

OFF THE FLOOR ACTIVITIES



Delegate Eustaquio emphasizes a point, Delegate Benavente mulls it over in committee.



Delegates Natividad, Leon Guerrero, F.Q. Cruz, Martinez ponder the chairperson's statement in committee meeting.



Briefing for "Guam-U.S.A." at KUAM.



Mainland students, David Dell'Isola and Greg Rutkai, help out at Con Con Headquarters during their summer vacation.



Legal advisors Leibowitz and Hannum, Director of Research Bast listen in on committee work session.



Delegate Guzman authorizes, Delegate Benavente approves, Aide Respicio exclaims.



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Committees Doing Spadework On Many Issues

Prior To Stepped-up Plenary Sessions In August

In the first four weeks of the Constitutional Convention, individual delegates and groups of delegates, introduced during the plenary sessions a total of 378 propositions, spanning most of the 21 standing committee areas. In most cases it was the committee chairperson whose name appears as a sponsor of the proposition, but others were the result of combined thinking and development of groups of delegates, all interested in the same subject.

After the proposition is introduced it is referred to the proper committee and discussed in open meetings with legal counsel and research staff assistance in attendance.

From the outset, delegates have been united in their insistence that

all proceedings of the Convention be open to the media and the public. Resolution No. 8, a sort of "sunshine law", requires that all meetings, hearings, plenary sessions — even executive committee meetings — be open to the public and that appropriate notice be given. The resolution also requires that no hearings shall be held in the villages until a draft constitution has been prepared and circulated so that a meaningful dialogue can be obtained.

The first public hearing to be held was by the Committee on Natural Resources in the area of landlaking and eminent domain. Another approach to gathering in-

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