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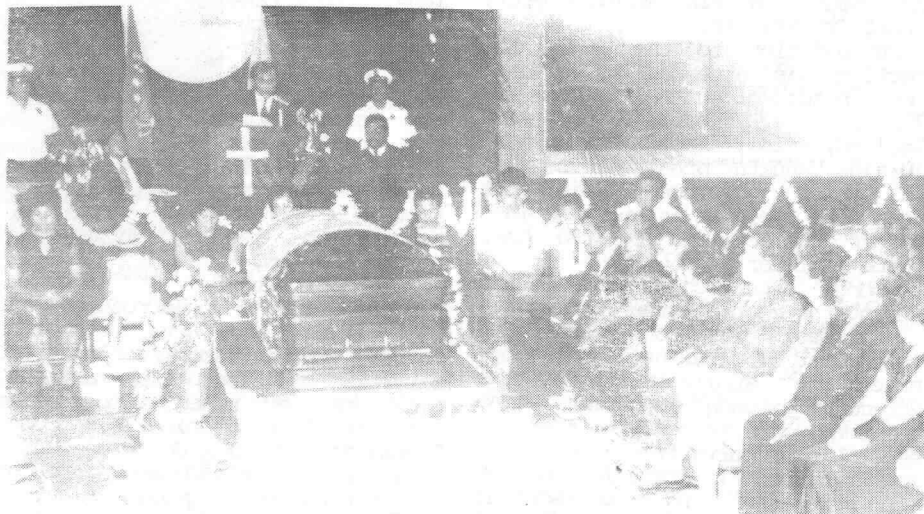
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STRIK YOMA EULOGIZED - Gov. Resio Moses, at podium, is delivering the eulogy Sept. 8 in the Ponape State Legislature for Lt. Gov. Strik Yoma who was found dead Sept. 2 in Honolulu. The widow, the former Sizue Gibbons, and their children are behind the casket. Seated in the front row at right are, from left, President Tosiwo Nakayama, Mrs. Nakayama, Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, Mrs. Henry, Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King, Mrs. King, Vice President Bailey Olter and Mrs. Olter.

Strik Yoma praised in eulogies

KOLONIA, Ponape - Ponape Lt. Gov. Strik Yoma, 47, who was found dead Sept. 2 in a Honolulu hotel room, was hailed as a political pioneer who "stood firmly for (FSM) unity and love of our common humanity," Sept. 8 during a state funeral in the Ponape State Legislature chamber.

Mr. Yoma was buried Sept. 9 at his home in Nanporomal.

The funeral was held immediately after the arrival of Mr. Yoma's body at the Ponape International Airport where it was greeted by a Ponape State Police honor guard; state and national dignitaries led by Gov. Resio Moses and Vice



STRIK YOMA

President Bailey Olter, and thousands of mourners at the airport and along the Teketik Causeway and the main street of Kolonia, the route of the funeral procession to the legislature chamber.

Mr. Yoma's body was accompanied from Honolulu by President Tosiwo Nakayama; FSM Congress Speaker and Mrs. Bethwel Henry; Ponape Community Services Director Bermin Weilbacher; his widow, the former Sizue Gibbons of Palau, and two of their children.

The President delivered the eulogy for Mr. Yoma during a memorial service Sept. 6, Hawaii time, at the Hawaii Memorial Park Mortuary which was attended by Micronesian students at the University of Hawaii and East-West Center alumni. Hawaii Gov. and Mrs. George R. Ariyoshi visited the

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States to cite Transition Funds needs

KOLONIA, Ponape - With the possibility of the U.S. Congress approving the Compact of Free Association early next year, state and national officials agreed, during an Aug. 30-Sept. 1 conference here, to compile transition funding needs for FSM Chief Executives to review in October.

The Transition Conference was called by Status Commission Transition Committee Chairman Jack Fritz of Truk who told the state representatives, "The purpose of this meeting is to ask you what you think are the transition issues."

Fritz said that "the most critical thing is to focus on federal programs and add-ons."

Fritz said that during his June trip to Washington, D.C., with fellow FSM Senator and Status Commission member Isaac Figir of Yap they were told by U.S. Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations officials that "what they want us to do is come back here

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It's a girl!

KOLONIA, Ponape - Ponape First Lady Susan Moses gave birth to a baby girl at 1:17 p.m. Sept. 10, according to a State Information Office release.

Rachel Sarah Moses, who weighed seven pounds and five ounces at birth, and her mother were doing fine, according to the release.

Gov. and Mrs. Resio Moses have three other children, Esmond Burdette, 10; Tania Lih, 9, and Resio Jr., 5.

Compact, nuclear zone 'consistent'

KOLONIA, Ponape - FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama told the 15th South Pacific Forum, held Aug. 27-28, in Funafuti, Tuvalu, that the principles of the proposed Pacific nuclear free zone are consistent with the Compact of Free Association being considered by the U.S. Congress.

