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WHENCE THIS ORGANIC ACT AMENDING?

The Organic Act of the Territory of Hawaii is "in process" of amendment by the Congress of the United States.

If there is any citizen of Hawaii, now in the Islands, who knows what these amendments are or how far-reaching they may be in shaping our future, he has failed to make himself heard.

All the information to date is obtained from a private letter from a Cabinet officer that the bill has been introduced and the hearings begun. This is definite!

The Acting Governor has given out extracts from Governor Frear's letter outlining amendments that he intended to incorporate in a bill to amend the act.

In this indefinite detail given out by the Acting Governor is contained a railroad-bond-guarantee provision which has received the disapproval of all but one of the Advisory Land Commission. The people generally in the Territory know nothing of it.

All this business, of the most serious and vital import to the present and future of this Territory, is going on before the United States Congress and even the copy of the bill, or preliminary draft, has not been seen in Honolulu.

What does this mean? Is this not a case of the Territory of Hawaii being governed, rather than governing itself?

Isn't there involved in the progress of events one of the most serious situations the Territory of Hawaii has ever faced?

WHO WANTS THE ORGANIC ACT AMENDED?

WHO CALLED FOR THE RAILROADS OF THIS TERRITORY to be put on the basis of the railway enterprises of the PHILIPPINES?

WHERE does the command for the changes come from, and WHO is to pay the fiddler if this gay and merry dance winds up in such a radical upheaval of the Organic Act that even the Governor will have to admit that the whole thing has gone farther than he expected and he wished he hadn't gone into the affair?

The question involved is a momentous one of public policy.

The amendments outlined by Acting Governor Mott-Smith are numerous enough to suggest a general revision of the Organic Act.

WHO HAS EVER HEARD that there WAS TO BE a general revision of our Organic Act AT THIS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION? What business bodies, what legislative bodies, what real or assumed representatives of the people have been consulted regarding the POLICY OR DETAIL OF A GENERAL REVISION?

If the Advisory Land Commission is cited as one consulted, WHY IS IT that, included in this volunteer revision is one of the provisions to which each member of the Commission, with one exception, was opposed?

WHO PUT THAT AMENDMENT IN THE BILL? And why?

The whole thing, as it has thus far proceeded, is based on wrong methods and mistaken ideas of government.

So far as this paper is concerned, the railroad-bonding scheme looks fairly good on the face of it, except that the Territory should be the guarantor of the bonds if the principle is to be recognized and adopted. Hawaii is not a "possession".

Just at the present time, the wisdom or folly of this particular item is secondary to the fact that our laws are being made for us and we, the people, the common herd, the subjects of the regal and viceregal establishment that might be—but we hope is not—yet—don't know anything about it. And, according to the manner in which the game has been played up to date are not supposed to know, or at least are to be the last ones informed and consulted.

Whether Governor Frear is the inventor of this new system of government we don't know.

His utterances contrary have been such that the Bulletin will not charge him with the responsibility until all the facts point to him as the

man. But the game is going on nevertheless. It should be stopped!

The central fact is that a great error is being committed and the sooner the people take a hand to check it, the better.

It is not right that Hawaii should be GOVERNED and not have a word in the GOVERNING.

Call a halt, till the character of this bill and the probable results are fully determined.

Are we of Hawaii subjects of a king, that we are given a constitution which is to be amended by those nearest to the throne and we be consulted last, if at all?

What are the hypnotic influences that operate about the departments and clubs of Washington, D. C.? Was it not Governor Carter who went to Washington and returned with a great enthusiasm over how much better Hawaii would enjoy life if its status were that of a colony? He remembered, however, to come home and talk it over before the bill was introduced.

The Bulletin is informed that the police were out all last night, walking the streets, looking for burglars. Now that's fine. It is better than walking the floor of the police station. Let them forget, their memory is jogged with the fact that the burglar who entered a house nearly two weeks ago, left his hat and his shoes and got a broken head, is not yet captured. If it be true that the police have waked up, is it not time for them to deliver a few results?

Republican leaders held a conference in New York and decided to let State Chairman Woodruff distribute the offices not under the control of Governor Hughes.

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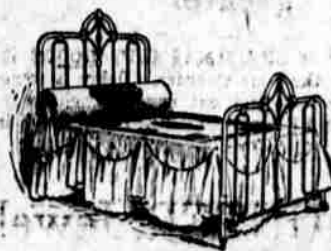
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