

Chief Clerk returns after missing at sea

KOLONIA, Ponape -- Congress Chief Clerk Sintaro Ezra, Trust Territory Food Services Coordinator for the FSM Nihlis Ernest and local fisherman Ounis Jack returned to Kolonia late Monday, Oct. 31, after being missing seven days on a fishing trip in rain storms and rough seas.

They were admitted to the Ponape State Hospital for observation and released Nov. 1 in good condition.

The trio reported that they survived on dried fish and rain water captured in an unmanned boat owned by Sohsi

Isaac of Pingelap which they found drifting on Oct. 26.

They left Sokehs about 10 a.m. Oct. 24, in a 19-foot fiberglass boat with a single 35-horse-power outboard motor and were reported seen by local fishermen about 3:30 p.m. that afternoon trolling in a school of fish during a heavy rain storm which limited visibility.

They said that they last saw local fishermen John Thomas at 2 p.m. Oct. 24, and that they used an empty gas

tank for a sea anchor while cutting their motor and drifting.

They sighted Ponape about 3 p.m. Oct. 30 still drifting with the current and wind moving them toward the island. The current changed about 4 p.m., so they started their engine and reached Ohwa Pass on the east side of the island at 5:45 p.m. Oct. 31.

Ezra said "We had fish and water provisions enough to last for about a month," and they never saw the rescue planes and ships searching for them.



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President says plan completed

KOLONIA, Ponape -- President Tosiwo Nakayama announced the completion of the National Development Plan and urged the FSM Congress to follow its

guidelines for funding local projects during his fourth annual State of the Nation Message here Oct. 28.

The President cited the ratification

of the Compact of Free Association with the United States by the Federated States and the Saipan Accords with the presidents of Palau and the Marshall Islands to gain acceptance for the Compact in the U.S. Congress as steps toward entry into a new era of development and prosperity for the FSM.

"The economic prosperity we seek which will be the source of our political self-reliance will be based on the actions we take now to build the foundation for our development and growth," he told the Congress.

"As we prepare for this new era of self-government during free association, the most important thing that we can do is to complete the foundation that we began to lay for our economic development," he said.

"Our National Development Plan has been completed," the President said, noting that Volume II dealing with state development programs and national financial investment policy has been forwarded to the Congress.

He said that Volume I dealing with national characteristics operations accounts and fiscal policy will be forwarded to Congress before the end of its current session which is scheduled for Nov. 8.



STATE OF THE NATION MESSAGE -- FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, upper left, is delivering his fourth annual State of the Nation Message on Oct. 28 in the Congress chamber. From left are Floor Leader John Haglegam of Yap, Nakayama, Speaker Bethwel Henry and Administrative Assistant Mitchuo Daniel, of Ponape. (See message text on Pages 4-6 and related stories on Page 2-3.)

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Congress disapproves 4-year terms for all

KOLONIA, Ponape — The Third FSM Congress disapproved a bill which would amend the FSM Constitution to provide for four-year terms for all of its members, Oct. 28, after President Tosiwo Nakayama delivered the State of the Nation Message.

The bill received 8 votes for and 4 against it, with 10 votes required for passage.

Measures adopted on the 19th day of the current regular session include Congressional Bill 3-91, changing the closing time of polls from 7 p.m. to 5 p.m. for national elections, and Congressional Resolution 3-85, CD1 commending FSM public safety officers upon their graduation from the Micronesian Police Academy in Sitka, Alaska, and recognizing others for organizing and conducting the training program.

C.B. 3-3, CD1, which would amend Article IX, Section 8, of the FSM Constitution to provide that all member of the Congress serve four-year terms would also make all members qualified

Settlement reached

KOLONIA, Ponape — President Tosiwo Nakayama announced during his Oct. 28 State of the Nation to Congress a settlement was reached with the owners of a Japanese boat caught fishing illegally in FSM waters who agreed to pay a \$500,000 penalty, plus \$21,476.92 in costs.

The settlement was reached earlier Oct. 28 in negotiations here between FSM Chief Litigator David Nevitt and John Moore of the Moore, Lawlor and Hall law firm in Guam, representing Goyo Marine Products, owner of the Goyo Maru No. 2 purse seine fishing vessel which was apprehended while fishing Aug. 17 near Kapingamarangi Atoll, Ponape state, a few weeks after the latest agreement with the Federation of Japan Fisheries Cooperative Associations expired.

The boat was brought to Ponape Island, and the Attorney General's Office filed charges in the FSM Supreme Court seeking \$3.6 million in fines and penalties, plus forfeiture of the \$6 million vessel and its catch.

"We must do all that we can to enforce our fishing laws in order to reap a fair compensation for the use of our valuable fisheries resource and continue its conservation," the President told Congress.

Nevitt said that he would move to drop the charges, when the FSM receives the settlement fees.

for President and Vice President.

Presently, only those members elected from each state at-large serve four-year terms. All other members represent specified election districts and serve two-year terms.

The bill which was submitted for approval by the Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee chaired by Senator Jack Fritz of Truk, would reduce the number of elections and cut costs regarding campaigns and the administration of the voting process, the Committee report said.

The report also said that the bill would provide the members of the Congress who presently serve two-year terms with more time to establish their programs and achieve long-range goals, and would give each member equal standing.

Floor Leader John Haglegam of Yap

President vetoes two measures

KOLONIA, Ponape — President Tosiwo Nakayama informed the FSM Congress that he vetoed two acts, including one to change the allottee for all public projects on Tol Island from the Truk State Government to the Outer Faichuk Social Economic Development Authority board of directors.

The second act to increase the jurisdiction of the Congress over fishing rights agreements was vetoed, the President said, because it would mean his having to call a special session every time an agreement was being finalized.

