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# Moen Might Host Micro-U.S. Talks

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SAIPAN - Moen, Truk is to be the site of the final round of Micronesian-U.S. status negotiations, according to unofficial word received here this week.

Members of the Micronesian Joint Committee on Future Status are expected to meet in Truk after the Congress of Micronesia-United Nations Development Program economic workshop ending May 14.

A date has not been announced for the United States delegation-headed by Ambassador F. Haydn Williams-to arrive on Moen but the weekend of May 21 has been mentioned here as a likely time.

A surprise announcement that the final round would take place at the end of May was made at a Trust Territory cabinet meeting last week by the status panel's chairman, Lazarus Salii.

One reason the final round is being scheduled so soon, sources at the meeting indicated, is that the negotiators want to have a completed compact presented to the current U.S. Congress and before a new administration could take over in Washington.

The tentative schedule calls for the compact being to be presented to a special Congress of Micronesia session in July. If the pact is approved by the legislators it then would be presented to the Micronesian people on the November ballot. If

approved by the voters it would be sent to the U.S. Congress before January.

The last round of formal negotiations broke off in November 1973 when differences over the level of future financial support could not be reconciled.

After informal talks in 1974 the compact was presented to the Micronesian Congress, which rejected a financial provision stipulating that the U.S. would contribute \$35 million annually the first five years plus a long-term, low-interest loan.

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## 3 Guilty Of Heroin Charges, Fined

Three heroin dealers were ordered to pay fines to the court yesterday after being found guilty of intent to distribute heroin.

District Court Judge Cristobal Duenas pronounced sentences.

Phillip Reinig was ordered to jail until he pays a fine of \$2,000. He was found guilty of possession of heroin with intent to distribute.

John V. Santos and Richard D. Santos each was ordered to

"NEW ARRIVALS OF MERCHANDISE"

"LAW" SKATEBOARDS"

HW - This story underscores advisability, I believe, of authorizing Dick W - to maintain close connection and take initiative with PDN (esp. Murphy) as status scenario unfolds. He could be in position to clarify, correct and prevent problems.

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