

Commission approves Compact information plan

KOLONIA, Ponape — The FSM Commission on Future Political Status and Transition, during its meeting which began here Feb. 11, approved a plan to begin sending delegations to Washington, D.C., to meet with U.S. Congress members on the Compact of Free Association.

The Commission, which continued meeting through Feb. 14, also decided

to ask the FSM state and national governments to identify transition-related issues. U.S. government inter-agency task force headed by the Interior Department which is working to put together a transition plan for the FSM and Marshall Islands, according to commission legal counsel Greg Swartz.

The Commission was awaiting word

from Washington on the formal transmittal of the Compact to the U.S. Congress with a letter from President Reagan supporting it.

Ambassador Fred Zeder, the President's personal representative for Compact negotiations, informed CFPST

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Falcam confirmed, plan reviewed

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The Third FSM Congress confirmed the nomination of Leo A. Falcam as Postmaster General on Feb. 11 and continued its review of the National Development Plan, during its second special session.

The session is scheduled to end Feb. 15.

Falcam, who had been serving as interim FSM Postmaster General, was

sworn in Feb. 14 by President Tosiwo Nakayama.

A motion to approve the National Plan was deferred from Feb. 11 to Feb. 14.

Hearings on the plan were held by the Resources and Development Committee on Feb. 11 with the state governors and speakers and Commission on Future Political Status and Transition representatives testifying.

During the hearing the states indicated that the plan did not meet their needs, while Status Commission members supported its adoption.

The plan has been reviewed by a U.N. Development Programme team which left Ponape Feb. 9, after submitting an initial report recommending substantive changes.

The team, which included Peter Corbin of the United Kingdom, William Bartsch of the U.S. and John Stewart of New Zealand, spent 12 days in Ponape, after reviewing the plan with a 10-member group in Fiji.

The team heard testimony from Truk State Legislature Speaker Kisande Sos, state officials from Ponape and Kosrae and national government officials.

The Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee held hearings Feb. 10 on a proposed contract with Crown Agents Philatelic Corp the Crown Agents for Overseas governments and administration, to serve as the FSM philatelic agent for the production and distribution of postage stamps.

The Congress approved Feb. 10 a new fishing agreement with four Japanese fishing associations which ends a six-month stalemate between the FSM and the Japanese tuna fishing associations and which is expected to provide the FSM \$1.2 million in license fee revenues.

The Congress approved one bill increasing the FSM Supreme Court staff ceiling by one position to add a justice ombudsman for Truk state.



FALCAM SWORN IN -- President Tosiwo Nakayama, left, is administering the oath of office to former Ponape Gov. Leo A. Falcam as the first FSM Postmaster General with Falcam's daughter, Tamara, holding the Bible, during a Feb. 14 ceremony in the President's office. The FSM Congress confirmed Feb. 11 the nomination of Falcam, who served as Interim Postmaster General.

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OTIA deputy commends self-sufficiency efforts

KOLONIA, Ponape — U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Interior for Territorial and International Affairs Kittie Baier commended the Micronesian governments for their efforts to establish economic self-sufficiency, during her Jan. 29 - Feb. 1 visit to Ponape.

Associate Interior Solicitor Marian Horn, who accompanied Ms. Baier,

said that the new state courts in Ponape and Truk are well on their way to functioning soon.

The two senior Interior Department officials were making an orientation visit with FSM national government and Ponape state officials, after visiting Saipan, Guam and the Marshall Islands.

They were scheduled to go to Truk, Feb. 1-3, before returning to Washington via Guam.

Ms. Baier was appointed Dec. 9 to replace Richard Montoya who was nominated by President Reagan to be Assistant Interior Secretary for OTIA which has jurisdiction over the U.S. territories in Guam, the Virgin Islands and American Samoa, in addition to the U.N. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Ms. Horn is the senior legal officer in the Interior Solicitor General's Office who deals with Trust Territory affairs.

Ms. Baier said that she has "seen positive things," in the development of the constitutional governments in the Trust Territory, as they "are giving thought to serious issues and new and creative approaches."

"Each government is consciences of establishing themselves as (economically) self-sufficient," she said.

"They are working hard to see that with the U.S.) comes into effect, they will be self-sufficient, independent government," she said, citing "thought and planning from roads to power plants," and stating, "they are looking to the future."

Ms. Horn, who met with FSM Supreme Cort Chief Justice Edward King, Attorney General David Nevitt, Ponape State Chief Justice Edwel Santos and State Attorney Fred Canover, said, "I don't think there is a problem" in getting the court functioning.

"All agreed that the process is well along," she said, and "we are on a good track to rapid certification of the courts in the FSM."

She said that Trust Territory High Court Chief Justice Alex Munson "is working directly with Judge Santos and they have defined those things that need to be worked out.

"The same is true of Truk and ultimately we will have to deal with Kosrae," Ms. Horn said, referring to the establishment of a state court by the Kosrae State Constitution which went into effect Jan. 11.

Yap has the only state court in the FSM which was certified by the High Court.

Ms. Horn said that she and Ms. Baier discussed a wide range of technical

legal issues with Nevitt.

