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EDUCATION BOARD WITH SPEAKER - FSM Board of Education members are meeting Jan. 11 with Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry in his office to discuss the draft national education code and the future of the board which is awaiting congressional confirmation of its chairman, Dr. Catalino Cantero of Pohnpei and Manny Sound of Truk. From left are John Rulmal of Yap, Sound, Cantero and the Speaker.

FSM board okays education code

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM Education Board reviewed and approved during its Jan. 10-11 meeting here a draft national education code to be transmitted to the President to submit to the Congress, according to its chairman, Dr. Catalino Cantero.

The board also recommended locating the proposed FSM Maritime Academy in Truk and making it part of the Community College of Micronesia program; establishing a Resource Center at the CCM campus in Pohnpei, a national Curriculum Council and a long-range National Education Plan, and continuation of U.S. categorical grant programs when the Compact of Free Association goes into effect.

The board was briefed by FSM Assistant Attorney General Kristine Henderson on the proposed

new education code which would repeal the present code which is based on Trust Territory statutes.

It states the general FSM education policy, outlines the functions of the national Education Division and Board of Education and provides for teacher certification, chartering nonpublic schools and implementation of regulations.

The board members visited President Tosiwo Nakayama and Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry to discuss the proposed education code and the future of the board, according to Cantero, who noted that the President's renominations of him to represent Pohnpei and Manuel Sound to represent Truk for new three-year terms are

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Congress gets Development Plan draft

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - A resolution approving the "First National Development Plan, 1985-1989" was introduced in the Third FSM Congress during the first week of its Fourth Special Session which began Jan. 8.

The session was called by request of Speaker Bethwel Henry to "primarily review" the development plan.

A working draft of the plan was prepared by a joint task force with the assistance of U.N. economists lead by Dr. Peter Corbin, U.N. Development Program advisor. Input also was received from the states.

The task force, headed by Vice President Bailey Olter, was created by President Tosiwo Nakayama, following a Second Special Session congressional resolution calling for creation of the task force so that "all branches of the national government could join forces and resolve as a national priority to draft a national plan."

The first draft National Development Plan submitted in November

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FSM postage rates to increase

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM postal rates will be increased effective Feb. 17 by two cents to 22 cents for first class mail and 14 cents for domestic post cards, in keeping with U.S. postage rate increases, according to Postmaster General Leo A. Falcam.

International postage rates also will be increased by the same two cents and pre-stamped envelopes now selling for 24 cents will be increased to 26 cents each, according to Falcam who urged postmasters in the FSM states to be sure they have enough one and two-cent denominations and values to implement the rate increase.

"When the U.S. Postal Service increases, or decreases its postage rates, the FSM will follow," Falcam said, noting that "this is in keeping with Universal Postal Union regulations under which we fall."

Falcam announced that he signed Jan. 4 a memorandum of understanding to be forwarded to the commander of U.S. military forces

in Guam to authorize military civic action teams to continue mailing motion picture films out of the FSM free, after U.S. franking privileges expire Jan. 9 in the FSM.

"After that date, all federal agencies in the FSM must use FSM stamps to mail out letters, or documents," he said.

"The only exception will be the films that the CAT teams are using," Falcam said, adding that the "reason for that is we felt these films are used very much

for the communities in which they (CAT teams) reside and recreation for the civic action teams who are providing essential services to FSM citizens."

Falcam also announced that he will call the first FSM Postmasters' Conference to begin Jan. 14 in Pohnpei while the FSM Congress is in special session to discuss the rate increases, personnel and other problems incurred since the FSM Postal Service was inaugurated July 12, 1984.

Say Nakasone to show dumping restraint

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Japan Times quoted a government source as stating that Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone will promise to show prudence on the issue of dumping low-level radioactive waste in the Pacific when he visits Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Papua New Guinea this month, according to FSM Tokyo Economic Liaison Officer Jesse Raglmar.

The Daily Yomuri said that Nakasone will explain his policy of freezing a plan to discharge low-level radioactive waste during meetings with leaders of the four host countries during the eight-day tour which began Jan. 13.

The four countries are members of the South Pacific Forum which adopted an anti-nuclear dumping and testing resolution, during its 15th meeting, Aug. 27-28, in Tuvalu.

Citing scientific discussions on the safety of low-level radioactive dumping being conducted by London Treaty nations, including Japan, which are expected to be concluded in September, the Times stated that Nakasone thinks that Japan should not start dumping in the Pacific in disregard for the opposition from the countries in the region, even if the London Treaty experts conclude that dumping is safe.

The prime minister will call for cooperation among Pacific nations in economic, cultural,

technological and personnel exchanges, according to the Daily Yomuri, which said he will cite the recent "dynamic development in the Pacific" and hail 1985 as the year which starts a new era for Asia and the Pacific Basin in the 21st Century.

TT agrees to release funds to hospital

MOEN, Truk - The Trust Territory government agreed to release \$40,000 from fiscal 1983 unallotted operations and maintenance funds for Truk State Hospital emergency repairs, during a Dec. 4-6 meeting here of the joint FSM-Truk state-TTPI task force on the hospital.

