

Task force explores future FSM airline service

KOLONIA, Ponape (Congress Release) — "Air Mike has provided excellent service but we have reached the point that as a nation we must make a decision on air transportation," said Senator Pedro Harris, chairman of the Joint Task Force on Air Transportation.

Harris made this comment following a trip to Honolulu where two members of the task force along with members of the Congress Resources and Development

Committee met with airlines which may be interested in providing air services to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Present at the Nov. 26 to Dec. 8 meetings were Senators Sasao Gouland, Truk, chairman of the R&D Committee, Tony Otto, Truk, also a member of the task force, Raymond Setik, Truk, and Elias Thomas, Ponape, along with Staff Counsel Maketo Robert.

The members met with representatives

of Aloha Airlines, South Pacific Island Airways, Hawaiian Airlines, and Mid Pacific Air, along with Chuck Wolf who proposed to form a feeder line to serve the outer islands. Although the group did not meet with their representatives, Japan Airlines also has expressed interest in providing air service to the FSM.

During its First Regular Session the Third Congress called for such an inves-

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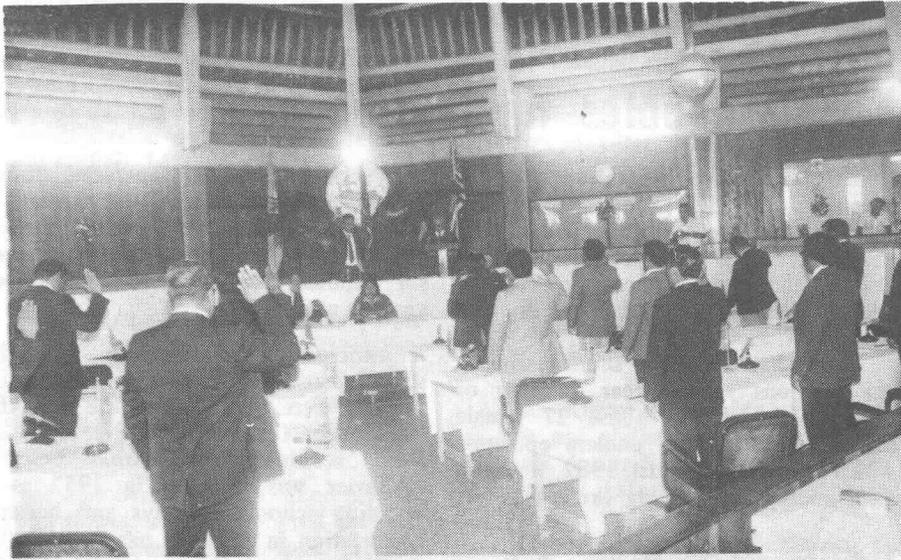
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LEGISLATURE SWORN IN -- Presiding District Judge Carl Kohler, at podium, is administering the oath of office to 19 members of the Third Ponape State Legislature, during a Jan. 11 ceremony in the Legislature Chamber. Temporary Speaker Alter Paul is left of the judge. One seat, for Pingelap, was vacant.

Etse reelected Ponape Speaker

KOLONIA, Ponape — State Senator Salter Etse of Madolenihmw was reelected Speaker by the Third Ponape State Legislature during its third day, Jan. 11, of its first regular meeting shortly after 19 members were sworn-in by Presiding District Judge Carl Kohler.

Also elected as Vice Speaker and Floor Leader were Joanes Edmund of Nett and Relio Yamada of Kolonia respectively.

The legislature was convened after it ended abruptly Jan. 10 when eight members walked out in opposition to a Credentials Committee recommendation against seating a new senator because he had been convicted of a felony.

The Credentials Committee submitted another report stating that "all creden-

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Kosrae State Constitution Takes effect

LELU, Kosrae — The Kosrae State Constitution went into effect Jan. 11, with the swearing in of Gov. Yosiwo George. Lt. Gov. Moses Mackwelung and members of the State Legislature by FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

The brief ceremony took place at noon in the Kosrae State Legislature Building with Constitution Transition Coordinator Hiroshi Ismael presiding as master of ceremonies.

Ismael was president of the Jan. 11-April 1, 1983, Kosrae State Constitutional Convention and coordinator of the public information program leading up to the Oct. 14 referendum when 74 per

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Seminar studies social needs

MOEN, Truk — The Micronesian Seminar, the Catholic pastoral and social research institution headquartered here, will soon turn its attention to the economic aspects of the Compact of Free Association with the United States, according to its director, the Rev. Francis X. Hezel, S.J.

Noting that Brother Henry Schwalbenberg, S.J., assistant director of the Seminar, participated last year in the public information programs for the Compact before the plebiscites in Palau, the FSM and the Marshall Islands, Father Hezel said, "This year, it's the economic aspects."

"We hope to have a three-day conference in May (possibly in Ponape) to discuss how the money should be spent," he said, indicating that the purpose of the program is to make the public aware of what the development funds are intended for and how they can participate in determining how they are used.

The FSM is scheduled to receive a base grant of \$60 million a year during the first five years of the 15-year Compact with 40 per cent of that to go to economic development and capital improvement projects.

"What we are working toward is getting people to reflect, to think," Father Hezel said, adding that "the people need to control their own destiny."

Father Hezel has been director of the Micronesian Seminar since it was founded in 1971 to provide socio-theological reflections on the problems of the area and to assist the parishes in designing programs and obtaining training for their members.

