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Discussions regarding the future political status of Micronesia were held on Saipan during the first week of May, as representatives of the Congress of Micronesia met with a delegation representing the Executive Branch of the US Government.

At the opening meeting on May 4, statements were presented by both delegations which were reported to have differed in important respects. The various views and issues were explored in daily conferences during the remainder of the week. No details of the meetings have been made public, however, both groups said the discussions have increased each delegation's understanding of the various views.

The US Delegation will make its report to Washington. The Micronesian Political Status Delegation will be submitting a report on the discussions, and on its work as a whole, to the

July session of the Congress of Micronesia.

The 10-member Congress of Micronesia delegation was led by Co-Chairmen Senator Lazarus Salii and Representative Ekpap Silk, with Senators Andon Amaraich, Tosiwo Nakayama, Francisco T. Palacios and Bailey Olter, and Representatives John Mangefel, Benjamin T. Manglona, Olter Paul and Roman Tmetuchel, members.

Representing the Executive Branch of the US Government was a seven-member delegation headed by Interior Department Assistant Secretary for Public Land Management Harrison Loesch. Members included Tom Whittington, Interior Department; Claus Ruser, Samuel Peale and Ambassador S. Harry Wright from the State Department and Commander Edwin A. Kuhn and Lt. Col. Thomas Stockton from the Defense Department.

FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS discussions were held in the Congress' Senate Chamber on Capitol Hill, Saipan.

