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Compact seen implemented By Oct. 1

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Reagan administration views the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee action May 15 unanimously approving the resolution to adopt the Compact of Free Association "as extremely favorable to the goal of...implementation of the Compact by Oct. 1," according to the Office of Micronesian Status Negotiations in Washington, D.C.

In a May 21 dispatch to President Tosiwo Nakayama, the OMSN said that the House Public Lands Subcommittee was expected to report May 30 its version of the Compact resolution to the full Interior Committee which "is expected soon thereafter to report out the Compact.

"After the House Foreign Affairs and Interior committee versions are reconciled pursuant to House procedures, we anticipate a Senate and House conference to produce a final resolution which can be approved by both houses and sent to the President," according to the dispatch which said that the Senate was expected

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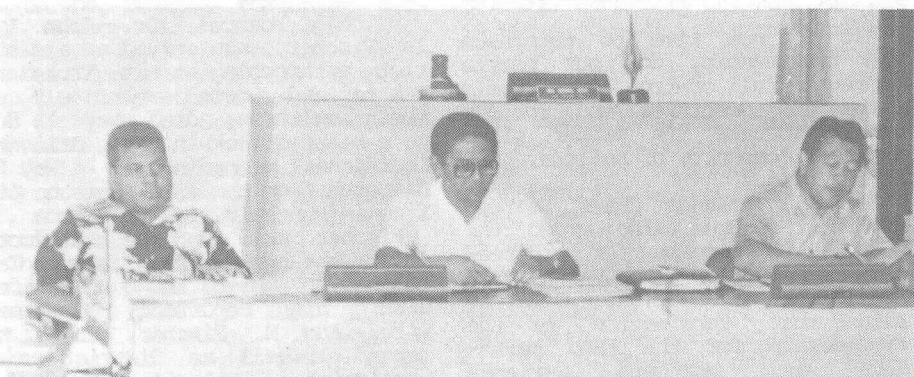
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CONGRESS BRIEFED ON BANKING, FOREIGN INVESTMENT BOARDS - Senator Elias Thomas, right, of Pohnpei who is chairman of both the FSM Banking Board and FSM Foreign Investment Board is briefing May 23 the Congress Resources and Development Committee on the activities of the two boards. From left are Congress Administrative Officer Suda Rayel, who represents Truk on the Banking Board and is its secretary; Romulo O. Sison of the Philippines, who serves as an International Monetary Fund consultant to the board, and Thomas.

Congress cuts short first session

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Fourth FSM Congress ended its abbreviated first regular session on Sunday, May 26, after approving a \$498,-186 fiscal 1985 supplemental appropriation, including a \$5,000 a year increase in members' expense allowances, according to a Congress Information Office release.

The Congress adopted May 18 a resolution to cut short the 30-day session because of the uncertainty of fiscal 1986 funding sources and levels.

It adopted another resolution to come back for a longer than usual special session July 8-28.

"This is a very unusual decision," Speaker Bethwel Henry said, noting that "we have never cut short a regular session.

"We do this because never has there been a time in our history that we have faced such uncertainty," he said.

"We have the problem of not knowing the fate of the Compact of Free Association," Henry said, "which makes it impossible to

know if the 1986 fiscal year budget will be based on Compact level funding or Department of Interior grants."

The members unanimously agreed in a meeting held after the May 22 session to pull out of the Association of Pacific Islands Legislatures due to the manner which voting procedures were changed during the April 15-19 meeting in Guam and due to its allegedly being used as a policy forum.

Three bills were approved during the 14-day session, including the supplemental appropriation, a \$21,000 appropriation for the Community College of Micronesia to purchase cafeteria and recreation equipment and a reapportioning of Pohnpei public projects funds.

Floor Leader John Haglegam of Yap cast the only vote against the increase in members' expense allowances to \$12,500 a year, stating that "this increase has its repercussions" and that "the

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President urges UNTC to prepare to end trusteeship

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama urged the U.N. Trusteeship Council, during the May 13 opening of its 52nd session, to begin preparing for the termination of its 38-year-old trusteeship in Micronesia, according to a May 17 dispatch from New York City.

The council, which is expected to remain in session until June 7, elected United Kingdom Deputy Permanent U.N. Representative Peter Maxey its president and Laurent Rapin of France, vice president.

Ambassador Harvey J. Feldman, alternate U.S. representative for special political affairs, invited the council to send a visiting mission to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in June and Nakayama welcomed a council visit, noting that the FSM people stated a strong desire to terminate the trusteeship by a 79 per cent vote for a Compact of Free Association with the United States in a June 21, 1983, plebiscite.

Nakayama told the council, "I look forward to returning to New York, hopefully before this year is out, to witness the final historic act of termination of the trusteeship, and to represent my people as President of a free and fully self-governing Federated States of Micronesia."

