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Compact goes to U.S. Congress Montoya backs Compact, FSM capital

KOLONIA, Ponape—The Interior Department “is solidly committed to early approval of the Compact (of Free Association)” which was transmitted March 30 by President Reagan to the U.S. Congress, according to Assistant Interior Secretary for Territorial and International Affairs Richard T. Montoya.

Montoya also said during a meeting here April 3 with Vice President Bailey Olter, national government cabinet members and College of Micronesia officials that he would be amenable to supporting FSM projects, including construction of the new national capital at Palikir, “because you’re running a tight ship” in financial management.

Montoya arrived here April 1 with OTIA Technical Assistance Director Frank Solomon and Congressional and Legislative Affairs Director Larry Morgan. They went April 2 to Kosrae, to meet with state leaders, before being hosted to a dinner that evening at the Village Hotel by the Vice President.

They participated in a ground-breaking ceremony for the new Ponape International Airport terminal and power plant at the airport with Olter, Ponape Gov. Resio Moses and Ponape State Community Services Director Bermin Weilbacher on April 3, before meeting

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KOLONIA, Ponape—President Reagan transmitted March 30 the Compact of Free Association with the FSM and Marshall Islands to the U.S. Congress with a message reaffirming his support and urging congressional approval.

FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama is prepared to lead a delegation to Washington during the second week in May which is the target date for Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearings on the Compact.

The delegation would include the governors, legislature speakers, FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry and the President.

Hearings by the House Public Lands and National Parks Subcommittee are expected to be scheduled after the Senate hearings, officials said.

Ambassador Fred M. Zeder II, Reagan’s special representative to the Micronesian status negotiations, said in an April 5 dispatch to Nakayama, “We are informed by the key members of both houses of Congress of their readiness to introduce the Compact joint resolution and that their committees are prepared to turn to the hearing process.”

The Compact joint resolution is expected to be referred jointly to the Energy and Natural Resources and Foreign Relations committees in the Senate and Interior and Foreign Affairs committees in the House where it is to be referred subsequently to the Armed Services Committee, officials said.

In his message, Reagan said, “Enactment of the draft joint resolution approving the Compact of Free Association would be a major step leading to the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement with the United Nations Security Council, which the United States entered

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MONTROYA WITH FSM AND COM OFFICIALS—U.S. Assistant Interior Secretary for Territorial and International Affairs Richard Montoya, right, is meeting April 3 with FSM and College of Micronesia officials. From left are Community College of Micronesia President Catalino Cantero, External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich, Vice President Bailey Olter and Montoya.

Weyand named senior auditor

KOLONIA, Ponape—FSM Public Auditor John E. Dye announced the appointment of former Hawaii State Legislative Analyst Dallas G. Weyand II as Senior Auditor, bringing his staff up to one secretary and three auditors, including himself.

Dye also announced that he will ask the FSM Congress for additional funding and an increase in his staff ceiling of five to add one auditor to monitor capita improvement projects and one auditor in each state to comply with a newly applied regulation requiring a single audit of all Interior Department grant funds coming to the FSM.

Weyand, who arrived here March 30, replaces Luther Etier, who became Nov. 2 the FSM Finance Department Accounting Division chief.



Weyand

Weyand, a graduate of the University of Hawaii and a certified public accountant, served from 1980 to his coming here as an analyst in the Hawaii State Legislative Auditor's Office, after serving from 1973 to 1980 as an auditor, accounting supervisor and assistant controller in three private accountants' firms in Honolulu.

Dye announced that FSM Supreme Court Administrative Director Jack Yakana is scheduled to join his office June 1 as staff auditor, filling his staff ceiling. Pelsesar Petrus is a junior auditor and Eugenia Samuel is the administrative specialist.

In the first annual report of the Public Auditor, dated Jan. 12 and required by the FSM Constitution, Dye noted that his office was opened Oct. 1, 1982, and his budget was increased from \$144,800 for fiscal 1983 to \$187,100 for fiscal 1984 for the current staff ceiling.

"This is a fair funding level, if only national government activities are concerned," he said in the report. "However, if additional state level audit responsibilities are assumed, additional resources will be needed."

The report said that the relationship of the FSM Public Auditor to the states has not been resolved, because most of the funds going to the states come directly from the U.S. government.

With only one state, Ponape, having a public auditor, Dye proposed in the

report a single state-national audit organization.

Dye said on April 6 that the Trust Territory government is pushing for a single audit of all DOI grant funds in the FSM to comply with federal grant regulations. The Trust Territory has been contracting individual grant audits.

"We would have to have one auditor in each state," he said.