Father Hezel doubled as director of St. Xavier High School here until 1981 when he returned to Hawaii and the U.S. mainland for a sabbatical year of research, consultation and theological study.

"We got into all sorts of things since we started," he said.

Father Hezel said that the articles and books which he has written and edited and which have gained him a reputation as one of the foremost scholars on the history and social aspects of Micronesia are "an outgrowth of what we have been trying to do at the Micronesian Seminar."

His most famous work is "Winds of Change," a compilation of oral history and tales of Micronesia co-edited with Mark Berg. His latest book is "The First Taint of Civilization," published by the University of Hawaii Press late last year.

Father Hezel said he recently renewed his interest in the "astronomically high" suicide rate in Micronesia.

Father Hezel said he recently wrote

an article which has not been published updating the study he began in 1976 on the suicide problem in Truk.

"The rate here, especially among young men, is astronomically high" at 200 a year per 10,000 people, or 10 to 15 times the U.S. rate, he said.

He said that Dr. Don Rubenstein, an anthropologist staying on Uman Island in the Truk Lagoon, is doing most of the current research on suicides, and that the social characteristics and high suicide rate are to be found throughout Micronesia and Western Samoa.

Another area of social research which the Seminar "is just starting to crank up" is mental disorders, especially among young people in Micronesia, in relation to alcohol and marijuana abuse, Father Hezel said, adding that he is trying to get the East-West Center and University of Hawaii to assist in conducting a survey to get basic data on the extent of the

Xavier doubles fund drive goal

MOEN, Truk — The goal for the third annual Xavier High School fund drive was doubled from \$8,000 sought last year to \$16,000 to cover unanticipated cholera-related costs, according to the Jesuit school's development director Norman W. McComb.

Xavier had a \$9,000 shortage during the previous school year, because of having to feed and house 27 female students due to the cholera epidemic which hit Truk in August, 1982, McComb said, adding that paying those bills left

153 named to Honor Roll

LELU, Kosrae — 153 High School students out of an enrollment of 428 made the honor roll list at the close of First Quarter grading period, according to a Kosrae State Release.

Of the 153, twelve students garnered the GPA of 3.9 on a possible 4.0 grading system with 10 others on probation, the release said.

Included among the 3.9 GPA pointers were: Seniors — Lelean Ittu of Malem and Norson Nena of Utwe; Juniors — Alokoa Sigrah of Lelu, Kersina Ned of Tafunsak and Yoslin George of Malem; Sophomores — Grossley Kinere and Johnson Asher of Tafunsak, Rochella Zintua and Thompson Siba of Lelu; Freshmen — Linda Kephass and Surleigh Tara of Malem and Moria Nena of Utwe.



XAVIER CAMPUS — The inner grounds of the Xavier High School campus, Moen, Truk, is viewed from the roof of the main dormitory, administration gymnasium building. At left is a classroom building; center, the chapel, and right, the library wing of the main building.

problem.

"This is a social laboratory, in a sense," Father Hezel said, "that the people working here ought to provide remedies in Micronesia, but they could have a wider impact in helping the rest of the world."

the school short of operating funds for this year.

The school has 135 students, including 41 coeds who are living with sponsor families during the 1983-84 school year, he said.

Anticipated expenditures for the school year are \$162,000 and anticipated receipts were \$156,000 at the time the St. Francis Xavier Fund Drive began on Dec. 1, according to McComb.

Xavier was founded in 1952 as a boarding school for boys and became coeducation in 1976. It has become the premier academic high school in Micronesia, presently serving students from throughout the FSM, Marshall Islands, Palau and Kiribati (Gilberts).

It is supported by Jesuit foundations, government funding and the U.S. food service program, and depends largely on gifts and donations from alumni and other Micronesian and expatriates in the area, McComb said.

The school is seeking gifts of \$10-\$100, or more during the current drive and seeks scholarship sponsors throughout the year, he said, noting that it costs about \$1,250 a year for each student who is charged \$200 in tuition and \$125 in boarding fees, if he or she lives on campus.

Contributions may be addressed to McComb, Xavier High School, Box 220, Truk, Caroline Islands 96942.

Gallen named FSM Training Chief

KOLONIA, Ponape — Former Ponape State Education Director Paul Gallen was named the FSM Training and Employee Development Division Chief effective Jan. 8, according to the FSM Personnel Officer Kohne Ramon.

Gallen is a native and resident of Nanuh, Uh Municipality, Ponape, and a graduate of PICS High School who received a BA degree in education from the University of Guam and Masters degree in educational foundations, Aug. 1970, from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.



Gallen

Gallen, who started government service in 1964 as junior clerk for District Finance Office, also served as a school teacher, language instructor for Peace Corps Volunteer Program and East-West Center, Field Assistant Superintendent for Ponape school system and Assistant Director of Education for Ponape in 1971.

He became the first Ponapean to hold the title of District Director of Education in 1972 and served under Gov. Leo Falcam as the first State Director of Education in 1979-1983.

Gallen, 42, who ran unsuccessfully for the offices of governor in 1979 and FSM Congress Ponape at-large seat in 1983, is currently serving as one of the 10 at-large delegates to the Ponape Constitutional Convention.

Gallen, a Protestant Church lay minister, is married to the former Margarita William of Uh.

