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KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The U.S. House Public Lands Subcommittee reported June 5 to the full Interior Committee the resolution to adopt the Compact of Free Association for the FSM and Marshall Islands, according to a June 7 dispatch from FSM Washington Representative Epel Ilon.

"In opening the subcommittee's markup session, Chairman (John) Seiberling (of Ohio), noting the importance of speedy action on the Compact, expressed hope for approval of the Compact resolution by the full U.S. House of Representatives before its July recess, and final congressional action before Oct. 1," Ilon said, adding, "Several other members of the subcommittee echoed Chairman Seiberling's remarks.

"While not date has been set for consideration of the Compact resolution by the full House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, this consideration is expected to occur within the next few weeks," he said.

The subcommittee adopted several amendments to Joint Resolution 187 which will have to be reconciled with amendments made by the House Foreign Affairs Committee which reported May 15 its version of the Compact resolution.

"The amendments covered a wide range of subjects, including dev-

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FSM-wide population count postponed

Census set for Pohnpei

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - A comprehensive Pohnpei census is scheduled to begin during the third week in August, while the remainder of the first FSM Census planned for August or September is postponed to 1986, depending on the availability of funds, according to state and national government officials.

Gov. Resio Moses signed into law April 12 a \$55,000 appropriation by the Pohnpei State Legislature for the census to be conducted in all municipalities including the outer islands.

"The Pohnpei state census program is a must by Constitution to disburse revenues on a population basis, thereby requiring an accurate census," State Planning, Programming, Budget and Statistics Administrator Ihlen Joseph said.

The census results are scheduled to be reported by Oct. 15 to the Pohnpei State Legislature to determine the distribution of 30 per cent of the state tax revenues to the municipalities.

U.N. Associate Expert Statistician Tom Leeman of the FSM Statistics Division, who will assist in the Pohnpei census, said that it will serve as a pilot census for the Yap, Truk and Kosrae surveys.

Joseph said that 22 people were hired to map and list all households in the state and to determine what field work is needed prior to the actual counting in August.

He said that 86 enumerators, coordinators and census supervisors will be hired and trained for the program and that 58 enumeration districts are designated on maps signed May 31 by the governor.



GOVERNOR INITIALS Pohnpei CENSUS MAPS - Gov. Resio Moses, fourth from left, is initialling May 31 the maps that designate 58 enumeration districts for the comprehensive census scheduled to begin in Pohnpei in August. From left are Belly Lucios, State Land Management Office; State Statistician Rainer Warren; U.N. Associate Expert Statistician Tom Leeman of the FSM Statistics Division; Moses; Tonato Suldan, Land Management Office, and State Planning, Programming, Budget and Statistics Administrator Ihlen Joseph whose face is not visible.

FSM representative denounces Compact critics in UNTC

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM Washington Representative Epel Ilon denounced critics of the Compact of Free Association and cited progress during the past year in his May 25 closing statement for the Federated States in the U.N. Trusteeship Council, New York City.

President Tosiwo Nakayama made the opening statement May 13 for the FSM, urging the council to begin preparing for the termination of the U.N. trusteeship in Micronesia.

Ilon denounced as "self-appointed guardians of the Micronesian islands" petitioners representing organizations such as Pacific Region of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples; Minority Rights Group, Inc.; International League of Human Rights, and National Council of Churches who appeared before the council to denounce the Compact and U.S. administration of Micronesia, while calling for independence for the governments here.

He said that "we were appalled by many of the remarks made by petitioners.

"We were called minorities, suffering from discrimination (and) we were compared to Bantustans and slaves.

"We, in fact, are not minorities, but proud peoples with effective control even today over our own lives and islands.

"We were told that in the opinion of the petitioners free association as originated by us and

embodied in the Compact of Free Association and ratified by the clear, strong and free choice of our people does not meet United Nations requirements in order to terminate the trusteeship.

"We have been told that we are not ready for free association and termination of the trusteeship because our economy and health and education status have not been sufficiently developed, again in the opinion of the petitioners.

"We have been told that the Compact negotiation process has divided the Micronesian people into antagonistic factions, while I sit in this room next to my close friends and neighbors from Palau, the Marshall Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands, and we look at each other in bewilderment.

"Who are these self-appointed guardians of the Micronesian islands?

"They are not Micronesians, they have not been elected or appointed by the Micronesian people as our representatives," Ilon said.

