

Compact lobbying in Washington effective, final action seen in '85

KOLONIA, Ponape - The Washington lobbying campaign in support of the Compact of Free Association has been effective thus far and U.S. congressional action should be completed early next year, according to FSM Status Commission officials.

Commission officials also said in briefings July 11 for the Ponape State Legislature and national government officials that the

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee staff is working on amendments to the joint resolution on the Compact to study federal assistance withdrawal impact and provide for transition, to authorize continuation of up to three federal programs to be specified and authorize U.S. funding of technical assistance and transition needs, after termination of the trusteeship.

The joint resolution was introduced in the House during the first week in July by Foreign Affairs Chairman Dante B. Fascell of Florida and jointly referred to the Interior and Foreign Affairs committees, according to commission Chairman Andon Amar-aich.

"This is an excellent development for us," Washington attorney

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POSTAL 'MILESTONE' LAUNCHED

KOLONIA, Ponape - The FSM Postal Service was launched here July 12 with Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry calling it "a milestone in our goal of self-government."

A heavy shower soaked the spectators, but failed to interrupt the inauguration ceremony which included signing documents transferring U.S. Postal Service operations and facilities to the FSM by Postmaster General Leo A. Falcam and U.S. Postal Inspector Robert Bidwell of Hawaii and changing the sign on the Main Post Office Building here to "FSM Post Office."

Falcam noted that simultaneous inauguration ceremonies were being held in Yap, Truk and Kosrae, and announced that FSM postage stamps in 23 denominations would go on sale in the afternoon.

President Tosiwo Nakayama said, "This ceremony today gives international recognition to our FSM government and its Constitution."

The Speaker said that "the rain brings good omen" for the FSM Postal Service, and that the day is important, because the former Congress of Micronesia was started and the FSM Constitution was ratified on July 12.

"This is a milestone in our goal of self-government," Henry said.

Falcam said that he hopes it will prove "to be a model for our transition to self-government."

The President said that the ceremony "represents not only an

honor but an extraordinary challenge to become part of a global postal service, an undertaking which has rich, colorful and important tradition."

He noted that FSM Status Commission negotiated the postal take-over agreement with the United States in conjunction with the Compact of Free Association

which is awaiting U.S. Congress approval.

Falcam said, "I hope and trust that the U.S. Congress will act quickly on the Compact."

He said that "today, we have the opportunity to prove that we are one, we are an island nat-

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POSTAL FACILITIES TRANSFERED - Postmaster General Leo A. Falcam, second from right, and U.S. Postal Inspector Robert Bidwell, right, are signing documents transferring operations and facilities from the U.S. to the FSM Postal Service, during a July 12 ceremony at the Main Post Office Building, Kolonia. Seated from left are Peace Corps Micronesia Country Director Jerry Penno, FSM Senator Elias Thomas, Nahniken of Sokehs Isidiro Martin, Ponape State Chief Justice Edwel Santos, Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, Ponape First Lady Susan Moses and President Tosiwo Nakayama.

5 CIP PROJECTS TRANSFERRED TO FSM

KOLONIA, Ponape - The Trust Territory government approved and transferred five capital improvement projects totalling \$10.47 million to the FSM for administration under the CIP agreement signed in December, according to FSM Construction Division Chief Amos Coffelt.

The first CIP projects to be transferred to the FSM include the \$2.1 million Southern Yap water system, the \$1.42 million Yap rural sanitation project, the \$3.65 million Dublon-Moen water system improvement project, the \$1.3 million Moen road improvement project and the \$2 million Ponape circumferential road system.

In addition, an agreement is being prepared for the \$2,057,000 Kolonia water system improvement project grant, Coffelt said.

The Truk construction will be managed by International Bridge and Construction Co./Micronesia, Inc, he said, while "Yap and Ponape will generally handle their own construction management in conjunction with the projects as provided for in the grant agreements.

"We (the FSM) are still responsible for administration of the projects and handling of the funds to assure there is no mismanagement and the states get what they agreed to," Coffelt said, adding, "The states and construction managers are accountable to us and we in turn to the TTPI for the funds and a quality project."

The Ponape State Community Services Department has two civil engineers, Bill Scott and Bill

Riggins, and the Yap State Planning, Budget and Statistics Office, one mechanical engineer, Kurt Redeloch, for construction management under the TT-PSM joint agreement, he said.

The FSM Construction Division also is managing the \$150,000-\$200,000 exploratory water well drilling project at the proposed national capital site, Palikir, which is contracted to Pacific Drilling Co., Guam, and was scheduled to begin June 30, according to Coffelt who said the national government funded the project.

Other CIP projects which are expected to be transferred to the FSM for construction management consultants are the Kosrae road and waste water treatment plant projects, the Truk and Kosrae airport terminals and the Truk power plant improvements, while Ponape and Yap will use their in-house capability for similar projects, he said.

