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Investment Board end Recommended

COLONIA, Yap - FSM state and national resources and development directors adopted recommendations by the states to abolish the FSM Foreign Investment Board and give final authority in issuing foreign investment permits to the President based on the recommendations of the states, during their second conference here Nov. 16-22.

The R&D directors also recommended expanding the Trades Training and Testing (T3) program to additional vocational and business skills.

Yap Gov. John Mangefel welcomed the participants to the opening session of the Second FSM State-National R&D Directors Conference in the Yap State Legislature Chamber, according to State Information Officer Henry Muthan, by calling for more trade between the FSM states "not only for gen-

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FIRST FSM CENSUS PLANNING UNDERWAY - Office of Planning and Statistics and U.N. officials are beginning the planning process for the first FSM Census targeted for August, or September, 1985. From left are Dr. Steven E. Wilson, the new FSM Statistics Chief; U.N. Associate Expert Statistician Tom Leemans; OPS Community Development and Physical Planning Advisor Peter Dahm, and U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Regional Advisor Laurence H. Lewis.

First FSM Census targeted for '85

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Acting National Planner John Sohl announced the appointment of Dr. Steven E. Wilson as Statistics Chief and the beginning of the planning process for the first FSM Census to be conducted in 1985.

Wilson, who recently received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, arrived Nov. 3 in Pohnpei with his wife, Barbara Jean, and son, Samuel Beringer, to head the Statistics Division in the Office of Planning and Statistics.

A native of Pasadena, California, Wilson, 37, received a BA from the University of California in San Diego and a Master's in Public Health from the University

of Hawaii.

His prior experience includes three years of statistical work in Indonesia and two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in India.

Wilson is being assisted in the initial planning for the FSM Census by OPS Community Development and Physical Planning Advisor Peter Dahm, U.N. Associate Expert Statistician Tom Leemans and U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) Regional Advisor on Population Census and Surveys Laurence H. Lewis.

The FSM Census is being targeted for August, or September, 1985, according to Wilson, who

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Pohnpei-Truk cruises near, if....

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The SS Thorfinn, a converted Norwegian whaler, is scheduled to arrive here Dec. 5 and begin Dec. 7 adventure cruises between Pohnpei and Truk Lagoon, if an FSM foreign investment permit is issued by then, according to Fred Ramp, attorney for Seaward Holdings-Micronesia.

The first two-week cruise may be cancelled due to the delay in the FSM foreign investment permit, Ramp said, noting that Pohnpei state issued a foreign investment permit in July and Truk Gov. Erhart Aten approved the project on behalf of the Truk state government in September.

Ramp said the application for the FSM foreign investment permit was made on June 22, but has not yet been acted on.

The parent company is Seaward Holdings, Ltd., of Vancouver, British Columbia, which has been operating the 170-foot luxury steamship on cruises along the Canadian and Alaskan coast during the summer and to Mexico during the winter.

"They decided to move the cold weather cruises from Mexico to Tahiti, or here, and chose Micronesia," Ramp said.

E. Lance Higgs, ship captain and head of the Canadian firm, visited Micronesia and produced 30,000 copies of an elaborate full-color brochure on Pohnpei and Truk which was distributed to his wealthy clientele and potential visitors in the United States and Canada.

The principle officers of the FSM corporation are Pohnpei State Community Services Director Bermin Weilbacher, president; Jack Silas of Honolulu, vice president, and former Truk State Lt. Gov. Hans Willyander, secretary-treasurer.

The original trip which began Nov. 17 with stops in Kauai and Majuro is bringing passengers to Pohnpei who will return to Honolulu via Continental-Air Micronesia after visiting this island.

Higgs is planning to conduct two-week cruises each direction between Pohnpei and Moen with variable stops at Ant, Orolok and Ngatik atolls in Pohnpei and the Mortlock and Hall islands in Truk, in addition to wreck diving and other activities in the Truk Lagoon, according to Ramp, who said that each cruise will specialize in SCUBA diving, or sport fishing, and that passengers will return to Honolulu via Air Micronesia at the end of each cruise from either destination.

Higgs recruited five FSM citizens to be part of his 12-member

crew, he said.

The ship has luxurious double-staterooms for 26 passengers who will be paying \$2,900 each for the two-week cruises, in addition to airfare.