The task force was formed after President Tosiwo Nakayama met in November with Trust Territory officials in Saipan, according to FSM Administrative Management Chief Reed Nena, a member of the national government segment.

The President heads the FSM task force, which also includes FSM Health Services Coordinator Kiosi Aniol and Nena.

Truk is represented by Gov. Erhart Aten, Public Works Director Mel Morris, Hospital Maintenance Supervisor Ken Cotter, Health Services Administrator Gary Stovall and Hospital Administrator Daro Malon.

To consider Tahiti For Arts Festival

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Micronesian Affairs Chief John Hadley will represent the FSM at the Feb. 12-14 meeting in Tahiti to consider rescheduling the Fourth Pacific Arts Festival in French Polynesia, according to External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich.

Pohnpei was scheduled to send 80 participants, Truk 132 participants and Kosrae a group of observers to the festival which was scheduled to be held Dec. 8-21, 1984, in New Caledonia, but was postponed due to political violence in that French colony.

President Tosiwo Nakayama received Dec. 16 a dispatch from South Pacific Commission Secretary General Frances Bugotu stating that the Pacific Council of Arts will meet in Papeete, Tahiti, to consider French Polynesia's offer to host the festival and decide when to schedule it.

The council also will determine the time and place for its next meeting and for the Fifth Pacific Festival of Arts to be held in 1988, according to Hadley.

"The President wants to urge the Truk, Pohnpei and Kosrae groups to keep up their preparations for the festival," Hadley said.

Pwihn en Dolen Wenik from Uh, Micronesian Culture Center and Sons and Daughters of Ohmine are Pohnpei's representatives to the festival.

The Trust Territory is represented by Executive Assistant to the High Commissioner Neiman Craley, Office of Planning and Statistics Inspector Ron Fusco, Finance Director Eloy Inos and Budget Officer Rodney Adelman.

The governor was to submit weekly reports to the President and TTPI on the progress of the repairs made with the \$40,000 in operations and maintenance Phase I which was expected to be completed in about 135 days and to

submit to the President a comprehensive package for Phase II under fiscal 1984 operations and maintenance funds, Nena said.

The Trust Territory government also agreed to release a \$251,000 of cholera funds to the FSM Budget Office to be reallocated to Truk state to be used for pressing hospital needs as provided under the Cholera Expenditure plan.

March 5 Congress Elections date

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Feb. 3 is the deadline for filing candidate petitions with national election commissioners in each state for the March 5 FSM congressional elections, according to Micronesian Affairs Chief Johnny Hadley.

The 10 members of the Third FSM Congress whose two-year terms are ending are Claude Phillip, Kosrae; Isaac Figir, Yap; Bethwel Henry, Peter Christian and Elias Thomas, Pohnpei, and Raymond Setik, Tony Otto, Sasao Gouland, Jack Fritz and Kalisto Refalopei, Truk.

The national election commissioners confirmed by the Third FSM Congress in its fourth regular session here are: Fred Skillington, Kosrae; Francis Defngin, Yap; Samson Alpet, Pohnpei, and Iskia Sony, Truk.

Official petitions for congressional candidates may be obtained by writing to the election commissioners.

Feb. 13 is the deadline for registered voters to submit in writing to the election commissioners requests for absentee ballots with information about each voter's voting precinct and reason for not being in their home state to vote.

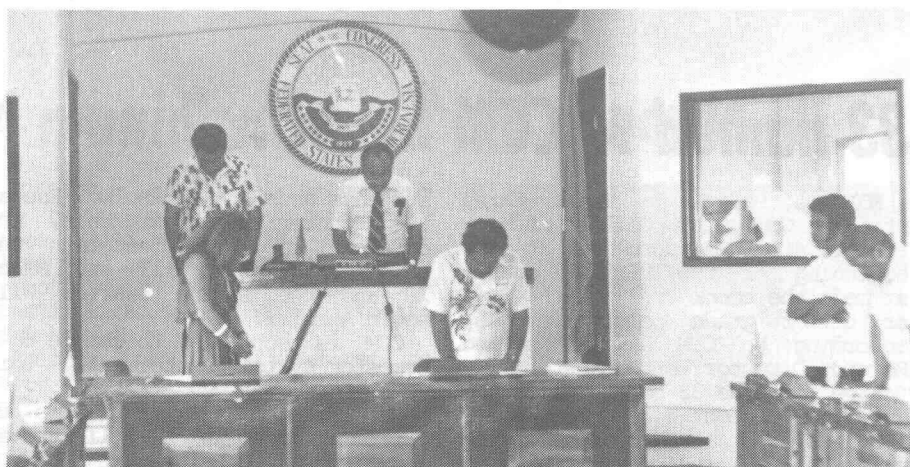
March 1 is the deadline for absentee ballots to be submitted to the election commissioners with citizenship affidavits notarized by court clerks.