The Navy Officer-In-Charge-of-Construction in Guam is phasing out construction management activities, Coffelt said, even though it has two new projects in Ponape, including a \$200,000 water treatment plant improvement project and a \$448,969 Kepinle sewer system improvement project.

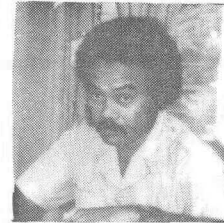
ARCHEOLOGY STUDY SET

LELU, Kosrae - Catholic University, Washington, D.C., anthropology professor, Dr. David T. Clark, is conducting archeological research on the lifestyle of ancient Kosraeans in the Koalang, Innem, Lelu, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

Raglmar becomes 1st Tokyo liaison

KOLONIA, Ponape - Deputy Chief for Asian Affairs Jesse Raglmar of Yap was named the first FSM Liaison Officer in Tokyo, according to International Affairs Division Chief Masao Nakayama.

Raglmar left Ponape on July 8 and arrived July 11 in Japan, af-



Raglmar

ter stopping in Guam.

The FSM Liaison Office is located in Azabu Heights Sumimoto Building in the Roppongi section of Tokyo, according to Raglmar who

said that he would establish telephone and TELETYPE numbers and mailing address, after he arrives.

He is scheduled to have one secretary and a consultant as his staff.

"It will be primarily an information office, facilitating economic oriented information requested by business and government officials," Raglmar said, adding, "We will be aiming at assisting trade and business people here in Micronesia and in Japan."

"The office also will assist FSM state and national government officials and citizens when they go to Tokyo, he said.

The FSM has full-fledged liaison offices in Guam and Honolulu and a representative's office in Washington, D.C.

Raglmar, 33, is a native of Fais Island, Yap state, who was graduated from Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland, High School near Washington, D.C., and Hamilton College, Clinton, New York.

He served as a legal counselor in the Micronesian Legal Services Corp. office in Yap from 1976 to May, 1981, when he joined the FSM External Affairs Department here as Deputy Chief for Multilateral Affairs.

HYDRO PROJECT PLANNED

LELU, Kosrae - Bark Jackson and Paul Clark of the U.S. Interior Department, Washington, D.C., met here with Kosrae state and Malem municipal officials to discuss engineering and financial aspects of the proposed Malem hydroelectric project, the first planned for Kosrae, and will later submit recommendations for review and comments, according to a June 19 Kosrae State Release.

Medical referral cost control planned

KOLONIA, Ponape - Draft legislation for the proposed National Health Care Plan (NHCP) will attempt to control the cost of medical referrals to facilities outside the FSM, according to Budget Officer Del Pangelinan.

The success of the proposed plan, according to the National Health Insurance Committee chairman, "will rely to a great extent on improving utilization controls of medical referrals to tertiary (outside) health care providers.

"The present system of referring FSM patients to tertiary health care providers mostly located on Guam, or Hawaii has resulted in serious fiscal deficits and financial debts to the FSM state governments and individuals involved," he said, citing the threat by the U.S. Interior Department to withhold FSM allotments to pay overdue medical referral bills.

"The administrative proposal for the NHCP," Pangelinan said, "contains provisions for physician and patient care coordinators to be located in Guam and Hawaii.

"To effect better utilization controls in the states from where referral patients are sent, the draft legislation for the proposed NHCP will contain a provision whereby state governments will be required to organize state medical referral committees and formalize the screening procedures for patients considered for referral to tertiary facilities whenever the NHCP is requested to cover the costs," he said.

"Anytime a patient is to be referred to tertiary health care providers, the approval of an official of the NHCP will be required, before the costs connected to that referral will be covered," Pangelinan said.

PRESIDENT PLEDGES REPEAT OF ANTI-NUCLEAR DUMPING STAND

KOLONIA, Ponape - President Tosiwo Nakayama assured the Pacific Peacemaker crew here June 28 that he will continue to support anti-nuclear testing and dumping resolutions in the South Pacific Forum when it meets Aug. 27-28 in Tuvalu.

The President also assured the group opposing military deployment in the Pacific that the FSM did not negotiate away part of its sovereignty by giving the United States extended military denial rights in a subsidiary agreement to the Compact of Free Association.

The Pacific Peacemaker, a 54-foot motor-sailer with a crew of 10, including seven U.S., two Dutch and one Palau citizens, arrived here June 26 from the Marshall Islands and left June 29 for Palau and Japan, after the crew visited June 27 PATS high school and Nan Modal ruins and June 29 held lectures at the Community College of Micronesia and meetings with Ponape Gov. Resio Moses and the President.