A Dec. 14 memorandum of understanding authorizing transfer of CIP administration to the FSM requires an audit of every project, Dye said, adding that he is looking for CIP funds to cover the cost and will ask Congress to authorize his hiring extra auditors for the work.

The report states that the office has completed five audits, including the new financial management system, the Truk cholera program, the Telecommunications Corp. accounting system, overseas liaison offices and the Kosrae State Improvement Projects Commission.

Audits are in progress on the FSM Development Bank, Yap state fiscal 1983 accounts, national government fiscal 1983 accounts, the Coconut Development Authority and the old financial management system.

In addition, the Public Auditor reviewed and provided comments on draft financial management and audit legislation in Kosrae, Truk and Yap, according to the report.

Job Micah wins

KOLONIA, Ponape—Incumbent State Senator Job Micah defeated challenger Delson Ehmes by 356 to 257 votes in the March 30 special election for the Pingelap seat in the Ponape State Legislature, according to State Election Commissioner Samson Alpet.

The special election was called, after Gov. Resio Moses declined to certify the results of the Pingelap race in the Nov. 12 legislative elections, due to reported ballot-counting irregularities.

The unofficial Nov. 12 totals were 415 votes for Micah and 391 for Ehmes.

The March 30 unofficial count included 178 votes for Micah and 137 for Ehmes on Pingelap Atoll; 15 for Micah and two for Ehmes in Mand, Madolenihmw; 107 for Micah and 98 for Ehmes in Kolonia, and 56 for Micah to 20 for Ehmes in Mwalok, Sokehs.

Art festival Exhibits urged

KOLONIA, Ponape—Pacific Art Festival General Treasurer Adrien Hnangan (NAH-GAN) said the Organizing Committee for the Fourth Festival of Pacific Arts urges the FSM states to participate in the Dec. 8-22 festival in Noumea, New Caledonia, during his March 24-27 visit here.

The goal of the Noumea festival is to familiarize Pacific peoples with their own art, theatre, music, dances and songs, and it is to include a scientific symposium on economy and culture, Hnangan said.

He said that each of the 26 participating countries may send a specialist to present position papers on one of the four topics of the symposium: Conservation of cultural heritage; architecture; traditional culture and endearment, and the sea and its resources.

The only requirement of the papers is that they should be original and traditional in content, Hnangan stated.

Hnangan urged Ponape and all FSM states to participate in the Fourth Festival of Pacific Arts and to submit their responses to the Pacific Arts questionnaire which should be sent to them the end of April.

"Each delegation to the Festival of Arts is required only to pay for their roundtrip tickets," Hnangan said, adding, "The Organizing Committee will be responsible for the delegations' food, accommodations and transportation on Noumea."

Hnangan and audio technician-photographer-translator Philipp Huneau, both of Noumea, met government and traditional leaders on Ponape and said they were satisfied with what they saw.

Hnangan and Huneau visited Palau, Saipan and Guam before visiting Ponape and were scheduled to visit the Marshall Islands, before returning to New Caledonia.

Johnny Hadley, Micronesia Affairs chief in the External Affairs Department, is the FSM coordinator for the festival.

Kosrae dock use seen

LELU, Kosrae — Philippines, Micronesia and Orient Line Manager Tom Colson announced here a proposal to use the new Kosrae dock as a transshipment point for cargo shipped by the ocean carrier between Papua New Guinea and the U.S. West Coast, according to a Feb. 17 Kosrae State Release.

Reagan sends Compact to U.S. Congress

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into by joint resolution on July 18, 1947.

"Therefore, I urge the Congress to approve the Compact of Free Association," he concluded.

Reagan noted that the Northern Marianas Islands would become a U.S. commonwealth upon termination of the trusteeship, and Zeder said that the people of Palau approved the Compact in 1983, but its government has not approved it, so Reagan is not asking the U.S. Congress to enact the Compact and its funding for Palau at this time.

"Once enacted, the Compact will provide a principal basis for seeking to terminate (in the U.N. Security Council) the trusteeship for the FSM and the Marshall Islands, as the covenant does with respect to the Northern Marianas Islands," Zeder said.

Micronesian status negotiations began in 1969, during the Johnson administration and continued through the Nixon, Ford, Carter and Reagan administrations. The Northern Marianas voted in 1975 for separate commonwealth status, and the FSM Constitution was drafted in 1975 and ratified in 1977 by Yap, Truk, Ponape and Kosrae, while the Marshalls and Palau turned it down.