The FSM, as an observer member, supported the Forum decision to appoint a working group, headed by Australia, to prepare a draft treaty to ban nuclear testing, dumping, manufacture, or stationing of nuclear explosives and wastes in the South Pacific to be reported to the 16th meeting Aug. 4-6, 1985, in the Cook Islands.

The Forum also acknowledged the sovereign rights of the South Pacific countries to decide for themselves whether to allow port and airfield access to nuclear weapons and nuclear powered ships.

Nakayama reported to the Forum that the Compact is expected to be approved by the U.S. Congress and implemented next year, providing the FSM sovereignty over its foreign policy, internal matters

and rights over its 200-mile economic zone.

The President added that the principles of the proposed nuclear free zone were consistent with the Compact, according to officials accompanying him to the meeting.

The President was accompanied by Ponape Lt. Gov. Strik Yona, who died in Honolulu during their return trip; External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy, and South Pacific Affairs Deputy Chief Ira Akapito.

In addition to the FSM, the meeting was attended by government heads of Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Western Samoa, plus government ministers from the Solomon Islands and Tonga. It was chaired by the host prime minister.

Among other concensus reached during the meeting, the Forum:

- Expressed its continuing concern about U.S. failure to recognize the applicability of the 200-mile extended economic zone to tuna, in response to the U.S. embargoing imports from the Solomon Islands in retaliation for its arresting and confiscating the purse-seiner "Jeanette Diana" for illegally fishing in its zone.

- The Forum called for prompt and successful negotiations of a multilateral agreement with the United States which were scheduled to begin this month in Suva.

- Reaffirmed its support for an independent multi-racial New Caledonia, and urged the French government to move up the referendum on independence scheduled for 1989 and transfer additional political and administrative powers, with full participation of the Melanesian community, to the territory to prepare it for independence.

- Directed its Foreign Ministers Committee to complete its work on a proposal to create a single regional organization by merging the South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation and the South Pacific Commission and to report back at the next meeting.

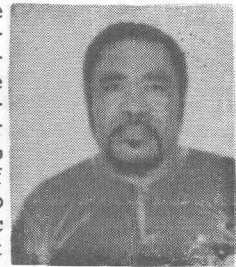
- Reaffirmed the importance of the Law of the Sea Convention and urged all countries to sign it before the Dec. 9, 1984, deadline. (The FSM would be able to sign when the Compact goes into effect.)

It also covered regional trade and cooperation as it affects smaller members, energy and progressive of the regionally-owned Pacific Forum Line shipping service.

Raiwalui joins Skills program

KOLONIA, Ponape - Rusi Raiwalui of Fiji joined the FSM Trade, Training and Testing Program here as the International Labor Organization-sponsored construction and woodworking instructor, according to T3 Coordinator Henry Hickey.

Raiwalui is instructing two classes, as well as training his Ponape counterpart, Joanis Bartolone, to take over and continue the program, after the ILO construction expert for the past two and one-half years moves to another Pacific country to set up the program.



RAI WALUI

One of the projects at the construction and woodworking shop set up in the former Maeda Construction Co. site is building desks, cabinets, bookcases and other accessories for the Telecommunications Corp. Technician Training Center.

"I was surprised and amazed at the professional quality of the products the trainees are turning out under Rusi's tutelage," Hickey said, "especially since only a few weeks ago they didn't even know how to use a carpenter's rule."

Frank Lunn, ILO chief technical advisor and electrical expert for the T3 program, is instructing two classes in electrical skills and training his Ponape counterpart, Welly Wells, by servicing and returning to operating condition washing machines, stoves, refrigerators and other appliances.

Bill Brown, ILO mechanical expert, will arrive in Ponape in September to begin training in mechanical and automotive skills for trainees and a Ponape counterpart.

Applications are being accepted in the FSM Labor Division office for mechanical, construction and electrical trainees, Hickey said.

Photographer arrives

LELU, Kosrae - State Tourism Officer Madison Nena announced that profession photographer John de Bry arrived here Aug. 15 to produce photographs of the island for postcards and brochures and to conduct a photography course, according to a Kosrae State Release.

Briefs....

KOLONIA, Ponape - W. Alan Lautanen arrived here July 17 to begin a two-year contract with the FSM Revenue Division as a tax specialist assisting in all aspects of policy, administration and collection, according to Finance Secretary Al Tuuth.

Lautanen worked as a tax attorney in San Diego, before coming to Ponape, and is a certified public accountant with extensive audit experience, according to Tuuth who said he will be working with the Attorney General's Office on tax collections and on taxpayer education and assistance.

Lautanen is married to the former Cora Delarosa, whose parents reside in Yap.

LELU, Kosrae - Two men from the British Royal Engineers established a communications center on Poro Mountain, Lelu, to transmit and receive information by satellite on the geographical location of islands, according to Kosrae State Land Surveyor Hiram Abraham.

