

1- THAT IT BE HELD WITHIN ONE YEAR. HIGH COMMISSIONER ~~BOHANNON~~ ^{BOHANNON} AND TUESDAY MORNING THAT IF THE REFERENDUM IS DELAYED TOO LONG, THE PEOPLE WOULD LOOSE THE SPIRIT OF THE CONSTITUTION. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD CONSULT WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN DETERMINING THE BEST DATE FOR THE REFERENDUM.

WITNESSING THE PRESENTATION OF THE 23-PAGE DOCUMENT WERE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE PONAPE DELEGATION TO THE CONVENTION LEO A. FALCAM AND FORMER SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION VICTORIO UHERBELAU OF PALAU.

(MARIANAS CONCON BILL APPROVED)

SAIPAN, NOV. 18 (MNS)---A BILL CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY MONDAY BY THE MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE.

THE MEASURE, INTRODUCED BY THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE, AUTHORIZES THE APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE CONVENTION AND WOULD ALLOW THE FUNDS TO REMAIN AVAILABLE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 1976.

ACCORDING TO THE BILL, THE CONVENTION SHALL CONSIST OF 37 DELEGATES ALL OF WHOM MUST BE TRUST TERRITORY CITIZENS AND BONA FIDE RESIDENTS OF THE MARIANAS. THE BILL STIPULATES THAT 24 DELEGATES ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAIPAN, 19 OF WHOM SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR ONE OF WHOM SHALL REPRESENT THE NORTHERN ISLANDS AND TWO TO REPRESENT THE CAROLINIAN COMMUNITY. TINIAN SHALL ELECT FIVE DELEGATES, AND ROTA, EIGHT.

THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES SHALL BE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY, FOLLOWING THE FIRST MONDAY IN FEBRUARY, 1976. ANY PERSON WHO IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, WHO IS A REGISTERED VOTER, IS NOT CURRENTLY UNDER A JUDGEMENT OF MENTAL INCOMPETENCY OR INSANITY, UNDER PAROLE, PROBATION OR SENTENCE FOR ANY FELONY BY ANY COURT OF THE TT OR WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES, IS ELIGIBLE TO RUN AS A DELEGATE.

THE CONVENTION SHALL BE THE SOLE JUDGE OF THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTED DELEGATES, THE BILL STATES.

WHENEVER A VACANCY OCCURS, IT SHALL BE FILLED BY THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE NEXT HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES FROM THE SAME MUNICIPALITY. IF, HOWEVER, THE NEXT DELEGATES REFUSES OR IF THE RUNNER-UP IS EXHAUSTED, THE MAYOR OF THAT MUNICIPALITY WHERE THE VACANCY EXISTS SHALL APPOINT A PERSON TO FILL THAT VACANCY.

A PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF FOUR PERSONS WILL BE SELECTED. THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARIANAS LEGISLATURE SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE. EACH CHARTERED MUNICIPALITY'S DELEGATION TO THE CONVENTION, SHALL SELECT A DELEGATION CHAIRMAN FOR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION SHALL CONVENE ON SAIPAN AND SHALL CONTINUE IN SESSION FOR NO MORE THAN 60 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. THE PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE SHALL SPECIFY THE DATE OF THE CONVENING OF THE CONVENTION, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ACT AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION UNTIL A PRESIDENT IS SELECTED FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERSHIP.

A QUORUM SHALL CONSIST OF 38 DELEGATES, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT AT LEAST ONE DELEGATE FROM EACH CHARTERED MUNICIPALITY MUST BE PRESENT.

DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION SHALL RECEIVE \$30 A DAY WHILE ON THE BUSINESS OF THE CONVENTION. TT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES SHALL BE ENTITLED TO THEIR REGULAR SALARIES PLUS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEIR PRORATED DAILY SALARIES AND \$30 A DAY IF THEIR SALARIES ARE LESS THAN THE LATTER AMOUNT.

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AFTER THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION IS COMPLETED AND TRANSLATED INTO CHAMORRO AND CAROLINIAN, A REFERENDUM WILL BE HELD TO RATIFY THE CONSTITUTION. THE REFERENDUM BALLOT SHALL APPEAR SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS: "DO YOU APPROVE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS, AS ADOPTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION? YES-----NO-----?"

THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION SHALL BE RATIFIED AND APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE IF APPROVED BY 66 PERCENT OF THE VOTES CAST.

THE BILL WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA. DISTAD ADA HAS 30 DAYS FROM THE DAY HE RECEIVES THE BILL TO ACT ON IT. HE CAN EITHER SIGNED THE MEASURE INTO LAW, VETO IT AND SEND BACK HIS COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, OR LET IT BECOME LAW WITHOUT HIS SIGNATURE.

(HICOM VISITS NGCHESAR)

KOROR, NOV. 18 (MNS)---HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON TOOK TIME OUT FROM HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE DURING THE PACIFIC AREA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE (PATA) HELD AT THE DISTRICT CENTER OF KOROR LAST WEEK TO VISIT THE PEOPLE OF NGCHESAR MUNICIPALITY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THAT VILLAGE SAW A T. T. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN PERSON FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR LIVES.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S VISIT WAS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CEREMONY MARKING THE OPENING OF A ROAD THAT THE PALAU CIVIC ACTION TEAM IS CONSTRUCTING IN THE AREA. THE ROAD WILL OPEN THE SHIMIZU VALLEY, A RICH FARMLAND IN THE INTERIOR OF BABELTHUAP, TO PRODUCE MARKETS IN PALAU'S DISTRICT CENTER.