The ship left Seattle, Washington, April 15; visited the Hawaiian islands in May to protest RIMPAC military exercises there by U.S., Japanese, Australian, New Zealand and French forces; visited the Marshall Islands in June to protest the use of Kwajalein atoll as a missile range, and is scheduled to protest possible U.S. military bases in Palau and attend the Nagasaki and

Hiroshima atomic attack remembrance conference in August, in addition to trying to visit Soviet eastern ports.

The crew included skipper Ann Schroder, George Lawes, Will Werley, Ann Krill, John Hurd, Maxine Alex-Martine and Mary Savage of the United States; Otto Schuurman and Ineke Houtman, Netherlands film makers, and Juanes Butelbai of Palau.

"When I go to Tuvalu in the next two months, I will vote again against nuclear testing and dumping in the Pacific," Nakayama told the group visiting his office.

As an observer member, the FSM has joined the Pacific heads of state in the Forum in protesting nuclear testing and dumping "year in and year out," he said.

"Our Constitution says no storage, testing, or dumping, unless there is expressed approval by the government," which could mean approval by the FSM Congress, state legislatures and a national referendum, he said.

"My office periodically tells the world through the news media our position," the President said.

In responding to a statement that the FSM may have sold out on its sovereignty, the President said, "We didn't sell our sovereignty (for financial aid in the Compact).

"We have our sovereignty—it is the most important thing," he said.

Citing several models of free association in the Pacific, Nakayama said, "Ours is unique.

"We only give the U.S. defense rights, and we do that because we don't have an armed force," the President said, adding that Micronesians feel they would be too weak to defend themselves, as "World War II is still fresh in our minds."

He said, "There will be no military presence in the FSM, except for the Coast Guard (in Yap) and Civic Action Teams."

In order for the U.S. military to establish bases in the FSM it would have to negotiate with the state and national governments and private landowners, he said.

LEADERSHIP MEET PLANNED

LEIU, Kosrae - State, municipal and old age officials met here June 12 to discuss issues and problems to be addressed in the Second Kosrae State Leadership Conference, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip who said the conference date is pending.



PEACEMAKER SAILS - Pacific Peacemaker is setting sail June 29 for Palau from the Ponape dock after arriving here June 26 from the Marshall Islands for a rest and visits with FSM and state officials.

Copra prices hiked

KOLONIA, Ponape - The price of copra will be increased \$100 a ton effective July 16 to stimulate production and provide more income for copra cutters, according to FSM Coconut Development Authority General Manager Namio O. Nanpei.

In a July 6 memorandum to FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama and all governors in the FSM, Nanpei said that based on a CDA board decision the price per ton would be increased as follows:

Center price—Grade I, from \$240 to \$340; Grade II, from \$230 to \$330, and Grade III, from \$220 to \$320.

Off center price—Grade I, from \$210 to \$310; Grade II, from \$200 to \$300, and Grade III, from \$190 to \$290.

"The board and the management (of CDA) are both very concerned with the decreasing production level of the FSM major export item," Nanpei said.

"The board hopes that this price increase would serve as an incentive to increase production and provide extra income for the copra cutters," he said.

CORRECTION

KOLONIA, Ponape - Merlyna Weilbacher is salutatorian for the PICS high school 1984 graduating class, instead of Senior Class President Joseph Rodriguez, as reported in the June 30 NATIONAL UNION.



WITH CREW - President Tosiwo Nakayama, right, is discussing anti-nuclear dumping policy with the Pacific Peacemaker crew June 28 in his office. He is shown with skipper Ann Schroder, center, and Juanes Butelbai of Palau.

CONTINUATION OF COMPACT LOBBYING RECOMMENDED

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James T. Stovall II said, adding, "When we go to the U.N. we can present the Compact as a real change, giving the FSM a true international identity."

The Foreign Affairs Committee is expected to schedule a hearing in September, and the Interior Public Lands and Parks Subcommittee, which has been holding hearings for U.S. witnesses, may schedule a hearing in September for Micronesian officials, Stovall said.

The Interior Subcommittee has hearings scheduled for July 26 on U.S. foreign policy implications and Aug. 7 and 9 on U.S. security implications of the Compact.

"If they do, it would be realistic to expect hearings to be completed in the House before adjournment (Oct. 4), and completing legislative action early next year," Stovall said.

The goal is for the Senate to complete action on the joint resolution before Congress adjourns Oct. 4 for the Nov. 6 elections, as its Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which held hearings May 24, is drafting a report on the resolution and is expected to mark up the legislation July 24-Aug. 10, the period between the Democratic and Republican national conventions, he said.

The Democratic Party Platform has a brief supporting termination of the trusteeship, so "it looks like we would remain on

track, if there is a change of administrations," he said.

The process of the Compact Planning Committee in Washington coordinating delegations of FSM state and national officials to testify in hearings and meet with U.S. Congress members and staff "is working well," Stovall said, adding, "They are prone to listen to the need for early implementation, if it comes from Micronesian citizens."