Capt. Steve Walker and Chief Petty Officer Woodhouse arrived here Aug. 21 to conduct the satellite survey contracted by the FSM national government, according to an Aug. 24 Kosrae State Release, which also reported that the French research vessel Coriolis with six scientists and 20 crew members stopped Aug. 16 in Kosrae for water and provisions.

States to list transition needs for Chief Executives

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and decide what we think are our transition problems, and get our facts together to take back to Washington."

At the end of the Transition Conference, the participants signed a "Summary of Decisions" which noted, "The Compact could be approved by the U.S. Congress during the early part of 1985, leaving very little time to make the preparations necessary for transition to free association."

The state and national governments should focus transition efforts on major issues, beginning with U.S. federal program losses with the states to prepare analyses of existing programs for the Chief Executives Conference which is expected to be held here in October and prepare a more detailed analysis on a unified budgetary basis by the end of the year.

The states also are to submit their transitional capital improvement project needs, prepare long-range technical assistance plans and review the proposed internal budget procedures agreement for the Chief Executives Conference..

In addition, the states are to review state environmental regulations and enforcement procedures to establish compliance with Compact requirements and adopt or amend state development plans to be completed with the National Development Plan by the end of the year.

During the review of the transition issues in the Compact, Status Commission legal counsel Greg Swartz said the draft National Plan is to be ready by the end of September to distribute to the states for review.

"The U.S. government made it very clear that if there is no plan, there is no Compact funding," Swartz said, noting that the Marshall Islands government recently completed its plan.

FSM Budget Officer Del Pangelinan said that the state and national governments received some \$13.5 million in categorical grants for federal programs, such as health, education, aging and job training, through the first 10 1/2 months of fiscal 1984, and expects a total of \$16 million for those programs by the end of the year.

The list does not include the College of Micronesia, Farmers Home Administration, Community Action Agencies, Head Start and scholarships for students abroad, Pangelinan said, adding that with those programs not included the

FSM should receive more than \$20 million.

Noting that the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee is considering an amendment to the Compact resolution to continue programs on a transitional basis for up to three years, Swartz said that the states should review federal programs and agree to those which they need continued.

"The only way we can get replacement money, or to continue programs is to provide a firm impact analysis," he said.

Noting the Senate version would leave the door open after the Compact goes into effect to go back for more funds, Swartz said that "there is an opportunity between now and early next year when Congress acts on the Compact and the door is open after the Compact, but it may gradually close."

Pangelinan said that the budget procedures proposal is being prepared to send to the states to review before being finalized in a Budget Officers meeting in late September, and then being submitted it to the Chief Executives Conference planned for October.

"Certain things need to be done," he said, adding, "One is for the (FSM) Congress to determine the role it wants to have in the Compact funds."

"The position of the states is that Congress should not be involved in appropriations of Compact funds," Pangelinan said, adding that this would be brought

Legislatures praise Yoma

KOLONIA, Ponape - Resolutions expressing sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Ponape Lt. Gov. Strik Yoma adopted by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature and Kosrae State Legislature were presented to the Ponape state government by officials attending his Sept. 8 funeral.

Speaker Gaius Nedlic delivered the Kosrae State Legislature resolution which stated that "the untimely passing of the late Honorable Strik Yoma is great loss to the Federated States of Micronesia."

The resolution said that Mr. Yoma was instrumental in establishing the Kosrae High School and taught there, 1958-59.

The CNMI resolution was presented by Commonwealth Information Officer Frank Rosario who represented the governor and lieutenant governor.

up in the October session of Congress.

Prior service benefits, indefinite land use payments, Community College of Micronesia and capital relocation, CIP projects, medical referral debts and were cited by Swartz as "what we are calling U.S. trusteeship obligations."

"We are saying the U.S. should fulfill these obligations before the Compact or after the Compact period begins," he said.

Other transition issues covered in the conference were:

-The need for the FSM Congress to provide funds and staff authorizations to create a U.S. Relations Division in the External Affairs Department and open more overseas offices, plus the need for the department to identify personnel for U.S. and Australian foreign service training.

-The need to clarify consultation procedures, U.S. consular assistance and the need to clarify what U.S. treaties applicable to the Trust Territory should be declared applicable to the FSM.

-The need to provide FSM passports, clarify entry requirements for FSM citizens into the U.S. and U.S. citizens into the FSM to work and reside and to enter treaty arrangements with the Marshalls and Palau on immigration.

-The need for the U.S. to determine which agency will establish a representative office in the FSM and for the FSM to provide by law for diplomatic immunity and the protection of U.S. government personnel and property.

-The need for the states to identify individuals who were in the Marshall Islands during U.S. nuclear testing for nuclear injury claims.

-The need to establish an FSM Weather Service, review FSM disaster control laws and consider establishing FSM aviation safety and economic regulation agencies.