He said, "It is obvious that they have little real familiarity with our islands and people.

"As we have said before, those who truly desire to assist the Micronesian people in their efforts to achieve a better life and international status must begin by standing with us in support of what we have worked so

hard to achieve during the past 20 years," Ilon said.

"Sometimes we feel that the council gives a disproportionate amount of time, attention and credence to petitioners, time which should be spent listening to the Micronesians, who better than anyone else can tell you what is best for ourselves," he said.

Ilon cited the history of status negotiations with the United States from the mid-1960s when the Joint Committee on Future Political Status began reviewing the options and 1969 informed the U.S. government that it wished to pursue free association, based on principles of sovereignty and freedom of choice, including that "free association be in the form of a revocable Compact, terminable unilaterally by either party."

He said that the Compact would provide Micronesians with the financial resources to overcome their health and economic disparities and that they would be free to chose full political independence in the future.

He asked the council to urge the U.S. Congress "to expeditiously complete its ratification process, so that we can initiate the last step in the process necessary to give full recognition to our act of self-determination."

Ilon cited the approval of the National Development Plan by the FSM Congress, increased interest shown by private investors and the contributions of other countries, particularly Japan, to FSM agriculture and fisheries development programs.

He also noted that the Kosrae and Pohnpei state constitutions were implemented last year, Truk is scheduled to hold a constitutional referendum early next year and the Kosrae State Court was the last of the four state court to begin operating early this year.

Ilon asked the council to reflect in its report on "Conditions in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands" this progress and the fact that "substantial improvements have been made in our capabilities to collect, compile and analyze statistical data, which is an essential foundation for sound economic planning and management decision-making."

Japan increases training assistance offer

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Japanese government has increased its education and technical training assistance offer to the FSM and Australia is making scholarships available at five Papua New Guinea institutions through its Country Training Award Scheme, according to External Affairs officials.

Applications were due June 12 for FSM high school graduates to obtain Japanese professional training scholarships for the fall term, according to a May 9 letter from the Consulate General of Japan in Guam to International Affairs Chief Masao Nakayama.

Applications are due at the Consulate General in Guam, according to a May 14 letter, two months in advance of starting dates for technical training in:

1) General statistics, Oct. 19, 1985-March 28, 1986, No. 20,

Code (A0060), and 2) Hull and engine maintenance for small fishing boats, Jan. 20-June 17, 1986, No. 112, Code (A0293).

Applications are due by Aug. 9 at the External Affairs Department for Australian scholarships

to attend the University of PNG, the University of Technology, Goroka Teachers College, the Administrative College of PNG and Ser-

ik Agricultural College, all in Papua New Guinea, according to a June 4 memorandum from External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy.

Further information about the Japanese and Australian scholarship programs may be obtained from the FSM External Affairs Department, Personnel Office Training Division and Education Division Student Services Office in Kolonia.

President tosses Sox game ball

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama threw out the first ball at a May 17 White Sox baseball game and was the guest of honor at a May 18 cruise ship reception on Lake Michigan, according to Attorney General David Nevitt who accompanied him to Chicago.

The President went to Chicago, May 17-19, from New York City where he addressed the May 13 opening of the 52nd U.N. Trusteeship Council meeting at the invitation of Donald Hannah, president of Hannah Marine Corp. who visited Pohnpei and Truk in April as part of a U.S.-sponsored trade mission to China.

The President and his party, which also included External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy, with Marshall Islands Chief Secretary Oscar deBrum sat in the White Sox owners box at Cominsky Park where Nakayama tossed out the ball for the game with the Texas Rangers which the Sox won 4-2, Nevitt said.

The President and Takesy visited the White Sox locker room before the game, he said.

The trip was arranged to introduce the President to U.S. Midwest business and political leaders during meetings in the morning and the three-hour evening dinner cruise on the "Star of Chicago" on Lake Michigan which was billed as "A Chicago Tribute to Micronesia and the Marshall Islands," Nevitt said.

Hannah has a tugboat and barge operation between Hawaii, Johnston Island, Wake Island, Midway Island and Kwajalein Atoll.

The President returned May 19 to Washington, D.C., where he continued lobbying for U.S. Congress approval of the Compact of Free Association. He arrived May 24 in Honolulu and May 30 in Pohnpei.