"Our recommendation is to go forward with the program," he said.

Amaraiich said that "the commission is broke" with a \$75,000 deficit, so "we need some more money."

The commission met here July 10-12 to elect officers for a new two-year term, review its financial status and the Washington lobbying campaign and plan its future strategy on the Compact.

It also met with the National Development Plan Task Force to review the status of the plan.

"It remains critically important to proceed with the plan to implement Compact funding," Stovall said, adding that "the U.S. President would be reluctant to put it (the Compact) into effect unless and until the development plan is set up."

The commission on July 10 re-elected Amaraiich of Truk as its chairman, Vice President Bailey Oltter as Status Committee chairman and FSM Senator Jack Fritz of Truk as Transition Committee

chairman.

Other Status Committee members are State Senator Kasiano Joseph, who replaced Itor Harris as the Ponape state representative; FSM Senator Claude Phillip of Kosrae, and Amaraiich.

Other Transition Committee members are FSM Senator Peter Christian of Ponape, Lt. Gov. Moses Mackwelung of Kosrae, FSM Senator Isaac Figir of Yap and the Vice President who serves on both committees.

The reappointment, or replacement of Gov. John Mangefel as the Yap state representative is pending in the Yap State Legislature, according to Amaraiich. Mangefel served on the Status Committee and that position is being held open for him, or his replacement.

Briefs....

LELU, Kosrae - Joshua Alokoa was elected president; Steven Iso, vice president, and Kiyus Jackson, secretary-treasurer June 22 by the new board of directors of the 200-member Kosrae Farmers Cooperative Association, according to a June 25 Kosrae State Release.

KOLONIA, Ponape - Seven Ponapeans received certificates June 15 for completing a four-day advanced Johnson-Evinrude outboard motor repair and maintenance course sponsored by the State Economic Development Authority, PATS high school and Outboard Marine Asia, Ltd., according to EDA Executive Director Anson Chong.

Completing the course were Jesse Sidney, Arthur R. George, Lenson Abraham, John Tiegmai, Sentiage Malarme, Kasiano Mathias and Kelley A. Helgem.

KOLONIA, Ponape - The deadline for unsecured RH 502 non-subsidized subsequent loan applications was 4:30 p.m. June 29, according to Farmers Home Administration Area Supervisor Shelten G. Neth who said that interested subsequent borrowers should contact Elina O. Ekiek by telephoning 583 in Ponape.

The FNHA agency has a \$1 million loan fund available for the RH 502 loans, Neth said.

CORRECTION

LELU, Kosrae - Lt. Gov. Moses Mackwelung delivered the May 31 Kosrae High School commencement address, instead of Gov. Yosiwo George, as reported in the June 15 NATIONAL UNION, as the governor was off-island at the time, according State Information Officer Alex Phillip.



PRESIDENT TESTIFIES ON COMPACT - FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, center, is testifying in the May 24 U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on the Compact of Free Association. From left at the table are former Truk Speaker Kisande Sos, Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, Nakayama, Ponape Gov. Resio Moses and Kosrae Speaker Gaius Nedlic. External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraiich is between Sos and Henry and Marshall Islands President Amata Kabua is between Henry and Nakayama. Yap Gov. John Mangefel is not shown.

COM, MLSC urge

Continuation

KOLONIA, Ponape - College of Micronesia and Micronesian Legal Services Corp. representatives urged the U.S. House Public Lands and Parks Subcommittee to continue funding their programs after the termination of the U.N. trusteeship agreement.

Appearing in a June 28 subcommittee hearing in Washington, D. C., the COM and MLSC officials also called for U.S. congressional approval of the Compact of Free Association and early termination of the trusteeship.

FSM Senator Claude Phillip of Kosrae, a COM regent, in a prepared statement urged the U.S. Congress to provide \$12 million for a new Community College of Micronesia campus at Palikir, Ponape; \$2.8 million to relocate the COM Nursing School from Saipan to Majuro, and \$1.3 million for renovation and equipment at the Micronesian Occupational College in Palau.

Phillip cited the Saipan Accords signed last year by the FSM, Palau and Marshall Islands presidents as clearly affirming "the commitment of the governments to support a unified College of Micronesia system."

He urged the U.S. to continue Land Grant status for the COM College of Tropical Agriculture and Science and to provide \$3 million previously authorized for its Land Grant Endowment Fund.

Phillip also called for "a reasonable transition period for continuance of applicable federal programs to the college," citing the Pell grants, work-study and Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant funds which now provide about \$10 million a year for Micronesian post-secondary students, including \$1.3 million received by COM students.

If these are cutoff within two years for COM students and four years for students abroad under present terms of the Compact, the three COM campuses would have to undergo a crash program to shoulder the burden of educational needs here without the resources to do it, he said.