"There were't any decisions made, as we are here to listen," according to Ms. Baier who also met briefly with King.

The two Interior officials made courtesy calls Jan. 30 on Vice President Bailey Olter, Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry and Ponape Gov. Resio Moses, before meeting with FSM Budget Officer Del Pangelinan to discuss telecommunications upgrading, medical referrals, computerization of the financial management system and other budget items.

They visited Kepirohi waterfall, Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS), the Nan Madol ruins and Joy Islands resort on Jan. 31 and met with Santos and Canover on Feb. 1.

They also met Feb. 1 with External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich and his staff, and were hosted Jan. 31 to a dinner at the Village Hotel by the Vice President.

"Medical referrals are a consistent concern throughout Micronesia," Ms. Baier said, adding, "It is a difficult question with alot of ingrown headaches."

She said that the Interior Department is working with the U.S. Health and Human Services Department Region IX office on a survey of the medical referral and health services problem in the Pacific.

Ms. Baier said that "everyone is concerned about getting the Compact through as quickly as possible, and we agreed."



OTIA DEPUTY WITH GOVERNOR — U.S. Deputy Assistant Interior Secretary for Territorial and International Affairs Kittie Baier, right, accompanied by OTIA Technical Assistance Analyst Thomas Perez, left, of Guam, is meeting Jan. 30 with Ponape Gov. Resio Moses in his office.



AT NAN MADOL RUINS — U.S. Deputy Assistant Interior Secretary Kittie Baier, right, Interior Associate Solicitor Marian Horn, center, and OTIA Technical Assistance Analyst Thomas Perez of Guam are relaxing during their Jan. 31 tour of the Nan Madol ruins in Ponape.



WITH BUDGET OFFICER — U.S. Deputy Assistant Interior Secretary Kittie Baier, second from left; Associate Interior Solicitor Marian Horn, right, and OTIA Technical Assistance Analyst Thomas Perez, left, are meeting Jan. 30 with FSM Budget Officer Del Pangelinan.

President expected to testify on Compact in Washington

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Chairman Andon Amaraich by telephone on Feb. 14 that the Compact documents are completed, are awaiting the President's clearance, and should be submitted to Congress within the next eight to 10 days.

No hearings have been scheduled in the U.S. Congress, but the Senate Energy and Natural Resources staff has indicated that, if the Compact is transmitted by the end of February, it might be possible for that committee to hold comprehensive hearings on it by the end of March, according to Commission Washington attorney James T. Stovall III, who attended the Commission meeting.

The House Interior Subcommittee on Parks and Public Lands staff has "indicated a desire to hold hearings in coordination with hearings on the Senate side to minimize demands on Micronesian witnesses," Stovall said.

"Assuming that hearings in the Senate and House can take place by mid-April, it would become a matter of encouraging the committees to complete their mark-ups and report prior to the time when the Congress recesses for national political party nominating conventions and elections, around July 1," he said.

Reports that House subcommittee Chairman John Seiberling of Ohio foresees 17 hearings on the Compact pose difficulty, due to the few legislative days during a congressional and presidential election year, according to Stovall, who said that there are, however, at least 17 areas of interest in the Compact.

Falcam confirmed

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Other resolutions approved by the Congress:

— Urge the national government to asses and collect taxes due the government.

— Urge the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Farmers Home Administration to increase the programs which are offered in the FSM.

— Express sympathy to the family and friends of Mrs. Erwine Gouland for her untimely passing. She was the mother of Senator Sasao Gouland and First Lady Miter Nakayama.

— Express condolences to the family of Dr. Eskiel Moses of Truk for his untimely passing.

— Express sympathy to the family of the late Serafin Rayphand of Truk.

"We are hopeful that by visiting and talking to a wide range of congressmen and staff we can obviate the need for a large number of hearings and can make it possible for expeditious action in the House," he said.

Stovall said that there is still a possibility of Congress completing action on the Compact this year, but "we have to be realistic about the heavy competition for Congress' attention this year and be prepared to work hard to try to overcome that.

"Even if it turns out that Congress is unable to finish its work on the Compact in this session, it is in our interest to work hard to make progress as possible through the committees, so as little work as possible is left for the next session in 1985," he said.

He cited the Washington, D.C., FSM Planning Committee on the Compact made up of Washington Representative Epel Ilon and Ihlen Joseph of Ponape, its information coordinator, and CFPST Washington counsel as well as Public Relations and International Affairs consultants, which is keeping abreast of developments in Congress, developing materials to support the Compact and is preparing to assist delegations of FSM officials to be sent to Washington in successive groups.

