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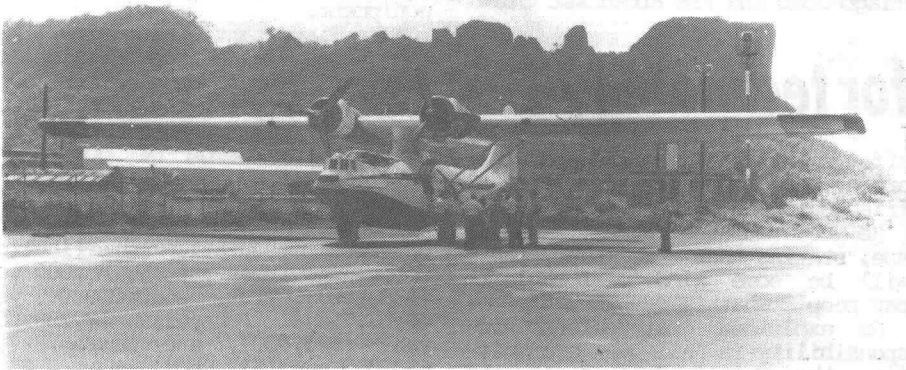
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**CAN-AIR AMPHIBIOUS PLANE ARRIVES** - The Can-Air PB5A Canso amphibious airplane scheduled to provide air service between Moen and the Mortlock Islands in Truk is shown on its Dec. 6 arrival at Pohnpei International Airport with the crew being greeted by local officials. The air boat left Dec. 7 for Moen with owner and flight captain Ray Bernard and three crew members to participate in the Dec. 13 copra warehouse, school and flight service dedication in Lukunor.

## Can-Air Seaplane Arrives

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Can-Air PB5A Canso amphibious airplane scheduled to provide air service between Moen and the Mortlock Islands in Truk for three months on a trial basis arrived here Dec. 6, two weeks behind schedule, for an overnight stay before proceeding to Truk.

The air boat was scheduled to be here Nov. 22, or 23, but its arrival was delayed, due to engine trouble which caused it to return to Oakland, California, to have the motor replaced.

The aircraft departed Dec. 7, after paperwork is cleared with FSM officials here, for a three-hour flight to Moen where auxiliary fuel tanks will be removed from the front and aft cabins and seats reinstalled, according to owner and flight captain Ray Bernard.

Its service to the Mortlocks was to be inaugurated Dec. 13, when the 20-passenger craft will take President Tosiwo Nakayama

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## Thorfinn arrives for FSM cruises

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The SS Thorfinn, a 170-foot steamship, arrived here Dec. 12, after a eight-day stopover in the Marshall Islands, to begin adventure cruises between Pohnpei and Truk, according to Seaward Holdings-Micronesia Vice President Jack Silas of Honolulu.

The Thorfinn is scheduled to begin its first cruise with passengers Dec. 22 eastbound from Moen through the Hall Islands in Truk and Oroluk, Pakin and Ant in Pohnpei state, focusing on SCUBA diving activities, before arriving here Jan. 4, Silas said.

A reception was scheduled for Dec. 14 on the vessel owned by Seaward Holdings, Ltd., of Vancouver, British Columbia, and captained by E. Lance Higgs, head of the firm which operates salmon fishing cruises in Canada during the summer and previous winter cruises in Mexico.

Ten winter cruises here are planned for the Thorfinn which left Honolulu on Nov. 15, Kauai

on Nov. 18, arrived in Majuro on Nov. 28, spent Nov. 30-Dec. 4 in Arno Atoll beachcombing and exploring, arrived Dec. 7 in Kosrae and departed Kosrae Dec. 10 for Pohnpei.

Three passengers made the trip from Honolulu to Pohnpei, according to Silas who said that the 26-passenger converted Norwegian whaler is tentatively scheduled to make its first westbound cruise from Pohnpei to Moen by way of the Mortlock Islands on Jan. 7, focusing on a "Micronesian experience," sport fishing, wind surfing and beachcombing.

An FSM foreign investment permit was still pending for the operation of the Thorfinn here by Seaward Holdings-Micronesia which is headed by Pohnpei State Community Services Director Bermin Weilbacher as its president.

The vessel has two Micronesian crew members, Nilo Walter and Milton Obed of Pohnpei, and is planning to hire two more, Silas said.



**JAPANESE JOURNALIST VISITS** - Yoichiro Aso, center, Economic News Department staff writer for the Tokyo metropolitan newspaper Yomiuri Shinbun, is being hosted to a luncheon Nov. 28 at the South Park Hotel, Kolonia, by President Tosiwo Nakayama. From left are FSM International Relations Chief Masao Nakayama, Special Assistant to the President Kasio Mida, Deputy External Affairs Secretary Asterio Takesy, Aso, President Nakayama, Special Assistant to Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses for Federal Relations Santiago Joab and FSM Broadcast Chief Ezekiel Lippwe.

