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## All of FSM Urged to back Compact

KOLONIA, Ponape — President Tosiwo Nakayama called on all FSM citizens to unite behind the Compact of Free Association recently ratified by the FSM Congress and state legislatures to show the U.S. government that they are ready for termination of the U.N. trusteeship as soon as possible, and assume the relationship of free association with the United States.

Nakayama made the appeal Sept. 13 during a ceremony in his office when he was presented the Sept. 2 resolutions by the FSM Congress completing the ratification process and the Ponape State Legislature disapproving the Compact.

The Truk, Yap and Kosrae legislatures approved the Compact and 79 per cent of the FSM voters approved it in the June 21 plebiscite, though 51 per cent of the Ponape vote was against it.

The Reagan administration is expected to introduce the FSM and Marshall Islands compacts for ratification in the U.S. Congress in mid-October, after the Sept. 7 Marshalls plebiscite vote is certified by the Nitijela and approved by it and the cabinet, according to a Status Commission official.

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CONGRESS RESOLUTION PRESENTED — Speaker Bethwel Henry, right, is presenting the Sept. 2 resolution unanimously approved by the FSM Congress to ratify the Compact of Free Association with the United States to President Tosiwo Nakayama during a Sept. 13 ceremony in the President's office. The ceremony was attended by Gov. Resio Moses and members of the Ponape State Legislature.

## Congress regular session near

KOLONIA, Ponape — Reviewing plans toward lobbying for the passage of the Compact of Free Association in the U.S. Congress and in U.N., action on the remaining cabinet nominees and the President's State of the Nation Message are among major items slated for the second regular session of the Third Congress, according to Speaker Bethwel Henry.

Henry said in an interview that Congress will also take up other considerations including a variety of appropriation bills and review of the results of the Seventh State-National Leadership Conference during the session which begins Oct. 10.

The 30 consecutive calendar day session is scheduled to continue through Nov. 8, and will also take up a resolution on the appointment of Richard Montoya as Assistant Secretary of Interior for the

Office of Territorial and International Affairs and the apprehension of fishing vessels fishing without license within the FSM economic zone, he added.

Regarding Montoya's appointment, Henry said, "I am personally very happy that he was appointed.

"I was impressed when he visited the Congress during the August special session," Henry said.

"His ideas are developmental and impressive," he added.

Henry also said that the Congress will be looking at the financial needs of the states and President Tosiwo Nakayama's reorganization plan, especially regarding the elimination of the Social Services Department.

"We are looking forward to hearing the President's State of the Nation Message," the Speaker said.

# Truk tackles cholera, emergency procedures set

KOLONIA, Ponape — The people of Truk are donating their work to curb the recent cholera resurgence there, according to FSM Health Services Chief Eliuel Pretrick.

Dr. Pretrick said Sept. 23 that 84 cholera cases were bacteriologically confirmed between July 18 and Sept. 6 in Truk, but no new cases have been confirmed since then.

The state was declared cholera free on June 17, following an outbreak in August, 1982, which reached epidemic levels with 2,316 suspected cases, 84 confirmed cases and 13 deaths reported through May 17.

The new outbreak is being attributed to the rainy season causing flooding of well water sources, according to newspaper reports.

Based on a report by FSM Health Program Manager Isamu Abraham who visited Truk, Pretrick said that rural sanitation projects, including the construction of water-sealed toilets and water catchments, are "proceeding well" in Truk.

"The most encouraging part is that people are providing their own construction of the toilets and water catchments," he said.

Pretrick noted that President Tosiwo Nakayama issued on Sept. 14 emergency procedures to be used throughout the FSM to prevent the spread of cholera from Truk, including a ban of food shipments and requirements for travel from the state.

Gov. Erhart Aten briefed the President in Ponape on Sept. 9 on the extent of the new outbreak.

Pretrick said that most of the new cases reported in Truk are on Moen, and that the state is going ahead with the opening of all of its schools on Sept. 26, which was delayed from Sept. 19.

He said that the state government is requesting one additional laboratory technician and six additional nurses from other FSM states, but "no additional doctors are needed at this time."

