

by Director of the Office of Territorial Affairs, Fred Zeder, is estimated to cost

when first mentioned by Zeder. But it may soon become a reality once every part of the

first of its kind within the Pacific Region will include private diagnostic cli-

be able to speak both English and Japanese.

The proposed medical pavillion will include

early July, according to sources.

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# SENATORS APPROVE NEW CON CON BILL

SAIPAN--The Northern Mariana Islands Legislature this week passed on second and final reading a measure calling for a Constitutional Convention for the Northern Mariana Islands.

The measure would have all 39 delegates elected on an at-large basis: 25 from Saipan; one from the northern islands; five from Tinian and eight from Rota.

The unanimous approval of the measure, however, came under heavy pressure by the Saipan Ladies Association and Popular Party supporters who crowded

into the small legislative hall. Sources say, their presence was sought by party leaders to ensure approval of a ConCon measure calling for the election of delegates on an at-large basis rather than by municipal districts.

The latter approach--election by districts--was advocated by minority leaders: Senators Larry Guerrero and Oscar Rasa. During final voting, however, they assented to the wishes of the majority. Guerrero and Rasa indicated that their views to have delegates elected on a

district basis while the rest on an at-large scheme would protect the interest of smaller villages of being represented in that important forum.

During the course of the debate, Senator Daniel Muna whose Committee on Political considered the measure announced knowledge from a reliable administration source that the executive branch would veto any measure that proposes to have all delegates elected on an at-large basis. A representative from the Resident Commissioner's Office made it clear to the Poli-

tical Committee of the ResCom's desire to see a measure where the minority is provided reasonable opportunity to be represented in the Convention.

The measure (Act No. 1-1976) would have

election of delegates held on August 18th of this year. It also proposes to have a Pre-Convention Committee which would be chaired by the Speaker of the Legislature and

## CANHAM'S STAFF APPOINTMENTS QUESTIONED

SAIPAN--The Resident Commissioner's recent appointment of three persons to serve in the Transitional Government of the Northern Mariana Islands was questioned this week by Senator Jesus V. Guerrero of the Legislature.

Specifically, the senator advances the argument that ResCom Erwin D. Canham's appointment of Neiman Craley, Jr., Francisco

rial Order separating the Marianas which says that appointees during reorganization period "...shall be further subject to the advice and consent of the Northern Mariana Islands Legislature."

Resident Commissioner Canham told the senator he will comply with the issue in question "just as soon as requisite legislative procedures have been set up." He

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tion's claim that the Commission's position has not yet been accepted or rejected by the Marshallese people

## New Con Con Bill ...

whose function it would be to decide when the Convention should convene "not later than September 13 of this year.

According to the measure, the Convention should convene on Saipan for no longer than fifty consecutive days. The Resident Commissioner would chair the Convention until the delegates elect their president from among themselves. Additionally, each delegate would receive \$30 dollars a day while in the business of the Convention. Those earning less than \$30 dollars per day at regular jobs would receive the difference which would be funded by the Convention.

The senators engaged in a little argument as to whether to increase the original proposal to appropriate \$30,000 to foot the bill of the Convention. An amendment was offered to increase it to \$70,000 dollars. But that offer was shot down when the solons were told that the legislature is out of funds--they have exceeded appropriation beyond what was anticipated in revenues.

The Resident Commis-

analysis of political status commission position and from responding with its own contrary views and rationale for two reasons.

"First, the political status commission has refused to release its written presentation being made to the

sencation to that advocated by Commission."

The Micronesian Service has not been able to get the vote of the members of "Voice of the Shells" organization. Several attempts to reach Majuro by telephone were unsuccessful.

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## BID INVITATION

The Mariana Islands Airport Authority is soliciting proposals for the award of six (6) rental car concessions at the Saipan International Airport. Proposal packages can be obtained at the office of the airport manager, P. O. Box 1055, Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950. Proposals must be turned in to the office of the airport manager on or before July 1, 1976 in order to be considered for the award.

James F. Mellus  
Airport Manager

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