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(PANGELINAN ON DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA)

SAIPAN, DECEMBER 24 (MNS)---THE NEED FOR THE MARIANAS DISTRICT TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN QUESTIONED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION (MPSO) SENATOR EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN.

PANGELINAN, SPEAKING ON THE HEADQUARTERS TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT (ESG) PROGRAM "DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA" SAID THAT HE WASN'T SURE ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE COMMITTEE SINCE SENATOR LAZARUS SALII (JCS CHAIRMAN) HAD INDICATED THAT HE FELT THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. SHOULD STOP UNTIL THE LANDS WERE RETURNED IN AN ACCEPTABLE MANNER. A DECISION COULD NOT BE MADE AT THIS TIME AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE MARIANAS REPRESENTATION ON THAT COMMITTEE WILL BE CONTINUED. THE MARIANAS WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA UNTIL A PLEBESCITE INDICATES A FIRM AND FINAL DECISION BY THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS TO SEPARATE FROM THE REST OF THE T.T. AND BECOME A COMMONWEALTH, DECLARED PANGELINAN.

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ACCORDING TO THE MPSC CHAIRMAN, UNDER THE NEW STATUS, LAND WILL NOT BECOME U.S. PROPERTY AS IN GUAM. INSTEAD, LAND IN THE MARIANAS WILL BE LEASED TO THE UNITED STATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MARIANAS WHICH CONTROL THE LANDS IN TRUST FOR THE PEOPLE.

SENATOR PANGELINAN POINTED OUT THAT THE MARIANAS CONSTITUTION WOULD HAVE TO BE REPUBLICAN IN FORM BUT IT WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE MODELED AFTER THE U.S. CONSTITUTION. THERE WOULD ALSO BE SOME IMPORTANT EXCEPTIONS TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AS IT APPLIES TO THE COMMONWEALTH. "FOR EXAMPLE," PANGELINAN EXPLAINED, "THERE IS A PROVISION IN THE COVENANT WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT OWNERSHIP OF LAND BY PEOPLE NOT OF MARIANAS DESCENT AND THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF REGULATING IMMIGRATION LOCALLY UNTIL THE U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS ARE MADE APPLICABLE TO THE AREA."

CONCERNING THE TIMETABLE OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE BEGINNING OF A COMMONWEALTH STATUS, PANGELINAN SAID THAT AT THE NEXT MEETING BETWEEN THE U.S. DELEGATION AND THE MPSC WHICH WILL DEAL WITH THE FINAL WORDINGS OF THE COVENANT, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE WILL SIGN IT AND AN INTENSIVE POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM WILL THEN BE MOUNTED, WITH A POSSIBLE PLEBESCITE A FEW MONTHS LATER IN 1975.

THE COVENANT WOULD BE THE SUPREME LAW OF THE MARIANAS, SAID THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS NEGOTIATING TEAM. THERE WOULD BE INTERNAL AUTONOMY AND EVEN SOME RIGHTS TO OPERATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREAS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FOREIGN POLICY AND DEFENSE.

THE REACTIONS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS CANNOT BE PREDICTED, SAID PANGELINAN, BUT IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN GETTING APPROVAL FOR THE COVENANT, HE IS PREPARED TO GO TO WASHINGTON AND PLEAD FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT.