

Air Mike Plans Tinian Stopover

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SAIPAN — Air Micronesia said yesterday plans are underway to begin air service to Tinian by December.

Donald Beck, vice president, said economic and technical evaluations needed to start service there are being made now and Air Micronesia is anxious to begin serving Tinian, just off Saipan's southern shore.

"If our economic analysis proves feasible, we will be in Tinian by the end of the year," Beck said.

In the meantime, Beck said an "airport order" would have to be secured from the Civil Aeronautics Board to add Tinian to the airline's Trust Territory route certificate. Jet service approval for South Field and radio, firetruck, weather and ticket facilities must be secured also.

Tinian Mayor Antonio Borja met with Beck last week to discuss the possibility of initiating Air Micronesia service there to assist in exporting vegetable produce to markets on Saipan and Guam.

A private air charter service from Guam, Air Pacific, now flies to Tinian.

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Subcommittees leave

Rota and Tinian

Two subcommittees of the U.S. House District Political Status Commission will visit Rota and Tinian in the Marianas. The visit was announced Friday by Acting Chairman Vicente N. Santos.

The Economic, Finance and Resources subcommittee, chaired by Daniel J. Flaherty, and the Subcommittee on Land and Survey, chaired by Daniel J. Flaherty, members of the Marianas Political Status Commission will also attend these meetings.

According to the Acting Chairman, the main purpose of the visit is to gather information and recommendations from local leaders and the general public on Rota and Tinian relating to the

first round of talks between the U.S. negotiating team and the Marianas Political Status Commission.

The two subcommittees will leave Saipan Monday, April 16 for Rota and a meeting with the Rota Municipal Council and the general public on the same day at 7:00 p.m. They will return to Saipan Tuesday and proceed to Tinian on Wednesday. On Tinian, the subcommittees will also meet with the Tinian Municipal Council and the general public, returning to Saipan Thursday.

Acting Chairman Santos also mentioned the two subcommittees will plan a series of meetings for Saipan following their return from Rota and Tinian.