The first group of three-four officials to be headed by FSM External Affairs Secretary and Status Commission Chairman Amaraich is scheduled to go to Washington at the end of February

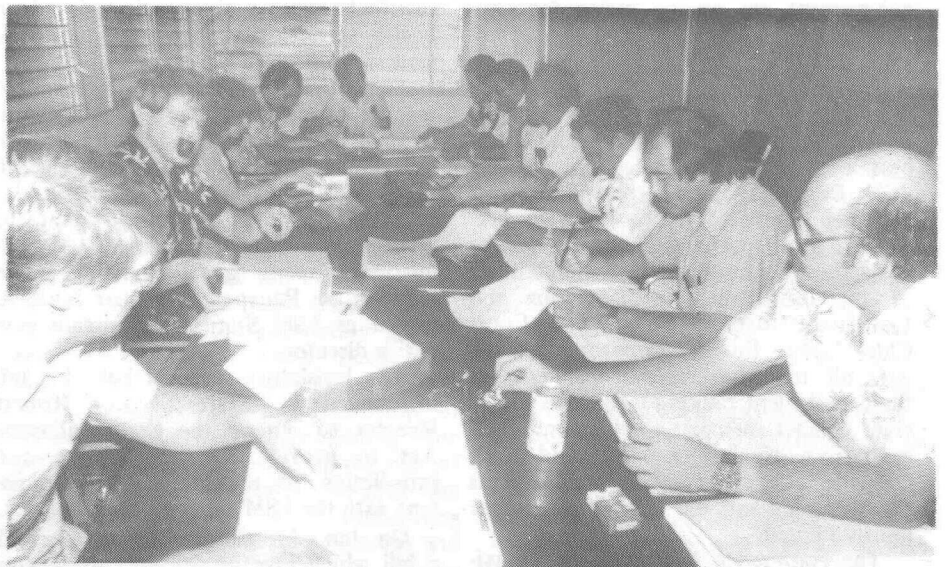
for about two weeks. President Tosiwo Nakayama and FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry will be requested to go with the third group for the hearings, according to Stovall.

The Status Commission, accompanied by its Washington attorneys, Stovall and Barry Israel, and Swartz held two briefings for the FSM Congress on the Compact and National Development plan for the FSM Congress which is reviewing the plan in a special session, and one briefing for the Ponape State Legislature.

The Commission also reviewed the memorandum of understanding on the division of Compact funds which was signed by the President and four FSM governors.

The chief executives agreed to a division of the block grant for operations and capital improvements which is to be \$60 million a year, plus inflation adjustments, for the first five years, with Truk getting 37.4 per cent; Ponape, 24.31 per cent; Yap, 15.52 per cent; Kosrae, 10.27 per cent, and the national government, 12.5 per cent.

They also agreed to distribution formulas for special development assistance to continue the military civic action teams, Yap Coast Guard rental and impact aid and grants for energy, communications, marine surveillance, health and medical programs, post-secondary education, disaster planning and health and education to be provided by the U.S. Government under the Compact.



STATUS COMMISSION MEETS — The FSM Commission on Future Political Status and Transition is meeting Feb. 11 in its conference room in Ponape with its chairman, Andon Amaraich, head of table, presiding. From left are Washington attorneys Barry Israel and James Stovall, presidential secretary Melody Bertoncini, Ponape member Peter Christian, Amaraich, President Tosiwo Nakayama, Itor Harris of Ponape, Yap Gov. John Mangefel, Hiroshi Ismael of Kosrae, Jack Fritz of Truk and commission legal counsel Greg Swartz.

Yap mourns Finiginam death

KOLONIA, Yap — The Yap State Legislature adopted Feb. 2 a resolution expressing on behalf of the entire state government sympathy and condolences to the family of former Associate District Judge Mathias Finiginam, who died Jan. 30 at age 83, according to State Information Officer Henry Muthan.

Mr. Finiginam was first appointed Feb. 25, 1970, as part-time associate district judge and Trust Territory High Court special judge. He was reappointed to the positions in 1974 and served until he retired from the bench on Jan. 27, 1980, at age 79.

According to the resolution, Mr. Finiginam "had a long and distinguished career in public service which began in the early 1950s as a member of the Yap Island Magistrate Council."

Conference agenda set

KOLONIA, Ponape — Ponape State Lt. Gov. Strik Yoma said Feb. 10 that the agenda for the State Leadership Conference on Political Status Development which was scheduled to be held on Feb. 23 has been tentatively set subject to approval of both the Governor and the Legislature Speaker.

Yoma, who was designated by Gov. Resio Moses as the administrator and the overall coordinator of the conference, said that the Compact, State Economic Development Plan and issues of transition from charter to constitutional government are among major tentative items to be discussed during the leadership conference.

An amendment to the law which established the conference and was signed on Feb. 3, by Moses now includes members of the Ponape delegation to the FSM Congress among the participants of the conference.

Among 83 participants invited to the leadership conference are: all members of the legislature; the Governor and Lieutenant Governor; Ponape State Court Chief Justice Edwel Santos or his designee; all nanmwarkies and nankens, or their equivalent ranking traditional titles; state cabinet officers; speakers and chief executives of the municipal and town councils, and other government officers the governor and the legislature speaker jointly invited.

The conference will meet for a maximum period of three days and has \$20,000 for its operation, Yoma stated.

KIFCA board election set

LELU, Kosrae — The Kosrae Island Fishing Cooperative Association board of directors scheduled an election of its members for Feb. 18, according to a Kosrae State Release.

Two bills were introduced Feb. 2, including one by State Senator Mathew Haleyaluw to appropriate \$30,000 for construction of an administration building and other facilities for the governor's representatives on Woleai Atoll.

