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Status: Round 2 Talks Set

SAIPAN - Sen. Edward Pangelinan, chairman of the Marianas Political Status Commission, yesterday announced that the second round of formal negotiations with a United States delegation will begin on Saipan May 15.

Pangelinan stated that the members of the commission will have informal working sessions with representatives of the United States delegation during the week prior to the formal talks.

The commission was created by the Marianas district legislature last year and instructed to negotiate a close political relationship with the United States of America.

The results of these negotiations will later be submitted for approval to the district legislature and to the people of the Marianas, said Pangelinan.

The first round of talks was held last December on Saipan.

Pangelinan said that the members of the commission are meeting this week to review the reports of the consultants and to prepare specific proposals to present to the United States delegation, headed by President Nixon's personal representative, Ambassador Franklin Hayden Williams.

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