-The need to indicate to the U.S. how the \$7 million annual health and education block grant will be used and to make sure that COM students receiving Pell grant scholarships when the Compact goes into effect are not cut off and retain eligibility for continued assistance outside of the FSM.

-The need to assure that U.S. auditors do not intrude on internal prerogatives of the FSM and rely on FSM auditors; negotiate annual Civic Action Team work programs and provide for their land and utilities needs, and agree on recruitment procedures for entering the U.S. armed forces.

Yoma buried in Nanponmal, time of death unknown

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mortuary before the service.

The time and cause of Mr. Yoma's death were not known, according to Weilbacher who said that an autopsy had been performed but the report by the Honolulu medical examiner had not been completed.

Police reported that Mr. Yoma was found dead lying on the floor with a telephone in his hand in his Pagoda Hotel room, according to the Associated Press Honolulu bureau.

He was last seen alive Aug. 31, according to Weilbacher.

Police reported that there was no sign of injury, or foul play and that the deceased had gone Aug. 31 to the Straub Clinic in Honolulu to be treated for a chest pain.

The former Trust Territory Public Affairs Director was in Honolulu on a return trip from Tuvalu where he attended the 15th South Pacific Forum with the President.

Ponape, FSM and U.S. flags have been flying at half-mast at the direction of the governor, Vice President and High Commissioner, since his death was announced here Sept. 3.

Among the dignitaries who came to Ponape for the funeral were Truk Gov. Erhart Aten and Education Director Chutomu Nimwes, a member of the College of Micronesia Board of Regents with Mr. Yoma; Kosrae Lt. Gov. Moses Mackwelung and Legislature Speaker Gai-

us Nedlic, and Northern Marianas Public Information Officer Frank Rosario, who represented the commonwealth governor and lieutenant governor. FSM Sea Transportation System Development Officer Matthias Ewamai of Satawal represented the Yap state government.

Moses eulogized Mr. Yoma as "an honorable man whose deeds in life were an example for all of us," and who "lived with a passion to serve...in education, in administration and finally in politics he served with distinction."

The governor said, "Strik was a framer of the constitutions of this nation and this state," referring to his serving as a delegate to the 1975 FSM constitutional convention in Saipan and 1983 Ponape State Constitutional Convention.

"It is noteworthy that Strik died in the line of duty," Moses said, referring to his trip to Tuvalu.

Nakayama said, "I, as President of this young nation, can say that Strik was a friend not only to Ponapeans, but to many in the FSM and abroad and was one of the few pioneers of educational and political developments throughout his distinguished service to the people of Micronesia."

He said, "Ponape and the FSM have lost one of our foremost leaders...."

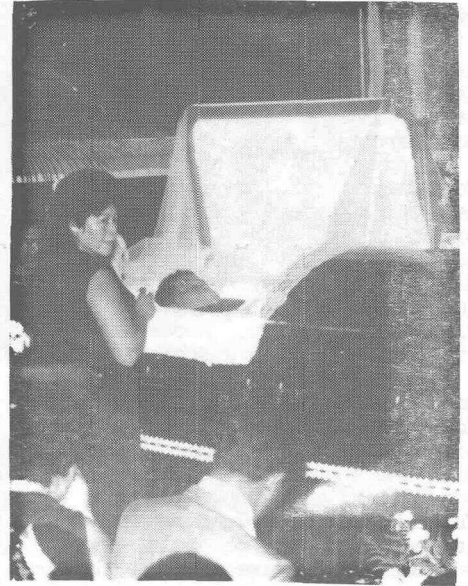
"Having been one of the framers of the FSM Constitution, Strik stood firmly for unity and love of our common humanity," the President said.

Nakayama noted that Mr. Yoma served as chief clerk of the First Congress of Micronesia Senate while he was its president in 1965-66.

He cited the history of Mr. Yoma who served as director of the Trust Territory Public Affairs Department in Saipan from August, 1972, to April, 1978, when he was transferred to Ponape to serve as special assistant to Acting Gov. Bermin Weilbacher and later as acting lieutenant, until he became the first elected Ponape state lieutenant governor on May 1, 1979.

He was re-elected on March 8, 1983, receiving 63.8 per cent of the vote in a field of three candidates, and was the top Ponape vote-getter in his two general elections and the Nov. 26, 1982, Ponape State Constitutional Convention delegate elections.

Mr. Yoma, whose ancestors migrated from Ta in the Mortlock Islands of Truk during the German administration of Micronesia, was



VIEWING THE BODY - Sizue Yoma is viewing the body of her late husband, Lt. Gov. Strik Yoma, prior to the public viewing following the Sept. 8 state funeral in the Ponape State Legislature chamber.

born Feb. 16, 1937, in Sokehs Municipality, Ponape, and was graduated from the former Pacific Islands Central School in Truk, the Guam Territorial College where he received an associate degree in 1961 and the University of Hawaii where he received a BA degree in political science in 1964.