The second bill, introduced by Vice Speaker Mike Kigimnang would appropriate \$15,000 for Xavier High School in Truk.

The session was recessed until Feb. 8.

The legislature received Feb. 1 the nomination by Gov. John Mangefel of Mary Bergun Figir, a former College of Micronesia Extension Service assistant director and Ponape Head Start coordinator, as State Health Services director, according to a Yap State Release.

The legislature also confirmed the nominations of Eusebio Taleng as a member of the Yap State Board of Education and Sabastian Anafel as the Yap member of the COM Board of Regents.

Taleng is the State Public Utility and Contracts director.

Anafel's appointment to the Board of Regents was effective Jan. 21. He replaced Constantine Yinug whose term expired Jan. 20.

Mrs. Figir, the wife of FSM Senator Isaac Figir, is a graduate of Yap High School, Kapiolani Community College in Hawaii and the University of Guam where she received a BA degree in sociology and nursing. She also attended the University of Hawaii where she was certified as a medex and majored in health services planning and administration.

She worked as a nurse, high school teacher, medex and mental health counsellor in Yap, and as Head Start coordinator, Community Action Agency health technologist, COM Extension Service assistant director, Community College of Micronesia counsellor and CCM admissions board and recruiting team member in Ponape where her husband served as FSM Status Commission executive director.

The legislature received Feb. 1 a bill introduced by State Senator Robert Ruecho to amend the State Judiciary Act to provide for organization and jurisdiction of the State Court consistent with the FSM and Yap constitutions.

On Jan. 31, the legislature received a bill which provide for the publication of state laws and resolutions and resolutions requesting the governor and Public Affairs Office to commence publication of the laws and resolutions, approving a lease agreement between the state government and Yap Women's Association and requesting that nominees by the governor be familiar with the positions they are named to.

Sea Treasure

Accord approved

KOLONIA, Ponape -- A settlement was reached with owners of the Sea Treasure, a U.S. tuna boat caught fishing Aug. 29 without a permit near Kapingamarangi, who agreed to pay \$56,235 in penalties and hire three FSM citizens as a trainee, according to Attorney General David Nevitt.

The agreement was signed Jan. 14 by Nevitt and Ed Weisman, president of PS Fishing Co., owner of the vessel, and was approved Jan. 18 by the Micronesian Maritime Authority.

Weisman arrived Jan. 11 in Ponape with American Tunaboat Association President August Felando to negotiate the settlement. They left Jan. 14.

In addition to paying the penalty, and hiring trainees chosen by the FSM to leave on the next PS Fishing Co. boat leaving American Samoa, the owners agreed to pay an additional \$29,340 for a 1984 fishing permit, acknowledge FSM authority over its 200-mile fisheries zone, pay the expenses of an FSM fisheries operations observer on two of its voyages this year and refrain from pressing charges in the U.S. against the FSM surveillance boat, Arctic.

In addition, the ATA agreed to negotiations to establish a policy of hiring FSM citizens for crew positions on its member vessels fishing in the Western Pacific.

They would be paid \$3 a ton, plus transportation to and from the ports of call, and would receive living expenses, according to Nevitt, who said that the FSM wants to train fishermen in modern purse-seine fishing.

The FSM agreed to dismiss charges filed in the FSM Supreme Court against the Sea Treasure owner and crew and withdraw its request to the Nauru Agreement countries and the Forum Fisheries Agency to blacklist the vessel in the Western and South Pacific.

The FSM retained the right to reinstate the sanctions and penalties, if the owner or ATA failed to comply with any of the settlement provisions.

The Attorney General's Office filed charges Sept. 12 in the FSM Supreme Court, seeking \$5 million in civil penalties, \$450,000 in criminal fines and forfeiture of the Sea Treasure which reportedly resisted arrest and fled when the Arctic crew attempted to apprehend it Aug. 29, 67 miles northeast of Kapingamarangi in Ponape state.

Pingelap seat declared vacant, vote to be set

KOLONIA, Ponape — The Ponape State Legislature declared Feb. 10 its Pingelap seat vacant, leaving it to Gov. Resio Moses to set a special election for the outer island municipality.

The action came during a one-day special meeting in which the legislature also adopted an amendment to the State Judiciary Act to add a third associate justice.

Gov. Moses declined to certify the Nov. 11 election of incumbent Job Micah over Delson Ehmes due to alleged vote-counting irregularities for the Pingelap seat in Dec. 21 letter to the legislature.

Moses is expected to declare a special election for Pingelap in 30 days upon his return from an outer-island trip.

The legislature adopted six resolutions, including one urging the Trust Territory High Court Chief Justice to certify the Ponape State Court, during its first special session held Jan. 30-31.

The legislature also enacted seven

bills, including a \$906,133 appropriation for various boards, commissions and senators' expenses and a bill requiring enactment of the Ponape component of the National Development Plan into law, before it is submitted to the U.S. government.

Gov. Resio Moses vetoed Jan. 12 a similar act, requiring his submitting the Ponape Development Plan to the legislature.

The special session was held to act on measures introduced during the first regular session which ended Jan. 28.

The resolution on the court said that "the delay in certification is depriving the people of this state of the necessary services of the State Court, and...the state government cannot function properly without its judiciary branch."

