

# Congress overrides Compact review bill veto

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Fourth FSM Congress voted Oct. 28 to override the Sept. 5 veto by President Tosiwo Nakayama of its act to require congressional and legislative approval of the Compact of Free Association as amended by the U.S. Congress, before he can set the implementation date.

The vote by state to override the veto was recorded as unani-

mous with Yap, Truk and Pohnpei voting for it and Kosrae abstaining.

The Fourth Congress adopted the legislation introduced by Senator Isaac Figir of Yap during its First Special Session here in July, citing its concern about amendments to the Compact resolution in the U.S. House which rene-

gatives.

In his veto message to Speaker Bethwel Henry, the President said that the constitutional mandates for the FSM people and legislative bodies to approve the Compact was met in 1983, so resubmitting it to the legislative bodies without referring it to the peo-

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### In Fifth State of the Nation Message:

# Says development No. 1 priority

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - In his fifth State of the Nation message Oct. 21 to the FSM Congress, President Tosiwo Nakayama said, "The devel-

opment of our nation must be our Number One priority."

In the one-hour speech, his first State of the Nation message

since Oct. 28, 1983, the President said there is much work to be done to fulfill this objective and outlined his priorities for economic development in the FSM from manpower development, infrastructure construction and sea and air transportation reorganization to private sector, marine resources and agriculture development.

In addition to proposing an FSM-wide scholarship program for priority fields of study in the amount of \$500,000; student grants in the amount of \$1,390,000; staff upgrading of national government employees in the amount of \$150,000, and the continuation of the Trade, Training and testing Program for \$218,600, Nakayama said, "The College of Micronesia continues to be a major concern of my administration."

He said, "It is estimated that in the future a serious funding shortfall for the College of Micronesia will occur unless the three Micronesian constitutional governments (FSM, Marshall Islands and Palau) jointly make up the shortfall."

"I ask that we start thinking about how best the FSM can meet



STATE OF THE NATION MESSAGE DELIVERED - President Tosiwo Nakayama, standing, is delivering his fifth State of the Nation Message, Oct. 21, in the FSM Congress chamber, citing development as his No. 1 priority under the Compact. From left are Judiciary and Governmental Operations Chairman Jack Fritz of Truk, an unidentified page, Floor Leader John Haglegam of Yap, the President, Congress Legislative Assistant Mitchuo Daniel, Congress Clerk Henry Asugar and Speaker Bethwel Henry.

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# Compact remains stalled due to textile rider in Senate

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Compact of Free Association remained stalled in the U.S. Senate due to textile import restrictions and other unrelated amendments, according to an Oct. 24 TELEX message from FSM Washington Representative Epel Ilon which said the way may be cleared for its approval during the following week.

"As last reported to you on

Oct. 3," Ilon said in the message to FSM Status Commission Chairman and External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich, the "Compact was stalled by (South Carolina) Senators (Strom) Thurmond and (Ernest) Hollings adding their textile protectionist amendment to the Compact resolution despite administration veto threats.

"Intense lobbying by various

interests against (the) textile measure appeared further to weaken the textile drive leaving its sponsors dependent on staying attached to a bill assured of passage, such as the Compact bill," he said.

"The textile amendment and other non-germane amendments to the Compact bill also were to need considerable time for floor debate and the Senate came under intense deadline pressure to pass legislation relating to (the) federal debt ceiling, departmental appropriations for FY 1986 and budget reconciliation," Ilon said.

"During this period of delay in the Senate's returning to the Compact, the House could do nothing further on the subject because it needs to have a bill sent over from the Senate to be able to attach the negotiated amendments package without having to go back through committees.

"The (Reagan) administration also made a decision not to lobby either house further on the trade and tax issues until the Senate got the ball rolling again by passing its version of the Compact bill," Ilon said.

"We are awaiting at this hour to know if the Senate is back on the Compact and if rumors are correct that the textile amendment will be withdrawn from the Compact resolution and attached instead to the Budget Reconciliation Bill," he said.

"We also understand that (Idaho) Senator (James) McClure (Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman) now expects to be able to table other non-germane amendments and complete Senate passage of a Compact resolution maybe sometime next week," Ilon said.

He said this would set the stage for the Senate and House to work on resolving remaining issues including compensating for the negotiated tax and trade incentives which were removed in a resolution passed July 25 by the House.

The two chambers appeared to be trying to avoid a conference committee by having the Senate adopt an amended House bill and the House approve the Senate substitute with a "comprehensive amendments package agreed to informally several weeks ago by House and Senate committees," Ilon said.

"Timing of all this is hard to predict," he said, citing the "heavy legislative schedule and uncertainty of time needed to reach an agreement between House, Senate and administration on tax and trade."

