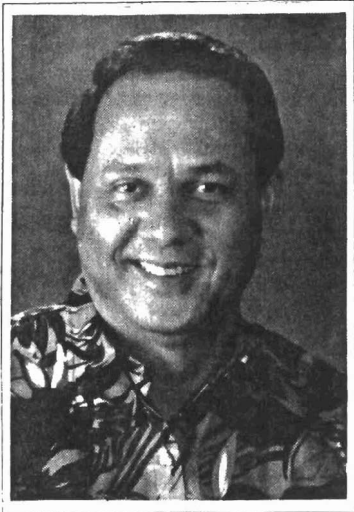
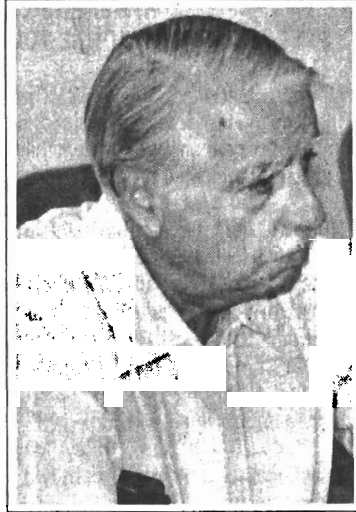


27 ConCon delegates to meet



Herman T. Guerrero



Howard P. Willens

DELEGATES to the Third Northern Marianas Constitutional Convention (Concon) are scheduled to attend a briefing by members of the Pre-Con Committee and lead counsel Howard P. Willens Thursday morning (April 27) at 9 o'clock at the Joeten Dandan Center.

This will be the first official meeting for all 27 Concon delegates since the election was held on March 4, 1995. Pre-Con Committee Chairman Herman T. Guerrero (Jun Pan) will chair the meeting for briefings to be made by the Subcommittee on Administrative Matters Chaired by Delegate Victor B. Hocog of Rota; Subcommittee on Legal Chaired by Delegate Carlos S. Camacho; and the

Subcommittee on Rules Chaired by Delegate Bennet T. Seman.

Lead Counsel Howard P. Willens and Dianne Siemer will also brief the Delegates on their role, the function of a written constitution, historical perspective and state experience, constraints imposed by the Covenant, U.S. Constitution, and U.S. laws, and the experience in the CNMI during the First and Second Constitutional Conventions (1975 and 1986 respectively). Willens and Siemer will also talk about constitutional versus legislative matters, delegate proposals and legal research.

The Pre-Con Committee has prepared briefing packages which will be passed out to all the delegates prior

to Thursday's meeting.

In other Pre-Con Committee matters, the Administrative Matters Subcommittee Chairman Hocog reported that the total budget for the Concon and the Post Concon activities is still being worked on, noting that once his subcommittee finalize the budget, it will be presented to the Legislature for appropriations.

The Concon law has provided \$300,000 for expenses but the Pre-Con Committee members found that amount to be inadequate.

The Pre-Con Committee will be conducting its regular meeting on Friday, April 28, at 9:00 a.m. at the Joeten Center in Dandan. The meetings are opened to the public