

p. Tomas Concepcion, congressional representative for over-50 contract workers. The lower house of Philippine Congress is arriving May 8th, Monday. Purpose of the lawmaker's trip

Revilla came to Saipan, Rota and Tinian late March on a personal fact-finding mission on the plight of Filipino workers in the CNMI.

Revilla's visit was prompted by the negative findings of a much-



Bruce Lloyd

employment destination for Filipino maids, farmers and nightclub workers.

Concepcion's visit to the CNMI was confirmed in a press conference held in Manila last April 21. Sources said the decision was reached reportedly after CNMI worker rights advocate Wendy Doromal appeared in an earlier news conference in Manila.

tenorio's information officer Bruce Lloyd yesterday confirmed receipt of Concepcion's letter, a copy of which was requested by the Variety.

Lloyd, however, said the letter would not be released until after the governor has had the chance to see it.

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Court tells fireman to seek psychiatric help

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A FIREFIGHTER accused of assaulting a fellow fireman was ordered by the court yesterday to obtain a psychiatric treatment at the Commonwealth Health Center as part of a plea agreement.

For voluntarily pleading guilty, Superior Court Associate Judge Miguel S. Demapan also handed a one year jail term, all suspended against the defendant Scott C. Blewett.

The government filed assault and battery charges against Blewett in connection with the mauling incident that occurred on July 8, 1994.

The plea agreement was reached by the defendant through his counsel Public Defender Daniel De Rienzo and Assistant Attorney General Cheryl M. Gill. Blewett admitted that while

employed as Firefighter I of the Department of Public Safety, he punched fellow fireman Joaquin T. Quitugua several times on the head and facial area.

Quitugua suffered laceration on the bridge of his nose, swollen temple, bruised forehead, and bloody nose as a result of the attack.

Pursuant to the agreement, Demapan ordered Blewett to pay \$600 fine in six months and required to perform 300 hours of community work service under the supervision of the Office of Probation.

The accused was also asked to seek full-time employment.

The judge stressed that the defendant must return to court on October 24 this year to review whether he has complied with the conditions set during his suspended sentence.

Pre-Con OKs House chamber as new venue for 3rd ConCon

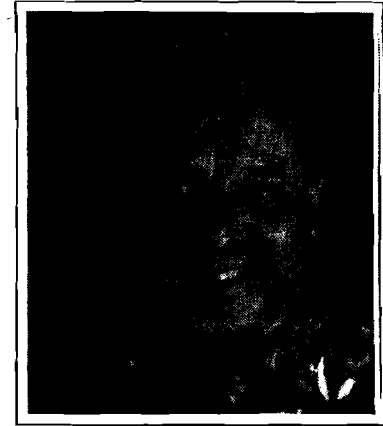
THE Pre-Con Committee of the Third NMI Constitutional Convention yesterday voted to change the site of the Constitutional Convention from the Diamond Hotel to the House Chamber at the Legislature Building.

The vote was unanimous among committee members present during a regular bi-weekly meeting at the Joeten Dandan Center.

According to a new release from the committee, the nine-member panel chaired by Saipan Delegate Herman T. Guerrero,

The decision was reached taking budgetary constraints into consideration and owing to the uncertainty of requested additional funding from the Legislature.

"We have to assume that we won't be getting additional fund-



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ing from the Legislature," Chairman Guerrero told the Pre-Con Committee.

"We need to work in a conservative scenario in the event the Legislature does not approve ad-

ditional funding for the Convention," he added. "We can't compel the Legislature to appropriate the necessary supplemental funding for the Convention. I hope that the Legislature will seriously and expeditiously consider the funding needs of the Convention."

Rota Delegate Victor B. Hocog, who chairs the Subcommittee on Administrative Matters that reviews, among other things, the budget of the Convention, told delegates Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio has assured him he would use his reprogramming authority to assist the Convention if the Legislature fails to approve additional funding.

He also said he is "optimistic" the Legislature would grant the additional \$300,000 the Pre-Con Committee is proposing to request.

According to Hocog, the Convention could realize a savings of nearly \$100,000 if it is to utilize the House Chamber



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