In an Oct. 14 letter to Speaker Bethwel Henry, the President said that he disapproved C.B. 3-123 which was approved during the first special session of the Third FSM Congress in August because it would take the fiscal 1982-funded projects from the chain-of-command structure of the state government and make its accountability difficult under the Financial Management Act.

He said that "we have learned from experience that it is difficult to monitor national appropriations for state public projects when the designated allottee is removed from the chain-of-command structure of the state government," and that "the intent of the State Public Projects Regulations can be easily frustrated as they become difficult, if not impossible to apply."

Nakayama said that the provision of the bill to consolidate four \$10,000 economic improvement projects for Tol into one \$40,000 well-defined project for that Truk Lagoon island is not objectionable.

He said that funds for two of the projects, including \$7,000 for Foup

said he objected to the bill because the FSM President and Vice President are of "broader constituency," and he does not want to treat the FSM Constitution just like any public law that must be amended every time the Congress meets.

Fritz said that the bill comes from many constituents out of a growing concern and that there needs to be more selection in the Congress for the highest offices in the executive branch.

Speaking in favor of the proposed bill, Senator Peter Christian of Ponape said he thinks only senators who ran unopposed should be elected President and Vice President. He called the bill "an act of bravery!"

Senator Pedro Harris of Ponape said "after talking with some people, it (the bill) appears to be self-serving."

classroom repair and \$5,000 for an Anwachang taro patch wall, were allotted to the Truk governor and expended, and could not be allotted, again, as required by the bill.

In an Oct. 18 letter to the Speaker, the President said, "If the approval process suggested in CB 3-104, CD1, were to take effect, in most cases the only way to obtain prompt action on an agreement would be to call a special session of Congress, a time consuming, expensive and unnecessary requirement, in my view.

"For this reason, I have chosen to disapprove the bill," he said.

The President said that the amendments would change existing law from requiring that fisheries agreements with foreign parties be approved by the Congress when it is in session, or the Resources and Development Committee when it is not in session and approval by the Micronesian Maritime Administration when fewer than 10 vessels are involved.

The changes would require congressional approval of all agreements involving six vessels or more and approval by the R&D Committee of agreements for fewer than six agreements, he said stating that "Such an approach would effectively eliminate the capacity of the government to approve foreign fishing agreements in a prompt and timely fashion and would throw into disarray regulation of the 200-mile zone."

The President also cited the recommendation of the MMA executive director to veto the bill, stating that should it become law, "we would not be able to cope with the emerging fishery in the Western Pacific."

U.N. Volunteers Provide services

KOLONIA, Ponape — Seven U.N. volunteers are providing professional and technical services in the FSM and an additional medical doctor was scheduled to arrive under a new agreement between the FSM and the U.N. Development Programme, according to Deputy Chief for Asian Affairs Ira Akapito.

In addition, there are fifteen requests for UNV's being processed at different stages. The contracting of two volunteers is pending funding by state agencies, five are being recruited in their home countries and there are eight vacancies for positions requested by the state governments, Akapito said.

U.N. volunteers had served in the FSM states (or districts in TTPI then) through an agreement with the Trust Territory government, he said, noting that the first volunteers to arrive under the new agreement were Wilfredo and Fruclina Gesulga, both medical doctors from the Philippines who have been working in the super dispensary on Satawan Island, Truk.

Also, in Truk, Sahit Matararaachi of Sri Lanka arrived in September to work as a physical planner for the Faichuk area in Truk; funding is pending for Dr. Bhupinder Kakkar of India to work on Tol and Ms. M Baroy of the Philippines to serve as a poultry/broiler specialist in Moen; Dr. Olivia Alegre is being recruited in the Philippines to work on Moen, and there are requests for an economist and agriculturalist in Faichuk, a chemist for the copra plant in Moen and an economist for the legislature.

In Ponape, A Opoku of Ghana has been serving as a cold storage repair and maintenance specialist since June, Dr. R. K. Barro of the Philippines has been serving as a surgeon at the State Hospital since August, A. Gamage is being recruited in Sri Lanka to be a small business development adviser, U Tin Tham is being recruited in Burma to serve as an electrical engineer, Raj Kazee Ranjekar is being recruited in Nepal to serve as a water and sewer engineer and there are requests for a marine biologist, an architect, a business instructor and curriculum development consultant for the Community College of Micronesia and an anesthetist for the hospital.

In Yap, A. M. A. Abeyasinghe of Sri Lanka began serving as a small business promotion specialist in April, J. K. Partridge of the United Kingdom started in August as a marine resources development specialist, G. P. Gautam of Nepal began as a road construction engineer in March and left in September for personal reasons and Dr. Juan Encinas of the Philippines was due to arrive on Oct. 26, but his arrival was delayed by the cancellation of Air Nauru flight.

President urges tax revision

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The President said that the delegates to the Seventh State-National Leadership Conference held here in July mandated the national government to "fully evaluate all national project and program appropriations for their compatibility with the state development needs, objectives and priorities" identified in the national plan.

In his legislative program, the President emphasized the need to enact his long-pending tax revision package "to assist state operations and to support state economic development programs," citing a projected \$2 million deficit in meeting those responsibilities.

He said that the FSM has succeeded in establishing an international identity in participating in the international forums of the region, such as the recent South Pacific Conference in Saipan and the South Pacific Forum in Australia.

"Our activities in the international sphere continue to be aimed toward developing our economy," he said, citing about \$4 million in aid from Japan in the last four years and technical assistance from agencies of the United Nations, the South Pacific Commission and the South Pacific Economic and Social Development Commission (SPEC).

Nakayama said that the Saipan Accords will help develop the College of Micronesia into an eventual four-year institution to meet the needs of the FSM in developing the technical and professional skills required for its development.

He also said that the FSM is working with the Ponape State Government to establish a medical officers training

school here with the assistance of the University of Hawaii Medical School.