He served as a teacher in the former Ponape Intermediate School with Gov. Moses as one of his students in 1959, and assistant principal of the school, before attending college.

He was an assistant political affairs officer, 1964-66, in the Trust Territory government, and later an assistant public affairs officer.

Mr. Yoma was serving as a member of the College of Micronesia Board of Regents and as chairman of the Ponape Transportation Authority when he died. He was a member of the United Church of Christ in Ponape.

In addition to his widow, Mr. Yoma is survived by two sons, Norton and Manuel; three daughters, Melina, Neong and Esuroi, and one brother, Fred Yoma of Ponape.

Contract awarded

LELU, Kosrae - Black Construction Co. of Micronesia was awarded a \$440,000 contract to extend the Lelu water system to extend treated water and install meters in each household, according to an Aug. 24 Kosrae State Release.



FUNERAL PROCESSION - The casket bearing the body of Lt. Gov. Strik Yoma is being carried in the second pickup through the main street of Kolonia to the Ponape State Legislature for the Sept. 8 state funeral.

Yap legislature Trims budget

COLONIA, Yap - The First Yap State Legislature slashed the governor's fiscal 1985 budget by \$118,400 to \$1.37 million, during its second regular session which began Jan. 9 and ended Aug. 22, according to State Information Officer Henry Muthan.

Most severely affected were the judiciary which lost \$25,000 for equipment and the Resources and Development Department which lost \$14,000 earmarked for handicrafts development.

The Finance Committee report, in cutting the governor's \$111,200 request for the judiciary to \$86,200, stated that it "believes that the judiciary is financially capable of maintaining its current equipment thereby minimizing the state need, actual or fanciful, to replace the equipment with totally new ones."

On the handicrafts project, the committee said that "Resources and Development has too many on-going projects now, in addition to the five new projects being proposed for implementation in the ensuing fiscal year.

"It does not make sense to carry out too many projects all at once, if they cannot be properly managed," it said in reducing the small industries budget from \$73,500 to \$59,500.

The budget approved by the legislature includes \$249,500 for its operations, \$57,700 for the Council of Pilung and \$48,300 for the Council of Tamol.

Gov. John A. Mangefel transmitted his \$1,559,200 budget request on Aug. 2.

Appropriations approved during the session include \$279,675 for state operations during the last two quarters of fiscal 1984; \$15,000 to assist Xavier High School in Truk; \$2,000 for the 1984 Yap Day celebration; \$104,200 for supplemental funding, and \$125,000 for the State Fishing Authority.

The legislature approve the creation of the Gagil-Tomil Water Authority and a Scholarship Deposit Fund.

The governor was reappointed to the FSM Commission on Future Political Status and Transition and former FSM Vice President Petrus Tun was confirmed as a member of the FSM Telecommunications Corp. board of directors.

Pohnpei transition bill approved

KOLONIA, Ponape - A transition act setting the effective date of the draft Pohnpei Constitution 30 days after its is proclaimed ratified by the governor, if approved in the Sept. 24 referendum, was adopted Sept. 4 by the Ponape State Legislature.

The legislature adjourned Sept. 7, after receiving a bill from Gov. Resio Moses to provide for a special election to fill the lieutenant governor's vacancy created by the death of Strik Yoma in Honolulu.

Current state law does not provide for replacing the lieutenant governor, or the governor, if both offices are vacant.

The legislature also adopted a resolution praising Mr. Yoma and expressing condolences to his family.

The transition act, subject to approval by the governor, also would extend the governor's four-year term of office which began May 1, 1983, from May 1, 1987, to the second Monday in January, 1988, by creating uniform elections for the governor and legislature on the second Tuesday, November, 1987.

The governor was elected in March, 1983, and the legislators in November, 1983.

The act acknowledges the term "Pohnpei" as the official spelling of Ponape, upon ratification

Ponape games delayed

KOLONIA, Ponape - The track and field and water events for the Ponape Liberation Day Games were postponed one week, due to the funeral Sept. 8 and burial Sept. 9 for Lt. Gov. Strik Yoma who died the previous weekend in Honolulu.

The water events were rescheduled from Sept. 8 to Sept. 15 at Lidakihka Beach; field events were moved from Sept. 10 to Sept. 16, and track events from Sept. 11, Liberation Day, to Sept. 17 at the PICS high school track.

In other events, Kittu won the Municipal Baseball League championship, defeating Nukoro in three of five games, winning the final game 9-5 on Sept. 3.

Uh won the women's softball championship, defeating Nett in two of three games and winning the final game 6-4 on Sept. 3.

Kapingamarangi defeated Madolenihmw 48-40 on Sept. 5 for the men's basketball championship, and the Kapinga team won the volleyball championship, defeating Uh in two of three matches on Sept. 3.

of the constitution, for all state agencies.

