

Minutes of the Executive Committee
of the Constitutional Convention

Date: September 9, 1969

Members Present: Antonio M. Palomo, Chairman
Betty S. Guerrero
Howard G. Trapp

The meeting convened at 11:45 a.m. in the Constitutional Convention Office.

The following subjects were discussed:

1. Agenda for General Session to be held 15 September:

It was suggested that the following two items be included on the agenda for the next General Session:

- a. Announcement of the selection by the Executive Committee of Mr. Gayle as the new Legal Counsel;
- b. Presentation of the Proposed Rules and Procedures Governing Public Hearings as amended at the General Session of 25 August;
- c. Presentation of the schedule of public hearings recommended by the Executive Committee for adoption by the Convention delegation.

2. Proposed Schedule of Public Hearings

It was suggested that the Schedule of Public Hearings recommended for adoption by the subcommittee be sent to each member of the Executive Committee, together with an explanatory cover letter asking for their approval, disapproval and any comments they wish to make. The replies are to be returned prior to the General Session on 15 September, when the proposed schedule will be formally presented to the entire Convention.

3. Assignment for Convention Counsel

The Committee was informed that Mr. Gayle is expected back on-island this Thursday, 11 September. The following two items were suggested for his immediate attention upon his commencement of employment:

- a. Assist the Committee on Rules in the preparation of Convention Rules;
- b. Meet with various committees to prepare alternatives to the present Organic Act of Guam to be presented to the public.

4. Absenteeism

It was suggested that a list of scheduled committee meetings be prepared, an indication made as to whether or not the meeting was held and whether a quorum was present.

It was also suggested that the Executive Committee ask each Committee Chairman to submit a progress report of his Committee's actions to date.

5. Constitutional Week

Mrs. Ruth Ann Gilliam, Public Information Officer, gave a report on the plans presently underway for Constitutional Week which has been set aside as September 17-23, 1969. The following activities are being planned:

- a. Governor's Proclamation with radio, t.v., and newspaper coverage;
- b. Special newspaper article with pictures;
- c. A mail campaign to encourage speaking engagements;
- d. Social Studies Consultant informed and is writing to all social studies teachers and asking them to observe the week;

- e. T.V. show; September 19, which will include a film and a speech and pictures;
- f. Several 30-second tapes played throughout the day and week encouraging people to read the Organic Act, etc.;
- g. Three exhibits with pictures in banks and post office.

6. Announcement Regarding Reintegration Conference

It was relayed to Ruth Ann Gilliam by Herman Sablan, that Senator William Flores, who will be the Chairman of the Conference to be held in Saipan in October regarding the Reintegration of the Mariannas, may invite some members of the Political Status Committee of the Constitutional Convention to be guests at the Conference. Expenses for the members of the committee who attend would be paid by the Guam Legislature.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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APPROVED BY:


ANTONIO M. PALOMO, President


BETTY S. GUERRERO, Secretary