Yap State Senator Robert Ruecho, MLSC board president, said that U.S. Legal Services Corp. funding must be continued for training and operations here to provide equal access to the system of justice for almost all Micronesians.

Ruecho said that MLSC should be continued at its past level of funding, or .26 per cent of the USLSC budget appropriations.

FISH MANAGEMENT BODY PLANNED

KOLONIA, Ponape - The South Pacific Commission was directed to draft a proposal for a regional fisheries management organization, during the June 18-22 Coastal States and Distant Water Fishing Nations Meeting in New Caledonia, according to Micronesian Maritime Authority Deputy Director Peter Sitan.

The U.S. fishing industry agreed for the first time to provide scientific data on purse-seine tuna catches in the Western and South Pacific, during the meeting which was held at the SPC headquarters in Noumea at the request of the South Pacific Conference last year in Saipan, according to Sitan.

External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy led the FSM delegation which included MMA Chairman Sasao Gouland of Truk and Sitan as technical advisor to the meeting which included U.S. and Japan representatives as distant waters fishing nations and all SPC members as coastal states.

"To the FSM it was an important

Land sales curbed

KOLONIA, Ponape - Former U.S. Navy and Japanese land here cannot be sold, nor transferred, except to immediate relatives and approved charities, nor leased for more than 50 years, within 15 years after being quitclaim deeded, according to a June 21 announcement by Ponape Public Lands Authority Commissioner Yasuo I. Yamada.

Citing land transfer restrictions in State Law 2L-43-80, Yamada also said that the authority will not recognize any sale, lease, transfer, or give away of U.S. Navy and Japanese leases made after January, 1980.

"While a Navy/Japanese leaseholder may designate someone else to apply for transfer of title to the land, the designation may only be allowed when the original leaseholder is inelligible to apply in his/her name," Yamada said.

The land authority has processed 140 quitclaim deeds for former Navy and Japanese land parcels, since 1980, according to Yamada who said 23 deeds were assigned in Madolenihmw, 23 in Uh, 27 in Kitti, five in Sokehs and 62 in Nett.

There are 779 former Navy and Japanese land parcels deeded in Ponape, including 182 in Madolenihmw, 68 in Uh, 203 in Kitti, 228 in Sokehs and 98 in Nett, and there are 2,108 applications and 639 undeeded leases to be processed by the Public Lands Authority, he said.

meeting," Sitan said, adding, "We are going to play a big role in the region, as we provide 30 per cent of the catch information in the region."

Both the distant waters and coastal state representatives agreed that a body, such as the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission in the Eastern Pacific, should be created to provide scientific data for tuna stocks management and regulation, he said.

But the coastal states were split on the question of including the distant waters fishing nations in the body, Sitan said.

"One recommendation was to direct the SPC to come up with a detailed paper on a body to manage, or make recommendations to countries for regulating tuna," he said.

The SPC is to consult with the Forum Fisheries Agency, coastal states and distant waters nations and make recommendations to be discussed in the next SPC Fisheries Technical Meeting in August in Noumea, or at the 24th South Pacific Conference in October, also in Noumea.

Interaction between commercial and subsistence fishing also was discussed at the meeting and the SPC was asked to conduct a study which would include fish tagging in the major purse-seine fishing grounds which is expected to produce results in two-three years, Sitan said.

Fishing talks held

KOLONIA, Ponape - An FSM delegation left Ponape on July 5 for Tokyo to continue negotiations on a fishing rights agreement with the Japanese fishing industry, according to Micronesian Maritime Authority Deputy Director Peter Sitan.

The delegation includes Dr. Edward Miles of Seattle, Washington, as the chief negotiator; MMA Director Mike McCoy; Sitan; MMA Legal Counsel Makato Robert; Resources and Development Department economist Daniel Twum-Bari-mah, and Joe Stanley, Forum Fisheries Agency senior economist.

The delegation is scheduled to return here July 18 and go July 20 to Honolulu for a final meeting with the Japanese fishing representatives on an agreement which is scheduled to go into effect when the present agreement expires on Aug. 9.

All MMA members and observers from the FSM states are expected to attend the Honolulu meeting, according to Sitan.

Wolfe extradited to Truk, jailed pending \$45,000 bail

KOLONIA, Ponape - Charles Wolfe of Honolulu remained in the Truk State Prison pending \$45,000 bail set July 7 during a preliminary appearance before a state judge, according to FSM Attorney General David Nevitt.

Wolfe arrived July 6 in Truk under custody to face theft charges in the first extradition effort from a U.S. state by the FSM.

Wolfe was charged March 2 in the FSM Supreme Court in Truk with two counts of theft by deception and one count of theft by failure to make a required disposition of funds received in the Feb. 3, 1983, alleged sale of bogus airline shares to Truk International Development Co. shareholders for \$45,000.

