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Nakayama cites new era of cooperation; Kabua wants to start Kosrae air service



KOSRAE AIRPORT DEDICATED — Republic of Nauru Deputy President and Works Minister Burroa Detudamo is speaking during the Dec. 9 dedication of the Kosrae International Airport and dock. From left are FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, Detudamo, Marshall Islands President Amata Kabua, FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry and Kosrae Budget Officer Frank Lonno, who was master of ceremonies.

Presidents follow up on accords

AGANA, Guam — Meeting in furtherance of the Saipan Accords, signed Oct. 5, the leaders of the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands covered a wide variety of topics during a two-day meeting Dec. 12-13 here, according to a press release issued by the leaders.

FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, Palau President Haruo Remeliik and President Amata Kabua of the Marshall Islands met briefly while staff working groups devoted their time to furthering the aims of the Saipan Accords.

The Accords stressed cooperation bet-

ween the governments in a number of areas of regional importance.

Among the topics covered were the future development of the College of Micronesia, participation in federal programs, medical referral costs, immigration procedures, social security and prior service benefits and the conduct of an information program in the United States in support of the Compact of Free Association.

The three heads of state agreed the meetings were very productive, and that they would come together again at a time and place to be selected.

TAFUNSAK, Kosrae — Air Marshall Islands wants to be the first to provide service to the new Kosrae International Airport, President Amata Kabua said during the Dec. 9 dedication of the first phase of the \$21.7 million airport and dock complex here.

FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama said, "It is my hope that we confirm the bonds of friendship between our peoples and continue this new era of mutual cooperation," in welcoming Kabua and Nauru Deputy President and Works Minister Burroa Detudamo,

An estimated 5,000 people attended the 11-hour ceremony at the dock site, including hundreds from Nauru and the Marshall Islands.

Construction on the airport-dock and access road began Feb. 1, 1980, with landfill in the lagoon on the western side of Kosrae island, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip. The runway is 5,750 feet long to accomodate jets, and the dock front 550 feet long.

It is scheduled to be 90 per cent completed in March, 1984, with an additional \$8.5 million in apron fill, paving, terminal facilities and utilities, all by Kong Yung Construction Co. of South Korea.

Kabua said, "it is the wish of my government to be the first to provide air service to the people of Kosrae.

"Many Kosraeans live in my country and many of us are from the same fami-

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Youth program considered

MOEN, Truk — The U.S. Peace Corps is considering implementing youth programs as they apply to economic development in Micronesia, according to the organization's small enterprise development coordinator, Barbara Aycock.

Ms. Aycock visited Ponape Nov. 23-30 and Truk Nov. 30 - Dec. 4, during her orientation trip through Micronesia. She was scheduled to be in Guam Dec. 4-5 for an in-service training prog-



Ms. Aycock

ram for volunteers working throughout Micronesia and to visit Palau, Dec. 6-12.

The Peace Corps has three volunteers serving as small business advisors in Truk; seven in Ponape; six in the Marshall Islands. three in Palau and one in Yap, she said

"We are looking into the possibility of a youth development program as it applies to economic development," she said, during an interview here.

"Part of my trip here is orientation and part is to look at small business programs, make recommendations and try ot see if the models used here are applicable to other parts of the world," Ms. Aycock said.

In Ponape, she met with the Peace Corps Micronesia Country Director Jerry Penno and her staff; Gov. Resio Moses, special assistant to the governor for economic development Alex Luzama, the Ponape Chamber of Commerce, business and government agencies sponsoring volunteers and officials of the FSM Development Bank.

In Truk, she met with Lt. Gov. Bob Mori, Peace Corps volunteers and staff, Legislature Speaker Kisande Sos, Resources and Development Director Redley Killion and development bank officials.

Second Trukese priest ordained

MOEN, Truk — Julio Angkel of Parem became the second Trukese to be ordained a Catholic priest during a ceremony Dec. 3 in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral here.

The ceremony originally was scheduled to be held at the Rev. Mr. Angkel's birthplace on Parem Island, Truk Lagoon.

Gov. Erhart Aten ordered the site changed to Moen on Dec. 1, after the Truk State Cholera Task Force went to Parem and determined that it did not have adequate sanitation facilities for the crowd of up to 3,000 people expected and that the ceremonial site was flooded by recent rains.

The Most Rev. Martin Neylon, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of the Caroline and Marshall Islands, said the ordination mass in the Truk Cathedral. The Rev. Gary Bradley, S.J., superior of Jesuits in Truk, and the Rev. John Nicholson, S.J., were concelebrants.

The Rev. Amando Samo, the first Trukese ordained a Catholic priest during a cermony in 1977 on his native Moch Island in the Morttocks, also assisted in the mass.