CHIEF NGIRKEBIE OF NGCHESAR SAID, "THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, THE TWO PARAMOUNT CHIEFS, IBEDUL AND REKLAI, DIGNITARIES FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND THE PALAU LEGISLATURE HAVE VISITED US. WE ARE HONORED AND PROUD. WE THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING."

THE CHIEF ESPECIALLY THANKED IT. WILLIAM RUDICK AND HIS CIVIC ACTION TEAM FOR CONSTRUCTING THE ROAD TO THE SHIMIZU FARMING AREA AND FOR COMPLETING THE MUNICIPALITY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLAY GROUND.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TOLD THE PEOPLE THAT THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND SIGNED. HE URGED THEM TO STUDY THE DOCUMENT CAREFULLY. VALENTINE SENGEBAU FROM MICRONESIAN NEWS SERVICE SAID THIS COMMENT DREW THE LOUDEST APPLAUSE FROM THE CROWD. THE PEOPLE WERE OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH THE WORK OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

(FISHING AUTHORITIES MANAGERS CONFERENCE BEGINS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 18 (MNS)---THE SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MICRONESIAN FISHING AUTHORITIES (ECMFA) GOT UNDERWAY TUESDAY AT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HOUSE CHAMBER ON SAIPAN.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE INCLUDE: FRANCISCO ULUDONG, PALAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE ECMFA; JOAQUIN P. VILLAGOMEZ, MARIANAS; NAICHIRO SHARRY, TRUK; TONY BANNIYAN, YAP; BUMIO SILBANES, PONAPE; AND REID MORRIS, MARSHALLS.

TUESDAY MORNING, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET WITH CONGRESSMAN SASAKO HARUO OF TRUK AND SENATOR BAILEY OLTER OF PONAPE.

THE COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA STAFF TO BRIEF THEM ON FISHERIES RELATED ACTIVITIES.

WEDNESDAY, (NOV. 19), THE GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH GUAM SENATOR CARL GUITERREZ TO DISCUSS "TRADE RELATIONS WITH GUAM"; DAVID R. NIHO, MANAGER, GOVERNMENTAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

OF AIR MICRONESIA TO BRIEF THEM ON "COMMODITY RATES AND HANDLING"; AND " FISHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING" IS THE SUBJECT MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DAVID RAMARUI.

THURSDAY, (NOV. 20), THE "ROLE OF FISHING AUTHORITIES IN FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA AND MARIANAS" WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH MARIANAS LEGISLATURE PRESIDENT VICENTE N. SANIOS; EDWARD PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION; PETE DELA CRUZ, MARIANAS DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AND SENATOR LAZARUS E. SALIF, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

FRIDAY, (NOV. 21), THE LAST DAY OF THE MEETING, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET WITH DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT, EUSEBIO RECHUCHER AND WILLIAM STEWART.

(TOURISM INVESTMENT IN MANILA)

SAIPAN, NOV. 18 (XNS)---BUSINESSMEN OF MICRONESIA ARE BEING INVITED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR ON TOURISM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE IN MANILA NEXT JANUARY. SPONSORED BY THE PACIFIC AREA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION, THE CONFERENCE WILL COVER FOUR AREAS OF STUDY: ONE, HOW TO ATTRACT THE INVESTOR IN TOURISM PROJECTS; TWO, HOW TO EVALUATE THE PROPOSALS OF THE INVESTOR; THREE, CURRENT SOURCES OF DEBT AND EQUITY CAPITAL FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THE PROGRAM WILL RUN FOR THREE DAYS IN MANILA FROM THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND THROUGH SATURDAY JANUARY 24TH. BECAUSE THE SIZE OF THE SEMINAR WILL BE LIMITED TO 125 PERSONS AND INVITATIONS ARE BEING EXTENDED TO ALL PACIFIC COUNTRIES, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE REGISTRATION FEE IS \$100. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN ALL DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICES.

(PANGELINAN RECEIVES MASTERS DEGREE)

SAIPAN, NOV. 18 (XNS)---FELICITAS I. PANGELINAN, HEADQUARTERS EDUCATION COORDINATOR OF ESEA TITLES III AND IV, WAS AWARDED HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII ON AUGUST 17, 1975, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, DAVID RAMARUI HAS ANNOUNCED.

MS. PANGELINAN RECEIVED AN EDUCATION PROFESSIONS DEVELOPMENT ACT GRANT FOR ADVANCED DEGREE STUDY IN THE LATE SUMMER OF 1974. SHE WAS ACCEPTED AS A GRADUATE STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, AND SHE COMPLETED THE MASTER'S DEGREE COURSEWORK AS AN EPDA FELLOW UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. LAWRENCE ZANE OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

DURING HER WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, MS. PANGELINAN ATTENDED A WORKSHOP ON CAREER EDUCATION, SERVED AS A PANEL MEMBER ON KHVH RADIO PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, TRAVELED TO THE NEIGHBORING ISLANDS TO VISIT ALL THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND MEET WITH THE COLLEGES ADMINISTRATIVE STAFFS, AND SERVED ON A PANEL MAKING A PRESENTATION OF BILINGUAL EDUCATION IN MICRONESIA. HER OVERALL GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM WAS 3.8 ON A SCALE OF 4.0.