He cited the two crises which the FSM weathered during the past year, in terms of the cholera epidemic in Truk and the area-wide prolonged drought.

He said that both would have long-term effects, both good and bad. The good would be the awakening of the FSM and Trust Territory to the lack of adequate sanitation and health conditions and the beginning of the construction of facilities to cope with these needs and education of the people to assist in the program throughout the FSM.

The bad would be the long-term social and economic effects of cholera and the time it would take to rebuild the subsistence agriculture of the islands, while depending on U.S. food assistance to weather the crisis, he said.

The President said he will call on state and national leaders to hammer out a national foreign investment policy, that a national transportation policy must be formulated to enhance economic development and tourism in the nation and that the FSM state and national governments must focus on developing their private sector economies, including keeping down public sector salaries to encourage private sector employment.

"I want to emphasize the intent of my administration to come to terms with the manpower development problem and to quickly help provide a four-year course of action," he said.

"We must help provide a little over 1,000 new jobs each year, as more than 20,000 jobs must be provided in the next 15 years," Nakayama said.

Says statistics, projects experts needed

KOLONIA, Ponape — U.N. Senior Advisor to the FSM Guy deMorsella recommended expansion of the U.N. volunteer program in the FSM and the assignment of an associate expert to the Statistics Division in his draft final report on two-year development planning project in which he participated.

The U.N. senior advisor, who left Ponape on Sept. 27, after completing his two-year contract, also recommended that an associate expert be provided to assist the FSM in project supervision.

He said that the FSM now has a shortage of qualified technicians and that the demand for technicians is increasing as the number of project proposals increases, so the FSM will need a staff of experts in fisheries, agriculture and construction plus short-term experts in other fields.

In addition to continuing and possi-

ble, expanding the U.N. volunteer program, deMorsella recommended that the U.N. "explore the possibility of assigning to the FSM Secretariat of External Affairs, greater responsibilities in the administration and management of the UNV program in the FSM including eventually direct communications and negotiations with the UNV agency in Geneva.

DeMorsella projected a shortage of expertise in collecting, publishing and utilizing statistical data for government operations and economic development, in recommending that the U.N. "assign, as soon as possible, a U.N. associate expert to the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics" who could give full-time support to the Statistics Division.

He also urged that the U.N. continue its short-term training programs in statistics in the FSM.

President urges Congress to follow National Development

KOLONIA, Ponape – Following is the text of the Oct. 28 State-of-the-Nation Message by President Tosiwo Nakayama, calling for the FSM Congress to follow the programs outlined in the National Economic Development Plan for funding projects in the FSM:

"Mr. Speaker, members of the Third FSM Congress, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. First I want to express my appreciation for being invited to deliver my Fourth State-of-the-Nation Message to the Congress and to the people of the Federated States of Micronesia. On that note, I want to congratulate all member of Congress for being elected with me in March, and to thank you, again, for reelecting me for a second term as President of our Federation.

"Since my statement to you on May 20 of last year, we have proven to the world that we are forging ahead as a new nation. The people of the Federated States of Micronesia on June 21 approved the Compact of Free Association with the United States by a majority vote of 79 per cent. This act of self-determination was later ratified by you on September 2nd.

"Let us not forget that in that same plebiscite more than 70 percent of the voters chose independence as the preferred option, if Free Association were rejected. That should tell the world that we know who we are and that we have mastered the course of our own destiny.

"Our next step, of course, is to seek the ratification of the Compact and its subsidiary agreements by the U.S. Congress. I have presented to this Congress a plan of action, consisting of the budgetary requirements, to fulfill that goal. I hope that you will move forward quickly with the plan so that we can gain U.S. congressional acceptance of the Compact and put it into effect. This, as you know, would end centuries of foreign domination of our islands.

"I am extremely pleased to report that I met with the Presidents of the Republics of Palau and the Marshall Islands in Saipan where we were signatories on October 5 to the "Saipan Accords", in which we agreed to work together to gain the approval of the Compact by the U.S. Government.

"We also agreed to maintain and strengthen the College of Micronesia as a regional organization, serving all three governments. The bolstering of the College of Micronesia to meet our needs in the areas of post-secondary education, now and during Free Association has been a major concern of my administration. I am pleased to report that President Remeliik, President Kabua and I agreed to bring our governments together on a number of other issues and to meet again in the near future, beginning in December.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

"In the area of International Relations, we successfully concluded the "Saipan Accords" reached during the October 4-5 summit meeting which I held with President Remeliik and President Kabua on Saipan. In addition, the ratification of the Compact followed successful conclusion of 13 years of negotiations with the U.S. government on the terms of the Compact and its subsidiary agreements.

"As I have said before, we have succeeded in establishing an international identity through continued participation in the International Forums of the region. Most recently, we participated in the October 1-7 South Pacific

Conference in Saipan which adopted a reorganization plan making the FSM a full voting member of the policy-making body of the South Pacific Commission. I headed our delegation and attended the opening ceremony of the conference. The Secretary of Resources and Development was the head representative of our delegation. In August, I led our delegation to the South Pacific Forum in Canberra, Australia. We are the only Micronesian government to participate in the Forum and to attain full membership in the Forum Fisheries Agency and SPEC.

"Our activities in the international sphere continue to be aimed toward developing our economy. We completed negotiations and signed a contract with the government of Japan for a third assistance grant of \$1.5 million to provide heavy construction equipment to construct rural road networks in the four states. The Japanese have installed refrigeration units in the Micro Glory and Micro Spirit field trip ships and on Oneop in Truk, Woleai in Yap and in Kosrae as part of a \$900,000 aid package for 1981. We have received about \$4 million in aid from Japan in the last four years.