The mass was followed by festivities, including singing and dancing by groups from the lagoon islands, on the adjoining St. Cecilia School grounds in Tunnuk Village, Moen.

Father Angkel was scheduled to say his first mass Sunday morning in the Truk Cathedral. He will be assigned to the Namisofo Parish in the lagoon which has not had a parish priest for several years. It includes Ramanum, Eot and Udot where the St. Francis of Assisi Church is located.

Father Angkel and Samo are members of the Diocesan Order.

The Rev. Angkel, 29, is a graduate of Truk High School who attended the University of Guam for two years; Ateno de Manila University, Philippines, two years, and completed four years of studies at the Pacific Regional Catholic Seminary, Suva, Fiji.

He is the son of Moap Angkel and the former Nusia Kapriel of Parem, and he has four brothers and five sisters.



PRIEST ORDAINED — The Most Rev. Martin Neylon, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of the Caroline and Marshall Islands, standing left, is celebrating the ordination mass Dec. 3 in the Truk Cathedral, Moen, for the Rev. Julio Angkel, kneeling, with the Rev. John Nicholson, S.J., seated, and the Rev. Amando Samo participating.

ILO population Workshop opens

KOLONIA, Ponape — The International Labor Organization seminar on population characteristics being held for the FSM in Ponape may be the first of its kind in Micronesia, according to ILO South Pacific Director David Groman.

"Depending on its outcome, we might contemplate holding similar ventures in the Marshall Islands and Palau," Groman said during the opening ceremony Dec. 11 in the Palm Terrace Restaurant.

The seminar which is covering population characteristics, their relationship to employment and development plannings, labor policies, management and women's interest issues was being held through Dec. 16 at the Pohnpei Hotel with eight ILO staff members and 20 FSM state and national government Resources and Development representatives participating.

Vice President Bailey Olter said during the opening reception that a seminar of the kind was overdue in coming to Micronesia.

Ponape Gov. Resio Moses welcomed the seminar on behalf of his government which is the co-host with the FSM Resources and Development Department through its Immigration and Labor Division.

Seaweed project lauched

KOLONIA, Ponape — Ponape launched its seaweed farming industry when a State Economic Development Administration loan was presented to Harbor View Corp. of Uh to purchase equipment for the project.

The \$8,000 loan was signed over to the firm during a Dec. 1 ceremony in the EDA offices here.

The funds are from a \$230,000 marine resources grant provided by the FSM Congress and matched with \$115,000 by the Ponape State Legislature according to EDA Executive Director Anson Chong.

The project is being developed under the direction of Dr. Max Doty of the University of Hawaii who developed the largest seaweed industry in the Philippines, according to Chong.

The State Marine and Aquatic Division is providing technical assistance for the project, he said,

Mikel Camacho, president; Airmerson Doner, vice president, and Leon William, manager-treasurer, represented Harbor View at the ceremony, while Gov. Resio Moses, EDA Chairman Kasiano Joseph and EDA Vice Chairman Heinrich Iriarte represented the state.

Capital funding, health support urged during visit

KOLONIA, Ponape — Funding of a new FSM capitol and support for health manpower and preventive care programs were requested during the Dec. 4-7 visit here by Kathy Johnson of the U.S. House Interior Committee staff.

Ms. Johnson was accompanied by Laurie Neville of the Office of Territorial and International Affairs and Tommy Perez, OTIA technical assistance repre-

sentative in Guam.

The visitors made courtesy calls on Vice President Bailey Olter and Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, before meeting with the FSM cabinet and staff during the morning and with Gov. Resio Moses, Lt. Gov. Strik Yoma, Ponape State Legislature Speaker Salter Etse and other state officials during the afternoon on Dec. 5.

They toured the Nan Madol ruins and Ponape Agriculture and Trade School on Dec. 6 and visited CIP projects and the future FSM capitol and College of Micronesia campus sites on Dec. 7, before

departing for Guam.

They were scheduled to go to Yap on Dec. 8; Koror, Dec. 10, and Truk, Dec. 13, before returning to Honolulu on Dec.

"We take the view that the U.S. government owes us a capitol," External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich said during the Dec. 5 meeting with the FSM cabinet and staff.

"It is clear that the capitol still needs to be built and that we continually need

help," Amaraich said.

The Reagan administration has committed \$15 million to the FSM for relocation of its capitol to Palikir, including \$2,056,000 in fiscal 1983-84 for architectural and engineering design work and a \$13 million request for construction in



RAMON SWORN IN — President Tosiwo Nakayama, left, is administering the oath of office to former FSM Washington Representative's Office special services coordinator Kohne Ramon as the second FSM Personnel Officer with Mrs. Elsyner Ramon holding the Bible on Dec. 7 in the President's office.