The FSM became a constitutional gov-

Goes to Ulul

KOLONIA, Ponape—President Tosiwo Nakayama was delayed on Ulul Island, Namonuito Atoll, in the outer island of Truk due to poor weather and engine trouble during a nine-day trip March 22-31 to attend a Namonuito-Western Islands leadership conference.

Nakayama said his delegation, which included Truk State Gov. Erhart Aten and FSM Deputy External Affairs Secretary Asterio Takesy, was unable to leave Ulul for several days after the meetings due to poor weather conditions.

The President was invited by the Governor of Truk to visit with the people of the Namonuito who wished to discuss traditional rights under the FSM Constitution.

While at Ulul, the President, governor, and Takesy met with the people and the Weipat student body. A meeting was also held with the people of Piserach.

At Magur Island, the party could not go ashore because of the rough sea. The Chief and people of Magur sent food out to the boat.

ernment in 1979, and completed negotiations Oct. 1, 1982, on the Compact which was approved by 79 per cent of the voters in a June 21, 1983, plebiscite and ratified by three of the four state legislatures and the FSM Congress which completed the process on Sept. 2.

"The FSM and Marshall Islands will achieve full self-government under the terms of the Compact, which provides their governments will have control of their internal affairs and the ability to conduct foreign affairs," according to a State Department press release, while "the United States will retain full authority in all security and defense matters relating to the FSM and the Marshall Islands."

The U.S. government is to provide economic assistance throughout the 15-year Compact period to promote economic development and self

reliance.

The Reagan administration included a \$295.49 million contingency Compact funding request in its fiscal 1985 budget request.

The request includes \$87.31 million for the FSM, including \$36 million for operating funds, \$6.6 million for communications, \$24 million for capital improvements and economic development, a \$9.19 million inflation adjustment with fiscal 1981 as the base year, \$4.33 million for marine surveillance, medical referrals and student aid and a \$7 million health and education grant.

The Marshalls would get \$40.73 million for the same categories, and a \$150 million nuclear testing impact settlement, and \$27.48 million would go to general weather, postal, disaster control, Coast Guard and airline regulation services in the area.

Reagan backs Compact in message

KOLONIA, Ponape—Following is the March 30 message from President Reagan to the U.S. Congress:

"TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

"There is enclosed a draft of a Joint Resolution to approve the "Compact of Free Association," the negotiated instrument setting for the the future political relationship between the United States and two political jurisdictions of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

"The Compact of Free Association is the result of more than fourteen years of continuous and comprehensive negotiations, spanning the administrations of four Presidents. The transmission of the proposed Joint Resolution to you today marks the last step in the Compact approval process.

"The full text of the Compact is part of the draft Joint Resolution, which I request be introduced, referred to the appropriate committees for consideration, and enacted. I also request that the Congress note the agreements subsidiary to the Compact. Also enclosed is a section-by-section analysis to facilitate your consideration of the Compact.

"The defense and land use provisions of the Compact extend indefinitely the right of the United States to foreclose access to the area to third countries for military purposes. These provisions are of great importance to our strategic position in the Pacific and enable us to continue preserving regional security and peace.

"Since 1947, the islands of Micronesia have been administered by the United States under a Trusteeship Agreement with the United Nations Security

Council. This Compact of Free Association with the governments of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands would fulfill our commitment under that agreement to bring about self-government. Upon termination of the Trusteeship Agreement, another political jurisdiction of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, will become a commonwealth of the United States.

"The Compact of Free Association was signed for the United States by Ambassador Fred M. Zeder, II, on October 1, 1982, with the Federated States of Micronesia, and on June 25, 1983, with the Republic of the Marshall Islands. It is the result of negotiations between the United States and broadly representative groups of delegates from the prospective freely associated states.

"In 1983, United Nations-observed plebiscites produced high voter participation, and the Compact was approved by impressive majorities. In addition to approval in the plebiscites, the Compact has been approved by the governments of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia in accordance with their constitutional processes.

"Enactment of the draft Joint Resolution approving the Compact of Free Association would be a major step leading to the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement with the United Nations Security Council, which the United States entered into by Joint Resolution on July 18, 1947. Therefore, I urge the Congress to approve the Compact of Free Association."

Montoya supports FSM capital funding, says DOI back

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with national government and COM officials.

They left Ponape April 3 to go to Majuro to meet with Marshall Islands officials through April 6.

It was the first visit to the FSM by Montoya, since he was confirmed by the U.S. Congress as assistant secretary for OTIA and his first trip to Kosrae. He said it was one of the regular visits he promised to make when he was here in August as Deputy Assistant Interior Secretary.