## FSM looks to Japan for technology

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM looks to Japan for technical assistance and technology transfer to develop its economy, President Tosiwo Nakayama told Yoichiro Aso, Economic News Department staff writer for the Tokyo metropolitan daily newspaper Yomiuri Shinbun.

The President also said, during the Nov. 28 interview in his office, that "we need language teachers—our high schools are asking for them....(because) we need to speak and understand Japanese."

Asked what Japan could do to help the FSM achieve its economic goals, Nakayama said, "We need technical know how, especially in fisheries and oceanography."

He said, "We wish to tap the resources we.

"At this time, we know we lack technical know how that Japan has," Nakayama said.

"Another thing is that as you look around everything we have here, cars, heavy equipment, are all from Japan and we need technical assistance on their maintenance and operation for economic development," he said.

The President anticipated closer economic ties with Japan in the future and invited the Japanese people to visit the FSM, as "we want them to feel fully welcome."

Nakayama also responded to questions about the Compact of Free Association with the United States, saying that he is hopeful that the reelection of President Reagan means it will be resubmitted and approved by the U.S. Congress next year.

He said that when the Compact is implemented the FSM would take a greater role and interest in

affairs of the Pacific and other areas in economic development, friendship and culture.

He covered the war claims issue, stating that "we hope there will be some kind of formula to pay people what is due them."

He explained that defense responsibility is "all we are giving the United States" in the Compact, "otherwise we will handle everything," and reiterated the FSM opposition to nuclear dumping to protect Pacific resources for its people and the future of the world.

Aso arrived here Nov. 24, visited the Nan Modal ruins Nov. 25 and met with state and national government and private sector officials, before departing Nov. 29 for Truk.

He had visited the republics of Palau, Nauru and the Marshall Islands, before coming to Pohnpei, and is planning to write a series of articles next year on economic matters and general impressions about Micronesia and the Pacific.

Aso, who joined Yomiuri Shinbun, one of Japan's largest newspapers, in 1965, after graduating from Waseda University in Tokyo, served 1978-82 as its correspondent in Australia and travelled throughout the South Pacific.

He said that he will be writing about what Japan should consider in its future relations and economic assistance to Micronesia, stating, "We have to know the situation correctly."

As for the economic outlook here, Aso said, "In the short term, I am not too optimistic, but in the long run economic independence may be quite possible, though you will need assistance from the United States and Japan."

## States select Goods, services

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Pohnpei and Yap selected block ice making equipment and Truk a 46-foot fishing boat when representatives of the four FSM states selected their fisheries development equipment under the 60 million yen (\$250,000) 1984 Japanese goods and services agreement, according to Micronesian Maritime Authority Executive Director Mike McCoy.

McCoy lead the FSM delegation which met Nov. 5-14 in Tokyo with Federation of Japan Tuna Fisheries Co-operative Associations officials to place orders for the equipment.

"The important thing is that the states made the decisions on what equipment to obtain for support of on-going programs," McCoy said.

The distribution of goods and services set by the FSM Congress during its third special session in August, based on the Compact of Free Association distribution formula, gives Yap 9,180,000 yen (\$38,250); Truk, 25,860,000 yen (\$107,750); Pohnpei, 17,280,000 yen (\$72,000), and Kosrae, 7,-680,000 yen (\$32,000).

Yap used its portion to acquire a 2.5-ton-a-day Maekawa block ice plant.

Truk ordered a 46-foot Yamaha fishing boat valued at 22,739,494 yen (\$94,747.89), plus fishing gear and spare parts.

"The boat will be used in a lagoon fishing project aimed at increasing the catch of schooling mackerel-type fish by the purse seine method," McCoy said.

Pohnpei requested a 2.5-ton-a-day block ice plant and ice crusher valued at 10,190,000 yen (\$42,458.53), a Yanmar backup generator, marine communications equipment and fishing gear.

Kosrae used its portion to acquire diesel engine spare parts, radios and other equipment and supplies to support ongoing projects.

## Mobil check presented

LELU, Kosrae - Mobil Oil Micronesia Vice President and General Manager Yusaku Nagai presented a \$650 check Nov. 27 to Gov. Yosiwo George as a contribution to assist Kosrae state with its medical referral expenses, according to State Information Office release.

Mobil Vice President Lucky Tarkong, Kosrae Bulk Plant Manager Valmer Helgenberger and Lt. Gov. Moses Mackwelung also attended the presentation.

## Can-Air flying Boat arrives

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and other state and national government officials to Lukunor for joint dedication ceremonies for a copra warehouse, school and the air service.

The twin propeller amphibious air boat is being chartered from Can-Air Services, Ltd., of Alberta, Canada, by Truk International Development Co. for a three-month trial period.