INTERIOR STAFF BRIEFING — Kathy Johnson, third from right, of the House Interior Committee staff is being briefed by national government officials during Dec. 5 meeting in the President's Conference Room. From left clockwise are Interim Postmaster General Leo Falcam, Special Assistant to the President leske lehsi, External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich, OTIA technical assistance Guam representative Tom Perez, Ms. Johnson, Laurie Neville of OTIA, FSM Planning Advisor Peter Dam, Status Commission counsel Greg Swartz, Budget Officer Del Pangelinan and Personnel Officer Kohne Ramon.

1985. The U.S. Congress did not approve a construction funding request for fiscal 1984, and the FSM is requesting some \$22 million total for the project.

Amaraich cited the shortfall in CIP projects between the \$67,268,000 need projected by the FSM and \$32 million identified by the U.S. administration, stating that the U.S. Congress does not have to agree with the administration figure, as it has been more generous in providing CIP funds than the administration during the past two years.

He cited the problem of determining when the five-year CIP program is completed, and said this should be resolved.

FSM Health Services Coordinator, Dr. Kiosi Aniol, briefed the visitors on health care problems, citing the previous emphasis on curative to the present emphasis on preventive care for the control of communicable diseases such as leprosy, tuberculosis and cholera which have reached epidemic portions in certain parts of the Federated States.

Aniol said, "We have never had enough medical supplies in Micronesia and medical equipment is almost unknown," Aniol said, adding that "right now there are dispensaries in Ponape, Truk and Kosrae that are standing idle."

He said that it is due to the lack of facilities, supplies and health care man-

power that the FSM is incurring debts of as much as \$1 million a year for medical referrals to Guam, Honolulu and San Francisco.

Amaraich said that the FSM is asking the U.S. government to find a way to absorb the cost of the medical referrals, until the Federated States can adequately

care for their people.

Other issues covered included 1) lack of personnel to keep computers running after they are installed in Truk and Kosrae, 2) lack of funds to upgrade the telephone system and 3) elimination of funds for airport terminals in the four states, which Ms. Neville said would be covered by funds being reprogrammed from Palau.

In the meeting with Ponape state officials, they discussed problems with the water and power systems.

Perez announced that the Interior Department is planning to put together a team of mechanics to service the power generators throughout the islands.

A state budget office official said that the total fuel reserve fund would not last through fiscal 1984, indicating that the state would accumulate a deficit on operating its power generators.

When asked by state officials what will become of the CIP program, Ms. Johnson said, "We should complete the basic infrastructure."

Nakayama urges wise airport use, maintenance (Continued from page 1) In addition to Air Marshall Islands and Air Nauru, the guests were transported to Kosrae by Pacific Missionary Aviation and Majuro will strengthen our traditional friendship and bring us closer together in many ways." In addition to Air Marshall Islands and Air Nauru, the guests were transported to Kosrae by Pacific Missionary Aviation and the field trip ships, MS Micro Glory and MV Kaselehlia. Each made a trip to pick up guests from Nauru and parts of Kosrae. Negotiations are underway between

Negotiations are underway between the Marshall Islands government airline and the FSM national government on landing rights in Kosrae, Kabua said.

Air Marshall Islands made special trips to Ponape to ferry officials from the FSM national government and the other states to the dedication ceremony and back, said Master of Ceremonies, Kosrae State Budget Officer Frank Lonno. Air Nauru brought officials and guests from Nauru to the ceremony.

The Navy Officer in Charge of Construction, Guam, administered the construction as a part of the Trust Territory capital improvement program (CIP)

Both the President and Gov. Yosiwo George thanked the U.S. government for providing funds for the project.

Nakayama said that "because of friends in Congress, especially Congressman Robert Duncan of Oregon, who convinced his colleagues of the necessities of the airport in Kosrae, we are here to dedicate this airport."

He said "Let us show our gratitude by using wisely the airport that the government of the United States has put in place for us and maintain it so that it will stand as a momentum to the successes that the administering authority has achieved during its trusteeship period of over 35 years."

George said that the complex marks the beginning of a new era for Kosrae in the development of its economy and helping it become a member of the the beginning of a new era for Kosrae in the development of its economy and helping it become a member of the world community.

Detudamo, representing President Hammer deRoburt of Nauru, said he was pleased to witness the largest invasion by Nauruans of other Micronesian islands since World War II when many were exiled from their home island.

"After all, some of our roots came from Malem," he said.

He also said it is still the intention of his government to operate Air Nauru service to Kosrae "in due course," citing the need to negotiate the service thought the FSM.