The President was welcomed by a brief airport reception hosted by the national government and Continental Airlines upon his arrival in Pohnpei.

The President left Pohnpei on April 19 for his longest stay away from the FSM since taking office in 1979.

He testified April 23 in the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington, urging quick Compact approval and attended a number of meetings with Congress members while in Washington, and he urged the U.N. Trusteeship Council in New York to begin preparing for the termination of its 38-year-old trusteeship in Micronesia.



PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON, NEW YORK - FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, foreground, is arriving May 30 at the Pohnpei International Airport from Washington, D.C., after six weeks of testifying and lobbying for the Compact of Free Association in Washington and appearing before the U.N. Trusteeship Council in New York. Following him off the Continental-Air Micronesia jet is External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy. A brief reception was held at the airport for the President by the national government and Continental Airlines.

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elopment planning, tax and trade incentives, immigration benefits for naturalized citizens, contract preferences, law enforcement, fisheries, nuclear dumping, prohibitions, foreign affairs consultation and the impact of the Compact on Hawaii and the U.S. territories," Ilon said.

"The amendments also dealt with a number of transition issues, calling for funding for war claims, College of Micronesia operations, prior service benefits program, past indefinite land use claims and new national capitol facilities; continuation of the Farmers Home Administration, Legal Services and public health service programs, and other matters.

"The Micronesian governments must now undertake a careful review of each of these amendments, along with amendments adopted last month by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, to determine whether the amendments, if ultimately adopted by the U.S. Congress, would have any substantive negative impact on the original understandings embodied in the Compact provisions.

"During hearings before the Congress in April, President Tosiwo Nakayama indicated that the (FSM) was willing to consider concerns expressed by members of the U.S. Congress, but would not be favorably disposed to amend-

ments which materially diminish the benefits agreed to in the Compact, or materially alter or detract from the rights and obligations of the parties.

"Once all of the amendments have been evaluated, the Micronesian governments will have several opportunities to express any concerns they may have during the remaining steps in the U.S. congressional approval process, including the anticipated House-Senate conference prior to final passage of the resolution.

"All amendments impacting the (FSM) and the Marshall Islands, if adopted by the full U.S. Congress, will be subject to approval by the (free associated state) governments.

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

"Despite the concerns being debated, it is generally believed that the process of congressional approval will be completed prior to Oct. 1, and that the question of trusteeship termination will be presented to the United Nations shortly thereafter," Ilon said.

Development symposium near

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Micronesia Institute, a Washington, D. C., based non-profit organization, will hold its first annual Symposium on Interinternational Resources for Private Development, June 20-21 in Pohnpei and June 24-25 in Truk, according to institute Chairman Patricia Luce Chapman.

The symposium is being cosponsored by the Pohnpei Chamber of Commerce and College of Micronesia in Kolonia and the Truk Fair Institute and COM in Moen, according to May 29 dispatch from Mrs. Chapman which said that it is made possible by grants from CEM-AC, Ltd., and Gold Bar, Ltd., of Canada; the New Zealand and Republic of China (Taiwan) governments; Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc., and COMSAT.

"Our aim is to bring to the Micronesian peoples specialists from around the world who are skilled in particular areas of needed expertise and to bring this expertise to as broad a base of citizens as possible," Mrs. Chapman said.

She said that future symposia may be held in Palau, the Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, the Northern Marianas and Guam.

Coming as volunteers, the first panel will include Dr. Martin Abrahamson of the Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance who will discuss "Training for Cooperative Development;" George Washington University, Washington, D.

C., business professor Marilyn Liebrez who will discuss "Time Management for Government and Business Officials" and "The Role of Marketing in Development," and a Taiwan expert to be named on Asian and Pacific resources.

Other speakers will include John Michael Barrett, senior associate of the Pacific Forum, on "Project Organization and Management;" Allan Hayes Williams of the Washington World Trade Institute on "Private Volunteer Organizations," and Mrs. Chapman on "Do's and Don'ts in Applying for Private Grants."

Mrs. Chapman said that residents of other islands are invited to attend the symposium in Pohnpei and Truk.

Further information about the symposium may be obtained by telephoning the Pohnpei Chamber at 735 or 736 or COM Executive Director Singeru Singeo, 462, in Pohnpei and Truk Fair Institute Executive Director Linda Mori or the office of Gov. Erhart Aten, 234, in Truk.