The cruises are scheduled to continue through April, when the Thorfinn would return to Canada and, if all goes well, return earlier next year to begin year-around service, Ramp said.

The project is small-scale and will focus on wealthy tourists seeking unique vacations, which is ideal for Micronesia, he said, as local hotels, handicrafts shops and service industries will benefit from it.

"It is a desirable project from the FSM view and the Foreign Investment Board should encourage it," he said.

Attorney returns

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Former FSM Chief Litigator Barrie Michelsen returned Nov. 5 to Pohnpei to work here with former FSM Attorney General Fred Ramp in the private law firm of Stovall, Spradlin, Ramp, Armstrong and Israel.

"This decision to recruit from the outside was made only after a diligent effort to attract a Micronesian attorney," Ramp said.

Michelsen served from October, 1981, to September, 1982, as Chief Litigator in the FSM Attorney General's Office, after serving from 1979 to 1981 as Guam territorial deputy attorney general in charge of the criminal division.

After leaving Pohnpei, he returned to private practice in his home town, Auburn, Maine, with the law firm, Trafton and Matzen.

Michelson, 35, received his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Maine.

He is married to the former Christina Tarkong of Palau and they have two sons.

"We hope that by having two attorneys here, we will be able to service clients throughout the FSM and points west," Michelsen said.

The law firm's main office is in Washington, D.C.



MICHELSEN

Apis heads FSM Fisheries board

KOLONIA, Yap - Pohnpei Conservation and Resource Surveillance Director Kikuo Apis was elected chairman of the FSM National Fisheries Corp. board of directors during its Nov. 17 organizational meeting here, according to a board press release.

FSM External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich was named vice president and Yap Resources and Development Director San Falanruw, secretary-treasurer, while FSM Marine Resources Chief Mike Gawel was designated acting executive director.

Other board members are Kosrae Economic Development Director Gerson Jackson, Truk Resources and Development Director Redley Killion and Micronesian Maritime Authority Executive Director Mike McCoy. FSM Resources and Development Director Bernard Helgenberger is an ex officio member.

The corporation was created by Public Law 3-14 to advance FSM efforts in establishing a large-scale fishing industry.

"The board decided to pursue the hiring of an executive director to provide full-time effort and technical capability in corporation activities, and the contracting of a feasibility study to analyze latest options for tuna industry development in the FSM, pending provision of a budget for the corporation," the release said.

The board adopted a \$154,000 fiscal 1985 budget proposal to be submitted to the FSM Congress, according to the minutes submitted by Gawel.

PCP to recycle bottles

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Ponape Coconut Products is offering a five-cent refund for empty PCP bottles returned for recycling by reusing them for packaging shampoo, coconut oil and other products, according to PCP Business Advisor John Geiran.

"If successful, the program will keep more dollars on the island, because new replacement bottles will not be needed," he said.

"Not only will consumers benefit from the program, but recycling plastic containers means less pollution for Pohnpei," Geiran said.

R&D directors urge Foreign Investment Board abolished

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erating revenue, but for what the experts call import substitution.

"Let's say that Yap produces beer and Ponape produces beef cattle," Mangefel said. "We can take our field trip vessel to Ponape full of beer for sale, and come back with Ponape beef and maybe some pepper for seasoning."

"In this way we can trade among ourselves and develop our economies at the same time," he said.

President Tosiwo Nakayama addressed the conference Nov. 19 urging the directors "to unite and pursue the goals we have, as one nation, set for ourselves" in the draft National Development Plan.

The President also cited the draft Foreign Investment Bill completed by the administration and said, "I urge this conference to review and other suggested modifications for consideration of Congress."

The conference chairman in his opening remarks warned against "confusing exploitation with economic development," and said that "there must be both an invitational aspect and a policing to our foreign investment."

The R&D directors established a committee to consider the Foreign Investment Bill and the committee unanimously recommended 1) the FSM Foreign Investment Board would be replaced by a well-staffed office in the national R&D Department to assist in promotion and evaluation of foreign investment applications; 2) the states would list investment priorities, and 3) the national government would initially screen applications for minimum financial security and the President would act on the decision of the states to issue, or not to issue permits.

The committee also recommended setting a foreign investment application fee, that a foreign investment business should be allowed to operate into perpetuity and that the states should set foreign investment incentives and ownership requirements.