The dedication ceremony, which began at 10 a.m. and ended at 9:30 p.m., was attended by an estimated 650 guests from Nauru, 360 from the Marshalls and about 90 from other parts of the FSM, in addition to more than 4,000 Kosraeans.

Kosrae.

Mrs. George cut the ribbon officially opening the airport and dock during the ceremony. Other speakers were FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, Kosrae Legislature Speaker Gaius Nedlic, Lt.

Gov. Moses Mackwelung and a Kong

Among other official guests were Ponape Gov. Resio Moses; Yap Lt. Gov. Hilary Tacheliol; Speakers Ruben Toleno Kun of the Nauru parliament; Atlan Anien of the Marshalls Nitijela and Joseph Ayin of Yap legislature, and Ponape Nanmwarkies (traditional chiefs) Penido Peter of Kitti, Fredrick Iriarte of Nett, Yukiwo Salomon of Pingelap and Sahn Johnson of Mokil.



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY - Kosrae First Lady Antilese George, third from right, is preparing to cut the ribbon officially opening the Kosrae International Airport and Dock during the Dec. 9 dedication ceremony. From left are Mrs. Burroa Detudamo, wife of the Nauru Deputy President and Works Minister; Mrs. Nikeme Sigrah, wife of the FSM Congress Vice Speaker; Mrs. Madlina Nedlic, wife of the Kosrae legislature speaker; Mrs. George; Mrs. Penina Mackwelung, wife of the Kosrae Lieutenant governor, and Mrs. Marihne Henry, wife of the FSM Congress Speaker.



AIRPORT CREETING - FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, center, is being welcomed to Kosrae by Gov. Yosiwo George, right and a State Police honor guard for the Dec. 9 dedication of the Kosrae Internaional Airport and Dock. In the background, Congress Vice Speaker Joab Sigrah of Kosrae is welcoming Speaker Bethwel Henry of Ponape. The President and Speaker flew with other officials from Ponape to Kosrae on the Air Marshall Islands plane in the background.

Mori FSMDB Vice President

KOLONIA, Ponape — FSM Development Bank Board Chairman Herman Semes announced the promotion of the bank's secretary-treasurer, Manny Mori, to vice president, effective Oct. 1.

The board approved the promotion during its Sept. 26-28 meeting, Semes said in a Nov. 25 memorandum to state and national government officials, adding that Mori, who is serving as acting president, will continue to perform the duties of secretary-treasurer.

The board was scheduled to meet Dec. 13-16 in Ponape to consider applications for FSMDB president and other items. The position was been vacant since the contract of former FSMDB President Gunnar Thoren ended in July.

The bank received loan drawdowns from the Trust Territory Economic Development Loan Fund (EDLF) of \$233,470 for nine loans in October and \$49,300 for three loans in November, Mori reported.

With a \$237,300 drawdown for 10 loans in June and \$150,000 in operating funds, the FSMDB has received a total of \$670,070 from the \$3 million FSM share of the EDLF.

Esikiel Malon dies

MOEN, Truk — Former Truk District Public Affairs Officer and Truk State Legislature Liaison Officer Esikiel Malon died here Oct. 24 and was buried on Satawan, Mortlock Islands, the State Information Office newsletter, Us Me Auus, reported in its first edition, Nov. 11.

Mr. Malon was a native of Ta Ialand, Mortlocks, who began his public service career with the Trust Territory government in 1954 as an education field assistant. He later became Truk District elementary schools superintendent and served in that position until Sept. 1, 1963.

He served in the District Public Affairs Office as Economic and Political Advisor and Political Program Assistant, before following President Tosiwo Nakayama as the second Trukese to serve as District Political Affairs Officer.

He also served as special assistant to the District Administrator for public affairs, Jan. 3, 1969 - Jan. 10, 1971, and June 5, 1977 - April 21, 1979. He served as Legislative Liaison Officer in the State Public Affairs Office until his death.

He was the first Trukese named to the First Congress of Micronesia staff and was a member of the group translating the FSM Compact of Free Association with the United States from English to Trukese during the past year.

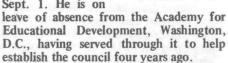


KABUA IN PONAPE — FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, third from right, is hosting a reception Dec. 10 in the South Park Hotel, Kolonia, for Marshall Islands President Amata Kabua, fourth from right, who stopped over in Ponape en route from the Dec. 9 Kosrae airport dedication to a Guam meeting of the FSM, Marshalls and Palau chief executives. Clockwise from left are Yap Lt. Gov. Hilary Tacheliol, Yap State Legislature Speaker Joseph Ayin, Joan King, Nanmwarki Johnny Moses of Uh, Nanmwarki Ioanis Artui of Sokehs, Mrs. John Haglelgam, FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King, Kabua, Nakayama, Marshall Islands Chief Secretary Oscar DeBrum and FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry.