Pretrick said that High Commissioner Janet McCoy sent a team of Trust Territory officials, headed by Education Director Harold Crouch, to Truk "to find out how the Trust Territory can assist" and that the High Commissioner is expected to report to the FSM President.

Pretrick noted that Aten reimposed restrictions on travel between the contaminated islands in Truk Lagoon and the outer islands and said no new cases reported from the outer islands.

He said that the total number of new cases has not reached epidemic portions.

The emergency procedures announced by Nakayama for the FSM include:

"The State of Truk, after having a cholera epidemic in 1982, will be known to be a cholera endemic area for some time to come.

"In order to prevent further spread of cholera infection from Truk to the other FSM states, the following procedures are to be strictly observed:

"1. No food items, raw or cooked, including seafood, salted or frozen will be sent, carried or in any way transferred to Ponape, Kosrae, and Yap from Truk.

"2. The Governor of Truk has agreed to cooperate with the National Government and will set up a checkpoint at Truk International Airport and seaports where inspection for food items will be carried out by health and customs officials to prevent exportation of food to other FSM states.

"3. Similar checks and inspections will be carried out by customs and health officials at Yap, Kosrae and Ponape airports and seaports. Any food items found which are prohibited under paragraph 1 will be confiscated.

"4. Post Office officials are requested to kindly ask the addressees to open any boxes for inspection which come by airmail to the FSM states from the state of Truk.

"5. There is no ban on travel, but Truk State is requested to minimize interstate travel only to those individuals who travel with good reason.

"6. Travelers from Truk to any other FSM state will be screened by Truk

## Permit sought for Uman

KOLONIA, Ponape — Col. Michael M. Jenks, Honolulu District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, requested public review and comments on an application from the Truk State Public Safety Department for a federal permit to construct a 16,000-square-foot landfill area at Manukun Village on Uman Island.

Colonel Jenks continued, "Positive impacts resulting from the proposed discharges include increased social benefits and improved community conditions for the affected village members. None of the following resources of principal national concern is known to occur in the proposed discharge sites: harvestable shellfish beds; marine sanctuaries or refuges; endangered species or their critical habitat; or special aquatic sites."

Jenks requested that comments on this permit application and any request for a public hearing to consider problems and issues in the proposed landfill for a community meeting hall at Manukun Village, Uman island, Truk Lagoon, be mailed to him at Building 230 Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858, by Oct. 14.

health personnel to prevent anyone with abdominal discomfort, diarrhea, or vomiting from departing Truk to any other FSM state.

"7. Health officials will be at each FSM airport for all flights coming directly from Truk to screen all incoming passengers. A special card will be issued to each person advising that if the traveler becomes sick with diarrhea and abdominal pain within the first five days of arrival, he/she must report immediately to the State Hospital with this card. Upon presentation of the card, such individual will be given first priority of service.

"8. Each incoming passenger from Truk State will be required to provide to the health officials at the ports his/her address and where he/she will stay in the state.

"9. Air Micronesia and captains of certain ships must provide lists of incoming passengers from Truk to the health officials at each FSM port.

"10. Pacific Missionary Aviation (PMA) must provide a list of passengers arriving from Truk within five days of each flight.

"11. Every departing passenger traveling directly from Truk to any FSM state must be treated in Truk with tetracycline for three days prior to departure. A written certificate signed by the doctors responsible for the Cholera Control Program in Truk will be required for each incoming passenger showing that he/she is free of symptoms and that he/she has taken the required medicine for three days prior to departure from Truk.

"12. Each state is requested to promptly develop a cholera preventive program to reduce the potential of the spread of cholera within the states.

"13. Laboratory supplies for regular surveillance programs to detect water contamination at appropriate locations should be made available in all states and such surveillance should be carried out by appropriate environmental health personnel on a regular basis.

"14. All restaurant and other commercial food handlers should be screened on a regular basis in all states to prevent possible transmission of cholera infections.

"15. Any passenger arriving in the other FSM states directly from Truk without a required health certificate described above will be quarantined for such a period of time necessary to determine that the passenger is either contaminated or cholera free.

"These procedures will be in effect as of this 13th day of September, 1983 until rescinded."

(Signed) President Tosiwo Nakayama.