The directors adopted these recommendations and concurred they should be incorporated into the Foreign Investment Bill pending before the FSM Congress.

The R&D directors cited the T3 skills program sponsored by the U.N. Development Assistance Team and International Labor Organization "as a promising long-term solution to our current need for importation of foreign manpower," according to their preliminary draft conference report.

They "strongly endorsed" the T3

program started in June in Pohnpei and recommended extending it to Kosrae, Truk and Yap with the states to contribute to the funding.

They also recommended taking "steps to place certified (FSM) citizens in jobs currently held by non-citizens," and testing and monitoring alien workers "to ensure their present employments do not become permanent."

The R&D directors cited the Yap state business skills training and certification program and recommended that the FSM Labor Division which coordinates the T3 program consider enhancing the program by establishing the business skills program on a national level.

Other recommendations by the R&D directors include:

-That state and national revenue office forms be modified to include the amount as well as value of imports and that the Congress approve a proposal by the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics to improve import statistics for implementation and monitoring of the National Development Plan.

-That the use of Peace Corps volunteers trained in marine biology to assess marine resource development and train Micronesian counterparts in Pohnpei and Kosrae be extended to Truk and Yap, and that the national government fund and monitor an outer island seaweed demonstration project and investigate technical aspects of exporting fresh high-quality fish and marine products.

-That the national government study the feasibility of a fisheries extension program similar to the College of Micronesia Land Grant agricultural extension program and having the U.S. government declare OOM a "Sea Grant College."

-That the FSM Marine Resources Division evaluate the costs and benefits of fish aggregating devices, or payaos, and artificial fish reefs.

-That the FSM should establish a central standardized fisheries computer data system.

-That the FSM National Fisheries Corp. board which was organized here Nov. 17 consider a tuna industry feasibility study, the use of SouthPac Fisheries Development Consultants and others for assistance in the development planning and the establishment of an FSM Fisheries Development Foundation.

-That the national government seek funding for the National Aquaculture Research Center propos-

ed for Kosrae.

-That a highly-qualified national tourism officer be recruited and an FSM tourism brochure be produced to adequately present the tourism potential of all the states.

-That the FSM Congress enact funding for the proposed transportation alternative in the R&D Transportation Study on approval by the states to assist copra marketing, that the state governors evaluate these transportation options by Dec. 15, that the states evaluate warehousing requirements and that the Congress fund nine multipurpose warehouses at points identified by the states.

-That the state R&D departments submit coconut rehabilitation schemes by May, 1985, to their legislatures and Congress and that the Copra Development Authority equalize prices between state centers and outer islands and develop a plan for copra crushing, by-products manufacture, export development and import substitution and direct export abroad.

-That a national land surveyor certification office and board be established, in addition to setting future survey and mineral exploration policies.

The Third FSM State-National R&D Directors Conference is scheduled tentatively for May, 1985, in Kosrae.

Attending the second R&D conference were FSM R&D Secretary Bernard Helgenberger, Truk R&D Director Redley Killion, Pohnpei Conservation and Resource Surveillance Director Kikuo Apis and Yap R&D Director Sam Falanruw, who served as chairman.

Others among about 50 state and national government officials attending the conference were FSM Congress Resources and Development Chairman Sasao Goulard and Ways and Means Chairman Raymond Setik, both of Truk.

Four named for MTAP

LEIU, Kosrae - The State Personnel Office announced that four Kosraeans were selected for the Micronesian Training Apprenticeship Program conducted by the U. S. Navy in Guam, according to a Sept. 28 State Information Office release.

Moden Kephas was selected for heavy equipment operation and repair; Wadel Kinere, small engines; Solcman Talley, plumbing, and John Sigrah, air conditioning, based on tests and manpower needs of the state.

Audit says CCM responsible for dorm mismanagement

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Community College of Micronesia administration is ultimately responsible for the mismanagement of CCM dormitory construction funds, FSM Public Auditor John Dye said in a Nov. 16 audit report.

Dye said that he conducted the audit at the request of the College of Micronesia Regents and found that as of Oct. 3 the concrete structure was not completed, "despite expenditures of at least \$303,457."

The Third FSM Congress appropriated an additional \$50,000 for the construction, during its fourth regular session which ended Nov. 7.