Upward Bound expansion seen

KOLONIA, Ponape — Plans are being made to expand the Upward Bound program for college-bound students to Truk and Majuro and to transfer the Ponape program to the Community College of Micronesia, according to Dr.

William Kinder.
Kinder visited
Ponape Nov. 2629, after becoming
the executive director of the Pacific Postsecondary
Education Council
and project director of its Upward
Bound program on
Sept. 1. He is on



Kinder

The council received about \$400,000 to set up the Upward Bound program to prepare 200 college-bound students for the transition and successful pursuit of studies through the Micronesian Occupational College in Palau, University of Guam, Northern Marianas College in Saipan and American Samoa Community College.

Kinder said that he submitted a proposal to the U.S. Education Department for second-year funding that would expand the program to Truk and the Marshall Islands through the College of Micronesia Continuing Education Centers

University of California, Berkeley,

officials who have been operating the Ponape Upward Bound program for three years "have offered to work on involving CCM, and within a year or two, they propose to turn over the grant completely to CCM," he said.

Kinder said that he met with Ponape Upward Bound officials, as well as State Education Director Damian Sohl, CCM President Catalino Cantero and COM Executive Director Loren Peterson to discuss the future of the Upward Bound and other council programs.

Cantero and Peterson are members of the council's governing board which is expected to meet in American Samoa in February, or March, he said.

Other projects being undertaken by the council include a propsoal to the U.S. Education Department to provide special services program grants to its members to provide extra help to disadvantaged students in upgrading basic skills.

The Upward Bound and Special Services programs are part of the "Trio Programs" which were designated for priority funding for the territories by the Education Department, Kinder said.

The "Trio" actually includes four programs, he said, stating, "the next one we will be looking at is Talent Search, working with younger than Upward Bound high school students to identified and develop college potential.

"The fourth is Educational Opportunities Centers which eventually may be established by the council," he said.

Aten calls special session to consider judges

MOEN, Truk — Gov. Erhart Aten called a special session of Truk State Legislature to consider his new nominations for state court associate justices, according to the State Public Affairs Office.

The 15-day special session of the Second Truk State Legislature second regular session was scheduled to begin on Dec. 12

Other measures which the governor asked the legislature to act on are:

1) His tax reform legislation to help offset a fiscal 1983 budget deficit.

2) A proposed resolution to ask the TT High Commissioner to release and reprogram \$1,526,000 in fiscal 1982 and 1983 special operating and maintenance funds to help defray the deficit.

3) An amendment to the State Financial Management Act to reduce the admi-

nistrative cash flow problem.

4) A number of appropriations bills, including \$250,000 for the public information program and referendum on the proposed Truk State Constitution.

Truk was the second FSM state, following Yap, to draft its constitution last year, but the referendum, originally scheduled for March, 1983, was postponed to August, 1984, by the legislature.

The draft constitution would go into effect one year after it is ratified, or August, 1985, and would change the general election date for the governor and legislature from March, 1986, to the

first 'Tuesday in November, 1985, with the elected officials to take office in January, 1986.

Kosrae voters ratified their constitution in October, and the Ponape State Constitutional Convention is expected to finalize a draft document in January. The Yap State Constitution went into effect on Jan. 1.

The Truk legislature rejected the associate justice nominations by Aten of Sebastian Frank, Mitaro Danis and Wanis Simina.

The names of his new nominees were not available, the Public Affairs Office said

Aten said that the anticipated deficit on the fiscal 1983 budget would be in excess of \$2 million, because the \$13 million provided the state in Interior Department funds did not cover general operating costs, emergency cholera expenses and unbugeted costs of medical referrals, transportation costs and other services.

"To honestly and effectively run the operations of this government and provide the services to the 40,000 people of this state, it is my honest opinion that it is almost impossible to run a government with \$13 million." he said.

Citing a resolution of the Joint FSM-Truk State Leadership Conference here in November to help the state defray the deficit, Aten said, "What we are asking is that the FSM and the U.S. ration-

Community service part of sentences

KOLONIA, Ponape — FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King imposed extensive community service sentences, in addition to jail terms and fines on three men convicted of embezzlement and forgery, according to Justice Ombudsman Nickontro Johnny.

Billy Jonas of Ponape (formerly of Palau), convicted in August as the leader of a \$40,000 embezzlement scheme against Mobil Oil, was sentenced Nov. 25 by King to a jail term equal in length to the duration of the 35 month, 12 day conspiracy perpetrated by Jonas and other employees of the Ponape bulk plant.