He said, "Today, I am more confident than ever that our governments and our people are ready for termination of the trusteeship and entry into free association with the United States."

"My people have spoken with a strong and clear voice in the plebiscite and will a full understanding and commitment to the future which they desire," the President said.

"We have a fully functioning

constitutional government, and now, with the completion of the Compact negotiations, we have the means within our grasp to ensure sustained economic growth and social progress," he said.

Commenting on the trusteeship, Nakayama said, "We are very appreciative of the continuing dedication and support of this council for the interests, welfare and future of our people."

"The trusteeship was not intended to last forever, and its purposes have been fulfilled," he said.

"It is now time to terminate the trusteeship, for our people to regain full control over their lives and destinies and for our country to take its proper place in the community of nations," Nakayama said.

Marshall Islands Chief Secretary Oscar de Brum also urged the council to prepare for trusteeship termination and Palau Vice President Alfonso R. Oiterong said that termination of the trusteeship for the FSM, Marshalls and Northern Marianas "should not and must not be held up on account of the Republic of Palau" which has not completed Compact negotiations with the U.S. government.

Lt. Gov. Pedro A. Tenorio expressed unequivocal support of the Northern Marianas for the Compacts and trusteeship termination. The Northern Marianas chose U.S. citizenship and commonwealth status which was approved in 1975 and its implementation held up by the Compact negotiations and approval process in the other jurisdictions.

Nakayama, accompanied by External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy and FSM Washington Representative Epel Ilon, arrived May 8 in New York from Washington, D.C., where he testified April 23 in the House Foreign Affairs Committee and met with numerous U.S. Congress members, urging their prompt approval of the Compact.

Final congressional approval is expected by August, according to the dispatch.

In New York, the President has been meeting with many ambassadors to the United Nations, particularly from Pacific, African and Asian countries, urging their support for trusteeship termination.

While the specific process for termination of the trusteeship agreement has not been determined, Nakayama expressed his hope to the council that the process could begin immediately after

U.S. congressional approval of the Compact and that it would not be a lengthy one.

Later, he said, "My meetings with United Nations representatives from around the world have been extremely satisfying and encouraging."

"We have been greeted with open arms and heard many expressions of support for termination of the trusteeship," the President said.

Anthrologist dies

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Dr. John Lyle Fischer, who served as a district anthropologist in Truk and Pohnpei and wrote extensively on their cultures, died May 16 due to a heart attack in New Orleans, Louisiana, according to a May 21 dispatch from the FSM Liaison Office in Honolulu.

Fischer said in the introduction to the book, "The Eastern Carolines," which he coauthored with his reportedly deceased wife, Ann M. Fischer, that he served 1949-53 as district anthropologist a little more than one year in Truk and three years in Pohnpei.

He was working as part of the Coordinated Investigation of Micronesian Anthropologies (CIMA) sponsored by the National Research Council and supported by the U.S. Office of Naval Research in the early years of U.S. administration of the region, following World War II.

He said his first two years were under Navy administration and second two years under the Interior Department.

Fischer, who reportedly returned frequently to Micronesia, also co-edited the English translation of "The Book of Luelen" by Pohnpei historian Leulen Bernart who died near the end of World War II which was published in 1977 at the Australian National University, Canberra.

He wrote numerous professional monographs and articles on Pohnpeian mythology and the language and social structures of Truk and Pohnpei, plus one 1961 article on "The Japanese Schools for the Natives of Truk."

He also was credited with contributing to the development of a standard Pohnpeian orthography of spelling in its written vocabulary.

Fischer was a graduate of Harvard University and former anthropology professor at Tulane University, New Orleans, who was serving as an anthropology professor at the University of New Orleans.

To cut TTPI staff

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary Richard T. Montoya and High Commissioner Janet J. McCoy announced April 3 an agreement to reduce the Trust Territory headquarters staff by Oct. 1 to 62 positions structured to monitor federal programs under the Compact of Free Association.

Under the plan, staff levels will be reduced during the next six months to the following levels for each office: High Commissioner, two; Finance and Administration, 11; Attorney General, eight; Capital Improvement Programs, 10, and Grants Management, 31.

8th leadership Meet delayed

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Eighth State-National Leadership Conference tentatively scheduled for May 28-31 was postponed indefinitely May 22 by Vice President Bailey Olter, due to early adjournment May 27 of the Fourth FSM Congress' first regular session.

The Congress adopted May 18 a resolution to cut short the 30-day session because of the uncertainty of fiscal 1986 funding sources and levels.

The leadership conference was scheduled to coincide with the Congress session at the request of the President and governors during their Seventh Chief Executives' Conference, March 11-15, in Truk.