The original low bid was \$157,-732 by Ponape Builders and Construction Co. to replace the wood frame and corrugated metal men's dormitory which was destroyed May 3, 1981, by fire.

Two amendments were added to the contract, including \$36,735 to fabricate furniture for the dorm and \$12,501 to relocate the construction site, because it was too close to the state government housing area.

The deadline for completion was moved from Feb. 28, 1982, to August 27, 1982, due to the site relocation.

"The contract for the new dormitory was mismanaged," Dye said, because "payments to the contractor did not follow guidelines specified by the contract," which stated that 36 per cent of the

contract price would be paid on signing, three 16 per cent payments after completion of specified portions of the construction and the final 16 per cent on completion, with the progress payments to be made after inspection to determine the work completed.

"We were unable to locate documentation that these payments followed inspection reports as required by the contract," he said, adding, "The college paid the contractor all but \$50,000 of the contract price within the first five months of the contract without determining that the building was progressing as it should have been progressing," and without amending progress terms.

The college purchased at least \$61,800 in materials directly from vendors, though the contract specified that the contractor would provide all labor, materials, equipment and supplies, he said.

The college also purchased at least \$6,420 in materials charged to other account codes and did not have accounting reports prior to fiscal 1983, so "the \$96,489 excess is probably understated," Dye said.

He recommended that the college adhere to contract stipulations and establish stronger accounting procedures and internal controls.

In addition, the contract stipulated that the contractor would pay \$25 a day for remaining work

beyond the completion date, so the contractor may owe \$25 a day since Aug. 27, 1982, and the college should seek legal assistance to obtain reimbursement for any damages, Dye said.

He also recommended that FSM Public Law 2-65 on financial responsibility for national government contractors should be amended to require performance bonding, or deposits, and make it applicable to FSM-funded projects.

The \$298,338 total requested by the college includes \$140,000 provided by the FSM government, \$100,000 by the Trust Territory government, \$20,000 each by the COM Regents and Pohnpei state government, \$5,000 by the Kosrae state government and \$13,338 by private donations.

The \$303,458 in expenditures includes \$257,323 for contract payments, \$41,482 for materials, \$4,591 for equipment and \$62 for "other."

Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses, who was CCM president until Jan. 21, 1983 when he resigned to run for governor, in an Oct. 31 letter to Dye commenting on the report, said that "the college depended on the FSM (Construction Division) for contract supervision and management."

FSM Construction Chief Amos E. Coffelt, in a Nov. 13 letter to Dye, said the "FSM had no part either by choice or agreement in the review, approval or authorization of payments to the contractor."

Dye said in the final report, "Regardless of any reliance it may have placed on (the) FSM this was a CCM contract and the college cannot evade ultimate responsibility for the management of it."

State LNO to leave

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - U.S. State Department Status Liaison Officer Carl Taylor Jr. made his last official visit Nov. 14-17 to Pohnpei, before being reassigned Dec. 9 to Honolulu where he will be the political advisor to Adm. William Crowe, Commander in Chief of U.S. Forces in the Pacific at Camp Smith.

Taylor has been the State Department status liaison officer to the Trust Territory in Saipan since Aug. 17, 1983, when he replaced Don Yellman.

Deputy Status Liaison Officer Gerard Pascua will handle status liaison affairs from Saipan, until a replacement is on board in February, Taylor said.



INCOMPLETE CCM DORMITORY - FSM Public Auditor John Dye said in a Nov. 16 report that the Community College of Micronesia administration is ultimately responsible for management of funds for construction of the new CCM dorm which started in 1981 and is incomplete "despite expenditures of at least \$303,457." The original bid was \$157,732 for the construction. This is a Nov. 27 photo of the dorm.

10 enter Pohnpei Lt. gov. race

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Ten candidates, including three cabinet officers, filed petitions for the office of Pohnpei state lieutenant governor and 20 candidates for three new legislative seats in the Dec. 21 special elections called by Gov. Resio Moses, according to a State Information Office release.

Nov. 20 was the filing deadline and Election Commissioner Samson Alpet will determine whether the candidates are qualified before their names are put on the ballot, according to the release.

Cabinet officers seeking the post vacated by the early September death of former Lt. Gov. Strik Yoma are Conservation and Resources Surveillance Director Kikuo Apis, Legal Affairs Director Quirino Mendiola and Assistant to the Governor for Commerce and Industry Alex Luzama.