The legislature approved a bill during the special session which provides a new section on original and appellate jurisdiction of the State Court, giving the

Trial Division original jurisdiction and appellate jurisdiction over Land Commission rulings, and providing that appeals to the Appellate Division shall be heard by two justices, instead of all justices as in the original State Court Act.

The legislature confirmed, during the regular session, the renomination of State Court Chief Justice Edwel Santos to meet the requirements of High Court which reportedly objected to Santos' being confirmed while he was sitting as a member of the legislature last year.

An appropriations bill approved for the Concon includes \$58,000 during its regular session, instead of \$35,000 erroneously reported in the Jan. 30 National Union.

Other items included in the appropriations bill are: State Tourist Commission, \$50,800; Legislature Housing Loan Fund, \$100,000; State Housing Authority, \$64,000; Ponape Transportation Authority, \$150,000; Economic Development Authority, \$211,168; Public Market, \$7,000; Public Lands Authority, \$165,150 from the general fund and \$34,000 from the Public Land Trust Fund.

Also, State Foreign Investment Board, \$2,000; Ponape and Sokehs Islands Land Planning Commission, \$1,250; Residential Properties and Public Utilities Board, \$500; Price Control Commission, \$6,000; Ponape Sports Council, \$16,000; legislators' official expense allowance biannual payment, \$3,000; Resources and Development Committee, \$10,000.

Also, membership fee and cost of attending Association of Pacific Island Legislatures meetings, \$10,000; Legislative Counsel Division, \$12,765; Nanpil River footbridge construction, Nett municipality, \$2,500; Feb. 24 Sokehs municipality celebration, \$1,500, and March 15 Kapingamarangi celebration, \$500.

Other bills approved during the special session provide for quarterly expense allowance payments to the senators; add FSM national government representatives and officials appointed by the governor and legislature to the State Political Status Development Leadership Conference which begins Feb. 16, and authorize appropriation of the Nanpil footbridge and Sokehs celebration funds.

Other resolutions include Legislature Rules of Order; request a Pohlangas, Madolenihmw municipality junior high school feasibility study; ask the governor and chief magistrate to upgrade and maintain Sokehs Island roads; provide for marine resources grant awards, and express condolences to the family of the late Uriel Edward.

George urges reorganization approval

LELU, Kosrae — Gov. Yosiwo George urged the Kosrae State Legislature to approve his executive reorganization plan and support his development policies in a Jan. 19 letter to Speaker Gaius F. Nedlic, according to a Kosrae State Release.

The First State Constitutional Legislature was scheduled to begin its first regular session on Feb. 13.

The reorganization plan calls for the transfer of certain Public Works Department functions to the Kosrae Transportation Authority, making it responsible for all land, sea and air transportation programs, and others to a proposed new State Utility Authority.

Public Works employees would continue their employment, but their being retained by the KTA would depend on their productivity and performance, the governor said, stating, "Those employees who are habitually apathetic should not be guaranteed jobs."

George urged the legislature to approve his 32-hour work week plan with a note that services would continue 80 hours a week and costs would not be increased, except where an agency does not have enough staff to cover 80 hours a week.

He asked the legislature to exempt his closest aides from the public service system, and to abolish the Public Affairs Department, placing the community development component in the Office of Planning and Budget, and the broadcast agency in the Public Information Office which would be placed in the

governor's office with the Legislative and Municipal Affairs Office.

The state policy is to create more economic self-sufficiency by developing appropriately-scaled industries to exploit natural resources, such as the sea, forests and agriculture, to encourage exports and decrease imports, while protecting those resources, George said.

The state policy also is to maintain primary health care and promote family planning through community education, while educating young people to understand and respect their culture and heritage, so they can strike a balance between traditional and modern lifestyles, he said.

He said that only some 600 of the 2,700 people between the ages of 15 and 64 are employed in the cash economy of the island, and that the projected 3.2 per cent annual population growth rate "will effectively shrink" funds available for social services programs.

"The choice for the leadership of Kosrae is between maintaining the present standard of living at the risk of spending capital needed to develop the state economically and committing resources...to economic development and redefining and improving the quality of life of Kosraeans without committing to social services the resources needed for economic development," George said.

He also noted that state expenditures grew from \$5.3 million, including \$344,028 in local revenues in fiscal 1982 to a projected \$5.8 million, including \$679,985 in local revenues, in fiscal 1984.

Congress urged to fund Justice Commission

KOLONIA, Ponape — The Trust Territory Advisory Council decided during its annual meeting here Feb. 6-7 to urge the FSM Congress to fund the national Justice Improvement Commission which it has authorized by law, according to TT Juvenile Justice Program Manager Ted Glenn of Saipan.

The council also reviewed its fiscal 1984 funding application to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Justice Department; reviewed Youth Development Plans drafted by the FSM states, Palau and the Marshall Islands; reviewed the past two years of agency operations; decided to continue grass-roots planning efforts, and approved five subgrant applications, Glenn said.

The decision to press the FSM Congress to fund the national JIC, so that it can begin operations, grew out of the councils decision to continue "some kind of justice improvement operation in each of the governments, during the Compact (of Free Association) period," Glenn said.