"While we have received generous contributions of foreign aid from the government of Japan, we are currently in a stalemate in our fishery negotiations with the Japanese industry. Compounding the current difficulty was the incident in September of a Japanese purse seine fishing vessel caught fishing illegally within our 200-mile zone a few weeks after the breakoff of fishery negotiations. And we have not received any response from the government of Japan regarding our requests for freezer facilities and for a fisheries expert.

"In view of important historical ties dating back to early in this century, and the geographical location of the two countries, satisfactory and mutually beneficial relations between the two governments are vital to the long-term interests of both nations.

"The government plans to open a Liaison Office in Japan for which the executive branch has received partial funding from the Congress. It is hoped that this office will help improve communications and understanding between the two government.

"We completed and you ratified the Nauru sub-regional fisheries agreement which will lead to the conservation and utilization of fisheries resources with the assistance of the Forum Fisheries Agency, and we signed the U.N. Law of the Sea final act last year in Jamaica. I am transmitting the Law of the Sea Treaty to Congress for ratification and I propose that the FSM seek accession to the treaty at the earliest opportunity.

"Assistance from external sources continue to flow into the FSM in technical expertise and services from the SPC, U.N. Development Programme, South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation (SPEC), Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), U.N. Volunteer Program, WHO, International Labour Organization and other specialized U.N. Agencies, such as UNICEF. Eight U.N. volunteers are providing professional services in the FSM states and planning advisors have been placed in the states by the UNDP. The UNDP Senior Advisor to the FSM national government completed his two-year contract with the recommendations that more technical

assistance be provided in statistical expertise and project supervision.

"The SPC sent its Mobile Training Unit to Ponape where it began in March training 25 FSM citizens for youth and village development programs. The program was concluded with a graduation ceremony on October 27.

"Through the generosity of the governments of Australia and the Netherlands, scholarships and fellowships from those countries have been made available to our students.

"Our External Affairs Department is continuing to appeal to the U.S. Government and throughout the U.N. Trusteeship Council for funds to pay off the remaining unpaid claims adjudicated by the Micronesian War Claims Commission in the 1970's. We are also preparing for the conclusion of a seaboundary treaty with our neighbor, Papua New Guinea.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

"As we prepare for this new era of self-government during Free Association, the most important thing that we can do is to complete the foundation that we began to lay for our economic development.

"Our National Development Plan has been completed. Volume II dealing with state development programs and national financial investment policy has been forwarded to Congress. Volume I dealing with national characteristics, operations accounts and fiscal policy will be forwarded to Congress before the end of your current session. I urge you to review Volume II as soon as your work schedule permits. The national development plan, in its preliminary form, will be a useful document in our effort to communicate to the U.S. Government in coming months our serious intent to create a more self-reliant national economy in the next 15 years.

"One of the most important components of the infrastructure for our economic development scheme, satellite communications, became a reality during the past year. We inaugurated the Ponape earth station on March 25, the Truk station began operating in May, the Yap station in June and the Kosrae station in September, completing our leap into 20th century communications. The FSM Telecommunications Corporation assumed responsibility for all Telecommunications in this nation on October 1st, including billing and operations of the previous state communications centers. We are now seeking the resources to upgrade telephone systems within each state so that our Telecommunications system can be self-supporting and provide the vital services that it was intended to provide.

"In addition, we have received direct technical assistance from the International Monetary Fund in the development of our financial banking and monetary responsibilities. This was done with the support and approval of the U.S. representative in the IMF. In conjunction with the FSM banking board, IMF experts have reviewed and proposed revisions to existing banking legislation, and IMF consultants are now reviewing our internal budget and financial procedures in order for us to establish a simplified, national budgetary system.

"We have also requested IMF assistance in establishing an FSM Monetary Authority to assist us in developing a national banking system and to assist us in the administration of state and national Compact accounts. It is my

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belief, that by establishing world standards of financial, budget and banking operations, the fiscal responsibility and integrity of this nation can be utilized as a positive force in the development of international trade, and in our quest for foreign investment participation in development of our productive activities.

"With regard to foreign investment, both public and private, I urge your full cooperation in creating for this nation a clear, simplified, effective and well coordinated set of foreign investment incentives and regulations. Our present and future relationship with the United States, our location in the Western Pacific and an increasing contact with Pacific and Asian nations make the FSM an ideal location for foreign investment.

"While we will need to screen all foreign investment carefully, we will want to clarify our investment program and assist foreign businessmen who can help us develop our resources. With your support, I want to add to our busy schedule over the next year a number of work sessions between state and national leaders in order to hammer out a national foreign investment policy that, we hope, will dramatically increase private financing, and technical and management assistance in the FSM.

"The development and maintenance of our transportation systems, both air and sea, are crucial to the development of tourism and to our economy in general. So they must remain a priority in our development program. We have received a report on our air system sponsored by the United Nations.

"In addition, U.S. technical assistance program have financed a study of our sea transportation system. When these studies are completed, I will bring to Congress an executive policy document on the development and the future subsidization required for our transport systems. I am convinced that a national transportation policy must evolve with the increased movement of people and commodities among our states.

"I also ask the Congress to support the development of our islands' air services. This support must not only include the construction of airports in our atolls, but the creation of long-term air services to people who live on our distant islands through the promotion of private air service development.

"Under programs authorized by this body, we are continuing to work with Truk and Ponape to develop their fisheries complexes by helping them with funding for these programs. The Yap vegetable project; the Truk small industries, handicrafts and breadfruit projects, and the Ponape zori factory were funded under Public Law No. 2-26. Public Law No. 2-26 funds also were used to conduct a volumetric survey of timber resources throughout the FSM, which was completed, and to construct tanks for a clam and trochus reseeding project in Ponape. We are looking into the possibility of reactivating the laterite brick manufacturing project in Ponape, installation of the citrus storage refrigeration unit in Lelu, Kosrae, is near completion, and payaos, or fish aggregating devices were installed in Ponape and Truk to increase fish catches for local fishermen.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

"During the past year, we have weathered

two crises which will have long-term effects, both good and bad, on our economic and social development. They are the cholera outbreak which hit Truk State last year and the long-term drought which we suffered throughout the FSM this year. Both incidents exposed the frailty of our environment and the lack of resources which our state and national governments have for dealing with major disasters.

