

... seems the only realistic way to mediate with both sides. It's unthinkable to do nothing and allow this duly elected government to fall to the Khmer Rouge, who are responsible for 1 million deaths during their previous four-year rule.

The government needs military aid, and it needs someone to lean on its neighbors in Thailand to stop giving sanctuary — and big checks — to Khmer Rouge forces along their border. Since it was the Nixon administration that ended Cambodia's neutrality and set its people on a path into a grisly future, more U.S. help now is not too much to ask.

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Ka Lahui has realistic plan

By Billie Beamer

IF I were asked to approve the re-creation of a Hawaiian kingdom and the secession of Hawaii, I too, would be exasperated.

Extremist views must be aired, but can they prevail?

Sane sovereigntists are not preoccupied with royal powers; they seek to correct the criminal thievery of the Hawaiian's institutional inheritance.

Much ado has focused on the tribal Hawaiian squabbling. The 12.5 percent of our citizens who are Hawaiian are told, "Get your act together and agree on a plan."

But no one is articulating what is acceptable to the ultimate decision-makers, the 87 percent non-Hawaiian population. In the end, what will hold sway is the hidden agenda of those making concessions to sovereignty to protect their power-establishment kuleana.

So, what are the self-perpetuating plans of: our senior senator; the Downtown and Waikiki wealth generators; the Japanese political strategists who comprise 40 percent of the voters and the vested interest of 100,000-plus government workers; and the ambivalent Bishop Estate trustees?

Sovereigntists demand long-overdue corrective action and retribution — not the same kind of homestead political ho'omali-mali (propitiation) and contemptuous disregard for ceded land obligations we have seen thus far.

The sovereigntists reject the



state's ali'i posture and "decision by committee" that was manifest in the Kahoolawe disposition.

All residents will benefit from the cessation of bombing and Kahoolawe's restoration, no small thanks to Dr. Emmett Aluli. The \$400 million for restoration should come out of the Navy budget, not be debited from reparations payments.

The 1970 census used statistical manipulation to inflate numbers of Hawaiians. Anyone with a drop of Hawaiian blood now qualifies as a part-Hawaiian. Dollars did accrue to the state by padding the indices with part-Hawaiians. Unfortunately, this Catch-22 exaggeration devastated the community's esteem for the Hawaiian.

Paid writers and media wrongly glorify as our typical culture: the royal hauteur; a monarchy in power for but 82 years of our long existence; and a palatial governance when Iolani Palace was in use for only 10 years. This fairy tale is never reconciled with the indices of social failure or our real culture of rigid servitude.

Hawaiians shouldn't be compared to the runaway emigre haoles and Japanese, also born in the pits. Emancipated from their oppressors,

both adopted the ali'i aloofness toward the commoners and both added racial exclusion to the class divide.

When Japanese politicians established a beachhead in government, they hired 70 percent of their own kind. The Downtown haole merchants and missionary apologists sustained a British Calvinist colonial management ethos of white elitism.

Almost all early Hawaiian achievers were part-Chinese, the only group to share their ethic, Confucian, with a Stone-Age native, so very naive.

In light of this profile, Ka Lahui offers the most realistic option: a "nation within a nation" that calls for rectifying Home Lands misuse by plantations, Japanese contractors, Hawaiian plunderers and the state with its outright, rent-free withdrawals and encroachment.

Ka Lahui wants a 40-year accounting of lands and revenues for 1.7 million ceded acres; asks where the millions of federal dollars siphoned to special groups were spent; and cites the state's liability for failing to execute the Admission Act mandates.

Finally, all of Hawaii must kick over the bucket to redeem the denied who, after all, couldn't have climbed in the darn thing in the first place. So who put them there?

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