Central reporting set

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - A centralized foreign fishing vessels reporting system was approved during the Nov. 26-30 Forum Fisheries Agency fisheries surveillance meeting attended by FSM Security and Investigations Deputy Chief Jack J. Jack and Micronesian Maritime Authority surveillance officer Robert Maleweirang in Honiara, Solomon Islands, according to an MMA press release.

Proposals were developed for a national fisheries enforcement officers coordinated training program and a regional approach to foreign fishing vessels surveillance and enforcement was discussed.

Solomon Islands Police Commissioner F. Soaki was chairman of the meeting attended by Australia, the Cook Islands, FSM, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Vanuatu and Western Samoa to develop effective region-wide fisheries surveillance coverage.



SPECIAL SESSION BEGINS - FSM Student Service Officer Danny Leopold, right in back row, a Protestant minister, is giving the prayer in the Jan. 8 opening day of the Third FSM Congress fourth special session. From left, back row, are Speaker Bethwel Henry of Pohnpei and Leopold; front row, Journal Clerk Sue Ann Schadeck, Chief Clerk Sintaro Ezra, page Martin Alwihs and Vice Speaker Joab Sigrah of Kosrae.

Congress reviews National Plan

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er, 1983, was disapproved by the Congress.

The resolution introduced by Floor Leader John Haglegam of Yap cited the work of the National Plan Task Force, saying that the plan "was prepared in line with the recommendations contained in the 'Report to Congress, UNDP Mission to Review First Five-Year Development Plan (1985-1989), FSM, Feb. 15, 1984.'"

The FSM government is required by a provision of the Compact of Free Association to submit to the U.S. government a National Development Plan before Compact funds can be released.

In other action, Senator Jack Fritz of Truk criticized the movements of a new luxury boat which has been cruising FSM waters between Pohnpei and Truk.

In a Jan. 11 statement before Congress, Fritz said that although the Thorfinn, a 170-foot steamship, has received its foreign investment permit, "smooth sailing is not insured."

The Moen municipal government, the Southern Namoneas municipal government, the Truk State Chamber of Commerce and the dive shops which service Truk are not pleased with the Thorfinn's appearance, according to Fritz who said, "In fact, alot of controversy still exists in Truk about this vessel."

Citing an incident when local men were told not to bother to try to sell shells to tourists aboard the vessel, because they would be diving for their own shells, Fritz said that he and others are of the opinion that "this vessel does not have even a negligible economic impact in

Truk State.

"Accordingly," Fritz said, "it is the position of the local governments—I think in Moen, as well as the Southern Namoneas—that this vessel should no longer visit their areas and should choose a different destination."

The Congress was scheduled to continue meeting in the special session through Jan. 17.

Eperiam Kitti winner

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Gov. Resio Moses officially declared William Eperiam the winner Jan. 14 in the Dec. 21 special election for a new Pohnpei State Legislature seat in Kitti by 11 votes over Mitchuo Daniel who led by two votes in the first count.

The governor cited the Jan. 9 recount at the legislature chamber which gave Eperiam 283 votes to 272 for Daniel. The first unofficial count was 273 for Daniel to 271 for Eperiam in the 11-candidate race.

The Kitti seat was one of three new legislative seats created by the Pohnpei State Constitution which went into effect on Nov. 8.

Datchuo Johnson was the certified winner in Madolenihmw and John D. Walter in Sokehs.

FSM Education Chief Daro Weital who led with 1,634 votes in the Dec. 21 special election for Pohnpei lieutenant governor faces a Jan. 18 runoff election with State Housing Authority Director Johnny David who was second with 1,548 votes for the vacancy created by the early September death of Lt. Gov. Strik Yama in Honolulu.

33 named to CCM honor roll

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Thirty-three of 335 Community College of Micronesia students enrolled at the beginning of the 1984 fall quarter made the honor roll with 3.4, or better grade point averages, according to CCM Admissions and Records Director Bette Hiesterman.

Five of the 33 honor roll students made perfect 4.0 grade point averages for the quarter which ended Dec. 21, including two each from Kosrae and Yap and one from Pohnpei, she said.

The 33 students include nine freshmen, 11 sophomores and 13 third year special and elementary education students. Ten are from Kosrae, nine from Pohnpei, seven from Yap, five from Truk and one each from the Marshall Islands and Palau.

Fall quarter enrollment was up from 288 students in 1983.

The winter quarter began Jan. 7 with 307 students, including 91 freshmen, 95 sophomores, 35 third year students, 34 part-time day

students and 51 Continuing Education Center night students, according to Ms. Hiesterman who said the quarter will end March 20 and the spring quarter will begin April 1.

CCM is scheduled to change to a semester system in the fall, this year.

Ms. Hiesterman will head a recruitment group which will travel Jan. 13-23 to Palau, Yap and Truk to administer CCM admissions examinations. Other group members are Health Career Opportunities Program Director Marylou Hawley, Financial Aid Officer Ignacius Haleyalig and CCM Nursing School Director June Oliver of Saipan who will meet the group in Palau.

