

Future Organization Discusses Issues With MSC

SAIPAN - Commonwealth status, financial needs, military land requirements and other matters were among the major issues discussed by the Marianas Political Status Commission and the Marianas Future Organization at an April 2nd meeting at the Marianas District Legislature Building in Susupe. The Commission is headed by Senator Edward Pangelinan who is the chairman, and Dino Jones is the president of the Future Organization.

Senator Pangelinan discussed the main issues of the recent status negotiations with the U.S. delegation at the opening of the meeting. He stated that the Commission decided to consider Commonwealth Status because our island's financial, security and job opportunity needs can best be met under this type of arrangement upon termination of the Trusteeship Agreement. He said the Mariana Islands need sufficient money to cover the needs and expenses of our schools, hospitals, utilities, and other

jects of expenditures are to be made from this fund." He added that expenditures under this fund made even if a majority of the membership regular or special decides not for a par by first ation

important operations on our island. Under the proposed Commonwealth Status, our people would have the choice of being U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals. Ample time will be given to those residents who would like to declare themselves nationals, noted Senator Pangelinan.

Farallon de Medinilla, the land between Tanapag Harbor and Reese Beach at Micro Beach, portions of Isley Field and two-thirds of Tinian are currently under consideration to meet U.S. military land requirements, said Pangelinan.

Marianas Future Organization members raised questions on a variety of subjects including Micronesian self-identity, educating the islanders about the strategic area situation here, alternatives to Commonwealth Status, development of the island's rich marine and soil resources, and inclusion of the younger generation in today's government. These important issues were discussed by the organization's members and the Status Commission.

Rita Camacho mentioned that the organization had presented Mrs. Uyehara with a certificate of appreciation and condolence in honor of her late husband.

The Future Organization hopes to meet again with members of the Political Status Commission in the near future.