The tentative plan is to use the aircraft for regularly scheduled flights two, or three times a week between Moen and Lukunor, or Satawan; charters to other parts of Truk; medical evacuation charters, and eventually scheduled flights twice a month between the Mortlocks and Pohnpei and freight flights from Pohnpei to Kosrae, Pohnpei attorney Fred Ramp said.

"If things go well, the charter agreement includes a provision to sit down and negotiate a joint venture agreement," Ramp said.

The aircraft arrived at 2 p.m. Friday, after a six-hour flight from Majuro with a crew of four men, including Bernard; his son Rene Bernard; Alfred Lanoureux, and Ien Byl.

It left Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Oct. 23 in a snow storm and hit another one in Idaho Falls, Idaho, Ray Bernard said, noting that the trip was plagued with bad luck.

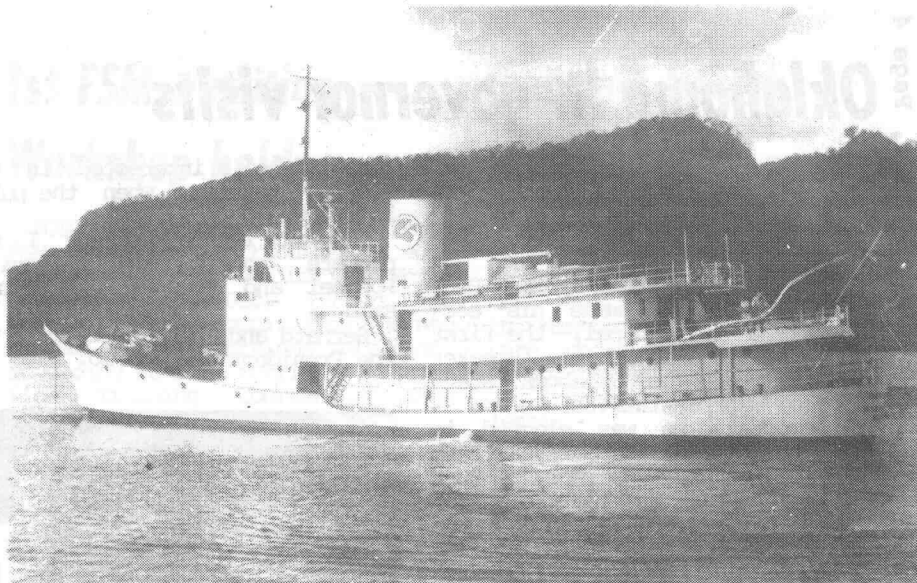
After the motor was replaced at the cost of \$25,000, it departed Oakland on Nov. 30 for a 23-hour flight to Honolulu; departed Honolulu on Dec. 4 and landed in Majuro on Dec. 5 after a 16 1/2-hour flight.

### Special session set

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Speaker Bethwel Henry of Pohnpei called the fourth special session of the Third FSM Congress to begin Jan. 7 for 10 calendar days, according to Chief Clerk Sintaro Ezra.

The special session was called to consider the draft National Development Plan and bills referred from the fourth regular session in November, including the proposed FSM Monetary Authority, the marine resources program and other pending legislation.

The special session is expected to be the last session before congressional elections in March.



SS THORFINN ARRIVES - The SS Thorfinn, a 170-foot converted Norwegian whaler steamship, is shown on arrival Dec. 12 at the Kolonia dock from Honolulu. The vessel is scheduled to begin adventure cruises between Pohnpei and Truk. The first 12-day cruise is scheduled to begin Dec. 22 in Moen bound for Kolonia via the Hall Islands, Oroluk, Pakin and Ant.

## Bugotu term extended at SPC

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The term of Francis Bugotu of the Solomon Islands as South Pacific Commission Secretary General which began in 1981 was extended through 1986 during the 24th South Pacific Conference, Oct. 15-19, in Noumea, New Caledonia, according to Resources and Development Secretary Bernard Helgenberger who headed the FSM delegation.

The conference also accepted the Solomon Islands' invitation to host the 25th Conference in 1985 and agreed to the SPC hosting a regional youth conference in Noumea in March, during the 1985 International Youth Year.

The conference adopted the recommendations of the Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations to extend Bugotu's term to Dec. 31, 1986; to limit subsequent appointments to single three-year terms, and to recommend to the 25th conference the nomination of Palauni Tuiasosopo of American Samoa for a three-year term as Secretary-General.

It adopted the report by Bugotu that the SPC is continuing to implement the decisions of the 23rd conference in Saipan on internal review and to develop activities which are considered relevant to the needs of the area.

It agreed to retain the practice of annual consultations with the South Pacific Bureau for Economic Co-operation (SPEC) and Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) and further agreed to allow these or-

ganizations to be represented as observers at future closed sessions of the Committee of Representative Governments and Administrations.