"Due to the early adjournment of our Congress," Olter said in a May 22 memorandum to all departments, offices and agencies, the leadership "conference has been postponed until further notice."

President Tosiwo Nakayama, who was scheduled to return May 25 for the leadership conference from Washington, D.C., and New York City where he has been attending Compact hearings and the U.N. Trusteeship Council meeting, delayed his return to May 30, according to his office.

Special session bills signed

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - President Tosiwo Nakayama signed into law and Trust Territory High Commissioner Janet McCoy chose not to suspend the five bills enacted by the Third FSM Congress during its fourth special session, Jan. 8-17.

The laws include PL3-84, appropriating \$57,500 from the U.S. grant special fund for Palikir capitol site litigation expenses; PL3-85, authorizing Pohnpei to reapportion state public projects funds; PL3-87, authorizing Yap to

reapportion state public projects funds, and PL3-88, authorizing a \$1 million annual appropriation a Natural Resources Development Matching Grant with a 50 per cent matching state matching formula.

They also include PL3-86 which establishes congressional review and approval of amendments to the National Development Plan which also was approved during the special session.

PL3-88 was the last of the acts to be signed into law on Feb. 27.

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to approve the Compact resolution "in the immediate future."

The Foreign Affairs Committee "made several amendments to the provisions of the joint resolution relating to its implementation, but made no amendments to the text of the Compact, or which are inconsistent with the terms of the Compact," OMSN said.

Ambassador Fred Zeder, President Reagan's special representative to the Micronesian status negotiations, is continuing to consult with Micronesian government representatives in Washington on the proposed resolution amendments "to ensure that congressional requirements are satisfied in a manner consistent with the Compact," it said.

A joint FSM-Marshall Islands release sent May 16 via TELEX by President Nakayama from New York City, where he attended the U.N. Trusteeship Council annual meeting, states, regarding the Foreign Affairs Committee action:

"A number of concerns expressed by members of the committee relating to the manner of implementation of the Compact and assessment of its impact on some of the states as well as the (U.S.) territories were addressed through additions to the resolution.

"Largely because of strong representations by FSM and Marshallese officials as well as by the U.S. administration and with the leadership of Chairman (Dante) Fascell, (Asian and Pacific Affairs) Subcommittee Chairman (Stephen) Solarz and minority member (Robert) Lagomarcino, none of the additions to the resolution would amend the Compact itself.

"The Micronesian governments must now undertake a careful review of each of the additional provisions to determine whether, if ultimately passed, they would have any substantial negative impact on the original understandings embodied in the Compact provisions.

"During hearings before Congress in April, both FSM President Nakayama and Marshalls Chief Secretary (Oscar) de Brum emphasized that amendments to the Compact itself or additions to the resolution having substantive negative impact would necessitate further approval by the Micronesian governments.

"Other additions to the resolution are expected to emerge from considerations by the House Interior Committee whose Subcommittee on Public Lands, chaired by Congressman (John) Seiberling, is ex-

pected to hold a markup session as soon as the week of May 20-24.

"The actions of the Foreign Affairs and Interior committees may serve to satisfy concerns indicated by other committees and avoid the necessity for further committee referrals.

"Once all changes have been clarified, the Micronesian governments will have opportunities to express any concerns they may have during the period prior to final referral to the floor of the House and also later, in connection with the anticipated House-Senate conference prior to final passage of the resolution.

"The Senate Energy Committee favorably reported its Compact approval resolution in March of this year, and final Senate action is expected within the next few weeks.

"Micronesian officials in Washington during the past few weeks have been encouraged by intensive efforts to secure prompt congressional action made by the U.S. administration at very high levels.

"This commitment was evidenced by a strong letter to the leadership of both houses of Congress, dated May 13, 1985, signed jointly by the (U.S.) secretaries of State, Defense and Interior.

"In a series of discussions with individual House members, Micronesian officials found wide support for the free association relationship and for the Compact.

"Despite concerns being debated, it is generally believed that the process of congressional approval will be completed prior to the August recess, and that the question of trusteeship termination will be presented to the United Nations shortly thereafter."

Inspection team set

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Pohnpei Lt. Gov. Johnny David was designated chairman of the Governor's Special Inspection Team which began May 13 at the State Hospital inspecting state government facilities for cleanliness and maintenance, according to a State Information Office release.

The team was to continue with inspection of the Micro Glory field trip ship, the outside of government housing and PICS high school and is instructed to work with government agencies to solve problems encountered in inspections.

The team also is looking into the possibility of establishing an incentive award for exceptional facilities.

Congress increases allowances

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money is better used for public projects in the states (as) it could build two classrooms."

Senator Elias Thomas of Pohnpei supported the increase, reminding the members that their salaries have never been increased from \$15,000 a year, and freshman Senator Nick Bossy of Truk said the \$5,000 would not cover travel expenses to meet with constituents in his state.