CCM Dean of Students Hers N. Tesei will head another group, including Financial Aid Director Lore Nena and Ms. Hawley, which will administer the admissions exam Jan. 25-29 in Majuro and Jaluit, Marshall Islands, and Feb. 4-6 in Kosrae.

GML begins 1985 baseball clinics in Kosrae

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Guam Major League baseball representatives completed their first Micronesian sports clinic of the year Jan. 3-5 in Kosrae with more clinics tentatively scheduled for Jan. 18-20 in Truk, March 1-3 in Pohnpei and April 3-4 in Yap, according to Dave Antonnelli.

Antonnelli, a former Pohnpei resident who accompanied GML players Pat Wolff, Dave Nelson, Bob Perrin and Iavoice Thomas, said the group also has clinics scheduled for Feb. 15-17 in Palau, March 29-31 in Saipan and June 7-11 in Majuro.

Siba named Kosrae speaker

LELU, Kosrae - Thurston Siba became speaker, former Speaker Gaius Nedlic became floor leader and James Palsin remained vice speaker when the Kosrae State Legislature elected new officers Jan. 14 under a change in its rules, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

Donald Jonah became Finance, Development and Budget Committee chairman and Patterson Benjamin, Government Services and Municipalities chairman, while Hiteo Shrew retained the Justice, Legislature and Law chairmanship.

The clinics were initiated in 1984 by Wolff, a Guam attorney and Atkins Kroll Islanders team member who was contracted last year by the American League Toronto Blue Jays to be their Pacific region scout for potential new baseball players.

They are sponsored by Continental-Air Micronesia which provides discount tickets, while baseball equipment and tee shirts donated by Mark's Sporting Goods and the Kiwanis Club of Agana are being distributed at each of the clinics, according to Antonnelli.

The clinic which includes coaching in hitting, pitching, base running and fielding, during the day, and video tapes on coaching, umpiring and first aid at night, attracted mainly elementary and junior high school youngsters in Kosrae, he said.

The five athletes, including Antonnelli visited PATS on Jan. 6 where they played basketball with the varsity team, and two, Perrin and Antonnelli, held abbreviated baseball clinics Jan. 7 at the Community College of Micronesia field here for teams from the Kapingamargi, Mokilese and Kosraean communities in Pohnpei.

In addition to promoting baseball and organized sports in Micronesia, the GML group is trying to promote the First Micronesian Olympics scheduled for May 10, Antonnelli said.

Board approves Education code

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pending in the FSM Congress.

He said the next board meeting would be an organizational meeting called by the Education Division, after Congress acts on the nominations.

In his concluding remarks, Cantero, who is CCM president, pledged his full support to the next board and said, "I feel that I represented my state, Pohnpei, well on this board" as its first chairman.

"The accomplishments we made for the last three years have just begun, so I wish and hope that the next board will continue the mission of this board to help shape the nation's education," he said.

In its closing session, the board approved for submission to the President a financial report which showed that it overspent its \$20,000 fiscal 1983 budget by \$1,396.67 and its \$27,000 fiscal 1984 budget by \$696. It also approved a request for an increase in its \$25,100 fiscal 1985 budget.

It reconfirmed an earlier decision to send Yap member John Rulmal and board Administrative Officer Herbert Gallen as its representatives to the Feb. 13-15 meeting of the Western Pacific Consortium of School Boards and Leaders in Saipan.

Students seek funds

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM Student Association of Hawaii is raising funds to carry out its activities, including a "Book Drive" to collect reading materials from Honolulu elementary schools to donate to the four state education departments, according to association president Sabino S. Asor of Truk.

The association also is planning a "Cultural Presentations" project "to inform the people of Hawaii about our cultures in Micronesia," Asor said in a Nov. 12 letter soliciting contributions.

"We believe that these activities, among others, will create unity and cooperation among all Micronesians here in Hawaii and also between Micronesians and the people of Hawaii, and will further establish a sense of primary responsibility in association members toward active citizenship for our new and proud nation," he said.

Contributions may be mailed to the FSM Students Association of Hawaii, c/o 3049 Ualena Street, No. 704, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819.

Moses declares Power crisis

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Gov. Resio Moses issued Dec. 31 an administrative directive declaring "an electrical power crisis" and asking all Pohnpei consumers to observe conservation measures until generating capacity is returned to normal.

The conservation measures requested are 1) that all government offices turn off their air conditioning units, unless they are needed to protect mainframe computers and sensitive electronic equipment; 2) that private institutions which have standby generators use them 7 a.m.-9 p.m. daily, and 3) that all public and private consumers discontinue nonessential power use until the crisis is over.

The governor explained that the state is experiencing frequent power outages, because only four of the eight generating units are in operation which has "resulted in an inability to supply electric power to all consumers."

He said that with the arrival of spare parts a fifth generator is expected to be repaired "and power service will appear to be normalized by very early January," but that the remaining three generators "will require another four to six weeks to be repaired and restored to use.

"Therefore, the power generation system in Pohnpei will be fragile for the next four to six weeks, until the last three generators are repaired and this power crisis will be over," the governor said.