The governor is to proclaim the ratification of the constitution, following certification of the referendum results by the election commissioner, setting the effective date.

The governor and lieutenant governor would continue as the first Pohnpei constitutional chief executives, and the Second Ponape State Legislature would become the First Pohnpei Legislature, following the current schedule of regular meetings.

The governor is to call a special election not less than 30 days, nor more than 60 days after the effective date of the constitution for three new legislative seats added for Kittu, Madolenihmw and Sokehs.

The first Ponape State Court chief justice and associate justices would serve in the Pohnpei Supreme Court; the state auditor would continue to serve as the first constitutional auditor, and all state and local government officers and employees would continue under the constitution until their employment is terminated, abolished, or superseded.

All state laws would remain in effect, unless superseded by the constitution, and all civil and criminal litigation would remain in effect.

The transition act would cease to be in effect, if the electorate fails to ratify the constitution.

The vacancy bill provides that after determining that the lieutenant governor's office is vacant, the governor shall call a special election to fill the unexpired term.

If the vacancy occurs within one year of the next general election, the governor would fill the position by appointment with the advice and consent of the legislature.

The term of office would begin 30 days after a special election, or 10 days after appointment of a lieutenant governor.

The legislation, which would remain in effect, if the draft constitution is ratified, provides that in the event both offices were vacant, the legislature speaker would act as lieutenant governor and call a special election to fill both posts.

The governor also transmitted a proposed resolution to authorize him to appoint a provisional acting lieutenant governor for Sept. 27-29 when he is scheduled to be in Guam.

Australian Chief Justice, 9th Circuit Chief Judge visit

KOLONIA, Ponape - The Australian High Court Chief Justice and the chief judge of the largest U. S. circuit court of appeals visited Ponape, following the Sixth South Pacific Judicial Conference held Aug. 26-30 in Saipan, according to FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King.

Australian High Court Chief Justice Sir Harry Talbot Gibbs and his wife, Lady Muriel, arrived Sept. 3, after visiting Palau, and left early Sept. 7 on an Air Nauru flight.

Chief Judge James R. Browning of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and his wife, Marie-Rose, arrived Sept. 5, after visiting Palau and Truk, and left Sept. 7 on Air Micronesia for San Francisco.

The appeals court covers most of the Western U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, Guam and the Northern Marianas, King noted, calling Browning the most important U.S. judge outside of the Supreme Court, due to the size of his jurisdiction.

King and Ponape State Court Chief Justice Edwel Santos hosted a dinner Sept. 4 at the South Park Hotel, and King hosted a luncheon Sept. 5 in the PCR restaurant attended by Ponape State Court justices and the FSM Attorney General and Public Defender for the Gibbs.

A reception was held Sept. 6 evening at the judicial naqs at King's residence, before the Gibbs and Brownings.

King escorted the visiting judges Sept. 6 in courtesy calls on Vice President Bailey Olter, FSM Congress members, External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich and Ponape Gov. Resio Moses.

King, FSM Supreme Court Associate Justice Richard Benson and Truk State Chief Justice Soukichi Fritz, attended the South Pacific Judicial Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Saipan, which Sir Harry said dealt with judicial problems of the Pacific emerging nations, such as criminal and appeals procedures; providing services to outlying areas; the question of whether and how to collect and collate opinions, or



VISITING CHIEF JUSTICES - Australian High Court Chief Justice Sir Harry Talbot Gibbs, left, and Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge James R. Browning, second from left, accompanied by FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King, second from right, are paying a courtesy call Sept. 6 on Vice President Bailey Olter. The two judges visited Ponape, after attending the the Sixth South Pacific Judicial Conference held Aug. 26-30 in Saipan.

judgements of various courts, and the Law of the Seas Treaty.

The Australian Chief Justice said here Sept. 5, "I am very impressed by the dedication of the judiciary out here.

"It is very important that an emerging nation should have a strong judiciary," he said.

Though they have travelled to other Pacific islands, this is their first visit to Micronesia, according to Sir Harry, who said, "The islands are beautiful and the people are very attractive."

Sir Harry, 67, has been serving as the Australian High Court Chief Justice since 1981 when he was appointed by the cabinet of Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser.

He was named a justice in the High Court by the John Gordon administration in 1970, after serving as a judge in the Queensland Supreme Court from 1961 and practicing law in Brisbane.

Browning said that he was travelling for the first time beyond Hawaii in his jurisdiction which includes the U.S. District Courts in Guam and the Northern Marianas.

He said that the trip to Micronesia was a learning process for him, as the Ninth Circuit Appeals Court will have a "tenuous link" under Compact provisions with the free associated states, as a possible arbitrator in disputes with the U.S. government over environmental protection, freedom of information and settlement claims.

Browning said that there may be some ways that the appeals court could help the FSM and others develop their judicial systems, adding, "It's an exciting thing to participate as a lawyer in the formation of a new judicial system."