Corps seeks comments

KOLONIA, Ponape — Col. Michael M. Jenks, Honolulu District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, requested public review and comments on an application from Jerry Barbosa, for a federal permit to fill a 20-foot by 53-foot tidal area at Kolonia.

"Mr. Barbosa," the District Engineer explained, "proposes to use the landfill area as additional space for his family. If the permit is approved, this project will require the placement of approximately 260 cubic yards of fill material in the tidal area of Kolonia."

Jenks requested that comments on this permit application and any request for a public hearing to consider problems and issues in the proposed residential landfill at Kolonia be mailed to him at Building 230, Fort Shafter, Hawaii 96858, by Feb. 4.

Philatelic agent selection near

KOLONIA, Ponape — Interim Postmaster General Leo A. Falcam said he expects an agent to be selected by mid-February to produce and market FSM postage stamps for philatelic purposes.

Falcam led a delegation to Honolulu which met Dec. 16-20 with representatives of two philatelic firms which made separate presentations on how they would produce and market the stamps and with U.S. Postal Service representatives to discuss the transition to the FSM Postal Service.

Accompanying him were FSM Senators Jack Fritz and Kalisto Refalopei of Truk and Peter Christian and Pedro Harris of Ponape; Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee Counsel Gary Takeuchi; Washington attorney Barry Israel and Status Commission legal counsel Greg Swartz.

The two firms competing to be the FSM philatelic agent are Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corp. of New York, which represents Palau and the Marshall Islands, and Crown Agents of London in joint venture with Crown Agents Philatelic Corp. of Montville, New Jersey.

The two firms making presentations are the two largest companies in the stamp business, Falcam said, adding, "I left with the distinct feeling that both companies are quite capable and either one could represent the FSM in the area of philatelic trade."

He said that questions were submitted to their representatives regarding the extent of authority the FSM will have in all final decisions on design and production, as "we have to be in control."

The firms are to submit their responses in the next few weeks, Falcam said, adding that he hopes to have a decision by mid-February with the final contract to be subject to approval by the Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee which is headed by Fritz.

Fritz and Takeuchi left Jan. 13 to go to Palau to discuss agents and transition problems with Palauan postal officials.

"I still feel that the first issue of stamps should come out in early summer, because the longer we wait the more revenue we will be missing," he said, noting that Palau was expected to realize more than \$1 million in revenue during the first year of its stamp issue.

U.S. Postal Service officials were most concerned about their current employees being retained by the FSM which has

agreed to give them priority consideration, "if they decide to remain in the Postal Service after we take over," Falcam said.

U.S. Postal Inspector Robert Bidwell, who administered the transition for Palau, is handling the turnover for the FSM, he said, adding that "the USPS people are most cooperative and are going to expedite the transition to the FSM."

OTIA deputy to visit

KOLONIA, Ponape — Kittie Baier, who was nominated to replace Richard Montoya as Deputy Assistant Interior Secretary for Territorial and International Affairs, will visit Ponape and Truk, according to a Jan. 10 dispatch from High Commissioner Janet McCoy to President Tosiwo Nakayama.

Montoya is the Acting Assistant Interior Secretary for OTIA, having been nominated by President Reagan to replace Pedro Sanjuan in that position, pending confirmation by the U.S. Congress.

Baier was a confidential secretary to former Interior Secretary James G. Watt and is Montoya's chief advisor on territorial affairs, according to a Pacific Daily News report.

Baier, who will be accompanied by Marian Holm, is scheduled to fly from Guam to Majuro on Jan. 26, be in Ponape Jan. 29 - Feb. 1 and in Truk Feb. 1-3, before returning to Guam.

Inspector General visit set

KOLONIA, Ponape — U.S. Interior Department Inspector General Richard Mulberry and Maurice Ellsworth of his staff are scheduled to visit Ponape Jan. 27-31 to discuss audit responsibilities on federal grants, according to the office of President Tosiwo Nakayama.

They are scheduled to meet with the President, the Vice President Bailey Olter, Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, FSM Attorney General David Nevitt, Ponape Gov. Resio Moses, Lt. Gov. Strik Yoma and their staffs.

1,545 enter Kosrae

LELU, Kosrae — A total of 1,545 visitors entered Kosrae state during 1983, including 765 seamen and 780 for tourism, business, employment, religion and research, according to a Kosrae State Release.

The largest number of the visitors were from the Philippines, followed by Nauru, the United States and Kiribati.

Future airline service studied

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tigation when it adopted Congressional Resolution No. 3-13. Not only the complaints in high air fares and the inadequate service which Congress has continuously levied against Continental Air Micronesia, but also the deregulation of the airline industry in the United States has caused the investigation. With this deregulation any airline, not only Continental Air Micronesia, can fly in the FSM.

According to Harris, "Air Mike has not been very responsive to our needs. They have refused to furnish us certain important documents to indicate to us how the airline is operating."

"Nobody seems to want to talk about it (the financial situation)," supported Thomas.

Harris said the time has come when the FSM must make a long-term commitment to air transportation.

"We need to develop a complete system of air transportation which will include (service) to the outer islands," he said.

Before any commitment to an airline can be made, Harris said, the task force first would have to discover which outer islands are interested in air services and

how the air system would be financed, and then decide the time schedule for the placement of the air strips.

