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HEALTH CHIEFS CITE MI DISEASES

KOLONIA, Ponape--FSM state and national health services directors urged President Tosiwo Nakayama to express concern to the Marshall Islands government about the outbreak of immunizable diseases there, due to the proximity and travel between the two countries, during their annual meeting here March 19-23.

The health services directors also approved a letter asking the President to phase out the hemodialysis program for kidney failure in the FSM and place a moratorium on accepting any new cases, according to Dr. Kiosi Aniol, FSM Medical Care Coordinator and chairman of the meeting, who said there are eight FSM patients receiving dialysis treatment at the cost of \$120,000 a year.

A letter drafted to be sent to Marshall Islands President Amata Kabua refers to the outbreak of syphilis, typhoid and pertussis, or whooping cough, which are communicable diseases that can be immunized, and that could spread quickly in the FSM, an official said.

The health services directors meeting was preceded by the quarterly meeting here March 14-17 of the FSM Subarea

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HEAR INSURANCE PLAN--FSM state and national health services directors are being briefed March 22 in the Attorney General's conference room on the proposed national health insurance plan by Timothy Morton, far end of the table, a U.S. Public Health Service consultant. From left, clockwise at the table, are Kosrae State Health Services Director Arthur Sigrah, Morton, FSM Budget Officer Del Pangelinan, Acting Social Services Secretary Eliuel Pretrick, Special Assistant to the Budget Officer Ross Croulet, Administrative Management Chief Reed Nena, Health Planner Lynnette Araki, Health Services Coordinator Kiosi Aniol, Ponape State Health Services Director Alex Panuelo and Truk State Acting Health Services Director Gerhart Aten.

Compact delegation back

KOLONIA, Ponape--A delegation of officials from the Federated States of Micronesia has just concluded a two-week trip to Washington, D.C., regarding the Compact of Free Association with the United States, according to a Status Commission press release.

The delegation was headed by Andon Amaraich of Truk, chairman of the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition and Secretary of External Affairs, and included former FSM Vice President Petrus Tun of Yap, Senator Pedro Harris of Ponape and former Senator Hiroshi Ismael of Kosrae.

The release stated:

"The delegation conferred with U.S. administration and congressional officials to urge prompt consideration and favor-

able action on the Compact of Free Association.

"In late February, the administration temporarily delayed formal submission of the Compact to Congress because of concerns raised by several U.S. senators over the proper budget category for Compact funding and over the makeup of the U.S. government office to be established to administer affairs with the FSM and the Marshall Islands during the Compact period.

"However, the FSM delegation heard uniform support within both branches of the U.S. government for the Compact and received strong assurances that the Compact will be approved by the

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FOREIGN OFFICERS NAMED Planning Funding seen

KOLONIA, Ponape—FSM External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich announced the appointments of Alik Alik of Kosrae, Bert Rodriguez of Ponape and Lorin Robert of Truk as Foreign Service Officers and Gabriel Ayin of Yap as Micronesian Relations Division Deputy Chief.

Ayin, 34, is a native of Maap, Yap, who attended Emmaus High School in Koror, Palau, and received a B.A. degree in history from Barrington College, Rhode Island, and M.A. degrees in political science and inter-cultural studies from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, and Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California.

Ayin worked as a school counselor for Yap High School, Legislative Liaison Officer for Yap Public Affairs Department and Chief Clerk for the First Yap State Legislature under the Yap charter.

Rodriguez, 28, is a native of Ponape who attended PICS and received a B.A. degree in political science from Chaminate University, Honolulu, in 1981.

Rodriguez previously worked as a Police Detective for the Ponape State Public Safety Department and received a certificate of completion from a three-month Police Training at Alaska Public Safety Academy in Sitka.

He also attended a Micronesian Maritime Authority workshop on fisheries and a Drug Environment Administration international drugs environment training session.

Alik, 30, is a native of Kosrae who attended Kosrae High School; U.S. International University, Maui, Hawaii; Graceland College, Iowa, and a paralegal program at the University of Hawaii for one year.

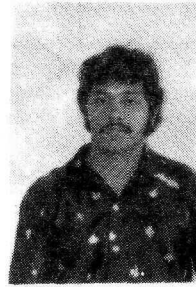
He worked as a school counselor for Kosrae High School and served as a law clerk for the FSM Supreme Court for four months and as chairman of Kosrae State Environmental Protection Board and a member of Kosrae State Scholarship Board, 1980-1982. Alik also completed a three-month internship paralegal program with the Hawaii House of Representatives and the Dale Carnegie Course in Human Relations and Public Speaking in 1981.

Robert, 27, from Nama, Truk, who attended Xavier High School in Truk and received a B.A. degree in political science from College of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and did graduate studies in International Affairs at the School of International Service, American University, Washington, D.C.

