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Third Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism

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The world has come to a consensus that colonization was not right and that colonialism should be eradicated. Whatever rhetoric countries once used to justify exploitation and expansion and their domination over

other free peoples has been disproven. Although progress and development can come about through colonization it is neither the most effective or the most moral way of carrying this out.

The arc of history seems to clearly bend in one direction, from colonialism



being ridiculous because of the way it would require the local Chamorro to take over things that the colonizer once held sway over. These Chamorros articulated the "Chamorro way" of doing things through stereotypes, as if they were seeing the world through the colonizer's

narrowing gaze

They argued that a decolonized Guam would defend itself with "slingstones and spears" and soldiers in "loincloths" and that the government of a decolonized Guam would govern the island by "barbquing." In their minds, on a decolonized Guam, there would

context, and the ways in which they may have come to accept colonial caricatures of themselves.

These caricatures are derived from the premise that the colonized person needs the colonizer, and cannot survive or advance without

them. Chamorroa fill the discursive space with their own colonial

integration with the colonizer is something to be resisted within the  
decolonial deadlock because it challenges the colonialist and settler

