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### Military Control Of Isles Criticized

By HAROLD L. ICKES  
The Nation ought to be on the mourning bench for the only power in the Pacific which, even in peacetime, has a governing hand over 20 or 25 populated islands which are included as a military base. The United States Navy has ruled American Samoa ever since 1900. Guam is in the same boat although it sent a delegation to Washington several years ago to plead that it be taken out from under the Navy. The Navy has been beneficent but it certainly is not democratic.

Other nation with interests in the Pacific—Australia, Japan, Portugal, The Netherlands, England, France—controls its colonies or mandated areas as military appendages. Even the Japanese are permitted to control their mandated islands through a civilian agency.

While it has not yet been decided what to do with two Jima, Salpan, and other Pacific Islands which were captured from Japan, it is probable that the United States will retain control over some of them. This immediately raises the question as to how this country shall govern such islands.

ESYS OF WORLD ON US  
Although their populations are small, totaling more than 100,000, our behavior and policies with respect to them will be under the closest scrutiny of all of the people in the Pacific. For better or for ill, the influence of the United States far out of proportion to the small numbers of people who will be displaced by the influence of the United States.

There is no question that some of these islands have military importance, although this may diminish with the development of atomic power. It is a national and international opinion which should be directed instead to their great strategic value as cultural stepping stones between peoples.

It is decided that the United States should administer the islands taken from the Japanese. I suggest that we carry out our responsibility in full accord with the basic objectives of the trusteeship system of the United Nations Charter. I regard with apprehension the attitude of the Navy pushing forward aging generals and admirals for off shore command positions.

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