"With minor amendments and funding, it could begin operations," he said, stating that the law needs amending because it includes the Marshalls and Palau to comply with TT law.

The law provides for a 15-member supervisory board, an executive director and staff.

"The council agreed to pursue this with the Congress during its current special session," Glenn said.

FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King addressed the opening session of the annual meeting in the Catholic Mission in Kolonia.

The council approved an application for \$56,000 for its fiscal 1984 operations, according to Glenn, who said it will be eligible for about \$170,000 in additional supplemental funding later this year.

The council executive committee will meet in May, after receiving initial 1984 funding, to work on its supplemental request, Glenn said.

The Youth Development Plans, he said, "have been put together by local people in concert with our office throughout the Trust Territory, including the Marshall Islands, Palau and the FSM states."

The grassroots planning is conducted "in the municipalities and smaller regions to try to glean as much local input about what people who live out here consider the problems of youth and juvenile justice," Glenn said.

The council reviewed nine subgrant applications and approved five, including a \$26,000 grant to the FSM Supreme Court for development of an alternative

sentencing program in Truk, Yap and Kosrae, "based on the successful alternative sentencing program in Ponape" which was funded last year by the council.

It also approved a \$14,000 grant to the Truk Office of Community Action (TOCA) for its offenders' skills development program; \$7,800 to Ponape Micronesia Bound, Inc., "to continue its highly successful summer youth recreation program; "\$10,000 to the Marshall Islands High Court to support functions of a probation officer and juvenile delinquency prevention program on Ebeye, and

Benson sentences five men in Yap

KOLONIA, Yap — Associate Justice Richard H. Benson, in a mid-January Court Session on Yap, sentenced five men, including one minor and a 17-year-old who was treated as an adult, according to FSM Supreme Court Chief Ombudsman Nickontro Johnny.

Dominic Yiluy, 17, of Yap was sentenced to 15 years in jail on Jan. 12, by Benson. Yiluy was treated as an adult by the court.

Yiluy, who is from Kang Village, Welly Municipality, pleaded guilty to the April 11 killing of Lois Rrig.

After 10 years the Court may reduce Yiluy's 15-year sentence, if the Court finds the defendant has shown exemplary behavior.

After serving four years, Yiluy may be released from jail during working hours if the court finds he is conforming well to authority, and there is employment for him.

Benson also placed a minor, based on his admission of manslaughter in the killing of Victor Gilfiley, on probation for five years and ordered him to pay

Bar exam rescheduled

KOLONIA, Ponape — The FSM Bar Examination has been rescheduled from March 1 to April 12 and is tentatively to be held simultaneously in Ponape, Truk and Yap, depending on the number of applicants, according to Supreme Court Chief Clerk Emeliana Kihleng.

Applications for the examination must be submitted by Feb. 28 with a \$25 fee to the Office of the Chief Clerk, FSM Supreme Court, P.O. Box J, Ponape Caroline Islands 96941.

The court may consider administering the examination in Kosrae, if requests are promptly submitted, and it may permit filing applications after the Feb. 28 deadline, upon showing of good cause, according to the Chief Clerk.

\$5,400 to the Yap Community Action Agency to continue its youth offenders apprentice skills project.

The annual meeting was attended by Glann, council administrative officer Andy Solberg of Saipan, TT Personnel Analyst Norm Smith of Saipan and council members, including chairman Fumio Renguil, Palau; vice chairman Joe Tmag, Yap; secretary Andrew Tibon, Marshalls; youth member Kester James Ponape; Vincent Schmidt, Marshalls; Taka Mori and Kathy Lucas, Truk; McGarry Miguel, Ponape, and William Tosie and Weston Lukymus, Kosrae.

\$3,000 to the victim's family.

The conditions of the probation are: 1) He shall be under house arrest from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. except when the minor is in the company of one of his custodians; 2) he shall not drink alcoholic beverages; 3) the \$3,000 to the victim's family is payable \$50 each month beginning Feb. 15, and the 15th day of each month thereafter; 4) each Saturday he shall provide community service, and 5) during summer vacation, 1984, he is to provide 20 hours of community service each week.

Benson commended the family of the minor for its intention to offer an apology to the victims' family and its pledging future assistance to that family of food or other needs, in accordance with Yapese tradition.

Terence Funkgub of Numudul Village, Maap Municipality, was sentenced on Jan. 13 to serve four years in jail, after he pleaded guilty to aggravated assault.

Funkgub also was ordered to keep away from the victim and her family.

Pius Gatar, 28, of Dulhan Village, Rull Municipality, who was convicted on a plea of nolo contendere of assault with a dangerous weapon was sentenced Jan. 12 to be confined in Yap jail until 7 a.m. Feb. 27.

The police chief is to release Gatar for his employment with the Public Transportation System each workday from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Gatar, who is on probation for two years, was also ordered to pay \$975 in restitution to cover the victim's hospitalization which resulted from injuries which he caused.

John Falagarong, 21, of Nell Village, Kanifay Municipality, was sentenced on Jan. 11 to serve two months in jail after he pleaded guilty to the crime of burglary.