Once these decisions are made, Harris said, the FSM would be able to approach an airline and begin discussing equipment, joint venture arrangements and development of an outer-island-feeder system into the main trunk lines which could in turn connect the FSM with the Far East, North America, the South Pacific, and Australia.

"Developing an air transport system for the vast areas of the FSM will require a large investment and a long-term commitment on our part, but it looks very promising as types of aircraft needed are now available, willingness of outside expertise to participate is there, and the necessary financial backing can be acquired," Harris said.

The Joint Task Force on Air Transportation was established by Congressional Resolution No. 2-123, C.D.1, which was adopted by the Second Congress during its Fourth Regular Session in November, 1982. Besides Harris and Otto, other members of the task force include Senator Isaac Figir of Yap, FSM Transportation Chief Robert Weilbacher, and former National Planner, Dan Perin.

Frank confirmed Truk justice

MOEN, Truk — The Truk State Legislature confirmed the nomination of District Associate Judge Sebastian Frank to be a State Court associate justice, while rejecting the nomination of FSM Public Defender Wanis Simina for a second judgeship, according to a Truk State Release.

The action came Jan. 12 during the third special session which began Jan. 9. Earlier, the TSL confirmed the nominations by Gov. Erhart Aten of Roosevelt Kansou and Marcellino Umwech to the Truk Housing Authority board of directors.

Other nominations are pending for Health Services Director, State Planner, Transportation Officer and other members of boards and commissions.

Nine bills were introduced through Jan. 12, including one to appropriate \$20,000 for a special investigating committee created during the second special session in December to look into the state government financial crisis and fiscal 1983 deficit which was estimated at least \$2 million by the governor.

Other bills would provide \$13,509 in Truk Finance Department supplemental funds; \$10,000 to audit the fiscal 1983 general fund; \$6,897.83 for printing state laws and resolutions, and \$100,000 for the fiscal 1984 State Scholarship Fund.

Also introduced were measures to amend the law repealing the Mortlocks Economic Authority, to repeal a law authorizing the governor to borrow money from lending institutions and to mandate the governor to issue a quit claim deed on Elin Island in the Hall Islands to Otoko Walter.

Seven resolutions introduced include two calling for the confirmations of Frank and Wanis and others asking the FSM President to direct the Attorney General's Office to investigate and prosecute any violations of national law committed by aliens and foreign businesses in Truk, asking the governor to lift his health aids, hiring freeze, asking Mobil Oil Micronesia to branch out in Faichuk, requesting the promotion of Peter Killion to laboratory specialist and expressing condolences to the family of the late Dr. Esikiel Moses.

The legislature also is expected to consider a constitutional referendum bill, a State Foreign Investment Board bill, an amendment to the Executive Reorganization Act and appropriations of federal funds.



CHARTER DEDICATION — FSM Senator Elias Thomas, standing center, is addressing the dedication ceremony Jan. 6 for the charter of the Kipar Development Project in Kitti municipality, Ponape. The charter was issued by Ponape state to the Kipar Women's Association to farm four acres cleared by the State Agriculture Department which provided seedlings and other assistance. The association is seeking funds from the State Legislature for poultry, piggery and other agriculture projects.

Moses to meet with legislature on conference

KOLONIA, Ponape — Gov. Resio Moses said Jan. 12 that he plans to meet with the legislature and discuss the Ponape State Leadership Conference on political status development which will begin on Feb. 6 in the State Legislature Building.

The law which established the conference and was signed by Moses on Jan. 5, invited all members of the new legislature, all nanmwarkies and nanikens, state cabinet officers, speakers and chief executives of the municipal and town councils to participate.

Moses said he has also designated Lt. Gov. Strik Yoma as the administrator

and the overall coordinator of the conference.

Moses also completed action on 22 appropriation bills enacted by the Second Ponape State Legislature during its fourth regular session which ended Dec. 21 by signing Dec. 29 into law an appropriation of \$12,000 bill funding projects for Kapingamarangi Municipality.

Moses vetoed on Jan. 12 Legislature Bill No. 643-83, LD1, requiring the governor to submit to the legislature the Ponape Economic Development Plan, which was required under Section 211 (b) of the Compact of Free Association, before he submits it to the U.S. Government.

Moses said in his veto message that "heavy legislative intervention into the execution of the State Plan, to the degree contemplated in (that law) can constitute an encroachment into areas of executive prerogative by the legislature, thereby violating the separation-of-power principle of government."

Moses said he recognized the need for the legislature's participation in the planning process for the state and suggested that the legislature make a resolution setting forth the general guidelines for the execution of the plan to accomplish the intent expressed in the bill in question.

Bills signed by Gov. Moses:

Authorize the expenditure of U.S. grant funds for fiscal 1984; appropriate \$22,000 for public projects in Nett; appropriate \$10,000 to complete CCM dormitory construction; appropriate \$20,000 for Ponape Community Action Agency Women's Program; appropriate \$20,000 to purchase Kolonia Town's dump-trucks; and appropriate \$13,000 to fund an Emergency Relief Program for the people of Nukuoro.

Appropriate \$215,000 for construction of additional public school classrooms; appropriate \$16,000 for financing several public projects in Pingelap; and appropriate \$30,000 to finance certain public projects in Sokehs.

Appropriate \$20,000 for the State-wide Leadership Conference on Political Status Development; appropriate \$12,000 for public projects in Nukuoro; and appropriate \$4,500 for operational costs of Ponape Aging Program.