It adopted a recommendation to continue consideration of ways to obtain data input from distant-water fishing nations on tuna and billfish catches. It also agreed that the issue should be further considered at the May, 1985, Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations meeting.

And it adopted the South Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP) progress report on drafting a comprehensive convention on environment and natural resources.

Jean-Marie Tjibaou, vice president of the New Caledonia Government Council, was chairman of the conference.

Others in the FSM delegation to the Noumea conference were International Affairs Chief Masao Nakayama and Resources and Development economist Daniel Twum-Bari-mah.

### Photo shop opens

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Bob Doucet, a former Honolulu professional photographer, announced the opening Nov. 26 of Pohnpei Photography, a division of Ambros, Inc., located in Ambros IBM Copy Center and Office Supply Store here.

Doucet said he is specializing in weddings, family portraits and other free-lance commercial photography.

# Oklahoma Lt. governor visits

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Spencer Bernard said here Dec. 8 that he is ready to promote tourism in his state for Pohnpei and the FSM.

Bernard, who arrived here Dec. 7 and left Dec. 10, made his second visit to Pohnpei, the first being in 1975 when he was Speaker Pro Tem of the Oklahoma State House of Representatives.

A Democrat, he was elected in 1982 to his second four-year term as lieutenant governor, after serving 18 years in the House of Representatives, including the last six as Speaker Pro Tem.

Accompanied by his wife, Vivian, and public relations administrator, Carl Alexander, Bernard came to Pohnpei from Guam where he met Thursday with governors George R. Ariyoshi of Hawaii, Peter T. Coleman of American Samoa and Ricardo J. Bordallo of Guam who were attending a Pacific Basin Development Council regional meeting.

Before Guam, he visited Japan where he signed a letter of agreement with C-Itoh Co. officials to open an Oklahoma state office in Tokyo to promote investment in his state and exports from the Sooner state; met with Japanese manufacturing officials for industrial promotion in Oklahoma, and worked on a sister state agreement with Gov. Yukio Hayashida of Kyoto prefecture, on agreements to exchange agriculture students and public education television tapes and an agreement "for them to exhibit in our state fair" in September, 1985.

After Japan he attended a U.S.-Republic of China joint economic council meeting in Taipei as a member of the U.S. national board and met with the University of Taiwan president to work on a high technology information exchange agreement with the University of Oklahoma.

Bernard came to Pohnpei at the invitation of Gov. Resio Moses and President Tosiwo Nakayama.

In Pohnpei, he met with FSM Resources and Development Secretary Bernard Helgenberger, owner of Bernard's Enterprises in Kolonia, to present him with a cap with the name, "Bernard's Enterprises, Rush Springs, Oklahoma," owned by the lieutenant governor.

He was hosted to a cultural show featuring traditional dancers from Kitti and a reception at the Nahs en Pohnpei by the governor on Saturday and attended church services Sunday at the United Church of Christ in Kolonia.

Bernard said that he met with

Moses, "who is interested in developing tourism, when the public is ready.

"He will let me know and I will promote tourism in Oklahoma to Pohnpei and the FSM," Bernard said.

Bernard and his wife met with the President on Dec. 10.



WITH GOVERNOR - Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Spencer Bernard and his wife, Vivian, right, are with Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses and his wife, Susan, at the Dec. 8 reception at the Nahs en Pohnpei hosted by the governor.



WITH PRESIDENT - Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Spencer Bernard, right, is signing the guest book, while his wife, Vivian, looks on, during their Dec. 10 courtesy call on FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama in his office.

# War claims Action sought

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Resolutions were introduced during October and November in the Pohnpei State Legislature to seek FSM action on remaining war claims and ask Gov. Resio Moses to establish a Select Committee on War Claims.

The proposed resolution seeking action by President Tosiwo Nakayama

on remaining claims determined by the U.S. War Claims Commission was introduced by the Madolenihmw senators and said that the people of Pohnpei are entitled to compensation for damages, deprivation of freedom and loss of homes and property as a result of

World War II hostilities.

It said the national government, as guardian of its people, is responsible for and capable of handling negotiations and recovering the remaining war claims, so the FSM "should place a very high priority on attaining full and satisfactory settlement of the legitimate war claims of the people of Pohnpei remaining un-

paid for so many years."

State Senator Kasiano Joseph of Kitti introduced the resolution requesting the Select Committee

on War Claims.

Another proposed resolution calls for a conference of FSM state legislators to consider developing systematic and comprehensive codes in the areas of government concern reserved for the states under the FSM Constitution, such as domestic relations,

business law, commercial codes, professional and trade technician licensing and monitoring, taxation, basic criminal law, culture and tradition preservation, conservation and resource management and economic and social development.

