

# Hotel Appeal Date Set

SAIPAN—The opponents of the Continental Hotel at Saipan's Micro Beach have been granted their request for an expedited oral argument before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

The hearing is now expected to take place some time in December, according to Micronesian Legal Services Corp. attorneys for the hotel opponents. Without an expedited argument the case might not have come up until

after the hotel is due to be completed in March 1974.

A firm date will be set after the brief for Continental Hotel, one of the appellees, is submitted. Continental has received two extensions of time for filing its brief, which is now due Oct. 12.

Briefs have already been submitted by the hotel opponents and by the TT High Commissioner and Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretary

of Interior, the two other appellees.

A three-judge appellate panel sitting in San Francisco will hear arguments in the case, which are set at 30 minutes for each side.

MLSC plans to send Deputy Director Edward C. King and attorney Samuel Withers III of the Marianas office. Attorneys for the three appellees also will be present.