CORRECTIONS

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Pohnpei Education Administrative Officer Ewalt Joseph was incorrectly identified in the May 30 NATIONAL UNION as Education deputy director, a position which he was nominated to with the nomination pending in the State Legislature.

The name of Pohnpei State Prosecutor Tom Tarpley was misspelled in the May 15 NATIONAL UNION.

Palikir bidding To be reopened

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Office of Planning and Statistics rejected unopened all bids for construction of the national capitol at Palikir and announced that it would reopen bidding at a date to be announced in 30 days, during the May 31 bid opening session in the FSM Congress chamber, according to Planning Officer John Sohl.

The FSM government first announced that it would return all bids unsealed and postpone the opening to a date 60-90 days from May 30 and limit the bidding to those bidders who have already been prequalified, but due to the objections raised by bidders present, all bids were rejected outright, Sohl said.

Sixteen people representing nine New Zealand, Australian, U.S., Japanese and Guam construction firms were present for the bid opening ceremony.

In a written announcement to the bidders, Vice President Bailey Olter said that "the award of this contract is subject to the availability of funding from the

United States Congress and appropriation of those funds by the FSM Congress.

"Our best estimate is that funding to enable the national government to enter into a contract will not be made available by the United States and appropriated by the FSM Congress within the time frame set forth in the contract documents," the Vice President said.

Secondly, he said that the national government was informed by the Trust Territory government that the short period between Public Bidding Emergency Regulations promulgated by President Tosiwo Nakayama to give preference to citizen bidders as required by FSM law and the bid opening date "may be a violation of the grant condition requiring open and free competition."

"In addition, several individuals, both from the public and private sectors, have expressed the concern that the Public Bidding Emergency Regulations and Addendum 3 (to the project manual and drawings) were not disseminated or received in time to allow bidders and citizens to take maximum advantage of the preference set forth in the regulations," Olter said.

"It is anticipated that a new 'Notice to Bidders' will be issued in about 30 days," he said.



HOME CARE CONFERENCE BEGINS - Sheila M. Kelly, center, assistant program manager for the Rehabilitation Research and Training Program at the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific, Honolulu, is opening the first regional home care conference June 5 in the Pohnpei State Hospital Conference Room. From left are Elsihna Rospel, Pohnpei; Caroline Nowell, Truk; Deborah Johnson, Pohnpei; Rosalie Ucherbel-lau, Palau; Lourdes Ranganar, Saipan; Marion Niedo, Community College of Micronesia Nursing School, Saipan; Kieko Sigrah, Kosrae; Kelly; Dennis O'Donnell, RRTP; Kenye Jackson, Kosrae; Neime T. Preston, RRTP; Sister Mary Ursula Fritz, Guam; Ann Falgog, Yap, and Ruth Harris, Marshall Islands.

Kosrae rotates Pohnpei liaisons



ABRAHAM

OLTER

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Kosrae WIFL Broadcast Station Manager Kun Olter arrived here June 5 to replace Ilai Abraham as the state liaison officer to the Pohnpei state and FSM national governments on a six-month rotation.

Abraham was the first liaison officer assigned to Pohnpei by Gov. Yosiwo George, as he opened the office on Dec. 10. He is scheduled to return June 14 to Kosrae to resume his position as the governor's legislative liaison officer.

Abraham was appointed legislative liaison officer when George took office in January, 1983, after serving four years as a state senator.

Before being elected in 1979 to represent Ielu in the Kosrae State Legislature, Abraham worked for three years as a reporter and translator at WIFL Radio.

Abraham, 35, is a native of Ielu municipality who is married to the former Merpina Isacc of Ielu and they have one child.

Olter started his government broadcast career in 1970 with WSZD Radio in Pohnpei. He became a translator for the Ponape District administrator's office in 1976 and transferred to Kosrae in 1977 to become the WIFL program director.

Alik Kilafwakun is the acting WIFL station manager in his absence.

Olter, 37, is a native of Malem who is married to the former Maryda Andrew of Malem and they have four children.

Math winners named

IELU, Kosrae - Lilina Albert and Jensen 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 and Havelyn Siba were second; Hanna Tara, third; Fred S. Sigrah, Ann Noda, Kency Edwin and Lilly Shrew, fourth, and Jose Phillip, fifth.