Appropriate \$30,000 for public projects in Madolenihmw; appropriate \$65,000 for Ponape state's participation in the Micronesian Trades Apprenticeship Program; appropriate \$60,000 for two hydro-electric projects in Ponape; and appropriate \$98,000 for PICS high school projects and programs.

Appropriate sum or sums to be determined in the General Appropriations

Act of fiscal 1984 for aiding the non-public schools in Ponape; appropriate \$12,500 for Uh public projects; appropriate \$30,000 for projects for Kitti; appropriate \$9,600 for construction of a Mokilese community house in Kolonia; and appropriate \$12,000 for public projects in Kapingamarangi.

Moses said he will touch base with the legislature on matters of: Installation of the state judiciary, the Economic Development Plan and reorganization of the state government.

Upgrading the water system is to be completed, "hopefully, by Jan. 20," he said adding, "PICS pump is being reactivated to help out the current water distribution in Kolonia."

The state has begun design-phase of the \$1.2 million airport terminal and a feasibility study for an industrial park to be located between Kolonia and the airport at Deketik, beginning with the consolidation and relocation of Nanhmal and Kolonia power plants to Deketik, Moses stated.

Moses said he is working on completion of the circumferential road within four months and is continuing his effort with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to begin construction of the \$6.1 million Nanpil River Hydropower Project.

He said he is working with the TTPI on water and sewer upgrading and correction of Ponape road culverts, and is planning to convert the Public Works Department garage into a public market which will be rented at minimum rates to people marketing farm products.

Moses said he named the Rev. Shem Jimmy as his interim Special Assistant for Outer Islands Affairs, effective Jan. 16.

EDA gets refrigerated truck

KOLONIA, Ponape — The Ponape State Economic Development Authority purchased a refrigerated truck, the only one on the island, to expand markets for fresh fish and produce, according to EDA Executive Director Anson Chong.

EDA took possession Jan. 12 of the diesel powered truck with freezer and chiller manufactured by Tokoh Refrigeration Engineering Co., Ltd. of Japan and purchased from Kowa (Sekki Komi Co., Ltd. which rebuilt all components for \$8,380, Chong said.

Kowa, Sekki also guaranteed all parts and equipment for 12 months and agreed to fly a technician to Ponape at the request of EDA Chairman Kasiano Joseph.

Following at least one week of testing, there will be a six-month training program in repair and maintenance of the rig, Chong said.

Etse reelected

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tials of Senator-elect Herculano Kohler (of Sokehs) are in order" and recommended that he be seated.

Committee chairmen elected by the Third Legislature include Kasiano Joseph of Kitti, Finance; Annes Lebehn of Sokehs, Resources and Development; Bernel Edward of Kitti, Judiciary and Governmental Relations; Nelson Pelep of Madolenihmw, Health and Social Services; and Joseph Moses of Uh, Education and Cultural Affairs.

Vice chairmen are Dison Gideon of Nukuoro, Finance; Iohp Lohete of Kapingamarangi, Resources and Development; Baker Meninzor of Ngatik, Judiciary and Governmental Relations; Herculano Kohler of Sokehs, Health and Social Services Committee; and Alter Paul of Kitti, Education and Cultural Affairs.

The issue of filling the Pingelap seat was not addressed during the meeting. The State Election Commissioner did not certify the election of incumbent Job Micah over Delson Ehmes.

The legislature completed organization of its committees on Jan. 13.

Other members of the Finance Committee are Feliciano M. Perman, Baker Meninzor, Simiron Jim, Yamada, Joanes Edmund, Midion G. Neth, Joseph Moses and Iop Lohete; Resources and Development Committee, Francis Simeon, Yamada, Dison H. Gideon, Ambros T. Senda, Nelson Pelep, Kohler, Jim and Kasiano Joseph.

The Judiciary and Governmental Relations Committee also includes Edmund, Alter Paul, Moses, Neth, Yosuo Y. Phillip, Perman and Kohler; the Health and Social Services Committee, Simeon, Senda, Paul, Jim, Bernell W. Edward, Phillip and Meninzor; and the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, Edmund, Gideon, Lohete, Edward, Annes H. Lebehn, Perman, Yamada and Neth.

Ringlen named to D.C. post

KOLONIA, Ponape — FSM External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich announced the appointment of Ringlen Piliam Ringlen of Ponape as the new Social Services Coordinator in the FSM Representative's Office in Washington, D.C.

Amaraich also announced the realignment of deputy chiefs in the International Affairs Division and the search for candidates for a new Foreign Service Internship program in the department.

Ringlen replaces Kohne Ramon, also from Ponape, who became the FSM Personnel Officer in December, after being nominated by President Tosiwo Nakayama and confirmed by the FSM Congress.

Ringlen, 33, has been residing in Eugene, Oregon, where he has been working as a bank teller and where he received a master's degree in counselling from the University of Oregon.

A native of Pingelap Atoll, he graduated from PICS high school, Ponape, in 1963, and received a BA degree in business administration and economics from Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa. He is a former assistant Micronesian project coordinator at Eastern Oregon State College, La Grande, PICS teacher and Community College of Micronesia math teacher.

