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# Saipan Hosts DistAd Confab

SAIPAN (MNS)—The semi-annual Trust Territory District Administrator's Conference is underway at the headquarters conference room on Saipan.

In the absence of High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston, who is in Washington this week for U.S. Congress budget hearings, Deputy High Commissioner Peter T. Colemar, officially opened the four-day meeting. Members of the HiCom's cabinet were also present and had a brief meeting with the DistAd's.

Most of the Monday session was devoted to a review of the current situation involving the future political status negotiations, with Miss Mary Vance Trent, Department of State Liaison Officer. Also among the primary topics will be personnel regulations and the new pay plan, discussion of field trip services to the outer islands, activities in promotion of marine resources development, medical referral and other health problems, and territorial education policy.

All the District Administrators were present with the exception of Leonard Aguigui from Yap, who was scheduled to arrive late Monday. Marshall's Deputy District Administrator Edmund Gilmar is attending the conference representing Oscar Debrum. DeBrum is on an inspection trip to Bikini Atoll. The conference is slated to conclude on Friday.