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### MIGRATION TO EBEGE BANNED

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS,  
(MARCH 28)...In the interest of the public welfare of Ebeye residents in  
the Marshalls, High Commissioner M. W. Goding has issued Executive Order  
No. 101, imposing temporary migration restrictions to that area, which has  
been seriously over-populated in recent years.

With a <sup>total</sup> land area of approximately 76 acres, Ebeye's population now  
has reached the 3,400 mark; however, habitable land area is considerably  
less. This situation has created serious and hazardous health problems and  
unsanitary conditions in the area.

The Executive Order, issued March 22, 1966, stipulates that no person  
now may enter Ebeye for purposes of permanent residence or employment,  
except for bona fide native-born residents of Kwajalein Atoll who may enter  
Ebeye Island upon written certification of the Assistant District Ad-  
ministrator, Kwajalein, that adequate living quarters are available. This  
restriction however, will not apply to Government employees, present re-  
sidents of Ebeye, employees of private companies doing business on Ebeye,  
or other persons entering the island on a temporary basis for a period not  
to exceed 30 days.

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The Executive Order will remain in effect until the High Commissioner determines that living conditions on Ebeye no longer constitute hazards to the health and welfare of the inhabitants or a threat to the public order of the community.

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