The seven other men running for lieutenant governor are FSM Education Chief Daro Weital, FSM Resources and Development Administrator Edgar Edward, Pohnpei Public Lands Authority Commissioner Yasuo Yamada, Pohnpei State Housing Authority Executive Director Johnny David, former Conservation and Resource Surveillance Director Herman Semes, Burton Jano and Daniel Lopez.

The three new Pohnpei State Legislature seats were created by the new constitution which went into effect Nov. 8.

Eleven candidates filed for the Kitti seat, including Solpasio Salvador, Mitchuo Daniel, William Eperiam, Venancio Alphons, Francis Zarred, Youser Anson, Akio Martin, Heinrick Stevenson, James Abraham, Leon Joel and Lutik Santos.

Four candidates filing for the Madolenihmw seat are Cosdantion Solomon, Pedrus Silbanuz, Dachuo Johnson and Sungiwo Hadley.

Five candidates filing for the Sokehs seat are Francisco Kiriemo, Ferdinand Fredrick, John Walter, John Edward and Peter Lohn.

Student 'Voice' planned

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM Student Association in Honolulu is establishing a newsletter, *Micronesian Voice*, with the first issue scheduled for Dec. 7 release, FSM Social Services Coordinator Danny Rescue said in a Nov. 16 dispatch to the national Education Division inviting information for the publication.

CCM students see tuna netting

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Six Community College of Micronesia students participated in scrubbing decks, standing watch and recording water and weather data during the Nov. 7-12 voyage of the Nagasaki, Japan, University training ship, from Pohnpei to Truk Lagoon, according to CCM Admissions and Records Director Bette Hiesterman, their faculty escort.

The highlight of the trip was observing the crew setting a purse-seine net and hauling in 3.5 tons of fish Nov. 11 near the Truk Lagoon, Hiesterman and the students said in their trip reports.

The six students, four men and two women, who were chosen because they had completed classes in marine biology, or oceanography, were Dwight Likiaksa of Kosrae, Romanes Yarofaichie of Yap, Banerio Kimiuo of Truk, Emory

Mesubed of Palau, Clarissa Johnson of Pohnpei and Wanbe Jeik of the Marshall Islands.

Continental-Air Micronesia provided five complimentary tickets and the FSM Resources and Development Department, one ticket for the students to return to Pohnpei on Nov. 12, according to CCM President Catalino Cantero, who said that the purpose of the trip was to develop interest in marine science.

The trip was arranged at the request of Capt. Shigeo Abe, during the 1983 Pohnpei visit by the *Kakuyo Maru*, to provide observers with some marine science and oceanography background by FSM Marine Resources Chief Mike Gawel, according to CCM science instructor Spensin James.

Three observers from the Micronesian Maritime Authority and one from the Truk State Marine Resources Division also participated in the voyage, according to Likiaksa.

The purse-seiner left Pohnpei about 10 a.m. Nov. 7 with a crew of 26, including seven Japanese students, and the observers and circled Pohnpei Island the first two days, checking payaos, fish aggregate devices and anchoring near the reef, so the Japanese crew could see the Nan Modal ruins, Kimiuo said.

The student observers were divided into two groups and assigned to work with Japanese counterparts who demonstrated water temperature, salinity and weather measurement and navigation techniques, according to Kimiuo, who said the two groups took turns standing four-hour watch on the bridge.

During the fourth and fifth days, the CCM students were assigned in pairs to climb to the crow's nest in the tower of the ship to watch for birds and other indications of schools of fish, Likiaksa said.

Several schools were sighted, but the nets were not set until the last school was sighted about 6:15 a.m. Nov. 11, according to Hiesterman, who said the process of hauling in the 3.5-ton catch was completed by 11 a.m., and followed by a three-hour lecture on oceanography by the first mate.

The catch included skipjack tuna and five large marlin which were to be unloaded in Moen, according to Kimiuo.

The *Kakuyo Maru* dropped anchor overnight and sailed into the Truk Lagoon to offload the observers at the Truk International Airport about 4:45 p.m. to catch the 5:30 p.m. Air Micronesia flight Nov. 12 to Pohnpei.

Truk budget considered

MOEN, Truk - The Truk State Legislature is considering in a special session which began Nov. 19 the \$23 million fiscal 1985 state government budget which was delayed during the third regular session, according to Acting State Information Officer Peter Maipi.

