

APP 1

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NTS NEWS ARTICLE ON BIKINI

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In the next to final paragraph of the NTS News April 4 article on the Bikini return project, you misquoted Here and Now which you credited for the story and pictures.

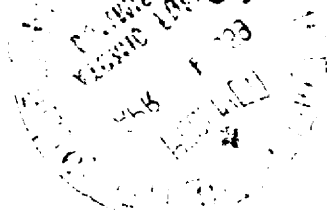
Here and Now correctly reported: "DOD responsibility will be limited to the cleanup phase, which includes removal of vegetative overgrowth, radioactive debris and all unusual structures; AEC will be responsible for radiological safety, and Interior will be responsible for replanting coconut trees, construction of housing and community facilities and the actual resettlement of the Bikinians."

The NTS News omitted the underlined words, thus omitting Interior from the responsibilities and incorrectly assigning the Interior responsibilities to AEC. In both stories, unusual should be unusable.

You should correct this in your next issue.

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