"Cholera struck Truk in August, 1982, reaching epidemic levels by October of that year. There were 2,316 suspected cases, 849 confirmed cases and 13 deaths through May 17, 1983, when it had subsided. The reoccurrence proved that we had suspected, that cholera will remain endemic indefinitely in Truk. So we in the state and national governments must do all that we can to minimize its impact in Truk and to keep it from spreading to the other states and neighboring countries. I issued a set of procedures, including restrictions on food shipments and travel from the state.

"At the outset, the Truk state government did not have the resources to cope with the rapid spread of the bacteria and its effects on human lives. Thankfully, the U.S. government and World Health Organization quickly responded to our request to send personnel and supplies to treat its victims, clean up the environment and begin a health education program to bring better sanitation and hygiene practices to prevent its spread. The U.S. Congress provided \$1.6 million during fiscal year 1983 for treatment of disease and to begin the installation of water-seal toilets and water catchments in Truk, and it is providing another \$2 million to continue the program there in fiscal year 1984. I am hoping that we can expand this program of sanitary sewage and water catchment construction to the outlying areas throughout the FSM, and I hope that we can use this experience with cholera to bring other programs to improve our environment and lifestyles, and to rid ourselves of other communicable diseases such as leprosy and tuberculosis. Such community program initiatives would be one positive effect of the crises.

"The prolonged drought which began in December, last year, and continued into June added to the cholera epidemic problem by making good sanitation practices difficult through lack of water. It reduced underground water tables which were subsequently contaminated with salt water. It adversely affected our subsistence farming economy by causing the reduction of egg production and early slaughtering of animals due to the lack of water for them, and it may have long-term effects on food crops such as breadfruit and taro, and our basic export, copra.

"In cooperation with state governments and in coordination with the Trust Territory government and U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency, I requested emergency food relief for Ponape, Truk, and Yap. This program results from the FEMA inspection of the impact of the drought on local food supplies. I would like to emphasize that this is an emergency food assistance program which will last only six months. Immediate action must be taken by our governments to ensure that an agricultural recovery program is implemented. Without adequate recovery programs, long-term food self sufficiency will not become a reality. As an emerging nation, our first step toward economic sovereignty must be food self-sufficiency. We must be able to feed our

own people without direct foreign assistance. That would be the positive effect of the drought crisis.

"We are working with the Ponape State Government to establish a medical officer training school here for the Federated States to train replacement medical officers and to provide refresher training for those now working in our system. The former Congress of Micronesia provided the legislation to carry out this program with the assistance of the University of Hawaii and the Ponape State Hospital for the school. We are working on funding and the University of Hawaii is seeking grants to help finance the institution.

"In education, I want to emphasize the major thrust of our first five-year development program is the development among our people the skills and experience necessary to carry this nation through the first years of its existence. The total effort will require considerable time, considerable planning and understanding, and will absorb much of our needed financial resources. I want to emphasize the intent of my administration to come to terms with the manpower development problem and to quickly help provide a four-year course of action. We must help provide a little over 1,000 new jobs each year, as more than 20,000 jobs must be provided in the next 15 years.

"To meet this challenge we drafted in August, 1982, a comprehensive working document for your consideration. This year I formed a special committee to review with the states the programs presented in the employment development and training plan. The committee has forwarded to me policy alternatives for our joint consideration. Along with this committee's work we need to better understand the problems facing our primary and secondary educational systems, we need to better identify the benefits and costs of creating special institutions within the FSM for specialized training and we must gear our higher education benefits and scholarships to support those students pursuing the particular fields that will provide this nation with the local skills needed to grow and develop.

"To this end, I am confident that the Saipan Accord on the College of Micronesia will help us develop that institution to meet those needs. I am sure that it will not be long before we come to you for the resources to make the College of Micronesia, especially through its campus here in Ponape, a four-year institution with a curriculum and a highly qualified faculty to meet the educational needs of our nation and our region.

"In other government services, I would like to cite the installation of the first advanced data processing computer system within our nation in the FSM Finance Department for use by our national government, Ponape State and the College of Micronesia, with this, we have begun to set into place for our nation full control over our own financial procedures. The system is being financed by the U.S. Office of Territorial and International Affairs technical assistance division. New computers and associate reporting systems will be expanded to Yap, Truk and Kosrae. We will need the full support of the Congress and State governments to set up, operate and maintain such systems in the areas of training, space to operate, funding for operations and maintenance and nation-wide comparative systems of

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reporting.

"In conjunction with our state and national efforts to establish a long-term capital improvement program in each state I have initiated action to transfer full authority to the FSM for administration of CIP projects funded by U.S. grant assistance. This action will require close cooperation between state and national service systems to ensure our governments receive least-cost but efficiently administered construction projects. It is my hope that a State-National administrative system can be organized that will carry our CIP work into the period of Free Association.

"The Personnel Office which has been administering the public service system act and the salary act for four years has promulgated regulations and developed a handbook for those acts. It developed a new classification plan which is awaiting your approval and is working on a new pay plan. Our objective is to replace expatriates as soon as possible with qualified FSM citizens.