The state government is operating under a continuing resolution adopted during the previous session.

The legislature also is considering an amendment to the state election law to allow voters to vote in polling places outside of their municipalities, during municipal elections, and the nominations by Gov. Erhart Aten of Mel Morris as State Public Works Director and Sister Joseph Hagashy as a Truk State Scholarship Board member.

The legislature overrode Nov. 20 Aten's veto of the Excise Tax Act which levies a port-of-entry on imports, except items imported by the government, items in transit to points outside of the state, medicine, baby food, sacramental wines and personal items valued less than \$100.

Engineering students sought

LELU, Kosrae - Kosrae State Student Services Coordinator Cainer Tosie announced that \$20,000 is available for Kosrae citizens to study engineering at a college or university, due to the lack of Kosraeans studying in that field, according to a Nov. 14 State Information Office release.

Raitoun denied special judges

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King ruled that the Trust Territory Code provision for special judges in murder cases does not apply under the FSM Constitution in denying petitions for a stay in the trial of Jim Raitoun in Truk.

Raitoun was found not guilty Oct. 25 by FSM Supreme Court Associate Justice Richard Benson of charges of murder and aggravated assault in the June 16 fight which resulted in the June 20 death of Tosimichy Samuel in Truk, due to the lack of evidence that he intended to kill the victim, or was aware of the risk of death by his actions in the scuffle.

The defendant petitioned for a writ of mandamus, or writ of prohibition to stay the trial on the grounds that the FSM Code did not delete the provision of the Trust Territory Code providing for two special judges to assist the High Court trial judge in a murder case.

In an Oct. 2 opinion and order, King denied the petition to delay the case until trial until the special judge question was reviewed by the FSM Supreme Court Appellate Division.

"The (Trust Territory High Court judiciary) act was not deleted in the codification process and still remains part of the body of the national law (in the FSM)," King said, "because at the time of codification, the Trust Territory High Court still had extensive original jurisdiction here...."

"However, the Judiciary Act of

1979, in Title 4 of the FSM Code, and the Judiciary Article, Article XI, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia govern the structure and powers of the FSM Supreme Court," he said. "They make no provision for appointment of special judges to sit with a justice of this court."

King said, adding that the Trust Territory Code provision "has no application to proceedings before the Trial Division of the FSM Supreme Court and I see no likelihood of the defendant's argument prevailing before this court's appellate division."

Mail theft probed

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM Security and Investigations Division is investigating the apparent burglary of a mail van which arrived here Nov. 9 on the freighter, Jovian Bright, from Guam, according to DSI officials.

The seal on the van was discovered broken when the van was being unloaded and the DSI notified FSM Postal Service officials and fingerprinted boxes which were opened and left in the van, DSI officials said.

Other boxes of mail apparently were taken, because only the bottom layer in the van was covered with boxes and postal authorities indicated the vans were usually full of mail, DSI officials said.

DSI investigators are backtracking to Truk and Guam to determine how full the van was when it was sealed.

Kosrae to get Bank branch

LEIU, Kosrae - Bank of Hawaii Pohnpei Branch Manager Don Holland visited Kosrae, Oct. 30-Nov. 2, to make arrangements to open the first commercial bank branch here early next year, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

"The target date is February, or March," Holland said in Pohnpei.

The regulatory procedures have been completed with the branch being approved by the FSM Bank Board, Kosrae state government, State of Hawaii and U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC), he said.

The opening date will depend mainly on the arrival of a large safe to be shipped from Hawaii, Holland said, adding that he is planning to return in December to Kosrae to hire two full-time and two part-time employees who will come to Pohnpei in January to be trained in the branch here.

He also will attempt to finalize lease arrangements with owners of the Skilling Hotel for office space being constructed adjacent to the hotel in Tofol.

Kosrae state and FSM officials have been pressing the Bank of Hawaii and other banks to open a branch here.

Santos sentenced

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Scott Santos, 44, of Kolonia was sentenced Nov. 15 by FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King to three months in jail and fined \$1,500 for the possession and sale of marijuana at his store here, according to Nickontro Johnny, National Justice Ombudsman.

Santos, who was convicted Oct. 17 of possession and sale of marijuana, was given a two-year suspended sentence on the condition that he serve three months in jail and pay \$1,500 to assist a fund dealing with mental health problems.

