

# Gov, Won Pat seek \$56m aid bill

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WASHINGTON — Guam's Gov. Ricardo Bordallo and Rep. Antonio B. Won Pat urged a House Interior subcommittee today to rescue Guam from its financial crunch by approving a \$56 million package of loans and grants for their island territory.

Chairman Philip Burton, D-Calif., and other members of the subcommittee on territorial affairs, seemed disposed to support the Guam request, but a mix-up in drafting the bill caused the Interior Department to come out against the measure. Won Pat and Bordallo agreed that the language of the bill mistakenly gave the impression Guam was asking for far more money than \$56 million over five years.

How the mistake came about in the first place was not clear, but no one bothered to tell the Interior Department about it, and Royston C. Hughes, assistant secretary, said in a 2-1/2 page letter to the subcommittee that by his projections the bill to aid Guam would cost more than \$1 billion a year 20 years from now.

Hughes' letter said the calculations were based on giving Guam \$56 million a year for five years and adding a 16.7 percent cost of living escalation to that each year. At that rate, Hughes said, the U.S. would be spending \$225 million a year in Guam 10 years from now and more than \$1 billion a year in 20 years.

When Rep. Joe Skubitz, R-Kans., brought up the department's objections at the hearing it created momentary confusion, but Burton, Won Pat and Bordallo assured Skubitz that there had been a drafting error and that Won Pat would amend the bill to reflect the real request of \$56 million over five years.

Half of the \$56 million would be in grants and the other half in loan guarantees to be repaid in 30 years. The money would go toward building more schools and constructing water and sewer systems, not only to provide those badly needed facilities but also to generate jobs in the process.

Bordallo, here on a two-week, round of visits to federal agencies in search of help for a variety of Guam projects, told the subcommittee that, "at a time when we most desperately need to expand our infrastructure, we are totally without revenues to do so. During the next two years, we may not be able to match federal program grants for which we are otherwise eligible."

The Governor recited Guam's gloomy economic statistics: The slowdown in military activities, the cutback at the Navy yard, the

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# Guam a 'honky tonk place' Bordallo suggests we join Marianas

WASHINGTON (UPI) — While the United States owns and retains their protected ... and retain their sovereignty over local affairs." Characterizing Guam as a "honky tonk place," due to the heavy U.S. influence in post World War II rehabilitation of the island, Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo spoke today of redefining Guam's relationship with the United States in a "compatible arrangement."

Bordallo said the Guamanians, who are Americans but have no vote in national elections, are disturbed about the prospects of Guam are not ready for it.

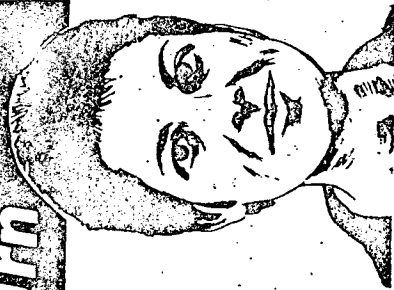
# budget-saver reports

best-known women will be among them, including one chief of state; the wives of seven presidents or prime ministers; Fidel Castro's sister-in-law; and the Shah of Iran's sister, who is rumored to be the financial "angel" of the parley, underwriting it with a secret

"improbable" according to the press secretary in Washington.

Sponsored by the United Nations on a \$1.7 million bank-roll as the highlight of International Women's Year, the stated aim of the two-week conference is to advance women's rights and

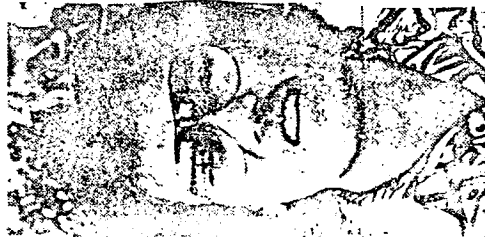
## Your turn



### inquiring photographer

QUESTION: What suggestions would you offer to help GovGuam cut its spending?

Cathy Oberheim

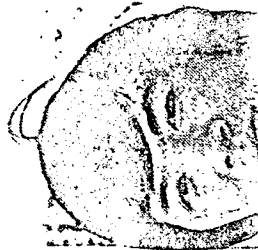


J. ACEBEDO

HENRY TAN lives in Barrigada: "Guam has too much in the way of overhead expenses and employees who aren't efficient. Too many people are

JERRY ACEBEDO lives in Dededo: "Cut down on the number of employees who are taking care of personal business during work hours."

J. R. (not pictured): "I favor the idea of going to a four day work week with out a cut in pay."



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Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and addressed by Mexican President Luis Echeverria.

Like Mrs. Ford, Argentine President Maria Estela Peron had been expected to participate. Her presence, while not yet completely ruled out, seems increasingly doubtful.

But Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike of Sri Lanka is a confirmed participant and so are the wives of the presidents of the Philippines and Egypt, Imelda Marcos and Jihan Sadat. Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had planned to attend but changed her mind in view of a recent court ruling that may bar her from her post.

Also slated to be on hand are the wives of five prime ministers, Lea Rabin, of Israel; Begum Nusrat Bhutto, of Pakistan; Gough Whitlam, of Australia; Beverley Manley, of Jamaica; and Joop Den Uyl, of the Netherlands.

Mrs. Den Uyl will be here in the unofficial capacity of news correspondent.

Cuba is sending Vilma Espin, wife of Raul Castro, brother of Fidel and chief of Cuba's armed forces. Iran will be represented by Princess Ashraf, the Shah's sister.

More than 5,000 delegates are expected at the sessions of the tribune, Ojeda said. They will be formally opened by Mrs. Luis Echeverria.

The two sessions will be

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expiration of the Rehabilitation Act which has helped Guam recover from Typhoon Karen, the "virtual standstill" of the construction industry and the 28 percent unemployment in the tourist industry. Tax revenues are down, he said, and the 25 percent cutbacks in government he has ordered will force people to be laid off.

Won Pat said it was time Congress translated some of its lip in view of how much the U.S. is spending elsewhere. Won Pat ran through the list of multi-million dollar foreign aid recipients, including \$124 million for the Philippines, and said it was time to spread some of it around closer to home.

"Frankly, the lack of concern in Washington shown for Guam's developmental requirements is frustrating to your fellow Americans in the Pacific," Won Pat said.

"We have always been proud of our loyalty and sacrifices to the United States and our contributions to American defense plans in that part of the globe. But we watched in absolute amazement when foreign aid to other developing areas reached incredible limits," Won Pat said.

The Guam Delegate said he mentioned this, "not to belittle American generosity abroad, but to draw attention to the fact that there are some Americans who wish that kind of largess could be spread around here at home."

Neither the Governor nor Won Pat sought to blame Guam's problems on the influx of Vietnam refugees, and in fact, Bordallo said the refugee situation, "hasn't caused any real hardship to our people."

Burton commended him for a "proper and decent response" but added that it had to be a burden to an island of 100,000 people to have to absorb as many as 70,000 more, even on a temporary basis. Had Guam received any federal reimbursements for this yet? Burton asked.

"No," Bordallo answered, "that's why I'm here," the Governor said Guam had been promised \$5 million but hadn't gotten any of it yet. Burton was stunned. "We simply must break through this red tape," he said, and pledged to help Bordallo get some action. Burton asked Bordallo, after his next meeting with the refugee task force, to let him know whom he had talked with, so that Burton and his staff could try forcing some action out of that individual.

# Mrs. Marcos wins