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Ponape Status Seminar Begins

PONAPE (MNS) - A seminar to consider some of the moral implications of the future political status question is being held this week in Ponape District.

The Micronesian Seminar, created and run under the auspices of the Catholic Mission in Micronesia.

A dozen prominent individuals from all walks of life in the Trust Territory were invited to participate in the seminar which began Monday.

According to Father Francis X. Hezel of Truk, director of the seminar, the meeting will not be "simply an exchange of views on the political status question... what we would hope to do is reflect on the moral implications of the status question. It is our further hope that the fruits of this discussions and reflection could be used in political education programs."

In addition to Father Hezel, other participants from the Catholic Mission in this week's seminar are Father Joseph Cavanagh of Ponape, Father William McGarry of Ponape, Father Richard Hoar of Palau and Father John F. Condon of Yap.

Those invited include congressmen, administration officials and young people, among them Rep. Resio Moses (Ponape), Sen. John Mangafel (Yap); Carl Heine, Daiziro Nakamura and Guadalupe Borja from the Trust Territory Public Affairs Department; Alan Burdick of OEO Legal Services in Ponape, Francisco Ulodong of Palau and Bermin Weilbacher of the TT Department of Resources and Development.