

Post Convention Committee
Thursday, February 1, 1996
Second Floor, Joeten Dandan Center

Briefing Session Summary

1. Call to Order / Ascertain Quorum – Chair H.T. Guerrero called the meeting to order at 9:20 am. Quorum was ascertained with the presence of Chair Guerrero, Vice Chair E.S. Fleming, Sec. J. O. DLR. Gonzales, Members D. Q. Maratita and Alternate M. A. Pierce. Delegates J. P. San Nicolas, James Mendiola, David L. Igitol, Dr. Vicente S. Aldan, and Bennet T. Seman and Counsels H. Willens and D. Siemers were also present.

2. Report by Post Convention Committee
 - a) TV spots/Talk Shows - Our staffer Mrs. Raena T. Kluge has finalized the media master plan for all TV spots to be aired as per maximum audience attention and which language to be used. This plan will be closely monitored by the Committee with discretion to move around as needed. Otherwise, TV spots are now set and ready for MCV and SCTV to air anytime now. Both MCV and SCTV have each offered two talk show programs between now and election day. Chair Guerrero and Counsel Willens appeared on "Jon Anderson Live" on Wed. 1/31 and 1 show is still remaining. The two shows for "Cable Forum" as per details b/w Counsels and Alice Guerrero and SCTV will now be held on Sundays (instead of Tuesdays) 2/11 and 2/25 at 7-9 pm. Delegates to appear on the shows have been tentatively identified and informed.

 - (b) Radio spots/Talk Shows - have also been set and are now ready to be aired by all radio stations which the Post Con has contracted with. These will reach all sectors of our community as are more widely available than news and/or TV.

 - (c) Newspaper inserts/advertisements/articles - Proposed amendments in Chamorro and English continue to be published in the Tribune and Marianas Variety. The Carolinian versions will be published only on the 'hot' amendments as recommended by the Committee with copies of all other proposed amendments to be available at the Post Con Office and at the Carolinian Affairs Office. The Chair's article will continue to be published focusing now on addressing the 'hot' issues which have arisen from private individuals.

(d) Village Meetings/Notice of Meetings (Publications) - have all been set and public notices will be out on all radios, TV's, newspapers and posters to be placed in strategic places for the community.

(e) Government Employees' Meetings - have also been set as adopted by the Committee. The Governor should have informed by now all government departments about the scheduled meetings and should have advised that they be available to attend. There are two sessions set for the mornings and afternoons, respectively to accomodate as many as we can as their schedules permit.

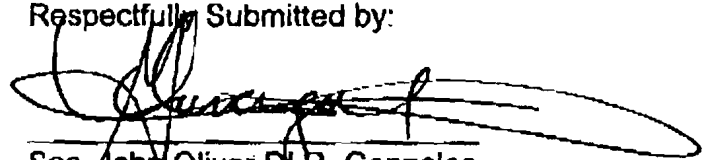
(f) Meetings with Clubs and Employers - various large and medium sized companies have arranged with the Post Convention Committee to have their employees educated on the proposed amendments (i.e. J.C. Tenorio, Ent., DFS, etc.)

(g) Other projects (billboards, posters, mailers, banners) - will be arranged, donated and erected with assistance of volunteers, delegates and Post Convention Committee. Committee felt it is critical that we resort to the above in light of our need to attract as much attention as the Committee can to get people together to listen and be educated.

3. Participation by Delegates in Meetings - Delegates were advised and requested that they be available for as many public meetings as they can attend to assist and show unity throughout the entire public education campaign.
4. Proposed Agenda for Public Meetings - Counsels have drafted a proposal to lump certain proposed amendments together as per controversy, germaneness and topic. The following was adopted by the Committee:
 - a) Group #1 - Amendments 2, 3, 9, 10 dealing CNMI Government topics;
 - b) Group #2 - Amendments 6, 13, 14, 15 dealing with Local Government;
 - c) Group #3 - Amendments 11 and 12 dealing with Lands; and
 - d) Group #4 - Amendments 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19 on All Others.The strategy is to present by focusing on Group #1 and #2 and ask for questions on the other amendments.
5. Distribution of Materials for Use by Delegates - have been done and will continue to be done so that all delegates are kept abreast of all that are happening (i.e. editorials, news articles, outgoing correspondence, etc.)

6. Other Issues/Projects - Joey P. San Nicolas informed all present that the Tinian and Rota Mayors' Offices have been exchanging correspondence regarding proposed Amendment 6 on Local Government. The Delegates and Counsels should be aware that there is growing controversy on such an amendment and that they be ready to defend it once brought up. One of the issues being looked into is whether or not the Post Convention Committee has available a copy of the Pros and Cons on the amendments. To which, Counsels and the Committee have taken the stance to basically ask two questions: **Adopt the proposed amendments OR settle with the status quo. !!**
7. Announcements - Post Convention Committee weekly meetings will be on Mondays at 9:00 am at the Post Con Conference Room.
8. Adjournment - There being no discussion, briefing adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sec. John Oliver DLR. Gonzales
(2/2/96)