"In the area of law enforcement, we will establish a branch of the Attorney General's Office in Truk this November. The national government, in cooperation with the Trust Territory government, has been promoting intensive police training through the Alaska Police Academy which recently graduated 34 Micronesian trainees and the FBI Academy which also will receive at least one FSM trainee. The security of high government officials and building has been upgraded, and our surveillance of our extended fisheries zone for illegal fishing boats has been increased. A Japanese boat was caught fishing after the expiration of their fishing agreement and was submitted to litigation in the FSM Supreme Court. Incidentally, we have reached settlement with the Japanese on this particular incidence and they will be paying our government \$500,000, plus \$21,476.92 in costs. A U.S. boat caught fishing without a license in our waters resisted arrest and fled. We asked the U.S. State Department to assist in apprehending that boat. We must continue to do all that we can to enforce our fishing laws in order to reap a fair compensation for the use of our valuable fisheries resource and continue its conservation.

"Pursuant to the subsidiary agreements of the Compact, I have signed into law the legislation by this Congress to create an FSM national postal service. I will soon appoint a postmaster general and establish the organization necessary to ensure a rapid transfer of Postal Services to the FSM Postal Authority.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

"As we come now to our legislative program,

Ombudsmen cite tradition

COLONIA, Yap — Micronesian justice ombudsmen and probation officers agreed to work closely with traditional leaders in determining appropriate sentencing during their Oct. 17-22 conference in Yap, according to FSM National Justice Ombudsman Nickontro Johnny.

The conference participants agreed that special consideration should be given by the courts to traditional settlements, including formal apologies in determining appropriate sentences, in order to re-establish harmony in the community, Johnny said.

I must once again appeal to the Congress to enact the tax revision package that we gave you earlier this year.

"This tax revenue will be required to assist state operations and to support state economic development projects. FSM national income and expenditures forecasts indicate that our governments may be as much as \$2 million short of revenues if we plan to complete the responsibilities outlined. This tax legislation, therefore, is crucial for operational efficiencies, and to reorganize the service systems basis the first year of Free Association.

"Once again, I want to remind the Congress that we should be devoting our resources and energies to the projects which have been identified by the states to be the foundation of our economic development for the next five years. Further, the Seventh State-National Leadership Conference directed us to follow these guidelines in asking us to 'fully evaluate all national project and program appropriations for their compatibility with the state development needs, objectives and priorities.'

"There are a number of other proposals requiring legislative action which I already have mentioned, such as funding for our political education program in the U.S. Congress with Palau and the Marshalls and additional funding for the new FSM Liaison Office in Tokyo.

CONCLUSION

"In conclusion, I wish to recall my statement at the end of my First State of the Nation Message to you on May 16, 1980, when I said:

"This period of our history holds the risk of great peril and the hope of great promise. Our mandate, quite simply, is to lead our people into a period of prosperity, national unity and stability. The responsibility weights very heavily on us, the leaders of the Federated States. We are moving into a period of self-government. The first time Micronesians have ruled their own destiny in three centuries. The goals of prosperity, unity and stability are goals which we have set for ourselves and also achievements which our people have a right to expect of us. We want a stable Federated States of Micronesia. A stable government will be an achievement of the purposes of the Trusteeship experiment which began 30 years ago in Micronesia. We want to move forward in order to establish a stable government, move toward greater prosperity and consolidate national unity."

"Gentlemen, I think that we have achieved much of what we set out to do four years ago, in proving that we can govern ourselves, in establishing a stable government and consolidating national unity. The economic prosperity we seek which will be the source of our political self-reliance will be based on the actions we take now to build the foundation for our development and growth.

"Thank you."

Police training

KOLONIA, Ponape — Thirty-four police officer were in the first class to complete the 13-week Micronesia National Police Academy course at Alaska Department of Public Safety Academy, Sitka, Alaska, according to FSM Division of Security and Investigations Chief Joe Race.

The class included Tarios D. Ludwig and Lester Ruda of the FSM DSI; Quirino M. Ladorre, Berney J. Martin, William L. Panuelo, Joseph P. Roby and Bert Joe Rodriguez of Ponape; Siosi Alikxa, Sailas Kephas, Canney L. Palsis, Andy L. Robert and Widmor M. Sigrah of Kosrae; Anselmo S. Daniel, Sorsios J. Esemenu, Teichy P. Killion, Skinory Siroda Retonong, Kerson Chiwi Rizal and Elias Heben Sandy of Truk, and Christopher Fugmow, Steven M. Ngalen, Joan M. Phillip and Charles L. Tamankannanged of Yap.

It also included Zinks N. Brikul, John D. Elechuus, Samuel Sakai Ngirchokebai, Xavier T. Ngirameong, Valentine D. Tirso and Gabriel G. Walter of Palau; Phillip Dribo Jr., George R. Lanwi, Tarkine J. Lavin and Aloysius Wase of the Marshall Islands, and Kohsak M. Keller of Ponape representing TTPI headquarters.

DSI Officer Ruda was the class valedictorian and emergency trauma training special award winner; Truk State Police Officer Esemenu was salutarian; Ponape State Police Officer Martin, driving award winner; Kosrae Officer Alikxa, physical fitness winner, and Yap Officer Fugmow, firearms winner.

A Commissioner's Commendation went to Yap Officer Ngalen and Palau Officer Ngirchokebai for saving the life of a boy who fell in a river near the academy during the July 5-Sept. 3 course, Race said.