In addition to the \$70,000 to cover the 14 members' expense allowance increase, the supplemental appropriations include \$43,500 for travel for the July special session; \$46,600 for Congress property maintenance, housing for its new chief clerk and a new Speaker's residence, and \$3,000 for a new Congress Budget Office position.

The Congress agreed, during closed-door meetings earlier in the session, to revisions in the Official Manual of Administration which do away with office rentals for all members and car allowances for Pohnpei members.

The supplemental appropriations also include a \$19,636 travel allowance increase for the External Affairs Department; \$197,600 for Resources and Development Department training and travel; a \$32,370 increase in Attorney General's Office travel funds; \$6,200 for its Immigration Division to purchase a vehicle for its Kosrae office; \$49,000 for Status Commission travel and contractual services, and \$30,280 to cover FSM Postal Service personnel expenses.

The bill also allows the Public Auditor's Office to reapportion funds to cover former Public Auditor John Dye's repatriation expenses.

KICA board organized

LEIU, Kosrae - The Kosrae Island Cooperative Association which has been dormant for seven years met May 6 to elect board members who May 8 elected Tadasy A. Sigrah board president, according to a State Information Office release.

Kun N. Sigrah was elected vice president; Joel Tilfas, secretary, and Lipan Kephass, treasurer. Other board members are Edison Robert, Judah Sigrah, Himul Tulenkun, Madison Nena and Akiosy Palsis.

The FSM Congress appropriated \$40,000 for the inventory to reactivate the cooperative association.

Other resolutions approved during the session include:

-Approval of the Taiwan fishing agreement.

-Appointment of Gary Takeuchi as Congress legal counsel.

-Thanking U.S. House Asia and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee Chairman Stephen Solarz of New York, ranking Republican Gerald Solomon of New York and Public Lands Subcommittee member William Richardson of New Mexico for their April 12-13 visit to Pohnpei.

-Thanking N. Neiman Craley Jr., special assistant to High Commissioner Janet McCoy, and his wife, Janet, for their long service to the Trust Territory and for visiting Pohnpei and the Congress on May 21.

-Asking the President to conduct a study to determine taro patch destruction cause near Bou Bay, Moen, Truk.

-Thanking the College of Micronesia College of Tropical Agriculture and Sciences, University of Guam College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the U.S. Agriculture Department and the FSM Resources and Development Department for assistance rendered in eradicating the Kosrae citrus fly problem.

-Urging the U.S. Congress to affirm the FSM people's act of self-determination by ratifying the Compact.

-Setting the total funds estimated to be available for fiscal 1985 from the FSM general fund at \$9.7 million and U.S. special grant at \$6,972,825.

-Thanking the Bank of Hawaii; its Pohnpei Branch manager, Don Holland, and the FSM Banking Board for their efforts extending banking service to Kosrae.



AGRICULTURE PROJECT - Pohnpei Education Deputy Director Ewalt Joseph, second from right, is presenting a certificate to one of eight male special education students who participated in a 44-day agriculture project which ended May 24 with the harvesting of 83 heads of chinese cabbage.

Fourth Congress Committees set

ROTONIA, Pohnpei - The Fourth FSM Congress completed organizing its five standing committees, announcing May 22 the final rosters and vice chairmen.

Pedro Harris of Pohnpei was named vice chairman of the Ways and Means, chaired by Peter Christian of Pohnpei, which also includes Jack Fritz, Nick Bossy and Tony Otto of Truk; Vice Speaker Joab Sigrah of Kosrae, and Floor Leader John Haglegam of Yap.

Claude Phillip of Kosrae is vice chairman of the Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee which is chaired by Fritz and includes Speaker Bethwel Henry and Elias Thomas of Pohnpei, Kalisto Refalopei and Raymond Settik of Truk and Haglegam.

Bossy was named vice chairman of the Resources and Development Committee which is chaired by Koichi Sana of Truk and includes Isaac Figir of Yap, Thomas Sigrah, Refalopei and Harris.

Bossy also was elected vice chairman of the Health, Education and Social Affairs Committee, chaired by Otto, which includes Christian, Haglegam, Phillip and Sana.

Refalopei was named vice chairman of the External Affairs Committee which is chaired by Figir and includes Harris, Phillip, Settik, Fritz and Thomas.

Thomas is chairman of the External Affairs Internal Affairs Subcommittee with Fritz and Refalopei as its members and Settik is the External Affairs Subcommittee chairman with Harris and Phillip as its members.

Committee staff members are: Ways and Means—Delson Eames, counsel; Tom Bussanich, budget officer, and Igantius Manglay, assistant budget officer; J&CO—Maketo Robert, counsel; R&D—Loretta Faymonvill, counsel, and Winfried Biddier, economist; HESA—Michael J. Berman, counsel, and External Affairs—Gary Takeuchi, counsel.

