

# Constitutional Convention

## Has Hearing

# Village People Speak Their Minds

Once again the Executive Council of Guam's First Constitutional Convention heard requests that the Governor of Guam must be a "Guamanian born on Guam". At the public hearing held Friday, October 17, in Tumon both Juan Umpingco and Joaquin Borja reiterated the suggestion which has been heard at every hearing so far.

Others disagreed, yet still set stringent residency requirements for off-islanders who aspire to Guam's highest office. Fifteen years was suggested by Ignacio Camacho and Juam P. Toves. Toves also recommended that the gubernatorial candidate have a college degree.

Jesus Maanao took a more liberal stand and extended the privilege of running for Governor to any American citizen who resides on Guam for five years.

Laila Taavola reminded the people that gubernatorial qualifications should not be based on race, creed, or nationality but that age and residency were legitimate limiting factors.

Another recurrent theme which has run through all the hearings is that of resentment for the comptroller.

Ignacio Camacho said "Whatever money we receive on Guam belongs to us, and we should take care of it. The comptroller should be appointed by the Governor of Guam." Maanao stated that the autonomy given to Guam by the "Elective Governor Bill" should not be diminished by the presence of a comptroller.

Maanao was the first in all the hearings to ask this perceptive question: "What if Guam's political status changes? Will the tax structure necessarily change also?"

Delegate Joaquin Blaz answered in the affirmative with this example: "If Guam becomes a state, we will have to pay federal taxes and institute an entirely different tax structure on Guam. The Organic Act must be general enough to embrace changes which may occur in Guam's political status."

More power for the commissioner was requested by Gregorio Calvo, commissioner of Tamuning, and Tumon. Now the commissioner can only go to the other departments of the government and request that work be done in his district with no assurance that the work will actually commence.

Adrian Sanchez, delegate from Tamuning, agreed with the commissioner saying, "Something must be done to spell out the exact duties of the commissioner as Guam grows. The people expect wonders of them (the commissioners), but they have not only a very small appropriation but no transportation provided for them."

Ignacio Camacho, who was at one time commissioner, thanked the delegates of the Convention for coming to the village and helping to bring into the open the multitude of problems experienced by the commissioners.

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## List Legislative Hearings Schedule for November

The emphasis of the public hearings of the First Constitutional Convention of Guam will shift to the Legislature and the Judicial branches Saturday with the session set for 7:30 p.m. in Sinajana.

This month, in 19 village meetings, the executive committee of the convention has heard from the public on such subjects as the duties and

qualifications of the governor, the role of the village commissioners, the use of the taxing power and the wisdom of having a government comptroller.

Now, it is judges and juries and the workings of the Legislature, as well as the methods for selection of judges and the basis for representation in the Legislature which will concern the committee and the interest-

ed public.

With the windup of these session in December, the way will be clear for the delegates to the Convention to write the document. After that, it must be approved by the Congress — probably in the form of an amendment to the Organic Act of 1950, the basis for self-government and U.S. citizenship in Guam.

The schedule of meetings on the Legislature and judicial branches:

DATE	DISTRICT
Nov. 1	Sinajana
Nov. 4	Agana
Nov. 5	Asan
Nov. 6	Agana Heights
Nov. 7	Santa Rita
Nov. 8	Piti
Nov. 10	Barrigada
Nov. 12	Dededo
Nov. 13	Yigo
Nov. 15	Mongmong
Nov. 18	Agat
Nov. 19	Tamuning
Nov. 20	Talofofo
Nov. 22	Chalan Pago
Nov. 24	Merizo
Nov. 25	Inarajan
Nov. 26	Mangilao

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