

In reviewing Resolution 2625, you could argue that a freely chosen commonwealth can certainly meet the United Nations' requirement and self-determination.

Commonwealth was the choice of the people in an earlier plebiscite, and it seems strange that politicians deep-sixed that choice without ever consulting the people.

If PL 23-147 is not flawed in disenfranchising half the electorate, then it is certainly flawed by limiting the status options it presents to the voters.


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Longing for Guam independence

My first order of the day was my coffee and the newspaper. As I paged through the Pacific Daily News, I was overcome with strong feelings of excitement and sadness at the same time.

I was excited by a number of the pages

By Garry Trudeau



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that I read, they were filled with huge bold letters conveying congratulatory messages to the Filipinos on Guam, for the Philippines 102nd Independence Day.

I was also saddened as I recalled that in the past few issues of the PDN, in the Voice of the People section, was filled with letters opposing Independence for Guam.

These letters were from former U.S. mainlanders and/or from Filipinos who I know on July 4, or June 12 for the Filipinos, are out celebrating the attainment of their independence.

Why do people think that independence is great for them — U.S.A. from the British, Philippines from the Spanish — but not for the Chamorus?

Why shouldn't we have a part in sharing that proud feeling of belonging to and having the ultimate control and enjoyment of the benefits our homeland?

Do you really feel that it is your right to take advantage of the situation here?

You have the right to come here, stay here, use your language here, conduct your business and maximize your profits.

And after all that is said and done, without any complaint from me, you will see that I am deprived of the joy and excitement of likewise celebrating Guam's independence.

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