12 on honor roll

LEIU, Kosrae - Twelve of the 120 Kosrae High School second quarter honor roll students earned perfect 4.0 grade point averages, according to a Feb. 21 State Information Office release which said they are senior Yoslin George; juniors Conrad Timothy, Johnson Asher and Thompson Siba; sophomores Alik Jackson, Gloria Charley, Ikiak Tolenoa, Moses Thompson and Tholman Alik, and freshmen Aaron Sigrah, John Sigrah and Lipar George.

Moses presents reorganization plan to legislature

ROIÓŃIA, Pohnpei - In an address May 17 to the First Pohnpei State Legislature, Gov. Resio Moses presented an executive reorganization plan to streamline the government and implement the state constitution which went into effect Nov. 8 by eliminating agencies not directly under his control.

The governor presented to the legislature which began May 13 its 45-day second regular session 10 bills to implement the reorganization plan, including one which would abolish the Economic Development Authority and place its functions in a new Resources and Development Department, now called the Conservation and Resource Surveillance Department.

"In my opinion all of these bills fit together into one legislative package that is compatible with and, in many instances, required by our new constitution and the principles of sound government," the governor told the legislators.

"I believe it is timely and important for our state government to stride forward together and to make the necessary legal adjustments so as to permit our new constitution to be fully implemented," Moses said.

Another bill would abolish the Public Lands Authority and place its functions with those of the State Land Commission under a new Land Department.

The reorganization bill would rename Legal Affairs the Justice Department, rename Community Services the Public Works Department and retain the Administration, Education and Health Services departments' names. Executive offices would include Management, Budget and Planning Coordination; Public Affairs, and Outer Islands.

The State Tourism Commission would be abolished and its functions transferred to Resources and Development which also would have divisions of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Historic Preservation, Food Services, Energy, Economic Planning and Business and Economic Development.

The new Land Department would have divisions of Public Lands Management and Administration; Parks and Recreation; Surveys, Mapping and Administrative Services, and Land Registration and Adjudication.

A new Pohnpei State Development Board would be created to advise the governor on all aspects of economic development.



GOVERNOR PRESENTS REORGANIZATION PLAN - Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses, right, seated with Speaker Salter Etse, is presenting his plan to reorganize the state government executive branch in an address May 17 to the First Pohnpei State Legislature in the legislature chamber. The governor said the plan would streamline the government and implement the state constitution which went into effect Nov. 8 by eliminating agencies not directly under his control.

The reorganization bill "seeks to accommodate the constitutional requirement that members of all policy-making boards and chief officers of all departments and agencies fall within the governor's appointment and removal power and are efficiently placed within the executive branch," Moses said, referring to the EDA and Public Land Authority.

Present laws which created the Public Lands Authority, EDA and defunct Pohnpei Island and Sokehs Island Planning Commission which also would be repealed contain obsolete and misleading references to the Trust Territory government, he said.

Moses asked the legislature to place the State Legislative Scholarship Fund in the Education Department; revamp the State Housing Authority law, while providing for a low-income housing program and revise the State Public Auditor and Election laws.

He said that he decided to leave independent the Pohnpei Transportation Authority, because the government should privatize its construction activities; the Election Board to free it from political interference, and Housing Authority "because of its substantial record of achievement.

The governor also asked the legislature to provide \$60,000 for him to contract a bidder to codify the Pohnpei state laws over a

two-year period, to provide supplemental funding for Health Services and public utilities which are using up their fiscal 1985 allocations and to fund Pohnpei participation in the Pacific Arts Festival scheduled for June 29-July 15 in Tahiti.

He said that he submitted a bill to require all government agencies to be assessed actual power consumption costs which he hoped would encourage conservation and he cited the Eighth FSM State-National Leadership Conference scheduled for May 28-31 here, stating, "the executive branch has prepared brief position papers on CIP (capital improvement projects) administration and management, revenue sharing and law enforcement for discussion" and inviting the legislators to join in the discussions.

In other legislative action, a bill was introduced to provide \$2,121 to supplement the Kapingamarangi municipal government operating costs.

Resolutions were introduced to ask South Pacific Islands Airways to study the feasibility of providing service to Pohnpei and to create a joint executive-legislative task force to study the possibility of obtaining Guam property to construct a house for Pohnpei students and medical referrals.

Court sets new admission rules

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - New rules of admission for attorneys and trial counselors to practice in the Pohnpei State Supreme Court to encourage more local people to practice law and to develop an understandable and affordable indigenous legal system were implemented April 1, according to Chief Justice Edwel H. Santos.

In a May 14 letter to Pohnpei State Legislature Speaker Salter Etse, Santos said that other objectives of the new rules were:

"To control the inundation of expatriate lawyers who cannot demonstrate the ability and appreciation of Pohnpeian customs and cultures in the development of a Pohnpeian legal system;

"To develop and maintain a system of justice agreeably to the Pohnpei Constitution, our laws and customs and, more importantly, a system of justice that is affordable by the people of this state, and

"To require that all foreigners engaging in business activities within Pohnpei for valuable consideration are treated equally."

Santos asked the legislature to give its blessing to the court's efforts "in attempting to develop an autochthonous (indigenous) legal system."

The rules define an "attorney" as an accredited law school graduate and a "trial counselor" is a person with four years of representing clients under an attorney's supervision or a court officer who has demonstrated legal ability in interviews and other examinations by the court.

A grandfather clause authorizes attorneys, trial assistants and trial counselors previously admitted to practice in the Trust Territory courts or the FSM Supreme Court to be admitted to practice in the Pohnpei court, if they apply on or before July 1 to the Chief Clerk of Court, Pohnpei Supreme Court, P.O. Box 1449, Kolonia, Pohnpei 96941, showing evidence of their standing in the two courts.

Non-Trust Territory or non-FSM

Math contest held

LEIU, Kosrae - Lilina Albert and Jenison Palsis received the highest scores in the first mathematics competition held of seventh and eighth graders May 8 in the Kosrae High School cafeteria, according to a State Information Office release.

Flanna Tolenoa was second; Havelyn Siba and Hanna Tara, third; Fred S. Sigrah, Ann Noda, Kency Edwin and Lili Shrew, fourth, and Jose Phillip, fifth.

citizens in private practice must produce a Pohnpei Foreign Investment Board permit authorizing them to engage in business in the state.

Noncitizen attorneys and trial counselors have until Jan. 1, 1986, "or as soon thereafter as the court may grant" to comply with the foreign investment permit requirement.

National and state government and Micronesian Legal Services Corp. attorneys and trial counselors are exempt from the foreign investment permit requirement and admission fees of \$25 for attorneys and \$20 for trial counselors, so long as they are in government service.

There are provisions for reciprocal admission of attorneys and trial counselors practicing in other FSM states which admit Pohnpeian practitioners and who pay the admission fee and for appearing in the court on a particular case.

New attorneys must pass the FSM Bar Examination, until a state examination is devised and new trial counselors must demonstrate a legal ability to perform satisfactorily in and out of court as an advocate and both shall subscribe to an oath to uphold the Pohnpei Constitution and customs and abide by rules of professional conduct, and the chief clerk is to maintain a master roll of all persons admitted to practice in the court.

Counseling seminar held

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory in Hawaii held a three-day training seminar in career counseling May 20-22 at the Cliff Rainbow Hotel here for principals and school counselors from the FSM, Marshall Islands and Palau, according to Mary Sue Hartcell, program manager.

Instructors for the first NWREL seminar to be held in the FSM were Larry McClure, NWREL education and work program director; Lou Boyda, Sanchez Senior High School principal, Honolulu, and Clarise Mason of the NWREL office in Honolulu.

Participants were Ernes Smith, Keicho P. James, Yditaro Raken, Soichy Buliche and Pius Casiano of Truk; Marilyn Kabua and Jona Robert of the Marshalls; Lucy Matsutaro and Pasqual Ikerdeu of Palau; Harry Symore and Cainer Tosie of Kosrae, and Marty Rodriguez, Benjamin Alek and Aier Wil-liander of Pohnpei.

Fun Run gets Hot 10K finish

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Peace Corps volunteer Doug Smith won the 10-kilometer race May 25 in the First Annual Pohnpei Fun Run which he helped organize in a blazing 33 minutes and 46 seconds, or an average of 5:39.7 minutes a mile over the 6.2-mile course.

Thomas Raffipiy, a Community College of Micronesia student reportedly from Ulithi, won the five-kilometer men's first place trophy with time of 19:54 minutes or 6:30.2 minutes a mile over the 3.1-mile course.

Peace Corps volunteer Teresa Herring was the first place women in the five-kilometer race with a time of 24:08 minutes, or 7:76.8 minutes a mile.

The Fun Run was organized by Peace Corps volunteers and Pohnpei Sports Council and sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Pohnpei; Ambros, Inc., of Guam, and local businesses.

The two races began simultaneous a 8 a.m. with the 10-kilometer runs starting at the PICS high school track and five-kilometer entrants near Panuelos's gas station.

The 10-K course was three laps around the two-mile oval from PICS track to the Palm Terrace Restaurant, PCR Restaurant, Panuelo's gas station and store Bahai House, Seventh Day Adventist School, WSZD Radio Station and back to PICS track.

The five-K course was a lap and one-half around the same oval, ending at the same PICS track finish line.

Trophies went to the top three men and women in each race with Peace Corps volunteer Mike Mason running second at 37:48 minutes and Lt. Howard Klei, U.S. Army Civic Action Team commander, third at 38:22 seconds among 16 male finishers in the 10-kilometer.

Chris Michelson and Melody Bertocini, the only two female 10-K entries, finished together in 58:16 minutes.

Douglas Harris was second in 20:10 minutes and Richard Pekal-ur, third in 20:28 minutes among 41 men, while Cynthia Hall was second in 27:09 minutes and Suwana Bartolome, third in 28:57 minutes among 22 women finishing the five-kilometer run.

Norway aids Water catchments

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM received \$87,560 through the South Pacific Bureau of Economic Cooperation from the Norwegian Aid for Drinking Water Project to construct water catchments in Pohnpei and Kosrae, according to an April 30 letter to Speaker Bethwel Henry signed by Resources and Development Secretary Bernard Helgenberger.

The total includes \$52,530 to go to the Pohnpei Community Action Agency which is planning to construct 400 1,800-gallon catchments; including 90 in Madolenihmw; 40 in Uh; 58 each in Kitti and Nett; 80 in Sokehs, including Pakein Atoll; 18 in Pingelap; 15 in Mokil; 20 in Ngatik; 14 in Nukuoro, and seven in Kapingamarangi, according to a State Information Office release.

The agreement between the FSM and SPEC calls for the construction by the end of 1985 of "at least 110 tanks of 2,600-gallon capacity for families in rural communities of Pohnpei state."

The selection of families receiving the water catchments will be based on the size of each family, their water needs, income levels and health status, according to the plan submitted by PCAA Director SeNellie Singeo.

The Kosrae Sanitation Office will receive \$35,030 and is planning to provide 157 grants of \$270 each to families which prepare sand, cement and foundations to construct eight-foot by eight-foot 1,000-gallon catchments, according to a State Information Office release.

The budget submitted to SPEC for Kosrae calls for a total of at least 100 1,000-gallon catchments, including 28 in Tafunsak, 18 in Utwe, two in Welong, 24 in Malem and 18 in Lelu outside of the government water system to be constructed by the end of 1985.

The Kosrae project will be incorporated into its Village Water Quality Improvement Program.

The U.N. Development Program is providing assistance through its Rural Sanitation Program to Truk and Yap for constructing water catchments.

Scholarships awarded

LELU, Kosrae - The Kosrae State Scholarship Board awarded scholarships to Grant Ismael to study at Gonzaga University, Washington state, and Saelus Taulung at Guam Community College from a \$20,000 engineering scholarship fund, according to a May 17 State Information Office release.

Home care training begins

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - A five-year Rehabilitation Research and Training Program based in Honolulu which began in March is holding a home care training program May 22-June 4 at the Pohnpei State Hospital for FSM health care personnel, according to its coordinator, Sheila M. Kelly.

The training program will be followed June 5-7 by a Home Care Conference for Micronesia, Guam and American Samoa at the Pohnpei hospital, according to Ms. Kelly, a former Community College of Micronesia health careers coordinator who is the assistant program manager for the Rehabilitation Research and Training Program at the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific in Honolulu.

FSM Health Services Chief Elieuel Pretrick is on the Advisory Committee of the Honolulu-based program which is funded by the U.S. Education Department National Institute of Handicapped Research under a cooperative agreement with the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine for the March 1, 1984-Feb. 28, 1989 period.

The purpose of the home care training, the first to be held in the FSM under the new program, is to train health care personnel in the care of disabled home-bound individuals so they can train other health care personnel "with an ultimate goal of training family members of invalid people in exercise, feeding and moving them around," Ms. Kelly said.

She said that the training program started with a review of basic nursing skills and an emphasis on rehabilitation.

The main instructors are Neime Preston, originally from Kosrae, who is working with the program in Honolulu and Kosrae Public Health Nurse Supervisor Kieko Sigrah.

Following the training program and conference here, Ms. Sigrah will go to Truk and Yap to train four more individuals in each state and Ms. Preston will train additional personnel in Pohnpei and Kosrae.

The trainees here also are getting two days of instruction from Dennis O'Donnell, RRTP physical therapist, who is helping Pohnpei physical therapist Kum Isaac set up a clinic at the state hospital and is seeing patients here through June 7.

Personnel from the FSM and Pohnpei State health services offices also will assist in the instruction, Ms. Kelly said.

Participants in the home care training are Caroline Nowell of

the Truk geriatric program, Kenye Jackson of the Kosrae geriatric program, Ann Falgog of the Yap Public Health Division, Dedagus Gapach of the Yap geriatric program, Elsinha Rospel of the Pohnpei Public Health Division, Deborah Johnson of the Pohnpei geriatric program and Marion Niedo, a CCM Nursing School instructor in Saipan.