Liaison visits Kosrae

LELU, Kosrae — The U.S. State Department Status Liaison Officer Carl Taylor, Jr., visited Kosrae on Nov. 18-23 as part of an orientation trip which included Palau, Truk and the Marshall Islands, according to a Kosrae State Release.

Taylor's Kosrae visit also included a meeting with Governor Yosiwo George and other state leaders, the release said.

In the International Affairs Division, Jesse Raglmar of Yap was reassigned from Deputy Chief for Multilateral Affairs to Deputy Chief for Asian Affairs; Ira Akapito of Truk, from Deputy Chief for Asian Affairs to Deputy Chief for South Pacific Affairs, and James Movick of Ponape, from Deputy Chief for South Pacific Affairs to Deputy Chief for Multilateral Affairs.

Raglmar joined the department in May, 1981. Akapito joined in 1982 and has been nominated to attend an Australian foreign service training program, April - June, in Canberra. Movick, who joined the department in 1979, is on education leave at the University of Washington, Seattle, and is scheduled to return in September.

Three candidates are to be hired as Foreign Service Officers I for the internship program, according to International Affairs Chief Masao Nakayama.

Candidates are required to have a college degree in political science, economics, or related fields and a good command of written and spoken English. Although no work experience is required for the entry-level positions, work experience will be taken into consideration for purpose of placing interns at higher pay.

They are required to submit with their applications by Jan. 26 to the FSM Personnel Office, Kolonia, Ponape 96941, copies of their college transcripts and 1,000-word essays on 1) "How the FSM Government should project its international identity;" 2) "Why I want to work in the External Affairs Department," and 3) Roles of the national government in the Federation."

The internships are for at least one year, and successful interns will be promoted to career Foreign Service Officer II positions which pay about \$9,000 a year, Nakayama said.

Notice....

KOLONIA, Ponape — FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King ordered the sale, or disposal of the Miyako Maru, a 100-foot steel-hull Japanese long-line fishing boat with two refrigeration holds, owned by Ponape Ocean Products, Inc., and Oceania Marine Products, Inc., Ltd.

Bids for the vessel are to be submitted to Martin F. Mix, P.O.Box 143, Ponape ECI 96941. It will be sold as it is and where it is for cash only with the purchaser to be responsible for its movement.

Following is the Nov. 10 order in Civil Case No. 36-81, Isao Nishimura vs. the owners, and Civil Action No. 1982-020, Ponape Federation of Cooperative Associations vs. the owners.

"The plaintiff in the above entitled case having advised the Court that all efforts to dispose of the Miyako Maru have failed and that the Miyako Maru is deteriorating and may possibly sink in its present position, thereby presenting a hazard to navigation; and

"The plaintiff also having represented that the previous proposed purchaser of the vessel, David Nelms, has failed to respond to correspondence; and that Court having provided notice of this proposed order to all interested parties and having received no objection from

"IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

"1. The Miyako Maru shall be offered for sale by notice to be carried in the earliest two available editions of the National Union.

"2. If an offer or offers for the vessel are received then the vessel shall be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof turned over to the Chief Clerk of this Court for distribution to the creditors pursuant to court order to be entered after hearing at a later date.

"3. If no bidders respond to the notice in the National Union, the vessel shall be put at the disposal of Marine Resources Department of the State of Ponape for sinking to make an artificial reef.

"4. Counsel for plaintiff, Martin F. Mix, shall be responsible for carrying out this order. Upon completion of the actions provided for here, but in any event no later than January 31, 1984, he shall file a written report notifying the Court of his actions hereunder. Thereafter, the case may be closed.

"So order the 10th day of November, 1983."

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TRIAL DIVISION — STATE OF PONAPE
Weeks of January 18 - February 9, 1984

DATE/TIME	CASE NO. / CASE NAME	PROCEEDING
Jan. 18 / 2 p.m.	1982-522 FSM v. J. Phillip	Hearing
Jan. 18 / 2:30 p.m.	1983-543 FSM v. P. Jorg	Hearing
Jan. 19	1983-546 FSM v. Angei	Responses
Jan. 20 / 9 a.m.	1983-546 FSM v. Angei	Pre-Trial
Jan. 24 / 9 a.m.	1983-546 FSM v. Angei	Trial
Jan. 25 / 9 a.m.	1983-018 Johnny v. Tman	Hearing
Feb. 07 / 9 a.m.	1982-028 Mobil v. Opet, et. al.	Hearing
Feb. 07 / 9 a.m.	1983-013 Mobil v. Sterling	Hearing
Feb. 09 / 9 a.m.	1983-001 Hardware Guam v. Mid-Pac	Hearing

Officials sworn in Under Constitution

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cent of the voters approved the Constitution which replaces the state charter enacted by the former Congress of Micronesia.

Swearing in ceremonies for municipal officials were scheduled to be held Jan. 11 in Lelu, Jan. 12 in Tafunsak, Jan. 13 in Malem and Jan. 14 in Utwe, Phillip said.

Kosrae is the second FSM state to implement its own constitution, following Yap which put its constitution into effect on Jan. 1, 1983. Truk drafted a constitution in 1982 and has not scheduled a referendum. The Ponape State Constitutional Convention is scheduled to be reconvened on Jan. 24 for completion of its draft.

The Kosrae Constitution establishes a state court to replace the Trust Territory District Court here. The governor is to submit nominations for the state court judges to the legislature which will meet in special session on Jan. 16 and regular session on Feb. 14.