# President to go To SP Conference

KOLONIA, Ponape — President Tosiwo Nakayama announced that he will go to Saipan on Sept. 28 to attend the Oct. 1 opening of the 23rd South Pacific Conference and a pre-conference symposium on economic development.

Resources and Development Secretary Bernard Helgenberger will head the FSM delegation to the conference which will continue through Oct. 7. The delegation also will include FSM International Affairs Chief Masao Nakayama and Dr. Daniel Twum-Barimah, R&D Department economic advisor.

Yap requested to send representatives to participate in the FSM delegation, officials said.

The President, who was invited by Northern Marianas Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, conference chairman, will be accompanied by his special assistant, Ieske Ieshi.

The "Year of the Pacific" symposium will focus on the coordination of public economic development planning with the private sector, officials said.

The Saipan Civic Center is the site of the conference opening ceremony and the symposium and conference will be held in the former Trust Territory Education Department Building.

Twenty-four countries, or jurisdictions will be represented at the conference which will include discussions of tuna conservation, marine resources management and a Pacific islands fund and stabilization scheme.

"Smaller holder farming in rural development" is the economic theme of the conference and "rural employment promotion" is the social theme.

The agenda also includes a report by Secretary-General Francis Bugotu on his in-house review of the South Pacific Commission structure and activities, the 1984 work program and budget for the commission and member assessments and voluntary contributions.

The FSM contributes \$4,000 a year to the SPC and receives about \$90,000 a year in technical assistance and training services from the regional agency, officials said.

## Mori acting bank head

KOLONIA, Ponape — FSM Development Bank Secretary-Treasurer Manny Mori of Truk was named acting president of the bank, effective Sept. 8 until a permanent president is hired, by FSMDB Board Chairman Herman P. Semes.

Mori replaces Gunnar Thoren, a U.S. citizen whose contract ended in July.



PONAPE RESOLUTION PRESENTED — Ponape State Legislature Vice Speaker Hilary Conrad, left, is presenting the legislature's Sept. 2 resolution disapproving the Compact of Free Association with the United States to FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama during a Sept. 13 ceremony in the President's office. The Compact was ratified by three of the four FSM states and the Congress.

# Unity behind Compact urged

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The Marshall Islands compact was approved by 58 per cent of the participating voters, according to a RepMar news release published in the Sept. 16 Marshall Islands Journal. The final unofficial vote was 6,215 for and 4,509 against their compact.

Ponape Vice Speaker Hilary Conrad assured the President that though the legislature was not consistent with the rest of the states, its action was not out of hostility, nor hatred—"we're still friends."

He said that it was strictly a policy matter without reference to anyone, or any agency of the government.

Ponape Gov. Resio Moses also said that the vote in his state was not out of hostility but an expression of a minority view, a view that needs to be protected.

Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry of Ponape noted that the body unanimously approved the Compact, and said, "Now that the Compact of Free Association as far as the FSM is concerned is final "it is incumbent upon us to look ahead."

Henry said that the FSM state and national governments should be looking ahead to the days of implementing the Compact, even before the U.S. government acts on it.

Nakayama said that the beauty of democracy is that minorities are able to express their views.

He said that he will submit the documents to the U.S. government.

"It is my hope that now the question is behind us, we will all, the four states and the national government, work together to impress upon the United Nations and the United States government that this is truly an expression of our own democratic processes and our desire for their assistance to terminate the trusteeship as quickly as possible, and in turn to launch into free association," the President said.



CORRECTION — FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, left, is greeted by Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawk during an Aug. 31 reception in Canberra for participants in the 14th South Pacific Forum. The photograph was incorrectly identified as a private meeting in the Sept. 15 National Union. Nakayama met privately instead, Sept. 1 with Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden.

# FSM staff auditors named

KOLONIA, Ponape — FSM Public Auditor John Dye announced the appointments of Luther (Lou) C. Etier of Reno, Nevada, as his senior staff auditor and Pelsesar R. Petrus of Truk as junior auditor.

Etier, 49, a nine-year City of Reno Accounting Division supervisor, received his BBA degree in accounting from Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas, and attended seminars in governmental accounting and forecasting sponsored by the Municipal Finance Officer Association and by the Public Technology Institute.