FSM Supreme Court Calender

TRIAL DIVISION - STATE OF PONAPE
Weeks of October 31 - December 6, 1983

NAME/TIME	CASE NO./CASE NAME	PROCEEDING
Oct. 31, 9 a.m.	1983-537 FSM v. Iriarte	Trial
Nov. 1, 9 a.m.	1983-540 FSM v. Goyo Maru No. 2	Pre-trial motions
Nov. 4, 9 a.m.	1983-542/543 FSM v. Eggersmeier/Joerg	Pre-trial motions
Nov. 7, 9 a.m.	1983-540 FSM v. Goyo Maru No. 2	Oral argument
Nov. 18, 9 a.m.	1983-525 FSM v. Ahm Fred	Sentencing
Nov. 21, 9 a.m.	1983-540 FSM v. Goyo Maru No. 2	Trial
Nov. 25, 9 a.m.	1983-525 FSM v. Billy Jonas	Sentencing
Dec. 6, 9 a.m.	1983-011 In re John Sproat	Hearing

Kosrae approves Constitution

LELU, Kosrae — Former Senator Hiroshi Ismael was appointed by Gov. Yosiwo George to head the transition office for the new constitutional government, following the approval of the proposed new state constitution by 74 per cent of the votes cast in the Oct. 14 referendum here, according to a Kosrae State Release.

The latest unofficial vote tally showed 566 votes for and 205 against the constitution which is scheduled to go into effect on Jan. 11.

In Lelu, the vote was 222 for and 74 against; Tafunsak, 101 for and 46 against; Malem, 154 for and 45 against; Utwe, 77 for and 30 against, and Walung, 12 for and 10 against.

Ismael, who gave up his two-year seat in the FSM Congress to run unsuccessfully against incumbent Senator Joab Sigrah for the state's four-year seat in March, served as president of the Jan. 11-April 1 Kosrae State Constitutional Convention. He also served as coordinator of the public information task force for the constitutional referendum.

It will create a new state court which will go into effect when it is certified by the Trust Territory High Court, after the judges are named by the governor and confirmed by the legislature.

Fishermen drift 25 days

LELU, Kosrae — Three Kiribati fishermen were reported in good condition here after drifting more than 1,000 miles in 25 days from their home in Tarawa, after their outboard motor stopped operating, according to a Kosrae State Release.

The three men, Euta Tuwena, 50, owner of the boat; Timea Abera, 21, and Tom Tongata, 31, all expert fishermen, survived the 25 days at sea in bad weather on fish and rain water.

They were fishing near Tarawa, the government center of the former Gilbert Islands, on Sept. 23 when the 25 horsepower Yanmar motor stopped functioning. They sighted Kosrae on Oct. 17 and landed in their 14-foot aluminum boat at Lelu on Oct. 18.

The three men from Tengaruru, Tarawa, were taken to the Kosrae State Hospital for observation. They were reported in good condition and released to local Gilbertese families and relatives, pending communication from the governor to the President of Kiribati through the FSM External Affairs Department.

Ponape referendum postponed

KOLONIA, Ponape — The Ponape State Legislature passed a bill changing the date of the referendum on the proposed state constitution and adopted 22 other measures, before adjourning its regular session on Oct. 13, according to Chief Clerk Henry Saimon.

Legislature Bill 622-83, LD1, amending Section 9 of the State Law 21-131-82 which established the Ponape State Constitutional Convention changes the date of the referendum from Nov. 11, 1983 to July 2, 1984.

The date reportedly was changed to

60 candidates file

KOLONIA, Ponape — Sixty candidates, including 19 incumbents filed for the 20 seats in the Nov. 11 elections for the Ponape State Legislature, according to State Public Affairs Office.

The filing deadline was Oct. 11.

In Madolenihmw, the incumbents are Speaker Salter Etse, Pedrus Silbanuz and Nelson Pelep, and the challengers are Oscar Johnny, Simon Ham, Etiner Elias, Hanover Ehsa, Herlino Makaya, Midion Neth and John Thomas.

State Senator Sahn Johnson of Mokil is the only incumbent not seeking reelection. Simeron Jim, Ishmael Lebehn and Iulik Weber are vying for his seat.

In Kitti municipality, the incumbents are Kasiano Joseph, Alter Paul and Bernell Edward, and the challengers are Leon Joel, Herman Semes, Burton Jano, Heinrick Stevenson, Solpasio Salvador, Mitchuo Daniel and William Eperiam.

In Sokehs municipality, the incumbents are Vice Speaker Hilary Conrad, Annes Lebehn and Feliciano Perman who are being challenged by Albert Alfred, Herculan Kohler, O'Kean Araceley and Kusto Lieman.

In Uh municipality, incumbents are Joseph Moses and Ambros Senda are challenged by Ewalt Joseph, Francisco Cantero, Simon Kihleng and Albert Falcam, while in Nett municipality, incumbents Joanes Edmund and Ignacio Rodriguez are opposed by Higinio Iriarte, Claudio Panuelo, Thomas Naron, Guston Ligor and Francis Simeon.

In Kolonia town, incumbents Yosuo Phillip and Relio Yamada are opposed by Paulus Perman, Casiano Shoniber, Nelson Joseph and Jerry Barbosa. Delson Ehmes is trying to unseat Job Micah as the Pingelap representative. Baker Meninzor is challenging incumbent Good-year Panuel in Ngatik.

Incumbent Deidge Patterson is challenged by Iop Lohete, Francisco Paulus and Edward Miller. And in Nukuoro, incumbent Dison Gideon is opposed by Hosea Fred and Eliam Mahora.

provide time for translations of the constitution and a public education program.

Other bills relate to the leasing of public lands to the FSM Telecommunications Corp.; provide an official seal for the State of Ponape; relate to financial reporting and reversion dates of the Con Con funding; relate to emergency relief for the Municipality of Nukuoro, and provide for an interim General Appropriation Act of fiscal 1984.

Others relate to financing of the Price Control Commission and designation of State holidays.

In other legislative activity, Speaker Salter Etse received a letter from convention Chairman Leo Falcam requesting the legislature to reconvene in a Special Session at "earliest convenient time possible" to consider Gov. Resio Moses' disapproval of a bill stop reversion of official 1983 funds of the Con Con.

Delegates to the convention have not been paid since Moses vetoed L.B. 580-83 on Oct. 6.

