

Pac People Fret On Econ

Trust Territory Delegate Sasuro Haruro expressed interest in working with the Regional Development Bank and disclosed intense interest in achieving economic self-sufficiency for Micronesia as soon as possible in an address yesterday at the second meeting of the South Pacific Conference.

"The sea is a veritable gold mine," he said, though he asked for regional cooperation and assistance in developing resources of the vast ocean area of the territory for its use.

Haruro asked for a region survey in ocean transport possibilities, though he also acknowledged the Trust Territory cannot depend on sea transport alone for its existence.

He also said he is interested in developing coconut products other than copra.

Former Prime Minister and Western Samoa Delegate Tupua Tamasese Lealofi IV told the delegation members of 19 countries and territories, "It is urgent that we increase our agriculture export production." He also pleaded for a "concentration of social development."

Mr. D. Kun, delegate of Nauru, said he regretted the image of Nauru being a rich island.

"At our current rate of development all our financial resources will be exhausted in 20 years," he said. He was also disappointed there was no item on telecommunications on the agenda and asked for goodwill among Pacific friends in his region, just south of the Trust Territory.

Mr. Napole Muliloto, delegate of the French territory of Wallis and Futuna Islands, said his goal is the regeneration of his islands' copra plantation.

"We have suffered recently from the rhinoceros beetle and

have resorted to exporting tapa cloth," he said. He also plans to seek advice on the possibility of developing a fishing industry in the Wallis and Futuna islands territory.

Australian Delegate Don Wallasee gave a hint of things to come in tomorrow's scheduled discussion of his country's proposal for possible changes in the functions of the South Pacific Commission when he said, "Tides have changed in the last 15 years." He expressed a desire to shift from the former paternalistic policy of the commission and to move toward a more progressive direction.

The health section of the 1974 budget was approved with the exception of funding for a social psychologist, a subject which is still pending.