Etier, was a sergeant accountant-payroll manager in the U.S. Army stationed in Japan and Korea, 1945-51, during the Korean War was also a salesman for a phonographic company for eight years before he went to college.

Petrus, 34, is a former researcher for FSM Commission on Future Political Status and Transition who also worked on special assignment for the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics. He received his BA degree in mathematics in 1975 from Oregon State University, Corvallis.

Petrus also attended Mauna Olu College on Maui, Hawaii, 1970-1971, after graduating from Truk High School in 1970.

Petrus attended the Statistical Ins-



Etier



Petrus

titute for Asia and Pacific in Tokyo as a U.N. Fellow, 1977-78, and South Pacific Commission courses in census analysis and survey data in Honiara, Solomon Islands and national accounts in Suva, Fiji, and represented the FSM government on the 1983 Sixth Statistics Conference for the Pacific region in Suva.

He taught two summers, 1975-76 for the Community College of Micronesia Extension program in Truk and at Truk High School, 1975-76, and was the assistant Truk State Planner, 1976-80.

## Wolf financial chief

KOLONIA, Ponape — Frieda Wolf, a former Trust Territory communications tariffs consultant, became financial manager for the FSM Telecommunications Corp on Aug. 3, according to Telecom General Manager Norman Hutchfield.

Ms. Wolf is in charge of billing, budget, international settlements and payroll, in addition to being an advisor on tariffs, Hutchfield said.

Before joining Telecom, she was serving as a consultant to the FSM public corporation on tariffs and billing procedures through the U.N. International Telecommunications Union.

She joined the TT government as a consultant for international and local operations and billing procedures in 1981, after beginning her career in telecommunications in 1978 with the Micronesian Telecommunications Corp. in Saipan.

A native of New York City, Ms. Wolf, 34, studied computer science at Pennsylvania State University and through an International Business Machines-sponsored program. She worked for the General Public Utilities Corp., Reading, Pennsylvania, for six years before going to Saipan.



Wolf

## Peterson promoted

KOLONIA, Ponape — Enerika Peterson, Ponape Branch assistant manager since Aug. 30, 1980, was promoted to assistant cashier, a corporate officer of the Bank of Hawaii, according to Mike Schochet vice president in charge of Pacific islands branches who visited Kolonia Sept. 21-23.

Mrs. Peterson is now assistant cashier and assistant manager, effective Sept. 1.

Mrs. Peterson, 42, is a native of Sokehs, Ponape and graduate of Our Lady of Mercy School at the Catholic Mission here who joined the Bank of Hawaii as a bookkeeper in 1964 and worked for the bank in Saipan as operations officer, as well as Ponape. She became assistant branch manager when she returned to Ponape in 1980.

Mrs. Peterson resides here with her husband, College of Micronesia Executive Director Loren Peterson, and their seven children.



Peterson

## External rotates Siron, Sirgah

KOLONIA, Ponape — External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich announced Sept. 22 that he is rotating two foreign service officers with Honolulu Liaison Officer Tadao Sigrah and the department's Administrative Officer, former Guam Liaison Officer Nishima Siron replacing each other.

Sigrah, 38, is a native of Kosrae who received a BA degree in political science from the University of Guam in 1969 and served as management intern at the TT Headquarters in Saipan (1970-1971), and legislative liaison officer for the TT Government (1971-1972).

Sigrah also served as Ponape District public affairs director (1972-1978), chief clerk, House, Congress of Micronesia (1978-1980) and Honolulu liaison officer (1980-1983).

Siron, 38, is a native of Truk who received a BA degree in political science from University of Guam in 1970 and served as Truk District Civic Affairs Officer (1970-1971), assistant clerk of the Senate, Congress of Micronesia (1971-1977), and clerk of the COM Senate (1977-1978).

He also served as clerk of the Interim Congress of Micronesia Senate for one year before he became the chief clerk of the FSM Congress (1979-1980).

Siron served as head of Guam Liaison Office (1980-1982) prior to becoming the administrative officer for the External Affairs Department, a position he held until the recent appointment.

Amaraich said that he is using the rotation method as a training program through which the department staff will gain experience in serving in overseas offices.

Amaraich said his department continues the search for two secretaries and Micronesian Relations Division deputy chief.



Sigrah



Siron