The resolution said the state lawmakers could benefit from drafting model legislation and conducting joint studies on matters of mutual concern.

Another proposed resolution would amend the rules of the legislature to create a standing Subcommittee on Revenue and Taxation within the Finance Committee to undertake initial review of all taxation and revenue matters referred to the full committee which has 11 members representing each of the municipalities and has jurisdiction over state and municipal expenditures and financial administration.

## Halvorsen Johnny Joins FSM PIO

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Former Pohnpei State Information Officer Halvorsen Johnny joined the FSM Information Office staff Dec. 10 as Information Specialist III, according to Information Officer Ketsen Johnson.

Johnny will assist in producing the National Union and FSM Information Service.

A native of Madolenihmw, who was graduated from PICS high school here and attended broadcast training programs at the East-West Center, Honolulu; University of Syracuse, New York, and Apia, Western Samoa, Johnny became the State Information Officer in April, after serving as a classroom teacher and Pohnpei State Legislature information officer.

He was station manager for the Pohnpei state radio station WSZD from 1972 to 1980 when he resigned to work as assistant editor of the Commonwealth Examiner, a Saipan weekly newspaper.



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## To hit poker machines

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Pohnpei state government will crack down on the use of poker machines for gambling, beginning Dec. 10, according to Legal Affairs Director Quirino Mendiola.

Gov. Resio Moses directed the Legal Affairs Department to enforce a 1975 anti-gambling law which makes all gambling machines, including poker machines illegal, according to a Pohnpei State Information Office release.

The penalty for violating the anti-gambling law is up to one year in jail, up to \$1,000 in fines, or both.

In a Nov. 23 letter to Pohnpei poker machine owners and operators, Mendiola said, "If you give a player of this machine anything of value based on his score, then you violate the law.

"If the law is violated, then this machine will be seized as evidence and legal action resulting in a possible fine and/or imprisonment will be instituted," he said.

The anti-gambling law permits commercial bingo establishments to operate between 6 p.m. and midnight with no one under 18 years old permitted in the bingo establishments.

## 1st FSM nutrition Workshop held

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The first FSM nutrition curriculum and education materials evaluation workshop was held Dec. 3-7 at the Pohnpei State Hospital by the national Health Services Division, according to FSM Nutrition Education Training Coordinator Jane Elymore.

The workshop, cosponsored by the U.N. Children's Fund, was attended by state nutrition education coordinators Kipier Lippwe, Stem Salle, Ansina Bisalen and Sumie Ezikol of Truk; Meriam Abraham, Noriko Shoniber, Rensper Liwy, Lolita Anson and Elizabeth Keller of Pohnpei, and Fe Calexterio, Alex Talley and Julieta Ablao of Kosrae, plus Lora Hargreaves of Pacific Missionary Aviation.

In the past, the Trust Territory government prepared nutrition curriculum and education materials for distribution to the districts without the teachers knowing how to effectively use the materials, according to Mrs. Elymore.

The workshop focused on preparing the state nutrition coordinators to train school teachers to use the curriculum materials in their classrooms, she said.

Recommendations for improving the state nutrition education programs are being finalized to be submitted to the FSM Health Services chief and UNICEF, according to Mrs. Elymore.

## Minimum wage hike urged

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - An increase in the Pohnpei state government minimum wage from \$1.35 to \$1.50 an hour was recommended by the joint salary task force established in October by Gov. Resio Moses to develop a unified government salary schedule, according to a State Information Office release.

The task force also recommended reducing the current 30 pay levels to 22 pay levels and requested that it continue to work through December on the complicated salary schedule in order to resolve a number of issues, including how to reduce the gap between high and low paid employees.

The task force includes Director of Administration Itor Harris; Planning, Programming, Budget and Statistics Administrator Ihlen Joseph; State Attorney Patricia Billington; Legislature Health and Social Affairs Chairman Nelson Pelep, and legislative staff member Akillino Susaia.

## Compact health Hearing set

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The U.S. House Public Lands and National Parks Subcommittee will hold its next hearing at 9:45 a.m. Dec. 12 in Washington, D.C., on health care under the Compact of Free Association, according to a Nov. 19 Interior Committee press release.

"We'll want to take a look at the health care systems in Micronesia through testimony from the Department of the Interior and the Department of Human Services witnesses and from the health directors of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia," subcommittee Chairman John F. Seiberling of Ohio.

The subcommittee plans to use the information from the hearing to evaluate current Trust Territory health care systems and what needs to be done to insure that these governments will be able to provide decent health care to Micronesians in the post-trusteeship period, according to the release.

No other hearings will be held before February, it said.