On introducing a western court system in Micronesia, he said that it should result in an amalgamation of western and local judicial practices.

"History has proven that," he said.

Browning has served most of legal career in the judiciary, having been on the circuit court for 23 years, including the last seven as chief judge, after serving as a clerk in the U.S. Supreme Court.

PENNO VISITS KOSRAE

LELU, Kosrae - Peace Corps Micronesia Country Director Jerry Ann Penno visited Kosrae Aug. 20 to familiarize herself with the island, meet with state officials on their plans for future Peace Corps use and meet with volunteers here on their problems and to evaluate their performances, Kosrae Peace Corps Director Masayuki Skilling told the State Information Office.

FSM Supreme Court Calender

DATE/TIME	CASE NAME	TYPE	PROCEEDING
Sept. 18, 9 a.m.	FSM v. Plais	Escape	Plea hearing
Sept. 19, 9 a.m.	FSM v. Plais	Aggravated assault	Plea hearing
Sept. 21, 9 a.m.	BOH v. Walder	Breach of contract	Trial
	FSM v. Smith	Burglary/escape	Plea hearing
	FSM v. Pluhs	Burglary	Pretrial
Oct. 2, 9 a.m.	FSM v. Pluhs	Burglary	Trial

TRAIL DIVISION - STATE OF PONAPE

Etpison released Due to illness

KOLONIA, Ponape - Edwin "Eddie" Etpison, serving a 10-year manslaughter sentence for the Aug. 20, 1983, beating death of Larson Abraham in Kosrae, was authorized to go Aug. 29 to his native Palau, due to a terminal illness, according to FSM Attorney General David Nevitt.

Etpison, 34, was to be transferred to Palau from the Guam Memorial Hospital where exploratory surgery established that his liver was virtually destroyed by cirrhosis caused by hepatitis contracted in the Truk State Prison where he was incarcerated early this year, Nevitt said.

A Guam physician indicated that Etpison's death is imminent according to Nevitt, who said that he was to be hospitalized in Palau until his death.

Citing the dispute between the Guam and Palau governments over the Aug. 10 transfer of Masanori Sugiyama from the territory to Airai state, Palau, which has no prison and the nature of Etpison's criminal act in Kosrae, Nevitt said he obtained the consent of Vice President Bailey Olter, Kosrae Gov. Yosiwo George, FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King and Palau President Haruo I. Remeliik through Attorney General Russ Weller for the transfer.

In addition, Nevitt said he asked Trust Territory Attorney General Kent Harvey to assist in the transfer of Etpison to Palau for humanitarian reasons and to provide assistance in returning him to the FSM "in the highly unlikely event that he survives."

Hours cut survives

LELU, Kosrae - The Kosrae State Legislature defeated an amendment which would kill the governor's proposal to change the working hours for government employees from 80 to 64 hours per two-week pay period, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

The legislature voted down an amendment to retain the 80-hour pay period on Aug. 28, recalled it on Aug. 29 and tabled it indefinitely, leaving the governor's proposal under consideration.

The legislature approved the nomination by Gov. Yosiwo George of James Pualoa to be State Public Works director, according to an Aug. 29 Kosrae State Release.

The legislature also appropriated \$18,360 for the Micronesian Legal Services Corp.

Emergency teacher regs set

KOLONIA, Ponape - Emergency regulations to allow about one-half of the FSM public and private school teachers who do not have associate degrees to continue teaching in the 1984-85 school year were promulgated Sept. 1 by Education Division Chief Daro Weital.

The President and Education Chief determined that teacher certification regulations promulgated by the Trust Territory High Commissioner and followed by the division "will prohibit approximately one-half of all teachers to teach in public and chartered nonpublic schools from teaching in the 1984-85 school year because those teachers have not yet attained associate degrees," according to a provision of the Emergency Teacher Certification Regulations.

"Because of limited resources and geographical isolation, many teachers without an associate degree were unable to obtain such a degree within the time prescribed by TTPI regulations," it states.

The regulations, which are effective immediately, repeal and replace comparable TTPI regulations in the FSM and have the force of law, state that all elementary and secondary public and private school teachers in the FSM must be certified by the Education Division.

Upon the recommendation of a state education director, the FSM Education Chief may issue at no cost temporary certificates for

one year to teachers without associate degrees and special certificates for up to three years to individuals qualified to teach traditional culture and skills, regardless of academic credentials.

The Education Chief may grant three-year continuing certificates to teachers with associate, or more advanced degrees, or who have at least an associate degree equivalent and a valid teaching certificate from another country.

Certificates issued in the FSM prior to the emergency regulations remain valid until the expiration of these regulations.

"During the 120 days that the Emergency Teacher Certificate Regulations will be in effect, both the national and state governments will be developing similar FSM regulations," Weital said.