King also fined Jonas \$2,500 and ordered him to perform 800 hours of community service on Ponape, according to Johnny.

The trial, which began last March in the Supreme Court, also resulted in the conviction of co-conspirator Ahm Fred of Pingelap Atoll in Ponape. Fred was sentenced Nov. 15 to nine months in jail, fined \$500 and ordered to perform 300 hours of community service.

Both defendants are appealing, and

their sentences have been delayed pending appeal.

Person Hellan of Ponape on Oct. 28, was convicted of the crime of forgery and was sentenced by King on Nov. 15 to serve 75 days in jail.

After release from jail he shall perform 240 hours of community service. He was also fined \$50 and ordered to make restriction of \$527 to the persons to whom he had passed improper check.

Lorenzo Doone of Truk, who was residing on Ponape, was convicted of escape by the court after a May 15 trial. The defendant was sentenced to 30 days in jail and also fined \$25.

After serving three days at the Ponape State Jail, Doone at his request and his own expense, was permitted to fly to Truk, to serve the remaining 27 days.

The defendant is appealing the conviction but because he has previously violated a court order to stay on Ponape and because he had also fled from custody in the escape, King required that he pay a \$300 cash bail in order to be released from the jail awaiting his appeal.

ally evaluate the amount of money needed to provide the functions and services of this government to the people."

He said that the 1983 DOI budget for Truk should have been at least \$15 million with an inflation adjustment for succeeding years, but the fiscal 1984 budget is \$14 million and the 1985 budget proposed by the Reagan administration is reduced back down to \$13 million with the discontinuation of cholera eradication funds.

During its first special session which ended Oct. 10, the second TSL approved seven bills and four resolutions.

The bills included salaries for the state court, a \$20,000 appropriation to compensate for trees damaged by public projects, \$30,000 for small industries operating costs, a sales tax increase, \$96,000 for the Truk Coconut Processing Plant, \$35,000 for Truk Housing Authority Department food to Truk, as part of the drought disaster relief.

The resolutions authorize state department and agencies to operate at fiscal 1983 budget levels during 1984 until the 1984 budget is approved by the U.S. government, appoint Senators Singkoro Harper and Open Walter to the Truk Community Action Office (TOCA) board and reguest an audit by Touche Ross and Co. of Truk state general funds.

Bills enacted by the Second TSL during its first regular session which began in May include 5-56 to set the page clerk salary; 5-57 to increase the annual legislator office expense allowance from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year; 5-58 to establish a state living standard allowance.

Also, 5-59 to amend the executive organization act relative to the transportation office; 5-60 to amend the state judiciary act; 5-61 to decrease the membership of the Faichuk Transportation and Economic Authority; 5-62 to appropriate \$19,200 for non-public school teachers' salaries; 5-63 to provide \$11,648 for a construction skills program; 5-64 to increase the alcoholic beverages possession tax; 5-65 to extend the reversion dates for funds under certain laws to Sept. 30, 1984, and 5-72 to appropriate \$110,000 for the Truk Maritime Authority.

The legislature overrode by two-thirds votes vetoes of 5-66 to appropriate \$30,000 for the Micronesian Legal Services Corp.; 5-67 to establish the Inner Faichuk Development Authority; 5-68 to provide \$157,000 for all social and economic development authorities in Truk; 5-69 to establish the Weito Resources and Development Authority; 5-70 to provide \$25,000 for Nama Trading Co. operation costs, and 5-71 to provide \$9,000 for Kuttu Coop operations.

Ponape Legislature approves conference funds

KOLONIA, Ponape — The Ponape State Legislature adopted 24 bills, including one to authorize \$20,000 for a state-wide leadership conference on political status development, during its special meeting which ended Dec. 7, according to PSL Information Officer Joseph C. P. Alannzo.

The following were among the bills that passed final reading on the additional days of the 15-day special meeting, which was scheduled to end Dec. 5:

LB 656-83 authorizes a \$60,000 appropriation to subsidize the cost of two hydroelectric projects one in Nett municipality, and one in Madolenihmw municipality.

LB 657-83 authorizes \$98,000 to purchase two school buses for PICS High School, to provide supper meals for boarding students and to help construct and renovation costs of a dormitory.

LB 654-83 authorizes \$65,000 to supplement the costs of Ponape State's participation in the Micronesian Trades Apprenticeship Program.

LB 660-83, LD1 authorize \$30,000 to finance the following Kitti projects: Nan Mand and Salapwuk secondary road, renovation of the municipal office,

hristmas card design winners named

KOLONIA, Ponape — Santrigo Suzumu, an eigth grade student at Sapwerek Elementary School, Madolenihmw municipality, was awarded the \$50 grand prize in the first annual Ponape State Christmas Card Design Contest during a Dec. 7 ceremony in the office of Gov. Resio Moses.