Wolfe is being represented by the FSM Public Defender's Office

in Truk. His trial date will be set when Supreme Court Associate Justice Richard Benson returns to Moen, officials said.

Benson issued March 3 a bench warrant, and Wolfe was arrested March 29, after a governor's warrant was issued in Hawaii at the request of President Tosiwo Nakayama through High Commissioner Janet McCoy.

The \$45,000 was paid Feb. 3, 1983, to Wolfe in Truk and another \$15,000 was delivered to him a week later in Honolulu to purchase 40 per cent of Trans-Pacific Airlines which allegedly was not incorporated until Oct. 26, 1983.

The funds, representing 800 shares at \$750 a share paid by 12 TIDC shareholders, were to be used to purchase an amphibious air-

plane to provide service between Moen and the Mortlock Islands of Truk.

The Hawaii State Supreme Court unanimously upheld a May 10 First State Circuit Court ruling denying Wolfe's petition for a writ of prohibition to prevent his being extradited to the FSM, shortly after oral arguments were presented June 29 by Nevitt on behalf of the FSM and Hawaii state officials supporting a governor's warrant to extradite the defendant.

Wolfe had been in jail in Honolulu unable to post a \$45,000 bail bond since his March 29 arrest.

He was to be flown to Truk under the custody of Acting Division of Security and Investigations Chief Lester Ruda and taken to the Truk State Prison in Moen to be incarcerated until the preliminary hearing was held on pre-trial release conditions.

The case will be prosecuted by FSM Assistant Attorney General David Brown.

In his petition for writ of prohibition, Wolfe argued that he should not be extradited to the FSM, because it is a foreign country without an extradition treaty with the United States and the theft charges were politically motivated and for personal gain.

Nevitt argued that until the termination of the U.N. trusteeship agreement, the FSM remains a U.S. territory for extradition purposes.

The Compact of Free Association which is awaiting approval by the U.S. Congress has a section on extradition which will go into effect when the trusteeship is terminated.

The ruling by the Hawaii courts and the extradition of Wolfe establishes the precedent that the FSM "has the right to extradite its fugitives from the United States even without the extradition agreement guaranteed in the Compact," Nevitt said.

RAPE, BURGLARY CONVICTIONS UPHeld

KOLONIA, Ponape - The FSM Supreme Court Appellate Division affirmed the 1982 sexual assault and burglary convictions of Olter Andohn and reversed the robbery conviction, remanding the case to the Trial Division for re-sentencing.

Chief Justice Edward King found Andohn guilty of breaking into the apartment of an expatriate woman on Feb. 25, 1982, by removing the screen and louvers of the bathroom window, raping her in her upstairs bedroom and stealing a towel.

Andohn was sentenced April 28, 1982, to one year in the Ponape State Prison; two years of restriction to the Rohi and Saladak areas, Uh Municipality, with eligibility to apply for permission to work outside of those areas, during the second year, and one year of probation to Feb. 26, 1986.

The March 20 Appellate Division opinion signed by FSM Associate Justice Richard Benson and designated justices Dorothy W. Nelson of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Appeals Court, San Francisco, and Samuel P. King, U.S. District Court, Hawaii, said, "The evidence is silent as to when the towel was taken," in reversing the robbery conviction and remanding the case to Trial Division for dismissal and re-sentencing.

The Appellate Division ruled that King applied uniform authority in denying the defense motion for acquittal on all counts, as the prosecution had established without a doubt that Andohn was guilty of burglary and sexual assault.

The Appellate Division rejected

the defense argument that King showed partiality toward the prosecution by 1) suggesting that the victim use the term "incident" in referring to the assault; 2) interrupting the defense counsel during an objection to a prosecution question; 3) showing solicitude to the victim by suggesting a short recess during her testimony; 4) asking questions of the defense counsel during his closing argument and none of the prosecution, and 5) recalling the victim and asking her 19 questions, after both parties rested their cases.

"The first four of these points are trivial in themselves, or taken together," the opinion stated.

The 19 questions were aimed at establishing without a reasonable doubt the positive identification by the victim of the assailant and the fact "that the answers given by the witness happened to strengthen the government's case does not indicate that the judge was impermissibly helping the prosecution, or that he was biased against the defendant," the opinion added.

FSM Supreme Court Calender

DATE/TIME	CASE NAME	TRIAL DIVISION-STATE OF PONAPE TYPE	PROCEEDING
July 16, 9 a.m.	FSM v. H. Rodriquez	Escape	Trial
July 16, 10 a.m.	FSM v. Plais	Escape	Trial
July 16, 1:30 p.m.	FSM v. Iusama	Burglary	Trial
July 17, 9 a.m.	FSM v. Sowas	Rape	Trial
July 19, 9 a.m.	FSM v. Rupley	Funds misuse	Trial
July 20, 9 a.m.	FSM v. Iusama, et. al.	Burglary	Trial
July 20, 10 a.m.	FSM v. K. Rodriquez	Burglary	Trial
July 31, 9 a.m.	Island Hardware v. Federated Shipping Co., et. al.	Contract	Hearing/ trial

PONAPE LEGISLATURE APPROVES FIRST STATE SALARY SCHEDULE

KOLONIA, Ponape - The Ponape State Legislature approved the state's first salary schedule for elected and appointed officials, during a July 3 special session, according to State Information Officer Halvorsen Johnny.

