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Current U.S. Problems Relative to Marshall Islands (Contact: AGMA)

On January 25, 1972, Rep. Balos (Marshall Islands) made a strong attack on the U.S. in the Marshallese House of Congress. He criticized both the medical treatment provided to those 1954 fallout victims and AEC's motivations; and he introduced a bill to establish a special committee on the subject. (The attack was apparently triggered by the recent ejection of a Japanese group (two doctors, nine newsmen) thought to be connected with the Happinese Congress against A- and H-bombs. The group's activity, including medical examination of natives, had gone beyond the "vísítor" visa status.)

The next annual medical inspection by Dr. Robert Conard (BNL) and his team occurs this March. To counter some of the criticism, the Director, Japanese National Institute of Health, Ministry of Health land Welfare, and a physician from the Japanese National Institute of Radiological Sciences have been invited to accompany them. (U)

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