

# Dist Ad Urges Status Action By Saipan City Council

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SAIPAN—Marianas District Administrator Francisco C. Ada emphasized the important role the Saipan Municipal Council must play in political education at the grass roots level, in his address at the opening of the first regular session of the 25th

Municipal Council Monday night.

Ada noted that "political status which will perhaps be permanent is being molded," making education for "political consciousness," vital. Ada said he hoped "posterity will be able to live with the status," (which is being negotiated) and remarked that the council plays

an important role in political education.

Referring to the legalization of slot machines which he "approved reluctantly," last May, he stated, "recent events have indicated families have been hurt." Ada urged the council to review the situation and suggested that restrictions might be necessary. Reliable sources indicate that legislation will be introduced this session taxing slot machines and dealing with gambling.

Election of speaker, vice speaker, legislative secretary, and floor leader also took place at the opening session.

Incumbent Speaker Vicente T. Camacho was reelected, Joaquin I. Pangelinan was chosen vice speaker, newly

elected council member Egredino M. Jones chosen legislative secretary and Alber S. Camacho, floor leader. Of the 15 council members eight are newly elected.

The brief session closed with the "State of Municipality message," by Saipan Mayor Vicente D. Sablan.

Sablan "expressed deep concern," over "the extremely high cost of living in the Marianas District as compared with the very low governmental wage structure."