The legislature also adopted a resolution asking the FSM President and Congress to increase the states' share of local tax revenues from 50 to 80 per cent.

The salary schedule sets annual wages for the governor at \$25,000; lieutenant governor, \$23,000; State Court chief justice, \$23,000; legislature speaker, \$20,000; associate justices, \$20,000; legislature members, \$17,000; department directors, \$16,000-\$21,000; special assistants to the governor, heading offices, and deputy directors, \$13,000-\$17,000, and state authorities and commissions chief executives, \$15,000-\$18,000.

Alternate justices would get \$80 a day while sitting in the court.

Current salary levels are: Governor, \$25,143.04; lieutenant governor, \$22,143.68; chief justice, \$19,144; speaker, \$11,440; associate justices, \$17,144; department directors, \$19,144-\$21,311.37; special assistants, \$16,144; legislators, \$11,024, and commission and authority chief executives, \$19,144-\$28,000.

If approved by Gov. Resio Moses, the salary schedule would go into effect after the next general elections for the governor, lieutenant governor, legislators and authorities and commissions chief executives. It would go into effect Oct. 1 for the justices and other appointed officials.

The federal tax revenue resolution cites a proposal by President Tosiwo Nakayama to the FSM Congress in November, 1983, to readjust the distribution of tax receipts to 80 per cent for the state of origin and 20 per cent for the national government.

The Finance Committee report said that the resolution "is an appropriate beginning in our campaign to effectuate affirmative action at the national level to bring this necessary and fundamental restructuring of government financing to a reality."

The legislature adopted a similar resolution in December.

In fiscal 1983, more than \$1.4 million in taxes were collected in Ponape by the FSM Revenue Division with one-half of the proceeds going to the national government, and the state anticipates the same amount being collected in fiscal 1984. The proposed distribution formula would

increase the state's share by \$400,000.

In other special session action, the legislature authorized the appropriation of \$125,000 to match \$250,000 provided by the FSM Congress to implement the Ponape State Five-Year Marine Resources Development Plan, which is two years behind schedule, and has been modified by the Economic Development Authority board and legislature, according to EDA Executive Director Anson Chong.

The legislature amended the fiscal 1984 General Appropriations Act to provide \$7,700 for State Hospital security guards; \$11,000 for the Upward Bound Summer Bridge Program; \$33,300 for the draft Pohnpei Constitution education task force; \$20,000 for the constitution referendum, and \$17,500 for transportation and living allowances of police officers attending training in Sitka, Alaska.

Also, \$5,000 for the governor's representative fund; \$18,400 for the Kapingamarangi, Nukuoro and Parem food assistance program; \$20,000 for MS Micro Glory operational costs; \$32,500 for Legal Affairs Department operational costs, and \$10,000 for a U.N. Development Program-sponsored livestock development project.

The legislature also deleted \$80,000 authorized for the Pohn-

pei Public Market to be reprogrammed to the Transportation Division for Micro Glory operations, approved annual expense allowance payments on a calendar year basis for its members and adopted a resolution thanking the FSM President for supporting, and requesting further support for Ponape concerns regarding the Compact of Free Association and entry into the post-trusteeship era.

To set vote date

KOLONIA, Ponape - The Ponape State Legislature approved during its regular session which ended June 27 a bill authorizing Gov. Resio Moses to reschedule the referendum date set for July 2 on the draft state constitution, according to Information Officer Halvorsen Johnny.

The governor signed into law June 25 a bill to reappropriate \$7,000 to renovate the municipal office and \$3,000 to renovate the dispensary on Pingelap from funds originally appropriated for sanitary facilities there.

In other regular session action, the legislature confirmed the nomination of Singuo Hadley, a former FSM Supreme Court chief clerk who is State Education Department Cultural Education Division chief, to replace Sosiro Eliam on the Micronesian Legal Services Corp. board of directors.

It disapproved by filing a bill to authorize the State Public Lands Authority to deed public lands leased to residential leaseholders in Kolonia.

The Resources and Development Committee report recommending filing the bill introduced by State Senator Yosuo M. Phillip of Kolonia said that the practice of leasing land is to accommodate people commuting to Kolonia Town from rural and outer islands communities who have first option for renewal.

The committee cited the need to re-survey all residential and commercial leaseholds in Kolonia, prior to transfer of any rights or titles.

