAT WE DO," CONTINUING, "PERHAPS THIS SHOULD BE A NEW MOTTO FOR THE CONGRESS: WATCH WHAT THE UNITED STATES DOES; DON'T LISTEN TO WHAT THE UNITED STATES SAYS."

THE MARSHALLS CONGRESSMAN SAID THAT THE ONLY POSSIBLE CONCLUSION WHICH CAN BE REACHED WITH THE TIMING OF INTERIOR'S DEPARTMENTAL ORDER WAS THAT "IT WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO WIND UP THE MARIANAS NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." HE WANTED TO MAKE IT 'ABUNDANTLY CLEAR' THAT HE BEARS THE MARIANAS NO ILL WILL FOR THEIR INTENTIONS, BUT RATHER THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS METHODS. THE REASON WAS, OF COURSE, TO FURTHER FRAGMENT MICRONESIAN UNITY "SO AS TO APPLY THE SINISTER WEAPON OF DIVIDE AND CONQUER," HE SAID.

REGARDING THE RECENT APPOINTMENT OF EMMETT RICE, A FORMER TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE, AS ACTING DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS, SILK SAID HE IS SURE THAT SUCH A PROMOTION IS OF NO COINCIDENCE AS MR. RICE WAS WORKING ON SAIPAN ON LAND MATTERS FOR OVER A YEAR BEFORE HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE OFFICE OF MICRONESIAN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON, AND THEN TO

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HIS PRESENT POST. HE ASSERTED THAT IT NOW HAS BECOME OBVIOUS THAT EMMETT RICE WAS PLANTED ON SAIPAN TO LEARN ALL HE COULD ABOUT MICRONESIA'S LANDS, AND THEN USE HIS KNOWLEDGE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF MICRONESIA.

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SILK ALSO POINTED TO THE IRONY OF DEPARTMENTAL ORDER NUMBER 2969 WHICH AMENDS THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE--BY EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TEN YEARS. HE SAID HE HAD ALWAYS HAD THE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO ENACT, CODE, AND AMEND IT; "APPARENTLY THIS IS NOT SO." HE SAID THAT THIS IS A POWER WHICH OUR GREAT WHITE FATHER IN WASHINGTON "GIVETH, AND THEN TAKETH AWAY, WHEN IT SUITS HIS DESIGNS."

THE VICE-SPEAKER ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO SENATOR LAZARUS SALII'S REMARKS NEARLY FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT THE MANNER IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES OFFER OF COMMONWEALTH HE SAID WAS AS IF THE UNITED STATES "WERE OFFERING CANDY TO A CHILD, AND, LIKE THE USUAL RESPONSE OF A CHILD, THE UNITED STATES FULLY EXPECTED THAT MICRONESIA WOULD GOBBLE THE OFFER." SALII COUNTERED THAT "WE WILL NOT BE GIVEN CANDY. WE WILL NOT TOLERATE

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AN ATTITUDE OF CONDENSATION ON THE PART OF THE U.S. SILK AGREES WITH THAT SENTIMENT AND HOPES THAT THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS TO WHOM THE "CANDY" IS NOW BEING OFFERED, WILL ALSO REJECT THIS "SWEET BRIBERY" WHICH WILL LEAVE A BITTER AFTER TASTE IN THE MOUTH BECAUSE IT IS LIKE "POISON WRAPPED IN SUGAR", HE SAID.

SILK CONCLUDED BY POSING TWO QUESTIONS FOR EVERY MICRONESIAN TO THINK ABOUT: 1) "WHY SHOULD THE UNITED STATES DETERMINE HOW THEY ARE GOING TO RETURN OUR LAND?" 2) "WHO OWNS MICRONESIA?" HE SAID: "THINK ABOUT THAT QUESTION, CITIZENS OF MICRONESIA, AND WHEN YOU REACH A CONCLUSION, BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY."

CONGRESSMAN SILK ASKED TO MODIFY A PHRASE MADE POPULAR BY HIS COLLEAGUE ATAJI BALSO ABOUT THE "TRUST" TERRITORY. HE SAID HE IS OF THE BELIEF THAT WHILE MICRONESIANS NO LONGER HAVE THE "TRUST", THE AMERICANS STILL HAVE THE TERRITORY, (MARIANAS COVENANT CRITICIZE)

SAIPAN, JAN. 17 (MNS)---IN TWO SEPARATE STATEMENTS THIS WEEK MARIANAS TERRITORIAL PARTY VICE PRESIDENT JESUS P. MAFNAS AND CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SEN. PEDRO A. TENORIO, EXPRESSED CRITICISM AND RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PROPOSED COVENANT OF COMMONWEALTH FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANAS.

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SEN. TENORIO, WHO NOW WILL SERVE ON THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSC) AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF CONGRESS AFTER STEPPING DOWN FROM HIS POSITION REPRESENTING THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, COMMENTED, "IT'S A HARD QUESTION-- WILL THE COVENANT BE SIGNED?"

"BEFORE THE COVENANT CAN BE SIGNED, WE'LL PROBABLY HAVE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE MORE SESSION.

"THE TERRITORIAL PARTY HAS MADE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMPROVING THE COVENANT, AND IF THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS GO ALONG WITH THEM WE CAN PROBABLY SIGN IT," THE FRESHMAN MARIANAS SENATOR SAID.

MAFNAS CRITICIZED PROVISIONS IN THE COVENANT RELATING TO IMMIGRATION AND THE INAPPLICABILITY OF THE U.S. FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE LAW, WHICH HE FEELS ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE WELL-BEING OF ALL MARIANAS RESIDENTS.

MAFNAS POINTED OUT, "UNDER THE PRESENT DRAFT OF THE COVENANT, THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS WOULD HAVE CONTROL OVER IMMIGRATION UNTIL U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS BECOME APPLICABLE AT THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP." MAFNAS FEELS VERY STRONGLY THAT CONTROL OVER IMMIGRATION

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MUST RESIDE IN THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS.

"OUR SISTER ISLAND OF GUAM IS ONE GOOD CASE IN POINT TO OBSERVE," HE SAID. "THE SO-CALLED GUAMANIAN (REAL ISLANDERS) HAVE TODAY BECOME A MINORITY IN THEIR OWN ISLAND AND TO ALLOW SUCH A THING TO OCCUR HERE WOULD EVENTUALLY BUILD INTO OUR OWN PEOPLE A HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARD AMERICANS AND THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS, SUCH AS THE FILIPINOS, JAPANESE, AUSTRALIANS, AND SO ON."

SEN. TENORIO MADE A SIMILAR COMMENT, BUT HE ALSO STATED, "I DOUBT THAT HOARDS OF AMERICANS WILL COME INTO THE MARIANAS JUST BECAUSE WE BECOME AN AMERICAN COMMONWEALTH."

MAFNAS STATED, "THE COMMISSION MUST, IN ITS NEXT MEETING WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION, CAREFULLY STUDY THIS ISSUE AND AMEND IT TO PROTECT OUR OWN PEOPLE FROM ANY UNWANTED INVASION FROM THE OUTSIDE." HE CONTINUED, "TO CONCEDE CONTROL

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OVER IMMIGRATION IS ESSENTIALLY TO CLEAR OR LAY OUT THE GROUND  
WORK TO HAVE OUR PEOPLE BECOME A MINORITY IN THE SHORTEST  
TIME POSSIBLE FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP."

SEN. TENURIO STRESSED THAT HE IS IN FAVOR OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH AND A SEPARATE STATUS WITH THE U.S. HE NOTED,

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