State Community Services Director Bermin Weilbacher in a Dec. 31 letter to the governor cited the lack of spare parts as the primary reason for the four generators being out of service.

President says comply

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - President Tosiwo Nakayama directed all national government offices to comply with the Dec. 31 Administrative Directive issued by Gov. Resio Moses to conserve electricity during the Pohnpei electrical power crisis.

In a Jan. 2 memorandum to all FSM departments and offices, the President said that "until further notice, I request your compliance with the directive in keeping your air conditioning units turned off (with the exception of the air conditioning unit used to protect the mainframe VS computer), and that any non-essential use of power be discontinued."

4 municipalities hold concons

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Conventions are being held in four municipalities, Kitti, Sokehs, Uh and Madolenihmw, to draft constitutions authorized by the Pohnpei State Constitution which went into effect Nov. 8.

Kolonia Town was the first to adopt a municipal constitution, completing the draft on Dec. 1 and ratifying it in a Dec. 21 referendum.

The 38 delegates to the Kitti constitutional convention, which is expected to be completed Jan. 19, were sworn in Dec. 3 by Pohnpei Supreme Court Chief Justice Edwel Santos.

Nanmwarki Benito Peter was elected president; Nanken Katerson Ehpel, vice president; Olter Paul, convention chairman; Sipriano Pablo, vice chairman, and Bernel Edward, floor leader. The committee chairmen are Herman Semes, Civil Liberties, Tradition and Land; Wagner Lawrence, Governmental Structure; Lutik Santos, Style and Arrangement; Henry Saimon, Rules and Procedures, and Paul, Administration.

The 25 delegates to the Sokehs convention were sworn in by State Associate Justice Carl Kohler and the 28 delegates to the Uh convention by Santos on Jan. 7.

Hilary Conrad was elected president and Kusto Liaman, vice president and Rensper Liwy, floor leader of the Sokehs convention. Committee chairmen are Damian Sohl, Style; Francisco Kirielmwo, Civil Liberties; Herculano Kohl-



SOKEHS CONVENTION - Sokehs Chief Magistrate Kusto Liaman is addressing the Jan. 7 opening session of the Sokehs Municipal Constitutional Convention in its municipal building. From left facing the camera are Nanken Isidro Martin, Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses and Nanmwarki Ioanes Artui.



MADOLENIHMW CONVENTION - Pohnpei Supreme Court Chief Justice Edwel Santos, right, is swearing in Jan. 8 the 32 delegates to the Madolenihmw Municipal Constitutional Convention at PATS high school. At left is the Rev. Hugh Costigan, PATS founder.

er, General Provisions and Transition; Largo Edwin, Rules and Procedures, and Annes Leben, Government Structure and Resources.

Santiago Joab, chairman; Joseph Moses, vice chairman, and Ambros Senda, floor leader of the Uh convention. Committee chairmen are Paul Gallen, Government Structure; Ihlen Joseph, Finance and Taxation; Michael Marquez, Civil Liberties and Tradition, and Welter John, General Provisions.

FSM Public Defender John Brackett was named legal counsel; Theodore Joab, executive director, and Community College of Micronesia President Catalino Cantero, special advisor to the Uh convention.

The 32 delegates to the Madolenihmw convention were sworn in Jan. 8 at PATS High School by Santos and Daro Weital was elected president; Salter Etse, vice president, and Nelson Pelep, floor leader.

Committee chairmen are Bernard Helgenberger, Finance and Taxation; Kohne Ramon, Governmental Structure and Functions; Midion G. Neth, General Provisions; Halverson Johnny, Style and Transition; Datchuo Johnson, Land Matters, and Sungiwo Hadley, Culture and Traditions.

Dexter Weital was named executive director and Welson Kalio, Madolenihmw convention secretary.

Jack, Ruda named DSI chiefs

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM Security and Investigations Deputy Chief Jack J. Jack of Pohnpei was designated acting chief and Special Investigator-in-Charge for Truk, Lester Ruda, acting deputy chief, effective Jan. 2, according to former chief, Joe Race, who became DSI advisor.

The designations are part of the plan to turn the law enforcement division administration over to Micronesians, according to Race, who became the FSM Public Safety chief on Oct. 4, 1982, before the division was renamed.

Race, who came to the FSM from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, is scheduled to remain with DSI through March.

Jack joined the FSM division in July, 1979, after serving one year as an officer in the Pohnpei State Police Department and one year as an intern in the Chadron, Nebraska, Police Department.

Jack, 32, a native of Pohnpei of Mokilese descent, was graduated from Shead Memorial High School, Eastport, Maine; received a associate degree in law enforcement from Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute, South Portland, and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Chadron, Nebraska, State College.

Ruda, 30, a native of Truk who was graduated from Truk High School; Northeastern Oklahoma A & M College, Miami, Oklahoma, with an associate degree in criminal justice, and Central State University, Edmond, Oklahoma, with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, after serving on the Truk State Police force, joined the FSM force in July, 1982, and



JACK

RUDA

was designated investigator in charge of the Truk office in November, 1983.