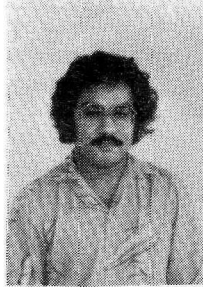
Robert, who participated in the U.N. Seminar on Disarmament, also was an official observer with the FSM Delegation



Alik



Rodriguez



Robert



Ayin

to the 48th Session of the U.N. Trusteeship Council, in New York, in May 1981.

He previously served as a social studies teacher for Truk High School, part-time instructor for Community College of Micronesia Summer Extension Program, Student-Intern at the FSM Washington Representative's Office and a research assistant at the Intercultural Affairs Office, American University.

Akita visits

KOLONIA, Ponape—Former Japan Diet member, Daisuke Akita, told FSM officials during a March 14 dinner in his honor at the South Park Restaurant that with the abundance of solar power and mineral resources around the islands, "you have a bright future."

Akita visited the FSM capital, March 13-16, with Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs Oceania Division Deputy Director Kaoru Ishikawa as part of his Pacific islands goodwill visit and "to see the islands I so long ago visited," he said.

Akita, Japan's professor emeritus, 78, formerly a Japan Minister for Autonomy, was also a Vice Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Japan Diet and served as Vice President of the Japanese National Group for the Asian-Pacific Parliamentarian's Union (APPU) and Permanent Chairman of the 1982 32nd APPU Council Meeting in Ponape.

Akita Sensei, who was a member of the Japanese Diet for 36 years, said his defeat in last January election makes it easier for him to continue his efforts to augment the Japanese-Micronesia friendship circle "which is growing little by little" every day.

KOLONIA, Ponape—Louis G. Sleeper, assistant director of the U.S. Trade and Development Program in Washington, D.C., visited Ponape, March 8-13, to explore the possibility of funding planning for public and private development projects in the FSM.

"This is a reconnaissance visit to explore programs and get an idea of development priorities," Sleeper said. "The interest here seems to be in forestry, marine resources and building materials areas that have priorities and potential," he said.

"We could consider undertaking studies now," Sleeper said, calling his visit the first step and stating, "if we find projects that meet our criteria, we could start funding very soon."

The program, which is part of the International Development Cooperation Agency in the U.S. State Department, funds only planning services and "a key factor is making use of U.S. equipment and services," he said.

"We would send experts in project areas on definitive missions to develop project profiles, and we could utilize the Commerce Department and U.S. banks to identify potential investors, or we could work with third country investors, if they make use of U.S. exports," Sleeper said.

The TDP has planning and feasibility studies throughout Asia, parts of the Pacific, Africa, southern Europe and Central and South America.

It promotes economic development in Third World countries, particularly the middle income developing countries, by financing planning services for development projects leading to the export of U.S. goods and services, he said.

Books donated

KOLONIA, Ponape—Books, donated by residents of Washington, D.C., are being sent to Truk to form the nucleus of a new library, according to Patricia Luce Chapman of the Micronesia Institute.

The books were collected by the Micronesia Institute, a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., founded by Mrs. Chapman to serve as a resource in the private sector to the people of Micronesia.

The library is an element of the Truk Youth Center on Moen. The center, which was initiated by Pius Casiano and Linda Mori, was established to aid Truk youths in gaining various skills, adjust to social and cultural changes in their lives and aid Truk to solve its juvenile problems.

FSM to cite Management

KOLONIA, Ponape—(CONGRESS RELEASE)—Better financial management systems will be one of the topics presented for discussion by Speaker Bethwel Henry during the Third General Assembly Meeting of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures which will be held in Palau March 29-31.

Speaker Henry, along with Senators Peter Christian, Ponape, and Isaac Figir, Yap, will represent the Congress at the meeting. Figir is the Congress' official representative to the APIL.

The issue of better financial management systems has been brought to focus by Assistant Secretary of Interior Richard Montoya who said in a March 18 Pacific Daily News article that "it is time for the governments (in the Pacific) to live within their budgets."

Another issue which the Congress delegation would like to see addressed is the Compact of Free Association, "to drum up support for it," Henry said.

The meeting, however, will be held mainly for the delegates to get to know better the leaders of the different legislatures, Henry said. Representatives of all the state legislatures will be in attendance.

The APIL was created in the early 1980s to establish an arena in which Pacific island legislatures could discuss items of mutual concern. Participating in the association are Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau, along with the FSM.

In other congressional business, Senator Elias Thomas, Ponape, represented the Foreign Investment Board in a conference on trade which was held March 18-23 at the East-West Center in Honolulu.

Before traveling to Hawaii, Thomas went to Kosrae from March 12-14 to conduct Foreign Investment Board business.

Senator John Haglegam, Yap, returned to Yap March 17, concluding a 12-day trip to the outer islands of Yap. He accompanied W. Kwami Biddier, Congress economist, who was invited by the Council of Tamol to view the islands to determine what kinds of agricultural development projects would be feasible.

Officers elected

LELU, Kosrae—The Kosrae Island Fishing Cooperative Association elected 1984 officers, according to a March 19 Kosrae State Release, including President Roger Skilling, Vice President Alokoa Talley and Secretary Walton Palik.

DELEGATION RETURNS

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U.S. Congress.

"Earlier rumors that the Compact itself was being subjected to further review by the administration proved to be unfounded.

"The delegation learned that the U.S. Senate is prepared to move forward promptly with hearings and, despite recent delays, still may be able to act on the Compact as early as October of this year.

"Arrangements for committee referral and hearings are less clear in the U.S. House of Representatives, but Congressman John Seiberling's subcommittee on public lands has already held one hearing in which Compact issues were initially discussed.

"Seiberling also conducted a briefing with U.S. Ambassador Fred Zeder, in which a number of questions about the legal nature of the Free Association relationship and the termination of the trusteeship were examined in detail.

"Such actions as these could serve to reduce the earlier estimate that as many as 17 hearings might be required.

"Upon their departure from Washington, the delegation was advised by Ambassador Zeder that the administration plans to submit the Compact to Congress shortly, so that the hearing process can begin, and to meet with the concerned senators in hopes of resolving the budget and management issues as quickly as possible.

"Members of the delegation stressed in all their meetings the crucial importance to the people of the FSM that Compact approval process be carried out by the U.S. government without delay, especially in view of the prompt action in that regard last year by the FSM.

Sports complex seen

LELU, Kosrae—Construction of a recreation complex at Kosrae High School were discussed by the Kosrae Park and Recreation Board, the K.T.A, Civic Action Team, Office of Planning and Budget and the Community Development Office, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

A road, bridge and materials are being sought as preliminary actions. The complex will include a basketball court, tennis court and a baseball field along with viewing stands.

The complex is expected to be completed by the end of September, 1984. Purposes of such an arena: FSM olympics, Kosrae game days and public use, Phillip said.

"No position was expressed on the budget and management issues which are internal matters to the U.S. government, but the delegation made it clear that the FSM expects to be treated during Free Association in a manner that fully respects its sovereignty.

"Representatives of the Republic of the Marshall Islands were also in Washington during the same period of time and stressed similar views to the U.S. government."

Plan meet held

KOLONIA, Ponape—Members of the Joint Task Force on the National Economic Development Plan met March 14-16 on Ponape to organize and to start recruitment of economists to review and rewrite the plan within the next six months, according to Vice President Bailey Olter.

The Joint Task Force was organized by President Tosiwo Nakayama at the request of the FSM Congress which adopted the task force resolution during its February special session after disapproving a resolution to adopt a Draft National Plan.

Olter, who heads the task force, said the group is contacting the U.N. Development Program (UNDP) in Suva, Fiji, and New York in search for an economist and is asking Washington, D.C., to provide a "lead" economist.

"This lead economist has to come up, as soon as possible, with an agenda for setting up of an outline for the plan which is to be presented to the Compact hearings in the U.S. Congress, especially regarding management and administration of Compact CIP funding," Olter said.

FSM governors are being asked to submit one economist each to help out the team in its effort to draft an overall economic development plan with all the states inputs, Olter added.

Representing the executive branch on the Joint Task Force are:

Olter, External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich, Resources and Development Secretary Bernard Helgenberger, Finance Secretary Al Tuuth, Budget Officer Del Pangelinan and Acting National Planner John Sohl.

The FSM Congress Resources and Development Committee Chairman Sasao Goulund of Truk and Senators John Haglegam of Yap, Jack Fritz of Truk, Pedro Harr's of Ponape and Claude Phillip of Kosrae are representing the FSM Congress.

Senators Fritz and Haglegam were unable to attend the first meetings because of prior commitments.

HEALTH CHIEFS URGE DIALYSIS CUTOFF

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Health Council and the first FSM Health Statisticians Training Workshop here March 14-18.

The Subarea Council endorsed a bill pending in the FSM Congress to create an FSM environmental protection board with technical changes, supported the development of a physicians training program in Ponape and approved a \$116,000 fiscal 1985 health planning grant application to the U.S. Health and Human Services Department, according to FSM Health Planner Lynnette Araki.

The council adopted, during its December meeting in Truk, a resolution urging strict controls on medical referrals to hospitals outside of the FSM, improved diagnostic capability in the state hospitals to reduce referrals and consideration of proposals to finance referrals, including a luxury tax earmarked for them and a national health insurance plan being drafted by the FSM National Health Insurance Task Force, headed by Budget Officer Del Pangelinan, according to Ms. Araki.

The resolution cites the lag in payments to referral hospitals in Honolulu and the U.S. mainland and political and social pressures causing unnecessary referrals.

The health services directors were briefed March 22 by the National Health Insurance Task Force and representatives of insurance firms competing to manage the plan which would include mandatory coverage of all FSM residents and payroll

deductions matched by public and private employer contributions, if approved by the FSM Congress and legislatures.

The statisticians workshop included training in record analysis, completion and systems and international classifications and coding of deaths and diseases, in preparation for the transfer of vital statistics and health record responsibilities from the Trust Territory government to the FSM in June, according to FSM Health Statistician Amato Elymore.

In their March 20 report to the health services directors, the statisticians proposed reorganization of and a uniform health statistics system in the FSM, increased personnel and more training in health statistics and medical records, according to Elymore who said there has been no health statistics training here in the past 20 years.

Other action by the health services directors included:

---Endorsement of the proposed FSM physicians training program in Ponape.

---Urging the FSM Congress to enact a bill authorizing the Social Services Department to set regulations for rat and disease-carrying insect control.

---Recommending that the U.S. Interior Department be asked to provide more medical and health consultants through technical assistance.

---Asking that the national government find ways to help the states control leprosy and tuberculosis.

---Urging the FSM Congress to enact

a proposed medical licensing and practice act.

---Proposed the consolidation of DOI funding for health services and the Aging Program into a block grant, authorized by the 1977 Omnibus Territories Act, to be used for leprosy, tuberculosis and cholera control and other health and aging programs.

State requests endorsed by the health services directors include:

---Funding to complete the public health annex at the state hospital and assist the primary health care program in Kosrae.

---Funding and supplies for the two superdispensaries in Tol and Satawan and DOI technical assistance for a health educator for a one-year health education program in Truk.

---Funding to purchase a blood glucose machine and orthopedic bed, medical consultants and assistance in getting Air Micronesia to ship prepaid medical supplies delayed in Guam and the Guam Memorial Hospital to set per diem, instead of fee-for-service rates for Yap.

---Assistance in obtaining an anesthetist for the Ponape State Hospital whose temporary anesthetist is returning to the Marshall Islands. Ponape is planning to appeal to Palau for an anesthetist, an official said.

Attending the health services directors meeting were Kosrae Director Arthur Sigrah, Ponape Director Alex Panuelo, Truk Acting Director Gerhart Aten and Yap Acting Director Juan Quellar, FSM Chief and Acting Social Services Secretary Eliuel Pretrick and Aniol.

The Subarea Council meeting was attended by its chairman, FSM Senator Peter Christian, Dr. Burton Jano and State Senator Nelson Pelep, Ponape; Dr. Sigrah and Ms. Keti William, Kosrae; Dr. Aten and Joseph Muritok, Truk; State Senator Robert Ruecho and James Mangefel, Yap, and Dr. Pretrick and Environmental Protection Coordinator Carl Dannis, FSM.

Trust Territory Public Health Statistician Rokucho Billy of Saipan assisted in the statisticians training which was attended by Yap Hospital Administrator Byad Untun; Truk Statistics Specialist Julio Singa and Medical Records Technician Tony Roy; Kosrae Records and Vital Statistics Technician Hemul Timothy and Medical Records Clerk Senioline Skilling; Ponape Acting Medical Records Technician Aldens Donre, Medical Records Clerk Christino Helmas and Vital Statistics Specialist Wilson Lammel, and FSM Health Statistics Clerk Elither Edgar and Elymore.

Insurance plan reviewed

KOLONIA, Ponape--FSM Health Insurance Committee members reviewed proposals for and the potential features of the nationwide health insurance program to be proposed to the FSM state and national leadership, according to the committee's chairman, FSM Budget Officer Del Pangelinan.

During the week of March 19, committee members held extensive discussions with officials of the United Benefit Corp., including Sam Biddle, Dave Hauke, and the firm's chief actuary, Phil Hauke, Jeremiah Marsh, a health insurance legislation expert with the law firm Hopkins and Sutter of Chicago, accompanied the UBC officials.

Features reviewed included: 1) How premium collections from individuals and employers could be best effected. 2) what controls would be mandated with respect to medical referrals and 3) what

the overall nature of the plan's draft legislation would include.

Timothy Morton, a U.S. Public Health Service consultant currently assigned to the Guam Memorial Health Plan, came to Ponape to assist committee members in the review of the proposals submitted.

On March 22, day-long meetings were held with the state health services directors by the UBC officials, Marsh, Morton and committee members.

Future steps will include the committee's review of all of the proposals submitted to date and to refine recommendations for a national health insurance plan to be presented to the state and national leadership, Pangelinan said.

U.S. energy Officials visit

KOLONIA, Ponape--Two U.S. Energy Department officials visited Ponape March 13-15 as part of a fact-finding tour of Micronesia to inspect renewable energy projects and plan for future funding, according to Trust Territory Energy Planner Jay Leather, who accompanied them.

The DOE officials included Melvin Chiogioji, director of the Office of State and Local Assistance Programs in Washington, D.C., and John W. Shipe, director of the Public Site Office in Honolulu.

They visited sites of the Nanpil and Mandt rivers hydroelectric projects to be funded by the Interior Department and the coconut processing plant at PATS which is experimenting with the use of coconut oil for fuel. They also inspected small solar voltaic units installed in the area.

Before coming to Ponape, they visited Guam, Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Yap and Palau.

Chiogioji said that the department is developing smokeless stoves and solar voltaic electricity units which could be used in homes in the outlying areas of Micronesia.

While in Ponape, they met with FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama and State Conservation and Resources Surveillance Director Kikuo Apis.



FIRST AID--Angie Mualia, right, of the FSM Information Office, Macferson Alfons and Sandarita Welles are applying a leg splint to a make-believe victim, during the March 23 First Aid examination in the Ponape State driver education course. Seventeen students are participating in the course, according to First Aid instructor Ken Isaac.

SOCIAL SERVICES STUDIED

KOLONIA, Ponape--The U.N. Regional Advisor on Training and Education for Social Development urged broad community service programs which protect tradition and family, while visiting Ponape.

Angelina C. Almanzor of the Philippines, who is with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand, is looking at some of the social development programs throughout Micronesia to determine the need for technical assistance and how the U.N. system could assist in the new programs.

She arrived March 13 in Ponape from Majuro and will visit Kosrae, March 27-30; Truk, March 31-April 6, and Yap, April 7-13. She said she will draft a report with her recommendations when she returns to Bangkok.

Dr. Almanzor met here with Ponape Gov. Resio Moses, External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich and his staff and Acting Social Services Secretary Eliuel Pretrick and his staff, and visited the Community College of Micronesia, the Ponape Community Action Agency and the Ponape Head Start Program.

She said that the Head Start program is laudable, but possibly should be redirected toward broader community service activities for overall development, the Aging Program is "very humanitarian," but should be reviewed to see that the elderly do get the benefits and that the system does not run contrary to some of the customs and traditions which should preserve the institution of family life."

Dr. Almanzor said that the External Affairs Secretary cited the high suicide rate in the FSM, so "perhaps a study should be made, so that preventive measures can be recommended, especially where it affects young people."

She said that the governor "mentioned the need for more suitable training opportunities for young-people to man various offices of the government.

"I would like to see a manpower study to determine what skills are available and needed, and be able to project future needs of the islands, specific projects and activities which could absorb those skills," Dr. Almanzor said.

"The governor is interested in women's projects, because he believes that women, when they apply themselves, are very productive and effective. He named some women who are doing well and said that almost 50 per cent of the work force are women," she said.

"I am asking and not saying there is a need for government supported women's bureaus," she said, adding, "When the women are ready, a national

organization should be set up for men's and women's joint activities.

"I don't believe in segregation and exclusive women's activities, no more than exclusive children's activities," she said.

"Social services should be provided under an umbrella of family and community service, otherwise, it can result in dispersed functions and isolation," Dr. Almanzor said.

Funds set

KOLONIA, Ponape--The Ponape State Legislature passed a bill to reprogram \$45,000 from the Circumferential Road Fund into the legislature Contingency Fund to finance its activities and send representatives to Washington to testify on the Compact of Free Association with the United States.

Bill No. 54-84 was one of the four measures passed during March 19-23 special meeting of the First Regular Session of the Third Ponape State Legislature, Chief Clerk Henry Saimon said.

Others include: A bill amending a state law relating to several public projects in Uh Municipality and resolutions expressing and extending sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Nahnken Heinrick Stephen and the people of Kitti Municipality and congratulating Katerson Ehpel on the occasion of his being elevated to the paramount traditional rank of Iso Nahnken of Kitti.



MAKES DONATION--State Senator Medion Neth, right, is presenting a \$250 check to Valerio Hallens, Ponape State Hospital administrator, March 23, as the first of semi-annual donations to total \$2,000 to assist Madolenihmw Municipality residents who cannot pay the medical fees. Francis Zared of WSZD Radio is in the background.

CCM TACKLES DRINKING

KOLONIA, Ponape—The Community College of Micronesia began tackling the student alcohol abuse problem by stressing responsible drinking, during a March 9 Alcohol Awareness Day program on campus, according to CCM Counselor Donna Dye.

Eighty-seven of about 200 students enrolled in the Winter Quarter participated in the program with 74 per cent responding on a questionnaire that they drink, but 57.5 per cent said they oppose allowing drinking on campus and 77 per cent said they are bothered by alcohol abusers.

"It is a serious problem, but not all the students are abusers," Mrs. Dye said.

Only a small per cent of the students are hurting their own grades with excessive drinking, she said, noting that the main problem is the social problem of fighting, harm to other people and property and interference with others attempting to study.

"We are going to get a little more serious about what we are going to do with students (who drink) and how we are going to do it," she said.

Dean of Student Hers Tesei said that there were 13 cases of seniors disciplined for drinking and four were expelled during February and March.

"Part of the problem is that Ponape has no facility to help people with alcohol, or drug problems," Mrs. Dye said, noting that the Ponape State Hospital is planning to establish a mental health clinic which could help abusers.

"We are going to try to provide them with services now," she said, adding, "We don't know the answer to the problem, but we are going to try to do something."

The March 9 program is the first of a series of projects being planned to address alcohol use and abuse at CCM, she said.

"The emphasis is not on prohibiting drinking, but to drink responsibly, if you do drink," she said.

The program included speakers from the FSM Supreme Court, Attorney Gen-

eral's Office, Ponape Hospital and Protestant and Catholic missionaries, discussing such topics as responsible drinking, alcohol in Micronesia, why people drink, effects, legal aspects of alcohol, alcohol facts and myths and the effects of alcohol on pregnancy.

The students were divided into island groups to discuss the results of the questionnaire which indicated that most of the participants favored abusers being suspended, expelled, or assigned special jobs. The students also cited the need for more recreation activities on campus. Those favoring allowing drinking on campus said it is safer, because of the possibility of getting in fights in bars.

The drinking problem at CCM reflects the current trend in Micronesia and on college campuses in the U.S., according to Mrs. Dye.

1st order issued

KOLONIA, Ponape—Chief Justice Edwel Santos confirmed the separation of a prominent couple here as valid pursuant to Ponapean custom, though it is not necessary for the court to act, in the first order issued by the Ponape State Court, since it began functioning in February.

The court acted on a joint petition by Simon J. Kihleng, an official of the Ponape State Federal Relations Office, and Emiliana J. Kihleng, FSM Supreme Court Chief Clerk.

In the March 21 order, the State Court noted that the couple has been separated since Aug. 26, 1983; that it has one child, and that the traditional separation is intended to reconcile the differences of the two parties.

Though the parties represented to the court that the welfare of their child is not at issue, the court confirmed the validity of the separation and on its motion the court awarded the custody of the child to Mrs. Kihleng, while giving the father visitation rights "at appropriate times," and directing them to meet their parental obligations and provide copies of the order to their parents.

Training cited

LELU, Kosrae—Trust Territory Justice Improvement Commission Coordinator Ted Glenn held a court staff meeting March 16 on Kosrae, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

Glenn told of two training programs to be conducted in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Palau which Kosrae will participate in. They are the trainings for the probation officer and chief of police.

Firearm Ruling made

KOLONIA, Ponape—Terence James Purchall, 32, of Brisbane, Australia, March 19 pleaded guilty to transporting a firearm and ammunition into the FSM without an identification card and was fined \$300 and ordered to leave the FSM by 3 p.m. March 26 by FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King.

Purchall came to Ponape in a 40-foot trimaran sailing yacht, Cliff Hanger, accompanied by Dianne Graham, on Sept. 28.

Possession of the unregistered firearm, a modified .22 rifle cut down to the size of a handgun, and its ammunition was disclosed when Purchall reported the Feb. 6 burglary of the yacht and listed the gun among the missing items, according to Courtroom Clerk Albert Helgenberger.

The gun and a dive knife were recovered by Ponape State Police who reported the FSM Code violations to the national government.

Purchall was charged with possession of the firearm without a firearm identification card, possession of an illegal handgun and transportation of the firearm and ammunition into the FSM without an identification card.

Each charged carried a maximum five-year jail sentence, or a \$2,000 fine, or both.

Purchall agreed to plead guilty to the transportation of weapon and ammunition charge, and the government moved to dismiss the other charges, according to Helgenberger.

King suspended imposition of sentence, provided that the defendant pay the \$300 fine, leave the FSM by 3 p.m. March 26 and not return to the FSM for four years.

The couple paid the fine and sailed from Ponape on March 24.

Etpison moved

LELU, Kosrae—Eddie Etpison of Palau, who committed the first manslaughter case in Kosrae, was transferred to Truk to serve his 10-year sentence at the Truk State Prison, in order to secure his safety, according to Public Information Officer Alex Phillip.

Kosrae State Prosecutor Alikxa B. Alikxa reported fear of danger to the life of Etpison, should he serve his sentence in Kosrae. Etpison was transferred by agreement among the Kosrae Governor, Truk Governor and the FSM President.

Etpison will serve the maximum term of 10 years and pay \$1,500 in restitution to the family of the late Larson Abraham, who was slain on Aug. 20.

Quarter to begin

KOLONIA, Ponape—The Spring Quarter will begin April 2, following registration March 28-29 for full-time and March 30 for part-time and extension students at the Community College of Micronesia, according to CCM officials.

The Spring Quarter will end with final examinations June 11-12, and the 1984 graduation ceremony will be held June 20.

Final examinations for the Winter Quarter were held March 21-23 with grades due March 26 in the Registrar's office.

Briefs....

LELU, Kosrae—Three representatives of the Marianas Naval Forces visited Kosrae March 21, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

Commandore Dale Hagen, Commander of Naval Forces Marianas, staff assistant Commander Andrew Baggs and Lt. Buck Austin, an aide visited with Kosrae Gov. Yosiwo George and his staff on March 2.

Subjects of the meeting were: courses and materials of the computer training, recruitment of young Kosraens into the U.S. military and ROTC programs.

LELU, Kosrae—The Kosrae High School reported 107 students on the honor roll list for the second quarter for the 1983-84 school year, according to Public Information Officer Alex Phillip.

Out of a total enrollment of 439 students at the Kosrae High School, 107 were on the honor roll list. Among the 107 honor roll students eight earned a 4.0 grade point average.

The eight students are: Seniors, Lelean Ittu; sophomores, Althea Sigrah, Johnson Asher, Robert Likiak, Rochella Zantha and Thompson Siba, and freshmen, Moria Nena and Ryan Zantha.

LELU, Kosrae—The Kosrae Office of Resources and Development will conduct a survey of the existing businesses in Kosrae State, according to a March 6 Kosrae State Release.

The purpose of the survey to learn the problems encountered by private entrepreneurs in hopes of securing private sector assistance from the state or national governments, Phillip said.

LELU, Kosrae—The Kosrae Chamber of Commerce held a public hearing on March 12 for all businessmen in the state of Kosrae, according to a March 21 Kosrae State Release.

The chamber expressed interest in inviting foreign investments to Kosrae. It also held elections for officers.

COLONIA, Yap — Pacific Island Gas Service began filling oxygen tanks on Jan. 22 and acetylene tanks on Jan. 29, and is seeking agents for distribution in Kosrae and Truk, according to Bill Acker, general manager of WAAB Transportation Co. which established PIGS, Yap State Information Officer Henry Muthan reported.

KOLONIA, Ponape—Nicolson Solomon, Associate Ponape State Planner, was appointed to represent the Trust Territory in the 12th U.N. International Training Course In Regional Development Planning, March 13-May 11, in Nogoya, Japan, according to a U.N. Information Center Release.

BACKS JUDICIARY ACT

LELU, Kosrae—Gov. Yosiwo George urged the Kosrae Legislature to take action on the proposed Judiciary Act, the State Economic Development Plan, the reorganization of the executive branch and the proposed budget in a Feb. 22 State of State Message, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

George cited the goals of preserving Kosrae's native culture and choosing the type of government most appropriate for Kosrae.

He said that the Kosrae State Constitution and the Compact of Free Association with the United States are results of referendums and plebiscites

reflecting the concern of the people of Kosrae.

He listed proposed and completed projects of Kosrae for welfare, health, and the development of the state.

George cited joint undertakings of the state and national governments such as proposed airline services, transshipment center and a 200KW generator to be provided by the High Commissioner.

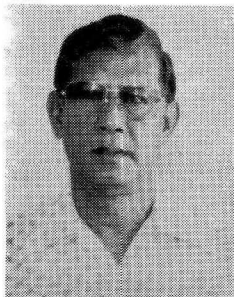
The governor said Volume I of the State Economic Development Plan, which was completed Feb. 14, states the objectives, goals and strategies for the first five years of the Compact.

The governor said he received the report on the fiscal 1983 audit by Touche and Ross Co. which cited progress in the area of financial management of the state.

The governor closed by saying, "I wish to call on leaders of the state and municipal governments, leaders of the churches and private sector to take our task and mutually serve our new government in harmony."

Bank to open

KOLONIA, Ponape—The Bank of Guam will begin full-service banking operations April 2 in the former American Savings and Loan Association office here, according to Vice President and Ponape Branch Manager Juan S. Sanchez.



Sanchez

The Bank of Guam will become the second full-service commercial bank operating in Ponape, with its office adjacent to the Bank of Hawaii.

The Bank of Guam acquired American Savings and Loan assets and liabilities in Ponape and Palau, and received approval of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., FSM Banking Board and Ponape state government to operate here, Sanchez said.

"We will retain all present employees," Sanchez said, including Selihna Johnson, who has been the American Savings and Loan branch manager since 1981 and who will become a Bank of Guam official.

Banking services will include check and savings accounts, shipping accounts, personal and business loans, letters of credit, worldwide transfer of funds and time certificates of deposit with competitive interest rates, he said.

Sanchez, 59, a native of Guam, arrived here in January to work on the transition between institutions and returned to Guam in February to obtain working papers and a health certificate.

He has been with the Bank of Guam three and one-half years, serving the past two and one-half years as its Majuro branch manager. He served 33 years with the Bank of America, working in Majuro, Truk and Saipan.

Attends meet

KOLONIA, Ponape—Shelten Neth, Farmers Home Administration Area Supervisor for Ponape, returned March 9, after attending a three-day meeting of 68 FmHA Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, and the Pacific Trust Territories employees in Honolulu.

Neth, said that the meeting was basically a training session to give Farmers Home employees an opportunity to discuss FmHA credit programs with state and national officials, including the Associate Administrator Micheal E. Brunner of FmHA Washington, D.C., and Hawaii State Director Robert W.F. Choy.

"The Ponape area staff members benefited from the State meeting," Neth said.

"It is reassuring to see that FmHA employees have some of the same problems we have and than learn how they handle them," he said.

FmHA provides low-interest house improvement loans to families whose adjusted incomes do not exceed \$5,000 a year and grants to home owners more than 62 years old who cannot repay loans, Neth said.

Adjusted family income is the gross family income minus 5 per cent and \$300 per minor in the household.

Further details may be obtained by phoning 583, or writing to the FmHA, P.O. Box 396, Kolonia, Ponape 96941.

PALIKIR DESIGNS SHOWN Well bids Announced

KOLONIA, Ponape--A 100 per cent schematic design presentation of the FSM Capital and the College of Micronesia Project was conducted by Architects Hawaii, Austin, Tsutsumi and Associates, Inc., for college, Ponape State and national government officials here March 11-14.

Architects Hawaii President Francis Haines, Civil Engineer Don Austin and Project Director Joseph Farrel presented diagrams, detailed maps and models of concrete one and two-story buildings with Micronesian-style sloped-roofs, and basaltic log columns including windows and jalousies with maximum shading from direct sunlight.

Haines said that the March review was the culmination of design efforts encompassing a series of meetings with officials, traditional chiefs and others, and includes designs for low capital cost and easy maintenance, wind and soil analysis, view and solar capability in the Palikir valley area.

The proposed construction of the

\$24.2 million capital complex will include a low-level maintenance oxidation pond sewage treatment system, 125 to 300-foot wells and a combination underground and overhead electrical and communication system.

All buildings on the proposed 141-acre capital site will be connected with covered concrete walks and will be air-cooled, according to Farrel.

"This is a very exciting project for an engineer," Austin said, adding that the advantages of the now-approved location of the sewage treatment plant are a road, a bridge and the possibility of it being hooked up with the nearby communities.

The team said that the design is made with the surrounding community and its future expansion growth in mind, when embassies and other necessary buildings are added later on.

With the title of the land from Ponape State being approved, the FSM Capital site could be completed in January 1987, if the U.S. Congress provides the funds.



NATIONAL CAPITAL DESIGN--Architects Hawaii President Francis Haines, right, and Project Director Joseph Farrel are holding a model of a two-story buildings with Micronesian-style sloped roof to FSM officials during their March 11-14 presentations of the schematic design for the proposed new national capital and College of Micronesia campus at Palikir. In the foreground is a raised model of the capital campus.

KOLONIA, Ponape--The apparent successful low bidder for both exploratory and production wells for the capital site is Pacific Drilling Company of Guam, according to FSM Civil Engineer Amos Coffelt.

The bids for the project were opened on March 20 by an evaluation committee for the capital development of the water-well drilling project, Coffelt said.

The three bidders were: Geo-Engineering and Testing of Guam which bid \$244,200; International Bridge and Construction of Guam which bid \$156,700, and Pacific Drilling of Guam which bid \$150,300.

"Pacific Drilling was the apparent successful low bidder for the project both in price and total time estimates," Coffelt stated.

He said that the exploratory wells, when developed down to a 300-foot depth, "will give us information for other wells," adding, "the first well to be drilled is exploratory to determine the geology and the availability of water supply of the other wells."

"If the water supply is deemed adequate, then the additional wells, to the maximum of seven, will be drilled," Coffelt stated.

He also said that work on the water-well project is to commence within 40 days following a "notice to proceed" by the Office of Planning and Statistics.

A contract on the project is tentatively scheduled to be signed within 30 days prior to the notice to proceed, he said.

Jobs council meets

LELU, Kosrae--The Kosrae Private Industry Council met in a special meeting March 12 to discuss a job training plan for the council, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

The members voted to have the council vice-chairman Aren Palik produce the council's plan for the state of Kosrae no later than April 13.

Each member is required to present a position paper from the area they represent.

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