The prizes were presented by the governor and Mrs. Moses who was the chairperson for the contest steering committee which also included Sizue Yoma, co-chairperson; Elementary Education Division Chief Joseph Felix; Curriculum Supervisor Casiano Shoniber and Art Specialist Henter Lawrence.

Winners were chosen Nov. 25 from more than 100 entries by a panel of judges which included Koisimi Rudolph, Wehns Billen, Tom Beckman, Karen Carrol and Henter Lawrence.

First prize was \$25, second \$15 and third \$10 in each of the categories.

Other winners were: Category I, grades K-2 — Meislihn Pelep, Wapar Elementary School, first; Joselyn Gallen, Ohmine Elementary School, second, and Edwin Johnny, Palikir Elementary School, third.

Category II, grades 3-5 — Christopher Johnson, Ohmine Elementary School, first; Valerio Mizard, Likie School, second, and Tania Moses, SDA School, third

Category III, grades 6-8 — Harbert Tom, Wenik Elementary School, first;

water systems in Wone and Seinwar, Nan Mangil Bridge, Playgrounds in Sections 2 and 3, a secondary road in Enipein Pah, Kitti Community House and renovation of Pehleng Elementary School Cafeteria.

LB 653-83 LD1 authorizes \$30,000 for the following Madolenihmw projects: Cafeterias for Kinakapw, Lukop and Sapwehrek elementary schools, Wapar Elementary School Cafeteria supplemental funding, Mand Elementary School Cafeteria and Library supplemental funding, water systems in Wapar and Kitamw sections, Senipehn farm road, construction and maintenance of other farm roads and renovation of Madolenihmw Muncipal Office.

LB 651-83 authorizes \$12,000 to finance the following Nukuoro projects: A taro patch rehabilitation program; Nukuoro Elementary School water system; participation in the Sept. 11, 1984, "Rahn En Wehi Mwahu" events and a 1984 New Year celebration and programs

LB 648-83 LD1 authorizes \$16,000 to finance the construction of classrooms in Pingelap and to renovate the dispensary and municipal office.

Childen Wolphagen, Kolonia Elementary School, second, and Hersin John Parem Elementary School, third.

Category IV, grades 9-12 — Jose Berly, SDA School, first, and Phillip F. Repein, Sapwalap, second.



DESIGN WINNER — Santrigo Suzumu, an eigth grade student at Sapwehrek Elementary School, Madolenihmw, is being presented the \$50 grand prize in the first annual Ponape State Christmas Card Design Contest on Dec. 7 by First Lady Susan Moses.

LB 659-83 LD1, LD2 authorizes \$15,000 for the following Uh municipality projects: Pahnmeitol farm road, Pahlap farm road, fence for Takaieu Elementary School, maintenance of farm roads, Dehpehk water system and purchase of a boat and outboard motor for Mwand Peidak and Mwand Peidi communities.

LB 663-83 authorizes \$9,600 for constructing a Mokilese community house in Kolonia, provided that if public land is not made available by April 1, the funds may be reprogrammed to the Mokil municipal aid fund.

LB 664-83 authorizes \$12,000 to finance construction of basketball and volleyball courts, and fisheries development in Kapingamarangi municipality.

LB 635-83 authorizes \$20,000 for the Ponape Community Action Agency's women's program.

LB 647-83 LD1 authorizes \$25,000 for the architectural and engineering work and construction of a road bridge from Kipar to Lewetik, a farm road in Mwalok and Sekere road, all in Sokehs.

LB 637-83 authorizes \$20,000 to purchase dump trucks for Kolonia town.

LB 644-83, LD1 authorized \$215,000 for the construction of two additional classrooms for Wapar, Salapwuk, Lewetik, Sapwehrek, Sokehs Powe and Rohn Kitti elementary schools, one additional classroom for Palikir Elementary School and the renovation of existing classroons throughout the elementary schools in the state.

LB 639-83 authorizes \$13,000 to fund the emergency relief program for the people of Nukuoro with food purchased to be distributed equally among all the people residing within the municipality.

LB 633-83 LD1 authorizes \$22,000 o construct a road in Paremkep and vater systems in Eirike and Kahmar ections and to purchase materials for he completion of Nett Elementary school Cafeteria.

LB 634-83 authorizes \$10,000 to complete construction of the new Comnunity College of Micronesia dormitory.

LB 643-83 requires that the governor ubmit to the legislature the Ponape State component of the official Overall Economic Development Plan required by Section 211 (b) of the Compact of Free Association, before the governor submits t to the U.S. government.