Court continues EDLF challenge

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., refused to dismiss the FSM challenge to the proposed distribution of Trust Territory Economic Development Loan Fund shares as directed April 3 by Assistant Interior Secretary Richard T. Montoya, which includes \$345,000 for the Northern Marianas, according to Washington attorney Barry Israel.

The court denied an April 4 Interior Department motion to dismiss the August, 1984, FSM suit to block distribution of EDLF funds to the Northern Marianas during the week of May 27 and ordered a status conference requested by the FSM to determine by discovery how exactly much of the fund the commonwealth has already received.

Committee created

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The First Pohnpei State Legislature adopted May 29 a resolution to create a new Federal and Foreign Relations Committee and elected State Senators Yusiwo Phillip of Kolonia its chairman and Dachuo Johnson of Madolenihmw, vice chairman.

The legislature also appropriated \$45,000 for the airline fare to send 35 Pohnpei participants to the Fourth Pacific Arts Festival to be held June 29-July 15 in Tahiti.

The resolution creating the Federal and Foreign Affairs Committee limits its membership to 11, increases membership on the five other standing committees to 11 and authorizes all senators to serve on three, instead of two standing committees.

The five other standing committees are Finance, Judiciary and Governmental Relations, Resources and Development, Education and Cultural Affairs and Health and Social Services.

The new committee will consider with legislation dealing with intergovernmental affairs with the national and state governments and other entities, and its members are to represent the legislature in intergovernmental organizations and meetings.

In other action, the Health and Social Services Committee completed hearings on the nominations by Gov. Resio Moses of Itor Harris to be State Health Services director and Dr. Aminis David to be deputy director and is expected to report its findings and recommendations, according to Speaker Salter Etse.

The status conference is expected to be held during the third week in June, according to Israel.

In a May 15 motion on behalf of FSM Development Bank President Manny Mori, Israel said that CNMI had received between \$839,000 and \$875,000 by 1976 which is more than its 11.6 per cent, or \$588,937.22 share of the \$5,077,046 available in the fund as of Sept. 30, 1976, the date cited by Montoya as the basis for the distribution.

The additional \$345,000 would increase the CNMI share to at least \$1,184,000, not including a payout to the commonwealth in August, 1984, Israel argued.

Montoya's order would further dilute the shares going to the FSM, Marshall Islands and Palau by giving the Northern Marianas interest earned on the \$345,000 since Jan. 1, 1977, minus the cost to the Trust Territory government of managing the fund.

The FSM Development Bank share was set in September, 1982, at 56.5 per cent, or \$3.2 million, based on population, including \$600,000 in delinquent EDLF loans, and it had received and disbursed more than \$1.4 million from the fund, Mori said in February.

Montoya ordered the distribution of 56.5 per cent of the funds remaining after the CNMI share to the FSM based on the 1982 formula. The Marshall Islands would get 25 per cent and Palau 18.5 per cent.

The FSM Development Bank motion said that the status conference discoveries should also include the intent of a provision of the CNMI covenant to establish a separate and independent Northern Marianas EDLF and the intent of a memorandum of understanding between the Trust Territory government and CNMI which appears to support the view that the commonwealth would not share uncommitted EDLF funds.

"Plaintiffs agree that once discovery is complete this case could be resolved through the use of cross-motions for summary judgment," the motion said.

The motion was the "Plaintiffs' Response to Defendants' Notice to the Court" to dismiss the FSMDB suit entitled, "Manny Mori, et al., plaintiffs, v. Donald P. Hodel, Secretary of the Interior, et al., defendants."

Engichy conviction upheld

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Trust Territory High Court let stand the murder conviction of former Truk State Senator Kasimiro Engichy, 38, and Kirino Otokichy, 30, both of Wonei, by denying May 15 a petition for a writ of certiorari to review the FSM Supreme Court decision, according to FSM Chief Litigator Carl Ullman.

The High Court issued the ruling without comment on the case.

Engichy and Otokichy were arrested Nov. 1 in Moen to begin 15-year prison sentences, after the FSM Supreme Court Appellate Division affirmed Oct. 30 their April, 1983, murder convictions by FSM Associate Justice Richard Benson in the Oct. 3, 1981, gang beating death of Jennings Rochon, 14, of Dublon.

Engichy and Otokichy were among eight males from Wonei charged with murder and assault in the attack on a group of Dublon youths, killing Rochon and seriously injuring Johnson Ruben, 16, and Mickensy Ruben, 19.