Falagarong's sentence will begin Feb. 8, 1984.

COM ready to begin Extension Service program

KOLONIA, Ponape — The College of Tropical and Agriculture Sciences is ready to launch its Cooperative Extension Service program with the appointment of Dr. Ruben S. Dayrit as CES associate director and approval of its first four-year work plan.

Dayrit was appointed Feb. 1 to organize the program and the approval of work plan by the U.S. Agriculture Department Extension Service makes

Palikir well Bids invited

KOLONIA, Ponape — The FSM Office of Planning and Statistics issued Feb. 10 an invitation to bid on drilling exploratory water wells at the proposed FSM national capitol site, Palikir, Ponape, with the bids to be submitted by 5 p.m. March 19.

The project will include drilling a series of either six shallow wells, approximately 100 feet deep, or two deep wells, about 300 feet deep, to determine whether an exploitable groundwater resource exists in Palikir.

Only water well drilling contractors with at least three years of experience successfully drilling wells in Hawaii, Guam, Micronesia, or American Samoa should participate in the bidding.

Bid packages may be obtained by submitting a \$25 deposit with a request to the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics, P.O. Box 538, Kolonia, Ponape, ECI 96941, Attention: Peter Dahm; Austin, Tsutumi & Associates, Inc., 745 Fort Street Mall, Suite 900, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, Attention: Donald S. Austin, phone 808-533-3646, or TELEX 723-8347, or the FSM Liaison Office, P.O. Box 22197, GME, Guam.

The deposit may be a U.S. Postal Money Order, cashier's check made to the order of: Federated States of Micronesia, For: Bid Package-Exploratory Wells/FSM Capitol.

A written Notice of Intention to Bid which includes the bidder's qualifications must be postmarked no later than March 10 and received by the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics in Kolonia by March 19 with the bids to be received by Peter Dahm in duplicate by 5 p.m. March 19, accompanied by the bid security stated in the bidder's instructions.

The bids will be opened and read aloud at 2 p.m. March 20 in the OPS, and the three to six-month contract will be awarded March 30, with a Notice to Proceed to follow shortly after. This constitutes part of the official notice procedure as required by law.

\$680,000 available during fiscal 1984 for the CES program in the FSM, Palau and Marshall Islands under the College of Micronesia Land Grant program, according to CTAS Director Ismael Lebehn.

Dayrit, 47, is a native of Luzon, Philippines, who came to Ponape in 1966 to serve as a State Agriculture Station agronomist, State Education Department agriculture specialist and recently, state vocational education supervisor. He received a Ph.D. in agricultural education and extension work from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater.

Lebehn and Dayrit explained the work plan and the need to match the funding received dollar-for-dollar during a Feb. 1-3 meeting here of FSM state agriculture chiefs.

"Ismael is writing to state and national Resources and Development directors to organize, implement and fund the extension program through 1987," Dayrit said.

"As soon as we get a feedback from the states, Palau and the Marshalls, we are going to initiate the program, hopefully next month," he said.

The work plan includes commercial poultry, swine, citrus and black pepper production improvement programs under Dayrit; the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, physical fitness and consumer education under CES Home Extension Agent Linda Nevitt, and organization of a 4-H youth program with home livestock raising, gardening and bicycle and moped safety programs under a 4-H leader to be recruited.

The program is to begin with in-service training of 70 state and national agricultural agents in extension methodology and animal and crop production through two-week workshops to be held annually in the four FSM states, Palau and the Marshalls.

Existing state and national agriculture personnel are to be used as the counterparts to county extension services in the U.S., and the University of Guam College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has been contracted to provide specialists in livestock and crop production, according to Dayrit.

The work plan calls for the training of 50 people and starting 30 new poultry and egg projects to reduce imports, and training 60 swine producers throughout the three entities during the four years.

It also calls for improvement and expansion of citrus production in Kosrae and black pepper production in Ponape.

The goals are for 200 homemakers to be trained in the food and nutrition program, 200 adults in physical fitness and 1,200 homemakers in consumer

education.

Fourteen volunteer 4-H leaders are to be trained through one-week workshops in each of the FSM states, Palau and the Marshalls where 20 4-H clubs are to be organized to serve 400 youths.

The goals are for 600 youths to be trained in livestock production and 500 in fruit and vegetable production through home projects during the next four years under the 4-H program.

The 4-H bicycle and moped safety and maintenance program will be aimed at 300 young people during the four years to reduce injuries and fatalities on newly paved roads in the three entities.

The first extension service funding for CTAS was made available by the USDA from Smith-Lever Act funds. The college also is eligible this year for \$600,000 in Hatch Act funds for agriculture and home economics research, including \$90,000 which it received that does not require matching funds while the remainder must be matched, and \$50,000 in Bankhead-Jones Act funds which it received for agriculture and home economics instruction at the Micronesian Occupational College, Palau, and Community College of Micronesia, Ponape.

In addition, COM is asking the USDA to include in its fiscal 1985 budget a \$3 million endowment which the college became eligible for when it received land grant status in 1980.