LB 568-83 LD1 authorizes \$20,000 o fund a three-day state-wide leader-ship conference on political status development scheduled to begin Feb. 6. It was introduced by Senators Bernell Edward and Alter Paul of Kitti, Joanes Edmund of Nett, Hilary Conrad of Sokehs, Joseph Moses of Uh and Pedrus Silbanuz of Madolenihmw.

Truk curbs spread of cholera

MOEN, Truk — Truk is succeeding in limiting the spread of cholera this year, Gov. Erhart Aten reported in an appeal to the U.S. government to continue funding the cholera-control program here.

State Health Services Director Ngas Kanso reported 180 bacteriologically confirmed cholera cases and three choleracaused deaths between July 18 when the disease reoccurred in the state and Dec. 5.

After the first outbreak of cholera in Truk, which began in August, 1982, the disease reached epidemic portions by Nov. 17 when 540 confirmed cases and four confirmed deaths were reported. By Dec. 22, 1982, there were 2,165 suspected cholera cases, 759 confirmed cases, 17 suspected deaths and four confirmed cholera deaths.

The spread of the disease subsided in April, during the dry season, and reoccurred in July, after the prolonged

drought ended.

"We are progressing well and I think we are in the right direction," Aten said, "as evidence by the reduction in the number of cases."

He said that \$1.6 million provided by the U.S. government agencies for the Truk cholera control program during fiscal 1983 is being used to build 1,100 water catchments, 4,000 water-sealed toilets, 100 hand pumps and 150 solarpump wells.

By Oct. 1, 64 catchments, 94 toilets, five hand pumpd and 30 solar pumps had been completed under the direction of the Rural Sanitation Program headed by Nachsa Siren, chief coordinator.

"With this Phase I construction, we will be able to achieve the number as indicated which would serve one-fourth of the population of the state," the

governor said.

'We hope that the U.S. will be more sympathetic toward us in recognizing the need to continue this program," he said, referring to the Reagan administration proposal to discontinue U.S. funding of the cholera project in fiscal 1985.

The project is being funded in fiscal 1984, he noted, stating "I anticipate an amount of \$2 million for cholera will be made available within a couple of

weeks from today (Dec. 6)."

Aten said that the additional \$2 million will provide the materials to continue the construction and medical supplies and health education materials to reach another 25 per cent of the 40,000 people in Truk.

"We still have a long way to go," he said, adding that "the construction phase of the cholera project has been going hand in hand with our health education program," on the proper use of the facilities.

"My people have taken the responsibility to fight cholera side by side with me," Aten said, noting that many families have been using their own resources to build sanitary benjos and water catchments.

"This to me is an indication that my people have cooperated with me without even asking me for assistance," he said.



LEPROSY WORKSHOP -- World Health Organization leprologist, Dr. Jose R. Soldevilla, is conducting a training workshop on leprosy identification, prevention and treatment Dec. 5-9 in the Ponape State Hospital for Ponape and Kosrae health services officials. The workshop was being held Dec. 12-16 in Truk.

Leprosy cures cited In workshop

KOLONIA, Ponape — Most people do not realize that leprosy can be cured with modern drugs, according to a World Health Organization consultant who conducted a workshop here Dec. 5-9 in the identification, prevention and treatment of the disease.

The workshop was conducted at the Ponape State Hospital for Ponape and Kosrae health services personnel by Dr. Jose R. Soldevilla of the Philippines, a WHO leprologist stationed in Papua-New Guinea who was scheduled to repeat the training Dec. 12-16 at the Truk State Hospital for the state and Yap.

Leprosy is considered epidemic in Ponape which has more that 800 known cases and Truk with 316 known cases, according to Dr. Kiosi Aniol, FSM health services coordinator, who said that Kosrae has 34 known cases of Hanson's

Disease and Yap, 39.

The main problem is to overcome the stigma attached to leprosy and the myths surrounding it, Dr. Soldevilla said, suggesting that leprosy victims be told that "for the sake of your families, you will not be spreading the disease within two weeks," with proper medical treatment.

He said that with modern drugs the bacteria, Leprosy Bacillus, can be rendered non-infectious within one week and killed in two-six weeks, the milder stages of the infection can be cured in six months and the more advanced stages in two years.

"There is no need to isolate leprosy patients," Soldevilla said, noting that "only a small number (of patients) are infectious, and when the patient starts on regular treatment infectivity is reduced

rapidly."

Most people who come into contact with the germ are not infected by it, because their body defenses are able to destroy the bacillus, he said, adding reduced body resistance due to malnutrition or other reasons is necessary to become sick with the disease.

Other aggravating circumstances are poor hygiene and sanitation through overcrowding; effects of other diseases, such as malaria and influenza which lower body resistance, and climate.

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