Ruda was valedictorian of the first Micronesian Police Academy in Sitka, Alaska, in 1983 and Jack completed a 13-week course

at the FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia, and two months of on-the-job training in the marine enforcement section of the Alaska State Police Department in 1984.

Sigrah deputy chief

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich announced the appointment of former FSM Honolulu Liaison Officer Tadao P. Sigrah of Kosrae to the position of Deputy Chief for Asian Affairs in the International Affairs Division.

Sigrah replaced Nov. 25 Jesse Raglmar of Yap who was named the first FSM Economic Liaison Officer in Japan.

Sigrah served as the FSM Liaison Officer in Honolulu from October, 1981, to August, 1983, when he was rotated back to the External Affairs Department here to serve as its Administrative Officer.

A native of Kosrae, Sigrah, 39, is a 1969 graduate of the University of Guam with a BA degree in political science who began his public service career that year with the Trust Territory government in Saipan.

He served as the Ponape District Public Affairs Director, 1971-77 while Kosrae was still a subdistrict of Ponape; as chief clerk of the House, 1977-78, in the Congress of Micronesia, and as special assistant to the President for administrative matters, 1979-81.



SIGRAH

Revenue lets PAMI reopen

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM Revenue Division authorized Ponape Automotive and Marine, Inc., to reopen Jan. 10 and gave it 120 days to make payment on back taxes, after seizing Jan. 4 all PAMI properties and closing the retail fuel distributor, according to Revenue Chief Seremea Arnold.

"We agreed Thursday (Jan. 10) to let PAMI reopen and come up with \$34,000 for 1977-80 in the next 120 days, and if not, we will close it, again," Arnold said.

He said that if PAMI makes the 120-day deadline, payment on the balance owed through 1984 will be worked out.

PAMI owes \$62,001.29 in back taxes since 1977, plus \$22,137.23 in interest for a total of \$84,138.52, as of December, 1984, according to a FSM Assistant Attorney General for Taxes W. Alan Lautanen.

An audit disclosed that PAMI reported only net profits and paid taxes on that, Arnold said, adding that the firm owes \$12,701.41 in taxes and interest for the 1977-78 period and did not file a tax report in 1980.

Its 1979 taxes and interest liability is \$9,517.48 according to Arnold, who said that for 1980, PAMI owes \$21,134.04; 1981, \$14,241.44; 1982, \$13,382.03, and 1983, \$13,162.12.

All PAMI customers are being notified to pay their outstanding accounts to the FSM Revenue Division, according to Lautanen who said these payments would reduce the firm's tax liability.

MLSC training held

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - John W. Cobb of Boulder, Colorado, and Richard Hughes of Albuquerque, New Mexico, provided training for 28 Micronesian Legal Services Corp. counselors and staff attorneys who were convened in Saipan for eight days in December, according to MLSC Executive Director Tom Mattson.

The MLSC tentatively is planning to hold its second Micronesia-wide training open to all trial counselors in May in Truk, Mattson said.

He said that the MLSC board will meet in Majuro in February to discuss improving service to the 9,000 people residing on Ebeye where the board will meet with leaders and hold a public hearing.

FSM bar exam set

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - An examination to practice law before the FSM Supreme Court is scheduled for March 7 in Pohnpei and Truk, according to Chief Clerk Emeliana J. Musrasrik.

The court also will consider requests to administer the bar examination in Yap and Kosrae, if such requests are made promptly to allow time for the court to make the necessary arrangements, she said.

Applications for the exam are to be filed 30 days before the date of the written test with supporting documents and a \$25 application fee with the Office of the Chief Clerk, FSM Supreme Court, P.O. Box J, Kolonia, Pohnpei FSM 96941, though the court may permit later filing, upon showing good cause, according to Ms. Musrasrik.

President named EWC Distinguished Alumni

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama was named one of two East-West Center Distinguished Alumni for 1984, according to the November-December issue of the center publication "Center-views."

Nakayama and M. Asad Khan, Pakistan minister of state for petroleum and natural resources, were selected for the Distinguished Alumni Award which includes a certificate and a \$750 cash award by an awards committee in recognition of their professional achievements and contributions to better understanding and relations among Asian-Pacific nations and the United States.

"President Nakayama was at the Center as a professional associate in 1963 and as a (University of Hawaii) degree participant from 1967-68," according to the article.

"The award recognizes his outstanding record as a leader in the FSM, his stature as a regional and international statesman and his continuing concern for the East-West Center and its goals.

"Nakayama is a member of the Pacific Islands Conference Standing Committee which oversees the EWC Pacific Islands Development Program," it said.