IBC to manage CIPs

KOLONIA, Ponape — An agreement for International Bridge and Construction/Micronesia, Inc., to provide construction management of capital improvement projects in the FSM was signed Feb. 3 by Vice President Bailey Olter and IBC President Dan High, former Trust Territory deputy high commissioner.

The Trust Territory government agreed in December to transfer management authority to the FSM for new capital improvement projects. The IBC contract identifies \$12.35 million in initial construction projects throughout the FSM which could be transferred to its administration, subject to funding and to approval by the governors on a project-by-project basis.

"This is not something that we can unilaterally negotiate here," Acting National Planner John Sohl said.

IBC management fees are to be negotiated on a project-by-project basis and are not to exceed 16 per cent of actual construction costs.

The construction management services are to include supervision of all design, engineering, bidding, inspection and related services.

Compact funds to be requested for Head Start

KOLONIA, Ponape — The FSM state and national governments will be asked to fund the continuation of the Head Start program for pre-school children, after the Compact of Free Association goes into effect, according to Ponape Head Start Executive Director Nancy Salomon.

Fay Greaf, U.S. Health and Human Services Department Region IX Head Start Program Specialist for the Outer Pacific, told a joint meeting Jan. 31 of the Ponape Head Start board of directors and Parent Policy Council that when the U.N. trusteeship comes to an end there will not be any more federal funds coming to the FSM for the program.

FSM External Affairs Secretary and Status Commission Chairman Andon Amaraich said, during the meeting, that the options are to ask the U.S. Congress to continue funding the program in the FSM, and to convince the FSM state and national governments that the program should be continued with Compact funds, according to Mrs. Salomon.

Mrs. Salomon said that she began discussing the possibility of using the Compact funds with Amaraich and Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, and that she planned to meet with Vice President Bailey Olter, Gov. Resio Moses and Legis-

Tosie wins Lelu seat

LELU, Kosrae — Former State Senator Akira Tosie won the Feb. 9 special election to fill the Lelu seat in the Kosrae State Legislature vacated by Dais Alokooa, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

About 60 per cent of the Lelu registered voters turned out to give Tosie 216 votes to 130 for State Agriculturist Tadasy A. Sigrah and 88 for former Gov. Jacob Nena, according to the unofficial vote count. Whitesol Tilfas received two write-in votes and Olistor Alokooa, one.

Gov. Yosiwo George has 30 days to certify the vote count.

Alokooa vacated the seat when the Kosrae State Constitution, barring legislators from serving in other government jobs, went into effect.

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The Head Start programs in the FSM states are funded directly by the HHS Region IX office in San Francisco through the Trust Territory government in Saipan, she said, as there is no Head Start central coordinator in the FSM national government.

In addition to Ponape, there are Head Start programs in Truk and Yap, and one is proposed for Kosrae.

The program in Ponape started in 1966 and Mrs. Salomon became its director in 1979.

It is serving 178 five-year-old economically disadvantaged pre-school children, after serving 208 children in fiscal 1983, by preparing them for elementary school with language skills and classroom discipline, and providing them breakfast and lunch with U.S. Agriculture Department provided food.

"We also are serving 356 parents by making them sure they take physical examinations, that they provide a healthy environmental and providing them with health and nutrition education," Mrs. Salomon said, adding that "we assist the parents with their education to obtain high school diplomas, or attend CCM (the Community College of Micronesia)."

The Ponape Head Start Office has had a \$216,000 annual budget for fiscal years 1983 and 1984 to serve 165 children, she said, but "with the assistance given by the parents in the classrooms and the kitchens we have been able to serve more children."

The Ponape program has 11 assistant teachers, nine supervisors and six coordinators of education, health, parent involvement, social services, special education and nutrition. It holds classes in seven locations on Ponape Islands, with four classrooms provided by the State Education Department and three constructed by the parents.

Classes are held 8-11:30 a.m. daily.

It costs \$1,000 a year for each child, according to Mrs. Salomon who said that the limitation on funds enables the program to serve only five-year-olds and prevents its being extended to the state's outer islands.

A Head Start survey conducted in

May, 1983, showed that there were 4,856 children, 0-5 years old in the state, including 556 children who would be eligible for the program, she said.

During the Jan. 31 meeting, the board and council asked Mrs. Greaf about the status of a proposed \$180,000 supplemental funding, and asked her to clarify program rules and regulations in general.

Region IX Grant Management Officer Lionel Mayrand Jr. also attended the meeting to discuss fiscal management procedures.

Preregistration for the 1984-85 school year is underway and will end Feb. 29 for eligible children who were born September, 1978, to August, 1979, according to Mrs. Salomon, who said that this is the best time to register children for the program and that further information may be obtained by calling the Head Start office, phone 705.

The preregistration sites are the Head Start Office and centers at Mand, Lukop, Saladak, Nett, Kolonia, Sokehs Powe and Wene.



DISCUSS HEAD START FUTURE — FSM External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich, left, is discussing future funding options Jan. 31 during a joint Ponape Head Start board of directors and Parents Policy Council meeting. From left are Amaraich, board member Alfred Stevens, board President Marcus Rosario, board member Simeron Jim and Ponape Head Start Executive Director Nancy Salomon.

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