Two defendants, Apepe Engichy and Keresen Otokichy, pleaded guilty to assault with dangerous weapons and were sentenced to 18

months and 10 months respectively in jail; two other defendants were tried separately as juveniles, and two were acquitted after the trial.

The beatings took place at the Truk Trading Co. parking lot where younger members of the Wonei clan earlier had been engaged in a rock fight with six Dublon boys.

The state senator, who was working at a nearby dock, responding to reports of the rock fight, drove his clan members armed with reenforcement bars, saws, hammers, crowbars and other weapons to the scene and directed their assault on the three Dublon boys who did not escape, driving the assailants from one place to another as they chased the boys down and beat them, according to the trial court's findings.

He did not strike the victims, but was convicted of murder and assault charges for aiding and abetting by directing the attacks.

Kirino Otokichy was found guilty of aiding and abetting the murder by actively participating in beating victims.

MLSC seeks director applicants

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Micronesian Legal Services Corp. is accepting applications up to July 20 to replace Thomas C. Mattson, who announced his resignation, as executive director, according to MLSC Pohnpei Office Directing Attorney Ronald G. Kirschenheiter.

Kirschenheiter also announced the appointment of Mattson's sister, Mary Elieisar, as staff attorney in the Pohnpei office, effective May 8, replacing Jack Petry whose contract ended April 10.

Mattson worked with MLSC in Majuro and Saipan since 1975 and became executive director in 1981.

Applications for his replacement, who will be headquartered in Saipan and will have responsibility for MLSC offices in the Northern Marianas, Palau, Marshall Islands and each of the four FSM states, may be submitted with a resume, references and legal writing sample to Jesus C. Borja, Secretary-Treasurer, MLSC Board of Directors, P.O. Box 269, Saipan, CM 96950.



ELIEISAR

The nine-member board will consider the applications during its September meeting in Kosrae.

Mrs. Elieisar, who is married to Kandhi Elieisar of Truk, is a native of Biwabik, Minnesota, who attended the University of Minnesota; received a BA in international relations from American University, Washington, D.C.; completed post-graduate studies in African affairs at Howard University, Washington, and was graduated from the Golden Gate University Law School in San Francisco.

She came to Pohnpei from Riverside, California, where she worked for one year as a legal services attorney, after working for the Organization for the Legal Advancement of Raza, a low-cost law office in Bakersfield, California, and starting her legal career in private practice in Oakland and Berkeley, California.

On honor roll

LEIU, Kosrae - Jenifer J. Nena, daughter of former Kosrae Gov. Jacob Nena, made the honor roll during the first two quarters of the current school year at McKinley High School, Honolulu, according to Lelu Elementary School Principal John Edwin, the State Information Office reported.

Booth beating

Death probed

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Gorman W. Booth, 70, who served as the first Pohnpei State Public Lands Authority commissioner and was working as a consultant to the State Land and Survey Office, died June 2 in the State Hospital apparently due to injuries received in a beating June 1, according to State Legal Services Department officials.

Pohnpei State Police were investigating the beating, officials said.

The body was buried June 5 at his home in Palikir, Sokehs Municipality.

Mr. Booth was registered as a professional land surveyor in California, the Trust Territory and the FSM. Before coming to Pohnpei, he ran his own surveying and mapping office in the San Francisco Bay area.

He came to Pohnpei in 1975 to serve as field supervisor for Asia Mapping Corp. Pohnpei Island Aerial Photography Project until 1979. During this period he developed Pohnpei's topographic maps, ortho photo maps and property manuscript sheets.

Mr. Booth served as the first Public Lands Authority commissioner, 1979-81, when he assisted in drafting the state law which provides for distribution of public trust land, developed the required forms, established work procedures and initiated the quit claim deed of former the Navy lease lands.

He served 1981-84 in the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics as a land surveyor for engineering and planning mapping.

He is credited with training a number of Pohnpeians in surveying and mapping.

Mr. Booth was working in the Land and Survey Office on developing general surveying and mapping standards and procedures at the time of his death.

His nomination by Gov. Resio Moses to the Pohnpei Land Surveyors' Board of Examiners also was pending in the State Legislature at the time of his death.

Mr. Booth is survived by his widow, Rohsa; six children residing in Sokehs, and three children by a previous marriage in the U. S. mainland.