The legislature appropriated \$17,500 to send five Ponape State Police officers to the Micronesian Police Academy at the Alaska State Police Academy, Sitka, for 91 days of training beginning July 7.

The FSM national and Trust Territory governments also are funding the training. The six Ponape officers are Police Capt. Francisco Joseph, Training Officer Osaia Santos, Patrolman Tony Perret and detectives Elsin Mwudong and Mathias Syne.

Reorganization sought

KOLONIA, Ponape - Gov. Resio Moses submitted to the Ponape State Legislature an executive reorganization bill which would abolish the Public, Legislative and Municipal Affairs Office and put its functions in a new Rural Affairs Department and cabinet-level Public Information and Election Commission offices.

The reorganization bill also would change the names of the Community Services Department to Public Works Department and the Conservation and Resource Surveillance Department, formerly the Resources and Development Department, to the Development Department.

The Rural Affairs Department would have divisions of Outer Islands, Rural and Community Development, Cultural Relations and Youth Affairs.

The executive branch would be increased from six to seven departments and from three to four cabinet offices.

The other departments are Administration, Education, Health Services and Legal Affairs, and the other offices are Federal Relations and Management and Budget.

WWII BOMB DESTROYED BY NAVY TEAM

KOLONIA, Ponape - An unidentified unexploded World War II cannon shell, or bomb discovered June 27 during dredging operations near Deketik causeway here was destroyed July 1 by a crew from the Naval Magazine in Guam, according to Ponape State Information Officer Halvorsen Johnny.

Dredging operations were halted and the causeway between Kolonia and the Ponape airport and dock was closed temporarily when the cannon shell, or bomb weighing about 100 pounds was spotted in the dredged coral.

Gov. Resio Moses notified Trust Territory and U.S. Navy officials in Saipan and Guam, requesting assistance of a demolition team to dispose of the projectile which is two feet long and eight inches in diameter.

In cables to Trust Territory and Navy officials, the governor said, "The presence of an unexploded bomb of undetermined capacity of destructiveness poses extreme danger to human lives, especially in view of the fact that traffic during plane arrivals and departures is always heavy where the bomb is presently located."

Part of the causeway remained closed to vehicle traffic and people were advised to stay away from the area, until the Navy team arrived by military aircraft to inspect and dismantle the bomb.

The Navy team took it to the former Maeda Construction Co. rock quarry in Nett and exploded it, officials said.



UNEXPLODED BOMB - Ponape State Police Officer Sandro Pelep is pointing at an unexploded World War II bomb, or cannon shell excavated June 27 during coral dredging at the Deketik causeway between Kolonia and the Ponape airport and dock. The bomb was exploded July 1 by a team from the Naval Magazine, Guam.

application deadline extended

KOLONIA, Ponape - The deadline has been extended from July 15 to July 20 for Ponapeans seeking electrical and mechanical skills in the International Labor Organization sponsored Trade, Training and Testing (T3) program, according to its coordinator, Henry Hickey.

"Interest in the program far exceeded expectations," Hickey said, adding that more than 100

applications were distributed by the FSM Labor Division and that enough applications have been received to fill the first three construction training classes.

Applications are being filed permanently, so applicants who do not make the first classes can be called for later classes, he said. Successful applicants for the first class will be announced in the NATIONAL UNION and on WSZD Radio.

FSM Postal Service 'Milestone' passed

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ion," and with approval of the Compact, "we can prove even further that we are one.

"We can show our friends in the rest of the Pacific that we have taken this historic step toward self-government," Falcam said.

Falcam announced before the ceremony that the Christmas stamp design contest deadline, which was set for July 1, has been extended to Aug. 15, due to too few entries from Yap and Kosrae.

"I hate to judge the entries received without enough entries from Yap and Kosrae," he said, indicating that all four states would be represented in the final selections.

Falcam noted that George King, a retired U.S. Postal Service employee, was contracted by Crown Agents Philatelic Corp. of Montville, New Jersey, which is providing the production and worldwide sales of FSM stamps, to assist in philatelic sales here. King has been in the FSM since June 20 and has visited the four states to set up the sales.

Falcam also reported that Ponape sold all of its commemorative stamps in the first two and one-half hours, the other states reported running low the first day and more commemoratives are being ordered.

BAR EXAM SET

KOLONIA, Ponape - The FSM Supreme Court will administer a bar examination Sept. 20 in Ponape and Truk, and will consider holding it in Yap and Kosrae, if requests are made in time to make arrangements, according to Chief Clerk Emeliana Musrasuik.

Applications must be filed with supporting documents and a \$25 fee with the Office of the Chief Clerk, FSM Supreme Court, P.O. Box J, Kolonia, Ponape FSM 96941, 30 days before the written examination, though later filing may be permitted upon showing good cause, she said.

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