The governor said in an Oct. 11 letter to Speaker Etse that the reversion of the \$62,000 had already occurred, "therefore, the appropriate remedy is not a retroactive amendment, but a new appropriation funding the continued work of the convention."

Convention funds okayed

KOLONIA, Ponape — The Ponape State Legislature approved the \$65,000 appropriation requested by the State Constitutional Convention and considered a 12-day extension of the 50-day convention, during a three-day special session which began Oct. 27.

The convention was recessed on Oct. 25 to await action by the legislature on its funding request. It will be reconvened after the Nov. 11 legislature elections, according to convention secretary Henry Saimon.

Ocean safety program set

KOLONIA, Ponape — The Ponape State government is stepping up its ocean safety program as part of the Five-Year State Marine Resources Plan, according to Economic Development Administration Executive Director Anson Chong.

The ocean safety program includes provision of flashing beacon lights to be installed at critical reefs channels to guide fishermen at night and emergency radio equipment for fishermen to take on their boats when fishing beyond the reefs, Chong said, adding that the equipment was proposed during an Oct. 10 meeting with Ponape fishermen to discuss the five-year plan.

MTU trainees urged to assist FSM development

KOLONIA, Ponape — President Tosiwo Nakayama urged the 25 trainees from throughout the FSM who completed the nine-month South Pacific Commission Mobile Training Unit program to use the skills they have learned in their communities, during the Oct. 27 closing ceremony in the Nan Madol Hotel.

The President expressed the appreciation of the FSM government to the SPC for bringing the MTU program to Ponape.

SPC Deputy Programs Director Tamarri Pierre of the Cook Islands was scheduled to participate in the program on behalf of Secretary-General Francis Bugotu, but did not come to Ponape, because his Air Nauru flight from New Caledonia was cancelled.

Nakayama asked the students to "show that you have learned something in nine months," when they go back to their communities, and to "be generous with your time."

He said that the FSM is on course in sailing toward its goal of ending the U.N. trusteeship and foreign domination, and asked the trainees to help their fellow citizens "be prepared to assume full responsibility as members of the community of nations."

MTU Director Morea Veratau of Papua-New Guinea said that the group was trained to be village-level development workers who are to be catalysts, or facilitators in mobilizing their communities for action.

Class president Freeland Obed of Mokil addressed the ceremony, stating, "our training has just begun—we must learn from our villages and our people."

Other trainees from Ponape state completing the course were Andrew

Labor workshop set

KOLONIA, Ponape — A workshop on population, labor policies and labor relations is scheduled to be held Dec. 12-15 in Ponape by the FSM Resources and Development Department and the U.N. International Labor Organization, according to ILO South Pacific Deputy Director Charles C. Moore.

Representatives from Palau, the Marshall Islands and possibly Kiribati are expected to be invited to the workshop, in addition to participants from the four FSM states, Moore said.

Amon, Nukuoro; Linson Head, Kapin-gamarangi; Apner Panuel, Ngatik; Ensner Risana, Pingelap; Peter Soukon, Kitti; Ketner Fredrick, Madolenihmw; Saimon Abraham, Uh; Johnny Sehna and Bihna Rafail, Catholic Mission; Salome Henly and Queene Mathias, Micronesia Bound; Albert Roby, Sokehs; Alice Germinaro, Women's Group; Danis Santos, Kolonia, and Candida Sercy, Nett.

From Truk are Sanciena Nakayama, food service; Davis Robaichy, agriculture; Misa Sewen, education; Osaichy Refit, health; Albert Johnny, agriculture, and Florenza Sewell, education. Jay Faimau represents the Yap Community Action Agency; Fanian Bamngin, the Yap Public Safety Division, and Killin Killin, Kosrae community development.

During the first three months of the program which began March 14, the students were given classroom training in the concepts of rural sociology, community development and education with guest speakers from the national and state governments and SPC specialist sent to Ponape to serve as instructors, according to Veratau.

The second three months was spent on field work in home villages of the trainees which included conducting surveys of youth and women's organizations and school dropout and community profiles, he said, adding that the information was analyzed in class. The reports of these will be made available "in the near future."

The last three months were spent back at the MTU training center in the Sokehs Municipal Building concentrating on small group and individual projects including construction of improved village piggery and poultry units, furniture making, water catchment construction and dress-making. It also included a nutrition survey in the Mortlockese communities of Sokehs municipality and deep bottom fishing techniques.

Seven SPC specialists were brought to Ponape to serve as instructors, including Judith Whitmore, health education; SPC Media Training Center Director Detlef Blumel, communications, Jean Claude Paulet, rural technology and energy; Toga Lolesi, out-of-school education; Paul Mead, master fisherman; Dr. Jac-

queline Badcock, nutrition, and Eric Dunn, sanitation engineering.

Local staff members included Veratau; Joseph M'hase, instructor; Zoraida Banks, Kathleen Johnson and Letecia Sokau, typists, and Ana Smith and Atalino John, cooks.

The MTU program was conducted in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Kiribati and the Marshall Islands, before coming to Ponape, and it is expected to be moved to Palau next year.

The program was brought to Ponape at the invitation of the FSM government which renovated the Sokehs Municipal Building at an estimated cost of \$20,000 to serve as the dormitory and classroom. The SPC was to provide more than \$200,000 in personnel, training materials and equipment, while the host state and national governments were to provide \$62,461 in accommodations, food, travel, a vehicle and one staff member, at the outset of the program.



RECEIVES CERTIFICATE — FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama is presenting a certificate of completion to Florenza Sewell of Truk during closing ceremonies Oct. 27 in the Nan Madol Hotel for the South Pacific Commission Mobile Training Unit program. She is one of 25 trainees from throughout the FSM to complete the nine-month program.

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