Ecumenical move urged

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Elsie Ramon, president of the United Church of Christ Pohnpei Women's Fellowship, said that women from all denominations should work together, while attending the April 17-27 Pacific Council of Churches conference in Suva, according to the May 4 Fiji Times.

The Rev. Rufes David, Pohnpei United Church of Christ general secretary, and Halverson Johnny, United Church of Christ Pohnpei Youth Movement Organization vice president also were among the 50 delegates from national church conferences who attended the conference.

The main theme of the conference was to strengthen the national church councils.

The conference covered issues such as nuclear free Pacific, abortion, racism and how women and youth can participate meaningfully in the activities of the church.

The delegates were told that churches have been dividing the people and the time has come to work together, according to Mrs. Ramon who said, "We feel that if all churches believe in one God and Jesus Christ as the son of the Lord then we all should combine our efforts and work together."

"The major issue we want to work on is the ecumenical movement, women from different churches meeting and discussing issues of concern," Mrs. Ramon told the Fiji Times.

She said that when she returned to Pohnpei she would work on bringing Protestant and Catholic women together to observe the World Day of Prayer.

All of the delegates opposed nuclear waste dumping in the Pacific, according to the Fiji Times article and Mrs. Ramon said, "We are all concerned about dumping of nuclear wastes in the Marshall Islands."

"With currents and waves the radioactivity can move to the various islands of the Pacific," she said.

Uh becomes 'U,' Sokehs to complete draft constitution

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Uh became "U" when its municipal constitution was implemented May 24 with the swearing in of Chief Magistrate Damian Primo as its first "chief minister."

Hundreds of U residents joined state and municipal officials in witnessing the swearing in ceremony conducted by Pohnpei Chief Justice Edwel Santos and participating in the festivities that followed, including a sakau ritual and traditional dancing near the municipal naqs and office.

U became the fourth municipal government to implement a constitution as mandated by the Pohnpei State Constitution which went into effect Nov. 8, following KOLONIA Town, Kitti and Madolenihmw.

The Sokehs draft constitution was expected to be completed by the end of May, according to its convention president, Hilary Conrad who said that a public review of the draft was completed early in the month.

The Nett Municipal Constitution Convention is nearing completion, according to convention President

Quirino Mendiola who said that a public education program will precede the referendum which he expects to be held late in the summer months.

Pingelap, the first outer island municipality to convene a constitutional convention on April 8, is expected to complete its draft by the first week in June, according to its Style and Transition chairman, Henry Biza who said a signing ceremony is scheduled to be held there June 18 or 19.

The Ngatik convention which began there April 24 is expected to complete its draft constitution by the first week in July, according to convention President Wendolin Sue who said a referendum is scheduled for Aug. 27.

The Nukuoro constitutional convention is scheduled to begin there July 1, according to Pre-Convention Committee Chairman Heiger Charley who said that 20 delegates have been appointed and elected to 15-day convention set by municipal ordinance.

The Mokil constitutional convention will be held after Oct. 1

due to the lack of funds to hold the delegate elections and convention, according to Chief Magistrate Sahn Johnson who said that he requested the funds from the Pohnpei State Legislature and FSM Congress.

Kapingamarangi requested funds from the FSM Congress and will schedule delegate elections and a constitution convention when the money is available, according to Chief Magistrate Billimon George.

Air schedule changes

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Continental-Air Micronesia will increase the number of east and west-bound flights between Honolulu and Guam with stops in Pohnpei, Truk, Kwajelain and Majuro to four a week effective June 3, according to a schedule released here by Village Travel.

In addition, the late Sunday low-fare turnaround flight from Guam to Pohnpei and back will be retained with the Saipan stop eliminated which will move the Truk arrival times to 7:32 and 10:50 p.m. and the Pohnpei arrival to 10:11 p.m.

Service from Guam to Yap and Koror and back will continue on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

East-bound flights from Guam to Honolulu which currently are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will be moved to Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

West-bound flights from Honolulu to Guam, currently Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, will be moved to Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Wind socks donated

LELU, Kosrae - Two wind socks for the Kosrae International Airport were presented by the Mobil Oil Micronesia bulk plant manager here to Gov. Yosiwo George, according to a Feb. 15 State Information Office release which did not name the plant manager.



FIRST 'CHIEF MINISTER' OF 'U' SWORN IN - Pohnpei State Chief Justice Edwel Santos, left, is swearing in Chief Magistrate Damian Primo as the first "chief minister" to implement May 24 the municipal constitution which changes the spelling of "Uh" to "U" Municipality. Looking on are Kindaro Donre, second from left, and Simako Moses, right, during the ceremony in the U municipal naqs.

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