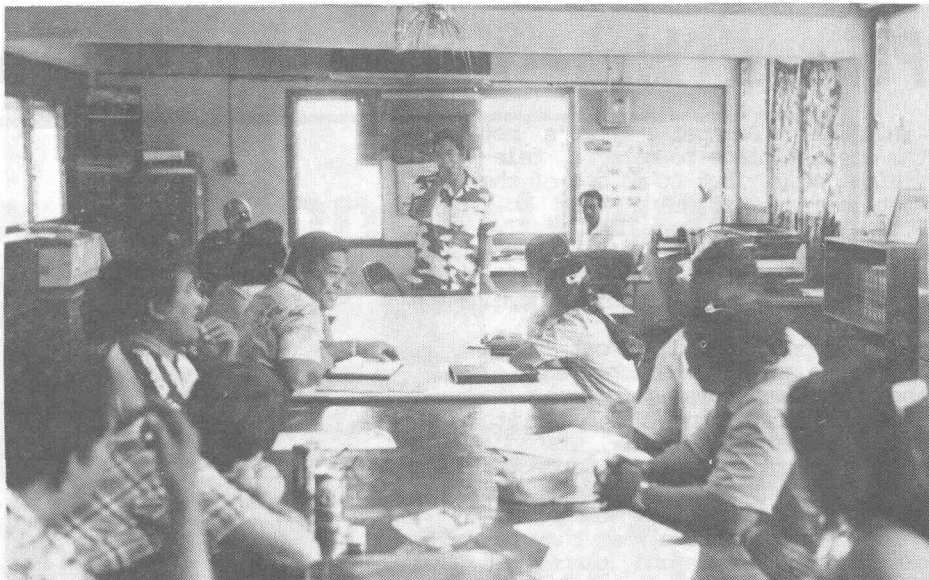
Noting that he is the first FSM elected President who was re-elected in 1983, the article said, "As FSM President, he has completed negotiations for a post-trusteeship relationship of free association with the United States."

Attend Aussie training

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Pohnpei Budget Officer Dion G. Neth and Yap State Planning and Statistics Deputy Director Charles Chieng completed a three-month training course in finance and budget management at the International Training Institute, Sydney, Australia, according to FSM Training Chief Paul Gallen.

Neth and Chieng were among 15 representatives of developing countries in the Sept. 5-Nov. 28 course sponsored by the Australian Development Assistance Program.

Yap State Resources and Development Deputy Director Constantine Yinug was in Sydney during the same period participating in a rural development planning course at the institute, according to Gallen.



PRESIDENT ADDRESSES PUBLIC DEFENDERS - President Tosiwo Nakayama, standing, is addressing the opening session Nov. 26 of the FSM Public Defenders' Seminar in the Pohnpei State Legislature conference room. From left, clockwise, are Richard Sigrah, Kosrae; Mike Powell, Richard Eaz, Fredy Raisom and Wanis Simina, Truk; Harry Skilling, Kosrae; Gene Babauta and John Brackett, FSM; Nakayama; Kachie Sana and Miasimina Jack, Truk; Kletus James, Pohnpei; Patrick Olter, Kosrae, and Beaulen Carl, FSM.

18 complete defenders' seminar

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Certificates of training are being issued to 18 participants in Public Defender Seminar V which was held here Nov. 26-30, according to FSM Public Defender John Brackett.

Completing the training were Gene Babauta, Ioanis Kanichy, Beaulen Carl, Kletus P. James, Ignacio Soumewi and Anastacia Rettin of the Public Defenders' offices in Pohnpei; Wanis Simina, Fredy Raisom, Kachie Sana, Richard Eaz and Masamina Jack of the Truk office; Joseph Phillip, Frank Flounug and Anselm Filled of the Yap office; Harry Skilling, Patrick Olter and Shruel Lono of the Kosrae office, and Richard Sigrah, Kosrae State Court clerk.

President Tosiwo Nakayama gave the opening remarks for the seminar held in the Pohnpei State Legislature conference room.

Pohnpei Supreme Court Chief Justice Edwel Santos discussed the high cost of the FSM criminal justice system and encouraged the utilization of traditional methods of settling disputes.

FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King and Dr. Pauline Langsley, FSM Health Services psychiatrist, also addressed the seminar.

Brackett, Mike Powell who heads the Truk office and Loretta Faymonville, Public Defender for Pohnpei, were instructors for the

seminar which focused on a wide range of subjects including unnecessary arrests.

Brackett said that police are still routinely making arrests in lesser criminal cases, while the FSM Code authorizes the issuance of citations in any case where they can make arrests without warrants, subject to limitations set by their superiors in the state and national governments.

Johnny nominated judge

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Gov. Resio Moses nominated Juda Johnny of Sokehs, who has been serving as a special judge, to a third associate justice position created by the Pohnpei Constitution in the State Court, according to WSZD Radio.

In a Dec. 19 letter to Speaker Salter Etse, the governor noted that the legislature scrutinized Johnny's professional background upon his Sept. 20 nomination to be special judge.

Johnny is a former Ponape District Court chief clerk who served as Trust Territory High Court administrative director in Saipan from 1971 until his appointment here as special judge.

The other Pohnpei State Court associate justices are former district judges Carl Kohler and Yoster Carl. Edwel Santos is the chief justice.

