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Statehood Plebiscite

ALOHA, KEOKI:

To you and the other members of Congress who refused to go along with the ignorant, or worse, majority responsible for statehood admiration and gratitude of all decent residents of Hawaii.

Native Hawaiians, now thoroughly angry, are organizing for refusal to accept statehood in the plebiscite and every haole (white) of our acquaintance is of the same mind excepting the "little group of wilful men" or, as I call them, a wilful group of little men, to whom "the jingling of the guinea..." is sweeter than the respect of their righteous congeners. Even the the "guineas" they, and certain Wall-Streeters, got and hope to get are currently 381 to the dollar. (Pre-war, 3 to the dollar.)

Our one hope now is the plebiscite, a hope brightened somewhat by the fear spreading among Japanese that the hordes of haole rushing in from the mainland will smother their political power and push them back down into the economic squalor of recent memory to most of them. Some may have the courage, the ballot being secret, to defy Tokyo.

Now here's what we want to know:

- 1) If, God grant, statehood is not accepted, will that render the Act null and void; automatically continuing Territorial status?
- 2) If statehood is refused, how long, if ever, before Congress could consider new statehood action?
- 3) If, through introduction of a bill backed by a plebiscite, restoration of the Hawaiian Monarchy as of the time of overthrow by the Missionary group, could Congress act to set up an independent Hawaiian Government under American protection?

The shock of statehood's hasty passage has brought realization of the unique economic value of the Hawaiian in Hawaii's manifest destiny -- a playground for plutocrats and that only by restoration of the Hawaiian's nationhood can he be preserved.

Mahalo, me ke aloha a pau

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