The Kosrae Constitution also requires that its legislators become full-time members and give up positions in other branches of the government.

All but one of the 14 members, Dais Alokoa of Lelu, a personnel specialist, chose to remain in the legislature, according to Phillip, who said that the governor scheduled a special election for his seat on Feb. 9.

Nine members giving up other government positions are: Lelu - Fred Skilling, FSM Development Bank loan officer, and Kasuo Isisaki, State energy planner; Tafunsak - Donald Jonah, community development officer; Joshuaia Saimon, education specialist, and Asher P. Palik, public health administrative officer; Malem - Luey Luey, Transportation Authority executive director; Hideo Shrew, Transportation Authority administrative officer, and Moleince Kephass, Community College of Micronesia continuing education; Utwe - Rensler Andrew, health planner.

Other members of the legislature are Speaker Gaius Nedlic and Thurston Siba of Lelu, James Palsis of Tafunsak and Patterson Benjamin of Utwe.

Officers and committee chairman of the Third Kosrae State Legislature who took office in January, 1983, will remain the same under the Constitution, Phillip said.

Kosrae news in brief....

LELU, Kosrae - Winners in the first Kosrae State Fair held in conjunction with the Dec. 9 airport and dock dedication in Tafunsak were announced Dec. 20 by the State Resources and Development Office, according to a Kosrae State Release.

Winners are the heaviest entry in each category for root crops, fruit, citrus, livestock and marine produce, according to the release which stated that the State Agriculture Department is studying the possibility of continuing the fair annually.

The first-place prize winners are: Carl Abraham, Lelu, cucumber; Tosiwo Tosie, Malem, watermelon and corn; Luther Cornelius, Malem, chinese cabbage, apert fusus (banana) and limes; Kotaro Wakuk, Utwe, squash; Mrs. Antilise George, Malem, eggplant; and Stephen Iso, Malem, soft taro.

Also, Mrs. Sepe T. Andrew, Malem, Ponapean yams and copras; Jack Kun, Tafunsak, lakutan (banana); Harry A. Sigrah, Lelu, kufafa (banana); Lipan Kephass, Malem, apert (banana); Aliksru M. Tolenoa, Tafunsak, papaya; Sapuro Fredy, Malem, hywanic sugarcane and pigs; Joseph Olter, Malem, black sugarcane, and Tolenoa Palsis, Tafunsak, tunting sugarcane.

Also, Palikun Nena, Utwe, tangerine; Augustine Sana, Tafunsak, oranges; Tadasy Sigrah, Lelu, chickens; Asime Taulung, Tafunsak, deep fish; Ezekiel Nena, Tafunsak, reef fish; and Timothy George, Tafunsak, turtle.

LELU, Kosrae - Training on computer, fire and statistics was attended by Kosraeans during November, according to State Public Information Officer Alex Phillip.

A computer training on Kaypro II was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Dan High of Guam for Kosrae state government secretaries and clerks during the early part of Nov., Phillip said.

"It's easier and a lot faster," commented one of the secretaries at the completion of the training, Phillip said.

Corrections

KOLONIA, Ponape - A statement by Gov. Yosiwo George at the Dec. 9 dedication of the new Kosrae airport and dock was garbled in the Dec. 15 National Union. It should have read:

"George said that the complex marks the beginning of a new era for Kosrae in the development of its economy."

In relation to a separate story in that issue on leprosy in the FSM, the number of known cases in Kosrae is 36, instead of 34, according to Kosrae State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

LELU, Kosrae - A Kosraean student studying in a college or university who maintains a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher on a full-time status meets the loan assistance fund qualification as part of criteria set by the Kosrae Student Loan Fund, according to Kosrae State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

Phillip said other criteria include: 1) student must be a Kosraean citizen; 2) must be accepted in a college or university; and 3) must carry a field of study that is considered by the Kosrae State government as most badly and urgently needed for the development of Kosrae State.

Phillip also said that the FSM Student Services Coordinator Danny Leopold visited Kosrae Nov. 2-7 as requested by the State Director of Education Singkitchy George to help set up the student loan fund.

Leopold also met with the Kosraean students who had loans from the FSM Student Loan Fund to explain new policies regarding loan payments. The Kosrae State Legislature has appropriated money to assist Kosraean students studying in colleges and universities abroad.

LELU, Kosrae - An increasing number of Kosraeans were found with a high incident of high blood pressure during a recently conducted hypertension program on Kosrae by the Ponape State Hypertension Program Coordinator Paul Skilling, a Kosrae State Release said.

Skilling was accompanied by the FSM Department of Social Services Federal Programs Manager Isamo Abraham and World Health Organization (WHO) Consultant Lynch Michael who visited Kosrae at the invitation of State Director of Health Services.

Abraham assisted Kosrae State in the area of primary health care and conducted a workshop on administration of Federal Health Programs while Michael looked into the Kosrae State Hospital laboratory problems.

Kosraean high blood pressure patients were instructed to eat certain prescribed food and to do a lot of exercises, the release said.

LELU, Kosrae - The Kosrae Community Development Office is organizing a baseball program for youth, 16 years old and older, to be held in February, according to a Kosrae State Release.

The Community Development Office will provide equipment for the teams which are to have 12 to 15 members, which can be from the villages or mixed, according to the release which said that the purpose of the program is to foster the spirit of competition, instead of offering prizes.