Pohnpei 'biggest adventure' for 'Two on the Town'

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - "It's not the easiest place to make a television show, but it is one of the most interesting we've been to," Bubs B. Hopper, producer of "Two on the Town," KCBS-TV Los Angeles' trendy travel show, said after three days of filming Pohnpei in hot steamy weather.

Ms. Hopper found almost a week of solid rain when she scouted the island before going on to Guam and returning Jan. 7 with her assistant, Mimi Granado; chief cameraman, Larry Gaudette; audio director, Jack Chapman, and maintenance technician, Gelon Lau.

The weather broke when they began shooting people and places in Kolonia, Nett and Uh, after the arrival Jan. 8 of show hostess Melody Rogers, director Bruce Halford and makeup artist Wayne Massarelli.

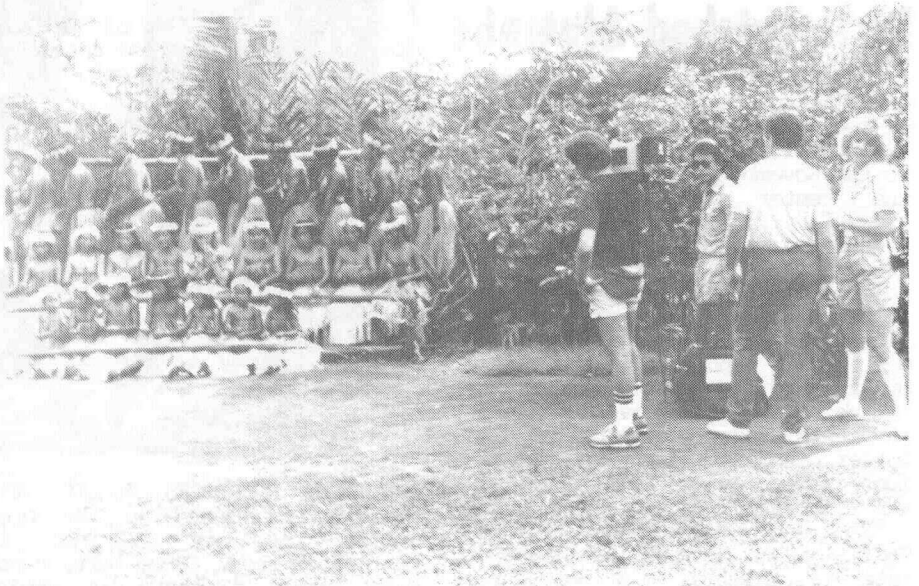
They spent Jan. 9 shooting the Nan Modal ruins, Kepirohi waterfall and Joy Island in Madolenihmw, but the humidity caused the viewfinder on the video camera to stop functioning and the hostess and crew started showing the strain of the heat, by the time they began filming the Micronesian Cultural Center on Jan. 10.

It began raining, again, soon after they left Jan. 10 for Saipan, Palau and Guam where they would shoot more segments of two 30-minute programs to be produced on Micronesia, then on to Japan to produce two shows in Tokyo and one in Honolulu on the way back to Los Angeles.

"The idea of coming to Micronesia has been in the works for about two years," according to Ms. Hopper who said it was instigated by Continental Airlines which is providing transportation for the film crew in exchange for a credit at the end of the show and to promote Micronesia as a travel destination.

"We wanted to learn about this country, because we heard it was beautiful," she said.

"The whole political situation here makes it interesting to Americans," Ms. Hopper said, noting that the FSM will be portrayed "as an emerging nation" in the



FILMING 'TWO ON THE TOWN' IN POHNPEI - Bubs Hopper, right, producer of the Los Angeles KCBS-TV "Two on the Town" travel show, is overseeing its filming Jan. 10 at the Micronesian Cultural Center in Nett Municipality, Pohnpei. Show hostess Melody Rogers is seated in the center of the middle row of dancers; Larry Gaudette is the cameraman, being assist by Gelon Lau with the audio equipment, and Bruce Halford, second from right, is the director.

dialogue of the show.

Pohnpeians seem to enjoy many modern conveniences, though they hold on to their cultural traditions, she said, adding that they also seem shy, though "everyone has been very nice to us."

"Two on the Town" has been to

Africa, Russia, Egypt, Israel, the Caribbean, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti and "Hawaii

every year," Ms. Hopper said, adding that its first trip to Micronesia "will be its biggest adventure."

Kosrae goes to 64-hour pay period

LELU, Kosrae - Kosrae became the first FSM state to go to a 32-hour work week for government employees when Gov. Yosiwo George signed into law Nov. 6 a bill establishing 64-hour biweekly pay periods, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

The 1984 Executive Salary Act was approved Dec. 17 by the Kosrae State Legislature, establishing salary schedules for all state executive employees based

on the 64-hour biweekly paid period.

Each employee is to receive a lump sum payment based on the new salary schedule for the period from Oct. 1 to the Jan. 6 effective date of the law.

The governor asked the legislature to cover the \$80,000 shortfall expected to be caused by the lump sum payments in his letter to Speaker Gaius Nedlic, advising him that he signed the bill into law.

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