He was arrested Sept. 9, minutes after he sold a marijuana joint to another person, according to Johnny, who said he store and surrounding area were searched by police who confiscated more than 380 marijuana joints.

Santos was released pending appeal.

FSM Supreme Court Calender

DATE/TIME	TRAIL DIVISION - STATE OF Pohnpei	PROCEEDING
	CASE NAME TYPE	
Dec. 3, 9 a.m.	FSM v Dores, et.al. Homicide	Pretrial
10 a.m.	FSM v Ponape Builders	
	Const. and Mendiola Tax	Pretrial
Dec. 4, 9 a.m.	Continental v Iriarte	Hearing
	Marianas Rental v Iriarte	Hearing
	Ricky Napa, Inc. v PAMI	Hearing
	Bank of Hawaii v Franklin	Hearing
	Western Pacific Service v Hemon	Hearing
Dec. 5, 9 a.m.	Benter v Continental	Pretrial
Dec. 6, 9 a.m.	FSM v Dores, et.al. Homicide	Trial
Dec. 7, 9 a.m.	FSM v Panuelo	
	Aggravated Assault, Assault with a deadly weapon	Pretrial
Dec. 19, 9 a.m.	FSM v Panuelo (same)	Trial

Skilling nominated Kosrae chief judge

LELU, Kosrae - Gov. Yosiwo George nominated Harry Skilling of the Kosrae Public Defender's Office on Nov. 2 to be the first Kosrae State Court chief justice, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

The Kosrae State Legislature earlier rejected the nomination of former FSM Senator Hiroshi Ismael to the post.

In his letter of recommendation to the legislature, the governor said that Skilling attended the Papua New Guinea Law School and has substantial legal experience, having served about 10 years as a public defender in Kosrae.

He is admitted to practice as trial assistant in the FSM and Trust Territory bars.

Prior to joining the Public Defender's Office, Skilling was a prosecutor here from 1971 to 1974.

Judiciary act signed

LELU, Kosrae - Kosrae Gov. Yosiwo George signed into law Oct. 4 a State Judiciary Act which requires law school graduates appointed state court justices to have practiced at least two years in the state, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

In an Oct. 4 letter to Kosrae State Legislature Speaker Gius Nedlic, the governor said that he signed the act after it was clarified that the requirement did not mean two years residence in the state.

He said that the relevant committee report "refers to the possibility of a non-resident being appointed.

"The report says the two-year requirement is simply to assure a sensitivity to Kosraean problems, a sensitivity that can be earned without actual residence," George said.

The section on qualifications of justices states that they shall be at least 35 years old, "learned in the law" and never convicted of a felony.

"When the legislature is considering a nomination for justice, 'learned in the law' shall be construed as either having completed law school, or have had at least eight years of experience in any endeavor that involves making, interpreting, enforcing, or executing the law," it states.

FSMDB appointments announced

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM Development Bank Acting President Manny Mori announced the appointments of Sam Elwela of Sri Lanka as development banking consultant, Roman Frank Rosokow of Truk as loan analyst and Marilyn Johnson of Kolonia as accountant.

In addition, Mori noted that Leo C. Carpio of the Philippines has been on board since May 16, 1983, as a loan analyst and announced the arrival of Peace Corps Volunteer Jeff Girdner who is serving as a small business advisor.

Carpio served for 15 years with the Development Bank of the Philippines

Lanka National Development Bank and senior entrepreneur development management consultant First Merchant Bank of Sri Lanka, Ltd.; Industrial Credit Division deputy director and management development head for the Sri Lanka Industrial Board, and consultant to evaluate the Technonet Asia Project of the International Development Research Center in Singapore.

He received BA and Master's degrees in statistical geography and cartography from the University of Sri Lanka and certificates in financial analysis and control from the Sri Lanka National Institute of Business Management; in industrial estates and complex development from the U.N. Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning, Bangkok, Thailand, and in technology transfer and industrial information systems from the National Research Council, Ottawa, Canada.

Rosokow is a former Bank of Beverly Hills, California, assistant loan officer; Bank of Manhattan, Manhattan Beach, California, note department supervisor; West Coast Bank, Long Beach, California, installment and commercial loan processor; First Los Angeles Bank, Beverly Hills utility teller; Equitable Life Insurance, Century City, California, insurance agent, and Waddell and Reed, Inc., Long Beach, stock sales consultant.