BOOTH

Helgenberger Heads MMA board

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Micronesian Maritime Authority elected national Resources and Development Secretary Bernard Helgenberger its board chairman and FSM Senator Elias Thomas of Pohnpei, vice chairman, during a meeting here May 21 in the Congress Chamber, according to MMA Executive Director Mike McCoy.

Helgenberger replaces former FSM Senator Sasao Gouland of Truk who resigned from the MMA board of directors, after being defeated in the March 5 congressional elections by Nick Bossy, who was welcomed as the new MMA board member.

The authority also includes Congress Floor Leader John Haglengam of Yap, Vice Speaker Joab Sigrah of Kosrae and External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich who was represented at the meeting by Micronesian Affairs Chief Johnny Hadley.

The board also reviewed its fiscal 1986 budget request and the status of fishing agreements with associations or firms in Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and two longline tuna fishing boats owned by the Solomon Islands National Fisheries Development Corp., plus the need to encourage more U.S. owned and operated purse seine vessels to apply for permits to fish in FSM waters, according to McCoy who said that five U.S. operated purse-seiners have or are committed to purchasing FSM permits.

The agreement with the Taiwan Fisherman's Association in Taipei, which was negotiated here Feb. 4-5, and approved by the Fourth FSM Congress during its first regular session which ended May 26 is for six purse-seiners and up to 15 longliners to fish in FSM's 200-mile extended fishery zone through Dec. 31 with extension and fee review clauses and a fee of 5 per cent of the estimated average catch value, he said.

The agreement is in part the result of the arrest in the FSM arresting three Taiwanese longliners fishing here illegally and the courts confiscating two of the boats, McCoy said.

Video training near

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM Information Office will host a two-week training workshop, June 17-28, in video production and equipment maintenance funded by the Hoso-Bunka Foundation, Inc., of Japan through the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union Tokyo office.

FSM permits available to U.S. boats

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Permits to fish in FSM waters are available to U.S. owned or operated purse seine vessels previously licensed under an arrangement with the American Tunaboat Association which expired Dec. 31, according to Micronesian Maritime Authority Executive Director Mike McCoy.

While negotiations are underway between the U.S. State Department and the Forum Fisheries Agency for a regional tuna treaty, the FSM which is an FFA member is making available the resources in its 200-mile extended fishery zone for the remainder of the year, when purse seine fishing activity is at its greatest, McCoy said.

He said that the FSM "has been cooperating with the U.S. fleet during this interim period, and has allowed several vessels access to ports for the purpose of repairs and re-supply, even when the vessels were not licensed by the Authority (MMA).

"Several vessel operators have expressed a desire to obtain permits," McCoy said.

"It is expected that more vessels will apply for permits as the fishery moves northward during the summer months as has been the case in recent years," he said.

"Such permits are issued pursuant to a standard 'foreign fishing agreement' mandated by FSM law which contains terms and con-

ditions under which the vessels can operate," McCoy said, noting that such terms and conditions are becoming more standardized among FFA members.

During 1983 and 1984, MMA licensed up to 60 U.S. owned or operated purse seine vessels in cooperation with Palau and Kiribati and approximately 40 vessels remain active this year in the region "as evidenced by their continued licensing in Papua New Guinea, whose fishery borders that of the FSM," he said.

"Beginning in mid-April, notices were sent to all major tuna packing companies, as well as to as many vessel owners or operators as was possible," McCoy said, adding that several vessels were contacted directly by TELEX.

"The FSM sees these licensing arrangements as essentially a short-term necessity, and has been participating in negotiations between the U.S. State Department and other Forum member states concerning a regional tuna treaty," he said.

"A further round of these negotiations is to be held in Wellington, New Zealand, during the third week of June," he said.

MMA also licenses Japanese, Korean and Taiwanese purse seine vessels and arrangements are in place to allow access to FSM resources to longline and pole-and-line vessels from those and other countries, McCoy said.

1st Pohnpei woman named to PATS board

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Bank of Hawaii Pohnpei Branch Assistant Manager Erika Peterson became the first Pohnpei woman to join the Pohnpei Agriculture and Trade School Board of Trustees, during its 15th annual meeting May 18 in Kolonia, according to the Rev. James Stehr, S.J., PATS director.

Mrs. Peterson, a former member of the PATS finance staff, was appointed to the board Finance Committee.