Chamber plans office

KOLONIA, Ponape - The Ponape Chamber of Commerce decided to organize more formally by acquiring office space and a secretary to maintain records and respond to inquiries, according to chamber President Matt Mix.

The action will be the first step toward asking the Ponape state government to provide an expeditor, proposed in an Aug. 28 chamber meeting, to work as a liaison between the state and chamber on economic development programs, Mix said.

"If we are going to have a more significant voice, we are going to be more organized," he said.

The chamber members agreed to identify a person to staff the office and a local business to house it, according to Mix who said the members agreed to setting up the office before taking a formal expeditor proposal to Gov. Resio Moses.

The expeditor proposal, which has been reviewed informally by the governor, calls for close consultation with the private sector on economic development planning and funding, access to outside technical assistance and the opportunity for the local business community to participate to participate in joint venture foreign investment projects.

KHS enrollment up

LELU, Kosrae - Kosrae High School began its 1984-85 school year Aug. 27 with a record enrollment of 452 students, including 171 from Lelu, 106 from Tafunsak, 123 from Malem and 52 from Utwe, according to a Kosrae State Release, which said the school has 52 staff members.



NEW GOVERNOR'S OFFICE - Gov. Resio Moses, right, is showing State Chief Justice Edwel Santos his new office in the former governor's residence near the Ponape State Legislature, during an Aug. 31 open house.

German period stamps featured in AUSIPEX release

KOLONIA, Ponape - Some of the first stamps issued by the German administration in the Caroline Islands will be featured in a set of four FSM new stamps to be issued in conjunction with the Sept. 21 opening of AUSIPEX '84 in Melbourne, according to Postmaster General Leo A. Falcam.

Falcam, his administrative assistant, Karmarina Yamada, and the winner of the FSM Christmas issue stamp design contest are scheduled to attend the Australian International Philatelic Exposition, Sept. 21-25, if the winner is determined before their Sept. 14 scheduled departure.

"If the judging process is not completed before we leave, the winner will go to the New York philatelic show in mid-November," Falcam said.

A special ceremony is scheduled for the opening day of AUSIPEX '84 for unveiling the new stamps at a booth to be set up for the FSM by Crown Agents Philatelic Corp. of Montville, New Jersey, which produces and markets FSM stamps, he said.

"This is the first time our philatelic products will be put on direct sale at an international stamp show," Falcam said.

"I feel that this is a tremendous opportunity for the FSM stamps to be exposed to the philatelic trade in an international setting," Falcam said.

He said that he invited FSM Congress Judiciary and Government Operations Chairman Jack Fritz of Truk to accompany him to the Melbourne show, or designate a committee member to go, in order to show his appreciation for the supplemental funding provided by the Congress which "enables us to participate in the AUSIPEX stamp show."

The new FSM stamps to be unveiled include a 20-cent commemorative stamp with an illustration of the Truk Post Office.

Three historic stamps will be reproduced in airmail definitives, including:

-A 28-cent international postcard rate which will feature a 1901 design of the imperial yacht Hohenzollern on a 3-pfennig



GERMAN STAMPS FEATURED - The first stamps issued by the German administration in the Caroline Islands will be featured in a set of four FSM new stamps to be issued in conjunction with the Sept. 21 opening of AUSIPEX '84 in Melbourne, Australia. The new FSM stamps to be unveiled also include a 20-cent commemorative stamp with an illustration of the Truk Post Office. Three historic stamps will be reproduced in airmail definitives, including a 28-cent stamp featuring a 1901 design of the imperial yacht Hohenzollern on a 3-pfennig stamp, left; a 35-cent stamp with the reproduction of a 20-pfennig "Reichpost" stamp with the word "Karolinen" from the first German stamps issued in 1899, right, and a 40-cent stamp with another reproduction of the Hohenzollern on a 5-mark stamp. The reproduction is from a positive color transparency.

stamp.

-A 35-cent stamp for mail to North and South America and the Caribbean with the reproduction of a 20-pfennig "Reichpost" stamp with the word "Karolinen" from the first German stamps issued in 1899.

-A 40-cent international postage stamp with another reproduction of the Hohenzollern on a 5-mark stamp.

The 28 and 35-cent stamps will include reproductions of Caroline Islands postmarks which are very valuable to stamp collectors, according to Falcam who said the multi-color stamps designed by Leslie Curtis also will have the label "Federat States of Micronesia" and the AUSIPEX '84 logo.

The new stamps are scheduled to go on sale Sept. 21 in the FSM, according to Falcam.

First day covers of the commemorative stamps issued when the FSM Postal Service was inaugurated on July 12 also will be on sale at the Melbourne show, he said.

Airport bids sought

LELU, Kosrae - Bids will be advertised in September for paving the Kosrae airport runway, construction of a standby generator shelter and installation of electric and water lines to the airport and dock, according to State Planning and Budget Director Lewis Brooks.

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