



COM Panel Meets On Sea Law

SAIPAN (COM) — Ownership of Micronesia's reefs and seas was one of the topics discussed during a meeting of the joint committee of the law of the sea of the Congress of

Micronesia this week. According to the chairman, Sen. Andon Amaraich, he and members Sen. Amata Kabua and Reps. Herman Q. Guerrero and Masao Nakayama and staff

counsel Fred Ramp met on Saipan to discuss and consider what they have done to date and review where they should focus their attention.

The committee first reviewed

some of the background materials they have collected to date to examine and explore further ways and means to proceed. The material and information will be put into the form of a report to be submitted to the Congress of Micronesia during its session which begins Monday.

The second aspect considered by the committee was its future funding requirements. It is expected that members of the committee will attend the main Law of the Sea Conference to be held in Caracas, Venezuela during the latter part of the summer.

A third area discussed was review of candidates in the event the committee wishes to hire a consultant. This phase, he said, was postponed until more information could be made available.

Amaraich stressed the importance of the committee's work and the United Nations sponsored conference.

"It is our feeling that the congress will give priority attention to this matter since the sea and its wealth are so vital to Micronesians. This may be our only chance to have a voice in what could lead to a major agreement among nations to utilize the resources of oceans of the world," he said.

A past report of the committee has noted that the

Two: A territorial waters zone 12 miles out from the first line through which Micronesia could regulate air and sea passage.

Three: A 200-mile resource zone extending from the 12 mile zone outward in which Micronesia would reserve the rights to all resources, but would not regulate passage of ships and planes.

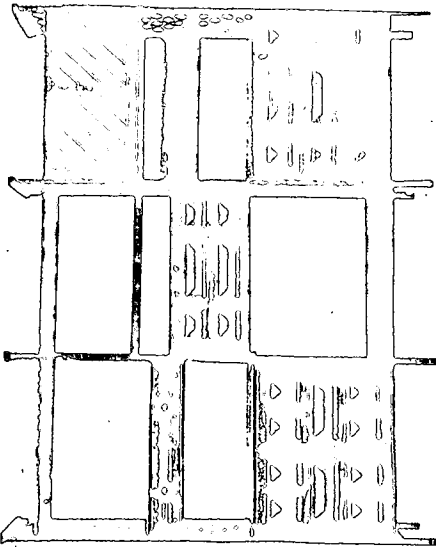
Micronesia's claim to extensive jurisdiction over the sea is based primarily on traditional Micronesian concepts of ownership of the sea, Amaraich pointed out. These concepts, however, have never been documented. The joint committee therefore assigned Nakayama and Ramp to collect information on traditional ideas of ownership of the sea. During the months of September and October they traveled throughout Micronesia interviewing knowledgeable persons about history and traditions relating to the sea.

The result of their efforts is a lengthy report to be released during the session. The report considers three subjects: Traditional Micronesian navigation; Traditional island empires in Micronesia and Traditional concepts of ownership of the sea. The report concludes that navigation was sufficiently sophisticated to permit extensive inter-island

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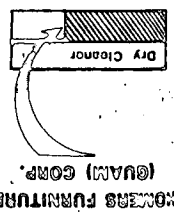
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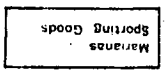
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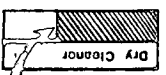
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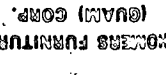
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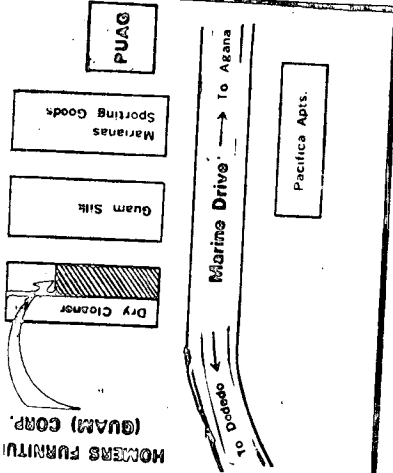


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vital to Micronesians. This may be our only chance to have a voice in what could lead to a major agreement among nations to utilize the resources of oceans of the world," he said.

A past report of the committee has noted that the advanced nations of the world are looking more and more to the sea for future resources, while less developed nations like Micronesia are not yet capable of using all in the sea that is available. Should international agreements be made which are not in the interest of island nations, then "some day we may see larger nations of the world exploiting resources which should have been ours," Amaraich stated.

Micronesia presently has a three mile territorial water zone in addition to a nine-mile fishing zone. Other nations, such as Peru, claim up to 200 miles of territorial and fishing waters off their coasts. The U.S. still maintains a three-mile limit.

The committee's report also put forth a position for three zones:

One: A zone including all the internal waters within straight lines between the outermost islands and reefs of Micronesia.

navigation. Traditional island empires in Micronesia and Traditional concepts of ownership of the sea. The report concludes that navigation was sufficiently sophisticated to permit extensive inter-island contact and that such contact resulted in the formation of vast island empires in the era prior to the arrival of westerners. The report also concludes that Micronesians traditionally considered themselves to own substantially all of the sea between and around the Micronesian islands.

The senator from Truk said that the committee intends to bring this report to the attention of the law of the sea task force from the United States in a meeting which is scheduled for the end of January on Saipan. This meeting had been planned for December of last year, but was delayed by request of the United States.

"It is our hope that in this meeting we can receive a response to our request for representation at the United Nations conference, and that we can also resolve the difference between the U.S. and Micronesian positions," Amaraich concluded.

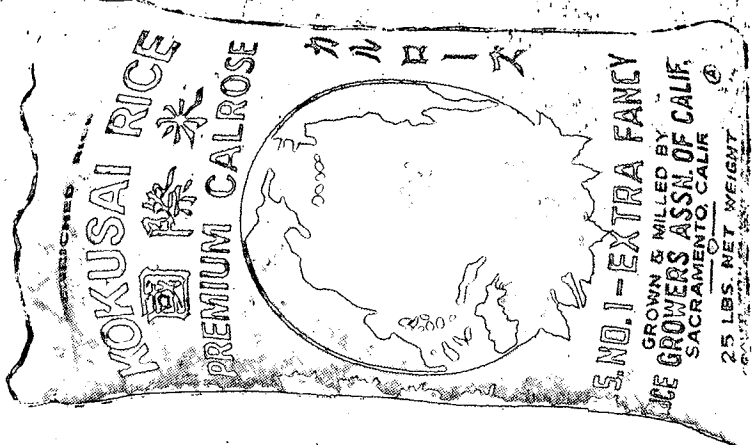
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