## Truk competition set

MOEN, Truk - The first annual Truk state inter-scholastic competition in sports, essays and debate contests for its seven public and private secondary schools was scheduled to begin with a track and field meet here 8 a.m. Dec. 14, according to the office of Gov. Erhart Aten.

Cash prizes will be awarded to individuals and trophies to the winning schools.

The seven schools scheduled to participate are Xavier, Truk and Berea Christian high schools and Mortlocks, Weipat, Southern Namoneas and Faichuk junior high schools.

The essay contest is scheduled for Feb. 1 for grades 9-12 with the essays to be two and one-half pages long and double spaced and to be judged on grammar, organization, length, originality and analysis.

Trophies will be awarded to first-third places and certificates to the top five in each grade.

The debate contest is scheduled for the first week in March at the Truk State Legislature Building with Speaker Awards to be given to first-third place winners at each class level and trophies to first-third place schools.

# Work release set in sentencing

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King established work release as part of the sentencing of Dexter Damarlane, 18, of Awak on a burglary conviction and resentencing of Kohber Rodriguez, 18, of Nett on two burglary convictions.

King also postponed sentencing of Andonio Dores who plead guilty to manslaughter in the May 13 shooting death of Ruben David in Madolenihmw to Jan. 24 to be sentenced in conjunction with deferred sentence for the Feb. 15 conviction of assault with a dangerous weapon, according to National Ombudsman Nickontro Johnny.

Damarlane plead guilty Dec. 6 to petty larceny in breaking into the State Food Services Warehouse and taking several items on Dec. 1 and breaking into to the Nanpei Store here Sept. 16 and taking two cases of beer and canned goods.

A charge of burglary for entering the Head Start Office and taking cooking pots, a kettle and a machete on Dec. 1 was dropped and the Nanpei Store burglary was deferred 18 months.

Damarlane was sentenced on the petty larceny count to six months in jail with credit for about two months spent in custody and credit for a total of four months, if he participates in the Aramas Kapw, Micronesia Bound program, with 40 hours of work release at the Food Services warehouse during the fifth month and 40 hours a week of work release at the Head Start Office during the sixth month, while spending nights and weekends in jail.

The Nanpei Store burglary conviction sentence was deferred on the conditions that he not commit another crime, nor drink alcohol; that he report to the Justice Ombudsman, and that he perform community service for one of the places burglarized, after release.

King reduced the Aug. 24 sent-

ence of Rodriguez to three and one-half years in jail on convictions of burglarizing the residence of FSM Security and Investigations Chief Joe Race and Nett Elementary School to confinement in jail to June 6; work release 20-40 hours a week to be determined by the Justice Ombudsman; release to attend school, beginning in the fall, 1985, if he is picked up and returned to jail by his uncle, Marty Rodriguez, and release to the custody of his uncle, during the spring semester, 1986, if he successfully completes the first semester.

Rodriguez was placed on five-year probation, beginning Aug. 24.

Dores, in a plea agreement, was convicted of manslaughter in the death of Ruben David and aiding and abetting charges against his brother, Benjamin, were dropped.

His Feb. 15 deferred sentence for assault with a deadly weapon in the FSM Supreme Court was violated when he was convicted June 20 in the Pohnpei State Court for aggravated assault on May 13.

## TSL rejects AG nominee

MOEN, Truk - The Truk State Legislature disapproved for a second time Tuesday the nomination of Mark D. Brook, a former Eugene and Portland, Oregon, criminal lawyer, as the state attorney general, according to FSM Information Officer Ketsion Johnson, who is visiting Truk.

Brook, 39, is an honors graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles with a BA in political science and juris doctorate who worked as a public defender in Oakridge, Oregon, and was in private practice, specializing in criminal, juvenile and family law in Eugene and Portland who arrived here July 16 to assume the post of state attorney general, pending confirmation by the legislature.

# Mobil awarded Restitution

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM Supreme Court Trial Division awarded Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc., and New Hampshire Fire Insurance Co. \$40,787.64 plus 9 per cent annual interest in restitution by Billy Jonas and four other men convicted of theft by embezzlement in 1982.

The court ordered Iakopus Opet to pay an additional \$31,984.74, plus interest in the civil case brought by Mobil and New Hampshire Fire Insurance in a July 17 judgement signed by designated Judge Herbert Soll of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Court.

In a Nov. 9 Order of Payment, FSM Chief Justice Edward King excluded Opet from making payment, while ordering Jonas to pay \$50 a month on Dec. 1 and Jan. 1 and \$100 a month beginning Feb. 1.

Ahm Fred was ordered to pay \$50 a month, beginning Dec. 1, and Songko Bridge \$5 a month Dec. 1 and Jan. 1 and \$7.50 a month, beginning Feb. 1.

The July 17 judgement in Count I levied \$40,787.64 against Jonas, \$20,770.54 against Opet, \$12,913.25 against Fred and \$413.37 against Bridge, with the total recovery not to exceed \$40,787.64.

