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HANA, MAUI, HAWAII--Micronesian and United States Delegations moved into the second week of negotiations Sunday, with chairmen of the two groups in agreement that progress has been made on many issues, but there are still areas requiring further discussion and, eventually, consultation in Micronesia and in Washington before a final settlement can be reached on the future political status of the Trust Territory.

Senator Lazarus Salii is chairman of the 12-member Micronesian delegation, with Representative Ekpap Silk serving as co-chairman. The 8-man U. S. delegation is headed by Ambassador Haydn Williams, personal representative of President Nixon.

The two groups arrived in Hana October 3 and negotiations began the following day. Ambassador Williams would not predict how long the meetings will continue. There was no formal meeting Sunday, though position papers were being passed and both groups were preparing papers for Monday's session.

Agreements reached here will be subject to consultations with government officials in Micronesia and Washington before any compact can be signed, Ambassador Williams noted.

The Micronesian Delegation consists of two members from each of the Trust Territory's six districts. The U. S. Delegation contains, in addition to Ambassador Williams, four representatives from the State Department, two from the Department of Defense and one from the Interior Department.

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