On approval of the Compact by the U.S. Congress, Montoya said that he hoped hearings would be scheduled soon, because of the limited time left on the congressional calendar during the remainder of the 1984 election year.

"We anticipate that on the Senate side it is going to be a fast process and on the House side it is going to be a longer

process," he said, citing plans by House Parks and Public Lands Subcommittee Chairman John Seiberling to hold extensive hearings.

The White House delayed sending the Compact to Congress, due to concerns in Congress as to whether Interior or the State Department would be the lead agency in Micronesia, after the trusteeship is terminated and the Compact goes into effect, Montoya said.

"We don't care whether it goes to State or Interior, but Congress definitely does care," Montoya said, adding that "Congress has to make that decision."

He said that the issue was raised when the Office of Management and Budget included Compact funding for fiscal 1985 in foreign aid budget category, instead of general government category as anticipated by Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman James McClure of

Idaho and ranking Democrat J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, so "both of them were very upset."

Montoya said that he drafted a letter before coming here to other federal agencies urging them to treat the fiscal 1985 budget as if there were no Compact and to continue funding categorical grant programs, as some programs were mistakenly "zeroed out" by agencies for 1985.

"Now that the Compact has been transmitted, we will begin planning for the transition in earnest," he said, adding that "we are getting the agencies to focus on the transition time, rather than on a date (of implementation)."

"It could be ratified in December to go into effect in February, or March," he said.

Montoya said that when he was appointed he set three policy goals, including: 1) Improving government efficiency, for example, by getting computers in line and training personnel to operate them through technical assistance, "so you can project what your budgets are going to be...(and) your infrastructure can keep up with economic development."

2) Diversifying the economy here to create more jobs to keep up with the population growth, especially in tourism and fisheries industries.

3) Privatization of government functions which could be done more efficiently in the private sector.

"You're on the verge of a great prosperity," he said.

Montoya said that with South Pacific Islands Airways and Aloha Airlines providing service from Honolulu to Guam, Micronesia has a real opportunity to develop tourism, and that when the Compact goes into effect the FSM will be eligible to participate in the Headnote 3A trade incentive program. He mentioned the potential for a tuna cannery on Ponape.

"You're going to see a lot of light industries wanting to locate here," he said.

On funding construction of the proposed national capital at Palikir, Montoya said, "You're going to find me a great advocate.

"During the first week in May (congressional budget hearings), that's all we are going to talk about," he said. "It is a commitment of the U.S. to fund

Montoya gets Kosrae proposals

LELU, Kosrae—Gov. Yosiwo George presented a position paper listing \$22,053,000 in funding requests for capital improvement, economic development and transition projects to Assistant Interior Secretary for Territorial and International Affairs Richard Montoya during his April 2 visit here.

Montoya was accompanied by OTIA Technical Assistance Director Frank Solomon, Congressional and Legislative Affairs Director Larry Morgan and FSM Budget Officer Del Pangelinan during his first visit to Kosrae.

They toured the new airport and dock complex and stone ruins at Lelu, after meeting with the governor and his cabinet, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip. They returned to Ponape via Pacific Missionary Airlines at the end of the one-day visit.

Kosrae is seeking \$3.35 million to complete the airport paving and terminal, \$800,000 for a petroleum bulk storage plant at the airport and dock and \$400,000 for harbor dredging at the dock as part of \$21,265,000 in additional CIP projects.

Other CIP project requests included \$12.5 million to complete construction and paving of the circumferential and cross-island roads, \$120,000 to complete the hospital annex construction, \$40,000 to construct a communications building, \$2.5 million to complete the sewer system, \$800,000 to extend the water

treatment system to municipalities outside of Lelu and \$295,000 for Kosrae High School landscaping, office and library, plus rehabilitation of 32 classrooms.

Economic development funding requests totalling \$312,000 include \$100,000 for rehabilitation and maintenance of the Lelu ruins historical landmark, \$40,000 for a two-year small industries development project and \$172,000 for a wood treatment plant and sawmill.

Transition project requests totalling \$476,000 include \$146,000 for computer software and supplies; \$60,000 for an entomological study of beneficial and detrimental insects; \$60,000 to obtain a predator insect, *Eucarsia Smithi*, to eradicate the citrus spiny white fly which has destroyed 50 per cent of the island's citrus crops; \$33,000 for a citrus fumigation plant; \$60,000 for an economic planner; \$60,000 for a marine biologist; \$40,000 for utilities maintenance training; \$35,000 for forestry training; \$30,000 for a primary health care consultant, and \$12,000 for a personnel services consultant.

Kosrae also requested assistance in obtaining U.S. air carrier service for the \$20 million airport.

Montoya told FSM officials that he would discuss possible Air Marshall Islands service while visiting Majuro, April 3-6.

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ks Compact in meeting with officials here

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the capitals," he added.

He acknowledged that the Reagan budget includes \$13 million for the capital construction at Palikir in fiscal 1985, while the architect firm for the project has estimated \$23 million as the minimum funding needed, and noted that the U.S. Congress turned down capital construction funding requests during the past two years.

Montoya did not make a specific commitment to support funding the construction of a new COM campus at Palikir, which FSM Planning Consultant Peter Dahm said would cost \$12 million, instead of the \$8 million authorized but not appropriated by Congress.

External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich said, "The college relates directly to these things we are talking about, manpower development—we cannot absorb everybody coming out (of high school), if we do not have the training facilities and they don't have the appropriate training."

Montoya responded, "I'm comfortable with a couple of points: One, that it (COM) is needed, and two, if we are going to bring in economic development, you are going to have a trained labor pool, and the only thing that can do it is the college."

COM Executive Director Loren Peterson presented a position paper re-

questing funding for the proposed Community College of Micronesia Nursing School campus in Majuro, COM campus at Palikir and upgrading buildings and equipment at the Micronesian Occupational College, Palau, plus funding the \$3 million Land Grant status endowment authorized for the college and continuation of the Land Grant program support and student financial assistance under the Compact.

Montoya said that the list of capital improvement projects totalling \$18 million proposed by the FSM for fiscal 1985 funding would help make a strong case in the U.S. Congress for completing transition funding.

The FSM requested \$1 million in 1985 for upgrading telephone systems here, and Solomon said it would take \$3 million-\$4 million, pointing to defective switching gear.

Montoya suggested that the FSM put together dollar amounts for other transition issues, such as war claims, land claims and prior service benefits for former Trust Territory employees who worked before the current Social Security system was established here to present to OMB and Congress.

He said that he is "adamantly committed to" the FSM states paying medical referral costs incurred after fiscal 1981, and urged a "token payment" and payment schedule be submitted, but agreed

to allow more time to work out the schedule. Vice President Oter pointed out that inadequate medical facilities, policies and procedures inherited from the Trust Territory Government were responsible for the high medical referral costs.

He said that OTIA would provide funds requested to hire a development planning specialist to assist the National Development Plan Task Force in completing the plan.

On a request by the FSM to limit Trust Territory High Court to taking appeals to cases of fundamental interest to the U.S. government and a prior commitment from the DOI Solicitor General's Office in this regard, Montoya said, "I have impressed on (High Court Chief Justice Alex) Munson that he should be shutting down the court."

He said that requests for a training program for FSM state court justices and the transfer of TT district court funds to the state courts should be addressed to Associate Solicitor General Marian Horn.

Other issues discussed with Montoya and his staff included distribution of TT Economic Development Loan Funds, a proposal by Finance Secretary Al Tuuth to put a new financial management computer in the Palikir capital and turn the present one over to Ponape state, accumulated deficits, Kosrae air and weather services, continuation of Environmental Protection Administration water and sewer projects and funding staffing, training, inventory and equipment needs with fiscal 1984 Enhanced Operations and Maintenance funds.

Volcano cloud here

KOLONIA, Ponape—A heavy cloud of volcanic haze has been shrouding Ponape since March 31, Akira Suzuki of the Ponape U.S. Weather Station reported April 5.

The haze is a result of the recent eruptions of the Moana Loa volcano on Hawaii Island, some 3,000 miles east of Ponape.

Suzuki stated that fumes of burned vegetation and lava were trapped in an inversion at the upper level of the atmosphere and were carried westward by easterly winds, affecting islands in its path.

The haze reportedly has been causing throat and respiratory irritations. April 2 was the worst day here with visibility about one-half a mile.



AIRPORT GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY—From left, FSM Vice President Bailey Oter, Ponape Gov. Resio Moses, Assistant Interior Secretary Richard Montoya, Office of Territorial and International Affairs Technical Assistance Director Frank Solomon, Ponape State Community Services Director Bermin Weilbacher and Max Malarme of the Ponape Public Works Office are taking part in the April 3 ground-breaking ceremony at the Ponape International Airport for the new \$1.2 million airport terminal and \$2.4 million power plant to be constructed there.

PATS, Peace Corps help MLSC renovate office

KOLONIA, Ponape—With the aid of volunteers from PATS high school and Peace Corps, the Micronesian Legal Service Corp. is cutting future operating costs by renovating an unused state building for its Ponape office, according to Acting Directing Attorney Jack Petry.

The project began in January with volunteers from the Ponape Agriculture and Trade School and Peace Corps cutting the interior of the bachelor officers' quarters used during the Navy administration which ended in 1947. They have since reconstructed the floors, walls and ceiling.

"We are shooting for moving in by April 15," Petry said.

Gov. Resio Moses and the Ponape State Public Lands Authority agreed to allow MLSC to use the building rent-free for five years, according to Petry, who said that the corporation is paying \$1,200 a month, or \$14,400 a year for its current office space.

"We have the most expensive MLSC office in Micronesia," he said.

Petry estimated that the total cost for materials and moving would be \$12,000.

The volunteers are providing free labor on weekends, with the MLSC providing their transportation from and to the PATS campus more than 20 miles south of Kolonia and meals while they are working.

Petry praised the work of the PATS students and staff members and Peace Corps volunteers, stating that the quality of the renovation is outstanding.

He noted that funding by the U.S. Legal Services Corp. has been cut drastically since 1981, and future funding is uncertain, so the MLSC has called on the Micronesian governments to supplement its operating costs.

U.S. Legal Services provided \$713,300; the Micronesian governments, \$135,580, and other sources, \$14,200 for its fiscal 1983 operations, according to an MLSC annual report.

MLSC has provided legal services for 92,150 low-income persons throughout Micronesia, since its beginning in 1971, according to the report. The average household income for MLSC clients in 1983 was \$2,096 throughout Micronesia and ranged from \$1,056 in Palau to \$1,128 in Yap, \$1,232 in Truk, \$1,716 in the Marshalls, \$2,585 in Kosrae, \$2,915 in Ponape and \$4,043 in the Marianas.

Petry became the acting directing attorney of the Ponape MLSC office,

after Patricia Billington left March 9 to become an attorney in the Ponape State Legal Services Department. He had been serving as staff attorney since August, 1982.

Petry, 29, is a native of Bloomington, Illinois, who was graduated in 1977 from the University of Illinois and served as a Peace Corps volunteer 1977-79 in Saipan, working in the Public Defender's Office. He was graduated from the University of

California Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco in 1982.

Other members of the Ponape MLSC staff are Tino Donre and Ander Norman, trial counselors; Erwine Hadley,

administrative officer; Jenny Olter, legal secretary; Augustine Kohler, staff clerk, Gillian Doone, part-time clerk, and Gary Huston, Xavier High School intern.



REPLACING CEILING BEAM--PATS students and instructors and Peace Corps volunteers are replacing the ceiling beam in the former Navy bachelor officers' quarters in Kolonia as part of the renovation of the state-owned building to be used as the Micronesian Legal Services Corp. office in Ponape. (Photo by Jack Petry)

FSM Supreme Court Calender

TRIAL DIVISION--STATE OF PONAPE

DATE/TIME	CASE NO./CASE NAME	PROCEEDING
April 16/ 9:00	1984-502 FSM v. Dores	Pretrial
April 16/	1984-503 FSM v. Rodriguez	Responses
April 16/	1984-506 FSM v. Lucius	Pretrial Motions
April 16/	1984-507 FSM v. Moses	Pretrial Motions
April 17/ 9:00	1984-502 FSM v. Dores	Trial
April 18/ 9:00	1984-503 FSM v. Rodriguez	Pretrial
April 23/ 9:00	1984-503 FSM v. Rodriguez	Trial
April 23/	1984-507 FSM v. Moses	Responses
April 24/ 9:00	1984-507 FSM v. Moses	Pretrial
April 24/	1984-504 FSM v. Julius	Pretrial Motions
April 24/	1984-505 FSM v. Chipen	Pretrial Motions
April 24/	1984-506 FSM v. Lucius	Responses
April 25/ 9:00	1984-506 FSM v. Lucius	Pretrial
April 25/ 9:00	1984-507 FSM v. Moses	Trial
April 26/ 9:00	1984-506 FSM v. Lucius	Trial
April 30/	1984-505 FSM v. Chipen	Responses
April 30/	1984-504 FSM v. Julius	Responses
May 01/ 9:00	1984-504 FSM v. Julius	Pretrial
May 01/ 9:00	1984-505 FSM v. Chipen	Pretrial
May 02/ 9:00	1984-504 FSM v. Julius	Trial
May 02/ 9:00	1984-505 FSM v. Chipen	Trial
May 21/ 8:00	1982-028 Mobil Oil Micro. v. Opet, et. al.	Trial

Coffel named FSM engineer

KOLONIA, Ponape--Amos Coffel, a Seattle, Washington, civil engineer and surveyor, was named FSM Civil Engineer in the Office of Planning and Statistics, according to Acting National Planner John Sohl.

Sohl said, "Coffel will handle 'in house' CIP projects for the national government."

The January CIP Project Administration Agreement with the Trust Territory requires the FSM to employ a certified engineer to make sure everything is in order for the CIP before the termination of the trusteeship, Sohl stated.

Coffel, registered as civil engineer and surveyor in both Hawaii and Washington State, received his doctorate in civil engineering from the University of Washington, College of Forestry Engineering in 1960 and completed various professional continuing education for construction, management and technical engineering courses throughout the United States.

Coffel, who operated a private consulting engineering firm in Seattle and Tacoma area, previously served as project field engineer for water and waste-water facilities, construction and operation maintenance and Jubail Industrial City, Saudi Arabia, for two years and Maui County, Hawaii, waste-water construction projects construction for four years.

He worked for five years as a land development consulting engineer for land development on San Juan Islands, Washington State.

Insurance trust fund corporation proposed

KOLONIA, Ponape--The national insurance plan being developed by the FSM Health Insurance Committee includes a proposal to organize a trust fund as a public corporation, according to FSM Budget Officer Del Pangelinan, committee chairman.

The trust fund would be a public corporation run by a state-national board of trustees selected by each of the state and national governments, he said.

The trust fund, into which mandatory premium collections would be invested, would have in each state offices staffed by Micronesians to process expense claims from local hospitals and off-island

Ismael, Siba named to bench

LELU, Kosrae--Gov. Yosiwo George announced during a recent leadership meeting here the nominations of former FSM Senator Hiroshi Ismael to be the chief justice and State Senator Thurston Siba, associate justice, in the new Kosrae State Court, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

The court was created to replace the Trust Territory district court here by the Kosrae State Constitution which went into effect Jan. 11. The State Legislature, which must confirm the nominations for them to go into effect, has been considering a proposed judiciary act to implement the court.

The Kosrae State Court will be the last of the FSM state courts to be enacted by law. The first state court went into effect in Yap in 1982, the Ponape State Court began functioning in February and the Truk court is awaiting verification by the Trust Territory High Court.

Ismael served 1979-83 as FSM Congress Judiciary and Government Operations chairman, contributing to the development of the national court system. Since, he served as Kosrae Constitutional Convention president, constitutional referendum political education coordinator and transition officer.

A 1964 graduate of the Fiji School of Medicine who worked from 1965-76 as a medical officer in Truk, Ponape and Kosrae, Ismael has served 14 years as a Kosrae member of the FSM Status Commission, 1975-76 as Kosrae Charter Commission vice chairman and in 1975 as a Kosrae representative to the FSM Constitutional Convention in Saipan where he chaired the Governmental Functions and Organization Committee.

Siba is a prominent Kosrae businessman who has served in the State Legislature and practiced law as a trial assistant

since 1979. He participated in the Kosrae Charter Commission and was vice president of the 1983 Kosrae State Constitutional Convention.

Siba was graduated from PICS high school, Ponape, and attended the College of Guam, before teaching at Kosrae High School for four years and being employed by the U.S. Postal Service here, 1961-81.

Capital land okayed

KOLONIA, Ponape--The Ponape Public Lands Authority Board of Trustees approved 138.748 acres for the FSM capitol site, during a meeting held March 22 at authority's office, according to Public Lands Commissioner Yasuo I. Yamada.

The board, which is headed by Heinrich Iriarte of Nett, released the property on conditions that: 1) FSM build no housing for its government staff on the designated site, other than 2) four proposed houses for the President, Vice President, Congress Speaker and Chief Justice, and 3) all existing FSM government buildings located in the Kolonia FSM compound be given back to Public Lands Authority for Ponape State use when the FSM government moves to Palikir, Yamada said.

Consideration of the College of Micronesia Project site is in active process now, Yamada said, adding, that there are two plans under consideration now. Final submission for Board of Trustees delivery is expected in due course.

Yamada confirmed

KOLONIA, Ponape--The Ponape State Legislature recently confirmed the nomination by the State Public Lands Board of Trustees of the former State Education Director Yasuo I. Yamada as State Public Lands Authority Commissioner.

Yamada replaces former Commissioner Joseph Phillip who vacated the position eight months earlier.

MMA recognizes charts

KOLONIA, Ponape--The Micronesian Maritime Authority passed a resolution on Feb. 16 to comply with the contents of Title 18 of the FSM Code on official large-scale charts, according to MMA executive director Mike McCoy.

The resolution officially recognizes the large scale charts produced by the Defense Mapping Agency and the Ponape State Bureau of Lands as the official charts of the FSM.

referral hospitals.

Once the trust fund is established, it is anticipated that increased premium collections and claims payments to hospitals will help relieve state budgets already heavily burdened with health care expenditures, Pangelinan said.

Currently, the committee is reviewing the comments and questions heard by its members during meetings held with health insurance professionals from the United Benefit Corp., U.S. Public Health Services and the state health directors.

Recommendations will be finalized within the next several weeks for the consideration of the state and national leadership, Pangelinan said.

Japan foreign aid boat christened

KOLONIA, Ponape—The 19.6-foot in-board out-drive type diesel engine boat for the FSM as part of the Japan foreign aid contribution was christened in a launching ceremony held March 27 at the Ponape Dock.

The ceremony was attended by Vice President Bailey Olter, FSM Senator Elias Thomas of Ponape, External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich, Resources and Development Secretary Bernard Helgenberger and Joan King, wife of the FSM Chief Justice, who cut the ribbon and broke the champagne bottle at the bow of the boat.

The boat, which is equipped with bow fender, palpit, horn, navigation lights, rod stand, boarding ladder, portable toilet, search light, trailer and a 25-watt VHF

radio, came with the Japan grant-in-aid package for Ponape.

The boat will be used by the FSM government in transporting officials and visiting dignitaries to places inaccessible by road on Ponape.

The shipment of heavy equipment from Japan arrived Ponape on March 23, on one of the two Japanese ships delivering Japan grant aid heavy equipment to the four FSM state ports during the month, according to Asian Affairs Chief Jesse Raglmar.

The 68.8 million yen or \$309,932 grant-in-aid shipment for Ponape is part of the fourth foreign aid contribution of \$1.4 million by Japan to the FSM.

The Japanese government provided

some \$1.2 million for purchase of road construction equipment in 1980; \$900,000 for outer island refrigeration and freezer installation equipment in the FSM field trip ships in 1981, and some 360 million yen or \$1.5 million in 1982 for additional rural road construction equipment.

The Ponape shipment included eight diesel engine units of agricultural and truck tractors with plow, harrow disks, mower and rotary tiller; one crawler crane with dragline attachment; one 40-ton low bed semi-trailer unit; one Nissan diesel truck tractor; one utility vehicle unit; one roader grader with scarifier; one diesel pile hammer with piling leader, and one inboard out-drive type transport boat for the FSM.

MV Kiyowa Highbiscus delivered the heavy equipment to Ponape, while MV Enyo Maru delivered 11 units of heavy equipment to Yap, 11 units to Truk and 10 units to Kosrae, Raglmar concluded.

Media training workshop scheduled

KOLONIA, Ponape—The first Micronesia Area Media Training Workshop in news writing and satellite communications is scheduled to be held May 7-25 in Ponape by the FSM Information Office, according to Information Advisor Tom Bryan.

The workshop is being funded by the U.S. Interior Department Office of Territorial and International Affairs and South Pacific Commission which is providing two instructors from Mitchell College of Advanced Education, Bathurst, Australia. The Community College of Micronesia is providing classroom facilities.

At the invitation of President Tosiwo Nakayama, the four FSM states, Palau and the Marshall Islands will send two participants each and CCM will send one staff member to take part in the training which will coincide with a regular session of the FSM Congress.

The training will be in basic news writing, broadcast news and newsletter production and the use of computers for satellite communications, in order to

establish an information network in the area, according to Bryan who is coordinating the workshop.

The two Australian instructors are Tom Hogan, a senior lecturer in broadcast communications at Mitchell College, and Dennis Shanahan, a veteran newspaper correspondent and journalism instructor.

Howard Graves, Associate Press bureau chief in Honolulu, is scheduled to participate May 10-11 in the workshop.

Xavier intern at PIO

KOLONIA, Ponape—Jason Mendiola, 17, of Ponape, one of 23 Xavier High School, Truk, seniors completing their community service projects for graduation, is working as an intern in the FSM Information Office, assisting in reporting and news writing, according to Information Officer Ketson Johnson.

Mendiola, son of Ponape State Legal Affairs Director Quirino Mendiola and Yasko Mendiola of the FSM Student Services Office, began his internship March 19 and is scheduled to continue through May 20.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED—Vice President Bailey Olter, center, is serving cake during the March 27 surprise party commemorating his 52nd birthday in the President's Office. With him are Secretary to the President Melody Bertoncini and Resources and Development Secretary Bernard Helgenberger. Mrs. Amalia Olter and cabinet members also attended.

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