The additional \$31,984.74 was levied against Opet in Count II.

Jonas, a former Pohnpei bulk plant manager for Mobil, was convicted on criminal charges of theft, forgery, conspiracy and tampering with a witness in the embezzlement of more than \$40,000 by manipulating invoices and sales reports, dating back to 1981, and sentenced Nov. 25, 1983 to 35 months and 12 days in jail.

Fred, a Mobil employee, and Bridge, a private contractor, were convicted on charges of theft, forgery and conspiracy. Fred was sentenced Nov. 15, 1983, to nine months in jail.

## Halbert attends training

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Pohnpei State Court Chief Clerk Dohsis H. Halbert received a certificate of completion on completing the Nov. 11-16 National Judicial College Court Management and Delay Managing Specialty training session at the University of Nevada, Reno, according to a Nov. 26 college press release.

Halbert was one of 21 participants in the course which was aimed at helping judges and administrative officers identify and solve court management problems and reduce trial delay.

## FSM Supreme Court Calender

DATE/TIME	TRIAL DIVISION - STATE OF PohnPEI CASE NAME	TYPE	PROCEEDING
Dec. 14, 9 a.m.	Pluhs v Black Micro, et. al.	Damage	Pretrial
2 p.m.	FSM v Gilmete	Violation of conditions	Hearing
Dec. 19, 9 a.m.	FSM v Panuelo	Aggravated Assault, Assault with a deadly weapon	Trial
Jan. 24, 9 a.m.	FSM v Dores, et. al.	Violation of conditions and assault with deadly weapon	Sentencing
Feb. 5, 9 a.m.	FSM v Ponape Builders Const. and Mendiola Tax		Pretrial

# Telecom Training Center dedicated as part of network

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM Telecommunications Corp. Technical Training Center here was dedicated Nov. 28 to serve as a regional facility in a network of six other facilities established by the U.N. International Telecommunications Union under the U.N. Development Program.

The training center, located adjacent to the Pohnpei Communications Center and COMSAT satellite earth station, is providing basic training to Micronesian telecommunications technicians who may receive advanced training at the Regional Telecommunications Training Center in Suva.

"It is part of an overall plan to integrate with training centers in Fiji, Kiribati, the Solomon Islands, the Cook Islands, Tonga and Western Samoa," Patrick O'Sullivan, ITU project manager in Suva, said.

"All are playing their role in providing within the region training facilities to enable the South Pacific administrations to be self-supporting and self-sufficient," O'Sullivan said.

While it is easy to erect buildings and satellite dishes for telecommunications, it is more difficult to maintain them, and this can be done only with local staffing, he said.

O'Sullivan announced that the UNDP, which has provided more than \$200,000 in personnel and equipment for the FSM training program which began in September, 1984, at the former Maeda Con-

struction Co. camp, "is prepared to provide \$50,000 for fellowships for the FSM to study both here and in Suva.

"It will also provide equipment within the limits of its resources," he said.

O'Sullivan also announced that ITU Telecommunications Training Expert Vaidnath Dosteah of Mauritius, who opened the training program here last year, will continue to manage the center for six to 12 months.

Robert Engelhardt, vice president-international of Hawaiian Telephone Co. which provided \$10,000 while the FSM Congress provided \$60,000 for the center, said, "We have and we will continue to have an interest in Micronesia, not only in service, but to help in training and other assistance."

HawaiianTel, an international telephone carrier for Micronesia, is installing push-button telephones and an overseas direct-dialing system in Saipan, Engelhardt said, adding, "This is something that can be done here in time and I think we would like to have the opportunity at Hawaiiantel to help you achieve this objective to get a modern telephone system here in the FSM that connects you with the satellite system."

He said, "There are a lot of new services that are coming into Micronesia, data communications, packet switching, computer networks....(but) despite all of

this, there is still the need for basic training."

FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, as keynote speaker, thanked the ITU and Hawaiiantel officials for providing the facility, stating, "We need to train our people to appreciate and run these gadgets that are now in the midst of our Micronesian communities."

The President said, "I am happy and proud that this is a regional school, not only confined to the FSM, but it is open to people in the region, because my government believes in regional cooperation."

Telecommunications Corp. Board Chairman Asterio Takesy was master of ceremonies for the dedication ceremony was concluded with Nancy Banta, wife of Telecommunications Corp. General Manager Bill Banta, cutting the ribbon and a tour of the facility which includes a classroom and practical room for 12 trainees, six dormitory rooms for resident students, a kitchen, lounge, office and storage room.

The first class to train in the facility began Aug. 20 and completed the instruction early in November, according to Dosteah who said the class included one Marshall Islands and five FSM trainees and the next class will be held after Jan. 1.