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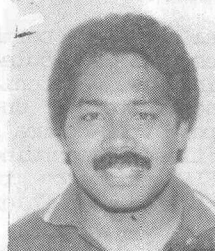
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Dec. 21 Kolonia referendum date

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Kolonia Town Constitutional Convention adopted on first reading 12 proposals and filed three, including one to authorize fees for town schools, through Nov. 26, according to press representative Paulino Pablo.

A referendum is scheduled for Dec. 21, the date of the special elections for Pohnpei lieutenant governor and three new legislative seats created by the state constitution which went into effect on Nov. 8.

Kolonia is the first local government to hold a constitutional convention under the provisions of the state constitution.

The convention began Nov. 12 and was scheduled to end Nov. 23, but was extended to Nov. 30.

State Director of Administration Itor Harris was elected convention chairman; State Public Lands Commissioner Yasuo Yamada, vice chairman; State Senator Yosuo Phillip, floor leader, and delegate William Ladore, secretary.

Committee chairpersons are Sen-Nellie Singeo, government struct-

ure; Akilino Susaia, finance and taxation; Martin Christian, general provisions, and Kasiano Shoniber, style.

Among the proposals approved, the mayor would be authorized to item veto operational budgets; the town council would be the sole judge of elections and members' qualifications; public officials would take an oath to uphold the town, state and national constitutions, and all public officials appointed by the mayor would serve at his pleasure, except the comptroller.

The preamble approved on first reading notes, "Our beauty is that we are from many different places and are able to unite under one government...."

Arts Festival delayed

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Fourth Pacific Arts Festival scheduled for Dec. 8-21 in New Caledonia was postponed indefinitely, due to lack of support from Noumea's township authorities, according to a Nov. 25 TELEX dispatch to FSM Micronesian Affairs Chief John Hadley.

Pohnpei was scheduled to send 80 participants and Truk 132 participants to the festival, according to Deputy Micronesian Affairs Chief Gabriel Ayin, who was coordinating FSM participation.

FSM officials expressed concern about the security of its participants, following the violence by Kanak independence advocates which reportedly erupted during the Nov. 18 elections in the French colony.

Festival director Jacques Iekawe said in the dispatch:

"-Following the Noumea township authorities' decision to refuse to give any support and facility to the festival,

"-Following the New Caledonia new government's declarations (and especially the new President, Dick Ukeiwe's ones),

"The French government dictated (to) us that the Fourth Festival of Pacific Arts was postponed to a later date, still unspecified."

1st FSM Census Seen in 1985

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said, "It is going to be a massive undertaking and it is going to take coordination of the national and state education, planning and statistics, resources and development and budget offices.

"We are in the initial discussions to try to determine what it will consist of, who will be involved and the timing," he said.

Once these discussions are complete, the President and governors will be presented with policy options and a plan will be finalized, according to Wilson, who said that then the Congress and legislatures will be asked for the support.

The FSM Census is needed, according to Dahm, because the 1980 census conducted by the Trust Territory government and U.S. Census Bureau is not considered valid in three of the four FSM states.

In addition, the census is required for determination of state legislature and national Congress representation and the disbursement of local revenue.

"Pohnpei state, which is involved in the initial discussions, must, by constitution, disburse revenues on a population basis, thereby requiring an accurate census," Wilson said.

"It is necessary for us to know what and where the population is before we start implementing the Compact (of Free Association) development projects," he said.

"The objective, really, is to develop statistical capability in the area of demography in each state, and make sure the data remains in each state in a usable form," Wilson said.

Kosrae equipment checked

LELU, Kosrae - Hideotoshi Uara of Yanmar Diesel Engine Co. and a Nanyo Boeki Kaisha (NBK) branch manager visited Kosrae early in November to check on equipment sent by the Japanese government through foreign aid programs, according to a Nov. 14 State Information Office release.



DELEGATES SWORN IN - Kolonia Town Constitutional Convention Chairman Itor Harris, fourth from left and facing camera, is swearing in Nov. 13 delegates, from left, Jones Eldrige, Blasio Edward, Makio Lini, Koidge Mack, Aisel Edward and Akilino Susaia.

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