Micronesia biology classroom

KOLONIA, Ponape — A group of 24 students from Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon, have been using Micronesia for a classroom and laboratory to study tropical marine biology, according to Dr. Ed. Florance, director of the overseas study project.

The group of 10 coeds and 14 men, all juniors and seniors, left Portland on Sept. 15 and have travelled to Honolulu, Majuro, Guam, Palau, Yap and Ponape which is the last stop before going back to the University of Hawaii to complete their reports. They are accompanied by Florance, an associate biology professor, and his wife, Gilan.

The students are earning the equivalent of 30 quarter hours of credit which is equal to two quarter terms at the college, Florance said. They are all biology majors as undergraduates, though three are pre-med students.

All are certified SCUBA divers and have used that skill in their marine research, he said.

The first stop at the University of Hawaii for one week included lectures on the history and cultures of Micronesia and a tour of the Bishop Museum. It was followed by two weeks in Majuro where the students stayed in homes and visited

Aussies switch to Honolulu

KOLONIA, Ponape — The Australian government transferred responsibility for bilateral relations with the FSM from its high commission in Nauru to its consulate-general's office in Honolulu on Jan. 1, according to a Jan. 3 letter from Consul-General W. N. Fisher, to President Tosiwo Nakayama.

"Henceforward," Fisher said, "it will be this office in Honolulu which will have responsibility for bilateral relations, aid, consular matters and general liaison between Australia and the Federated States of Micronesia.

"Trade matters will continue to be handled separately through the Australian Trade Commissioner in Suva," he said.

"I very much look forward to my first visit to the Federated States of Micronesia which I hope will be in February this year," Fisher said.

some of the smaller islands of the atoll while conducting their research.

They spent one month at the University of Guam where they attended special classes and lectures at the Micronesian Area Research Center and UOG biological laboratory, and resided in the UOG dormitories with Micronesian students.

They stayed one month at the Micronesian Mariculture Demonstration Center in Palau where they went diving almost every day and conducted extensive research on individual projects and visited the Micronesian Occupational College, Florance said.

They arrived Dec. 3 in Yap for two weeks in private homes in Tomil Village which was arranged by State Attorney General Sprian Mannaw, a graduate of Lewis and Clark College. Three of the students went on a 17-day field trip ship tour of the Yap outer islands.

The remainder of the students and faculty arrived Dec. 16 in Ponape where four took the field trip ship to the southern islands while the others visited the Nan Madol ruins, the Ponape State Hospital, the Community College of Micronesia and Ant Atoll, while conducting research on ethno-botany, or traditional uses of plants. Five students were scheduled to leave Jan. 10 on a field trip ship to visit Pingelap and Mokil atolls in Ponape state.

Most of the group was scheduled to leave Ponape on Jan. 14 and six were to depart Jan. 21 to go back to Honolulu where they would stay until Jan. 28.

Lewis and Clark has had extensive overseas study programs for the past 20 years, but this was the first group to come to Micronesia, Florance said.

"I would anticipate that based on the success of this program there will be other groups coming out here," he said.

The students are: Jennifer Atchley, Mary Brunette, David Carey, Joan Carlton, Skip Dines, Chris Edison, Karen Ettlinger, Frank Grote, Basil Hans, Amy Hilmanowski, Timmy Hirano, Terri Horst, Claudia Johnson, Kurt Kristensen, David Lerversee, Susan Norris, Lee Parsons, Kristyn Rudeen, John Sager, Kevin Spencer, Mike Tiedy, Paul Todd, David Toovy and Cyrena Van Doorn.

FSMDB approves More loans

KOLONIA, Ponape — The FSM Development Bank received approval of eight new Economic Development Loan Fund loans totalling \$91,100, according to Acting FSM DB President Manny Mori.

Mori also announced that the FSMDB has restructured 30 old EDLF accounts totalling \$258,154, and borrowers are beginning to pay on the restructured accounts which were dormant.

The Trust Territory government transferred 74 old EDLF accounts totalling \$681,287 on Sept. 30 to the FSM bank which is servicing them as part of the FSM \$3 million share of the fund, he said.

With the eight new loans, the bank has received a total of \$610,170 for 27 new loans and \$173,000 for operating costs from the EDLF, Mori said.

The eight new loans include four totalling \$20,000 for pepper projects in Ponape, one \$10,600 loan for a diesel fuel service station in Yap, one \$26,000 for an egg production poultry farm in Truk and loans of \$16,500 for a gasoline service station and \$17,000 for car rental service in Kosrae.

Education Board to meet

KOLONIA, Ponape — The FSM Board of Education is scheduled to review the Draft Education Code during its fourth regular meeting Jan. 23-27 in the Community College of Micronesia Library, according to board Administrative Officer Herbert A. Gallen.

The tentative agenda for the meeting also includes teacher certification administration and policy development, fiscal 1984 and 1985 budget requests, a permanent office for the board, higher education needs, the proposed National Maritime Academy and manpower needs.

President Tosiwo Nakayama and Ponape Gov. Resio Moses are invited to give the opening remarks for the meeting, according to Gallen.

The board members are CCM President Catalino Cantero of Ponape, chairman; John Rulmal of Yap; Rensley Sighah of Kosrae; and Manuel Sound of Truk with FSM Education Division Chief Daro Weital as an ex-official member.

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