The classes are conducted 8-12 weeks with the courses packaged and sent from Suva, according to O'Sullivan who said other instructors will be sent from within the region to assist in the training.

## 2 candidates withdraw

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Two candidates, Alex Iuzama, assistant to the governor for commerce and industry, and FSM Resources and Development Administrative Officer Edgar Edward, withdrew from the race for Pohnpei lieutenant governor in the Dec. 21 special election, leaving a field of eight candidates, according to State Election Commissioner Samson Alpet.

The remaining candidates are Dr. Burton Jano, a State Health Services medical officer; FSM Education Chief Daro Weital; State Housing Authority Executive Director Johnny David; State Legal Affairs Director Quirino Mendiola; Daniel Lopez, who managed the former Ponape Development Bank; MidPac Construction Co. president Herman Senes; State Conservation and Resource Surveillance Director Kikuo Apis, and State Public Lands Authority Commissioner Yasuo I. Yamada.



TELECOM TRAINING CENTER DEDICATED - Robert Engelhardt, vice president international of Hawaiian Telephone Co., is addressing the Nov. 28 dedication ceremony for the FSM Telecommunications Corp. Technical Training Center near the Pohnpei Communications Center. Seated from left are Patrick O'Sullivan, International Telecommunications Union project manager in Suva; Telecom Board Chairman Asterio Takesy; FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, the keynote speaker, and an unidentified man.

# Kolonia Town first to draft, sign local constitution

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Kolonia Town became the first Pohnpei local government to complete a draft constitution when delegates to its constitutional convention signed the draft during a delayed ceremony Dec. 1 in the FSM Congress chamber.

The signing ceremony was scheduled originally for 5 p.m. Nov. 30, but was delayed to 4 p.m. Dec. 1 due to a power outage.

The referendum on the draft constitution is scheduled for Dec. 21 to coincide with special elections for Pohnpei lieutenant governor to fill the seat vacated by the death of Strik Yoma in September and three new state legislature seats, one each for Kitti, Madolenihmw and Sokehs, created by the Pohnpei State Constitution which went into effect Nov. 8.

The State Constitution mandated the local governments to draft their own constitutions. Kolonia Town was the first, holding its convention Nov. 12-23 and extending it to Dec. 1, and Nukuoro Atoll reportedly has scheduled a convention to begin Jan. 15.

Other local governments are the municipalities of Madolenihmw, Kitti, Uh, Nett, Sokehs, Pinge-lap, Mokil, Ngatik and Kapingamarangi.

The Kolonia draft constitution would create a new Town Court with a presiding judge and other

judges to be determined by ordinance and to be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the Town Council.

It would empower the town government to levy taxes and fees not otherwise limited by the FSM and state constitutions, establish a town treasury with a treasurer to be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council and authorize the town government to borrow money for town projects not to exceed one-half of the annual revenues collected in the preceding fiscal year.

It sets four-year terms for the mayor and 14 council members to commence on the second Monday in January after their elections to coincide with state elections, the next to be held in November, 1987.

It follows the language of the recently enacted state law to fill vacancies of unexpired elected officials terms by providing for special elections, if more than 180 days are left on the terms, and appointment of council members by the mayor and election

of the mayor by the council, if less than 180 days remain.

It bars convicted felons from holding elected office, unless pardoned, sets the minimum voting age at 18, provides for constitutional amendments, sets the town boundaries and provides for removal of the mayor.

Prior to the signing of the draft by all of the 28 delegates, Convention Chairman Itor Harris said the constitution would strengthen Kolonians' love for Pohnpei.

"We have been pushed by waves and currents for a long time," he said in Pohnpeian, adding, "This constitution will release us from this bondage and allow us to develop through our own constitution."

Following the signing, Mayor Victor Edwin said, "To all my brother chief magistrates, come and let's share in the task of developing our Pohnpei state."

Kolonia is the only local government in Pohnpei headed by a mayor as the others have chief magistrates.

## Martin renamed chief

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Tomisiano Martin of Kitti municipality, who has been serving as Pohnpei State Police Chief since 1964, was reappointed Nov. 16 to another three-year term by Gov. Resio Moses, according to a State Information Office release.

The reappointment Public Safety Division chief was effective Nov. 2.

Martin joined the Legal Affairs Department in 1962 as a district prosecutor, became Public Safety Chief in 1964 and served continuously to the present through reappointments required by Trust Territory law.



SIGNING KOLONIA TOWN DRAFT CONSTITUTION - Kolonia Town Constitutional Convention Chairman Itor Harris is signing the draft constitution during the ceremony Dec. 1 in the FSM Congress Chamber, with, from left, master of ceremonies Berman Weilbacher and delegates Frank Henry, Victor Edwin, Bethwel Henry, Takasy Lucios and Renspar Jack looking on.

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