During the meeting, Father Stehr cited the PATS enrollment growth from 160 students in 1983 to 183 in 1984 and reported on the success of the two-year post-graduate programs in architecture

design and machine technology and the addition of furniture production and agri-business post-graduate programs.

Board President Andon Amaraich, FSM External Affairs Secretary,

discussed the decline in FSM national government and Pohnpei state government financial assistance to PATS, due to increased demands for available funds, and urged the other FSM states, the Marshall Islands and Palau which are served by the Jesuit vocational high school to provide financial assistance.

Others present at the meeting Alfred Capelle of the Marshalls; the Rev. Hugh Costigan, S.J., PATS founder; the Rev. John Curran, S.J., Superior of Jesuits in Micronesia; Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses; FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry; Hiroshi Ismael of Kos-

rae; Sister Martha Ramarui, MMB, of Palau; Roman Robert of Truk; Dan Purse of Saipan, and Pohnpei Community Services Director Bermin Weilbacher. Roy Sullivan of Guam and Ernie Milne of Saipan were represented by proxies.

FSM could get Olympic funds by forming committee

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM would become eligible for International Olympic Solidarity funds to develop organized sports, if it formed a national Olympic committee and affiliated with international sports federations, according to Pohnpei Sports Council Administrator Jim Tobin.

Tobin represented the FSM Olympics Planning Committee and Pohnpei Sports Council at the May 20-24 Sports Administrators Seminar in Suva, Fiji, which was funded by International Olympic Solidarity which received television rights revenues from the 1984 International Olympics in Los Angeles.

"Some funding is now available through the South Pacific Games," he said, noting that the FSM would automatically receive \$5,000 for administrative costs, if it establishes a National Olympic Committee.

"More of the funds will be available for training athletes, coaches and administrators," Tobin said.

To qualify for the funding, the FSM would 1) have to affiliate five local sports, including three Olympic sports such as volleyball, basketball, track and field and swimming with international federations; 2) establish an FSM National Olympic Committee with constitution approved by the International Olympic Committee; 3) have one organization for each sport, and 4) have an FSM national Olympic flag and emblem.

The FSM is one of the 21 countries on the South Pacific Games Council which were represented at the seminar where Tobin cited the problems in the Federated States of long distances between state centers and lack of athletic facilities, trained coaches and training and discussed plans for the 1986 FSM Olympic Games.

Tobin said that he is drafting a report to President Tosiwo Nakayama and Gov. Resio Moses on the seminar; that he drafted a proposed FSM National Olympic Committee constitution based on a model

constitution provided at the seminar, and that he is drafting letters to international sports federations to inquire about affiliation procedures.

Representing the International Olympic Committee at the seminar were Sir Lance Cross of New Zealand, Oceania (Pacific) Olympic Region president; Kevan Gosper and Phil Coles of Australia, and Dick Palmer of England.

Games begin

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Pohnpei 1985 Liberation Day sports competition started June 10 with men's basketball competition at the PICS high school court, according to Pohnpei Sports Council Administrator Jim Tobin.

Other league competition will start during June in men's baseball, volleyball and slow-pitch softball; women's volleyball and slow-pitch softball; T-ball for boys, 5-8 years old; Little League baseball for boys, 9-12; Junior League baseball for boys, 13-15; Senior League baseball for youths, 16-20; girl's softball, and peishir (stick throwing).

League competition will continue for three months and end with championship playoffs during the week prior to Liberation Day, Sept. 11, Tobin said.

"Each municipality and outer island can register one team for each of the men's and women's leagues," he said, adding, "The boys and girls leagues are open to any teams which wish to participate, (as) they are not municipality oriented."

Water events will be held during Liberation Day week and track and field competition on Sept. 11, according to Tobin who said that winning teams and players will receive trophies, medals and sports equipment.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Tobin at the Pohnpei Sports Council, P.O. Box 72, Kolonia, Pohnpei FSM 96941, or telephoning 715.



(HEAD START PUPILS ENACT LEGEND-Children from the Lukop Head Start Center in Madolenihmw are enacting an ancient legend, a canoe trip ordered by "Saudeleur" to Ant Island to bring a special parrot to Pohnpei on a float in the May 23 Head Start Day parade in Kolonia. The parade was followed by other skits and dancing at the administration ball field.

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