

The legislative body evolved from an original 12-member Micronesian Advisory Committee, first appointed in 1956, which met annually to discuss problems of mutual concern. The advisory group was appointed by the High Commissioner, who presides over the territory's civilian government functions. The advisory group became the Council of Micronesia, which voted in 1962 in favor of the creation of a legislature.

The legislature as finally constituted in Secretary Udall's order closely parallels the Council's recommendations. The Congress will consist of two houses--the House of Delegates, composed of two representatives from each of the six districts, and the General Assembly, with 21 representatives apportioned on a population basis. The Secretary's order called for a first general election to the Congress to be held on January 19, 1965, with subsequent elections to be held in November of even-numbered years.

The Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands embraces three major groups of islands--the Marshalls, the Carolines, and the Marianas, except for the American territory of Guam. The Trust Territory is divided into six administrative districts, with headquarters on Saipan in the Marianas.

Many of the islands became famous in World War II including Kwajalein, Saipan, Peleliu and Truk. In 1947, the islands were placed under the trusteeship system of the United Nations, with the United States as administering authority.

The successful candidates in the January 19 election include a number of Micronesians who held responsible positions in the executive branch of the Trust Territory Government, a situation made possible by a provision in Secretary Udall's order which stipulated that until the third general election Micronesian employees may campaign and serve as members of the Congress. This particular section of the order permits the Congress to draw on experienced men during its first important, formative years. Other candidates elected to the Congress include doctors, educators, and representatives of the business community.

The first Congress of Micronesia will have the following membership:

| <u>District</u> | <u>House of Delegates</u> | <u>General Assembly</u> |
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| Mariana Islands | Jose R. Cruz Olympio T. Borja | Benjamin T. Manglona Manuel D. Muna Juan A. Sablan |
| Marshall Islands | Amata Kabua Dr. Isaac Lanwi | Namu Hermios Dr. Henry Samuel Dwight Heine Atlan Anien |
| Palau | John Olbedabel Ngiraked Roman Tmetuchl | Lazarus Salii Sadang Ngiraheherang Jacob Sawaichi |

District

House of Delegates

General Assembly

Ponape

Bailey Olter
Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick

Elias Robert
Bethwel Henry
Max Iriarte
Olter Poll

Truk

Tosiwo Nakayama
Andon L. Amaraich

Smart Lampson
Petrus Mailo
Soukichi Fritz
Mitaro Danis
Chutomu Nimues

Yap

Francis Nuuan
Joseph Tamag

Luke M. Tman
John Rugulmar

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