## New budget to fund census, FSM games

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - A new \$15,-405,304 budget proposal for fiscal 1986 with additional funds for the National Fisheries Corp., an FSM-wide census, FSM Olympic Games and the FSM Development Bank was transmitted Oct. 24 to the FSM Congress by Vice President Bailey Olter.

The budget proposal is \$3,924,-068 more than the \$11,481,236 interim budget approved by the Fourth FSM Congress during its First Special Session here in July for fiscal 1986 national government operations and is based on projected revenues of \$8,946,-304 from the FSM General Fund and \$6,459,000 expected from the U.S. Grant Special Fund at its fiscal 1985 level.

"The amended budget," the Vice President said, "is well within our projected revenues for the budget year."

The administration previously submitted a \$32 million 1986 budget proposal based on funding levels set by the Compact of Free Association, if it were to be implemented during the fiscal year.

The new budget "is still considered an interim budget, until final action is taken on the Compact," according to FSM Budget Officer Del Pangelinan who said, "Once the Compact is approved, the Compact level budget is expected to be reconsidered and a final fiscal 1986 budget enacted."

New funding in the proposal includes \$74,000 to staff the National Fisheries Corp., \$200,000 for an FSM-wide census planned for 1986 and \$453,000 for FSM Olympic Games scheduled to be held in Pohnpei next year.

It also includes \$1 million for the FSM Development Bank Business Development Loan Program which is one of the priority projects cited by President Tosiwo Nakayama in his Oct. 21 State of the Nation message.

Other new funding in the proposal includes \$1 million for a Natural Resources Development Matching Grant; \$250,000 for Wash-

ington, D.C., Representative's Office staff housing; \$168,000 for the Marine Resources Development Program; \$52,000 for an FSM Passport Revolving Fund; \$150,000 for an FSM Supply Division revolving fund; \$15,000 for consultant for planning an FSM retirement system; \$10,000 for an FSM land records computerization program, and an increase in aid to non-public schools from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The new budget proposal also includes funding increases for the External Affairs Department to open an Economic Liaison Office in Fiji and a U.S. Relations Office in the department, in addition to increasing the salaries of the secretary and deputy secretary; for salary increases for the Resources and Development and Finance secretaries and Personnel Officer; for rotating education and health coordinators and purchasing vehicles for student services coordinators in Honolulu and Guam; for the addition of an Internal Auditor's Office and staff in the Budget Office, and for the Micronesia Training and Apprenticeship Program in Guam.

The FSM Public Auditor's office would receive additional funding to recruit a public auditor, senior auditor, Truk resident auditor and possibly two Inter-governmental Personnel Act auditors on leave from the U.S. federal or state governments.

The FSM Board of Education would receive an increase in travel funds for its members to attend two educational conferences outside of the Federated States.

## Animal workshop set

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Meat and egg producers throughout Micronesia are invited to attend an Animal Improvement Workshop which will be held Nov. 12-21 in Pohnpei by the College of Tropical Agriculture and Science, according to CTAS Director Ismael Lebehm.

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ple would create a constitutional imbalance.

The President assured the Congress he would resubmit the Compact to plebiscite and legislative approval, if it is materially changed, and that no decision would be made on the effective date "without consultation with the Congress and the states."

In other action during the 30-day session which began Oct. 14 Congress approved Oct. 18 resolutions inviting Nakayama to give his State of the Nation message on Oct. 21 and expressing appreciation to Alton K. Higashi for his service to FSM students in Hawaii.

Higashi was recognized for his service as a former educator in Truk who is residing in Honolulu where he works at the Hawaii State Legislature and is serving as secretary-treasurer of the FSM Citizens Association of Hawaii and acting editor-in-chief of the association newsletter, "A Micronesian Voice."

The Congress adopted a report by the Ways and Means Committee recommending approval of a bill to remove the 25 per cent spending restriction and bans on creating new job positions and equipment purchases above \$50 from the interim fiscal 1986 budget which was enacted during its First Special Session in July.

While it is not clear, yet, whether the FSM will receive compact of Free Association funding during the fiscal year, the report said, "it is clear that the 25 per cent spending restriction will cause the government to sputter to a stop sometime in the second quarter of the fiscal year.

"The restrictions on equipment purchases will also soon prove to be a burden," it said.

Earlier, resolutions were approved to express sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Truk State Associate Justice Sebastian Frank who died Sept. 27 and the family of former Guam Gov. Manuel Flores Leon Guerrero who died Oct. 9.

Other resolutions approved congratulate Lazarus E. Sali on his election as the president of Palau and express appreciation to former Congress Economist Winfried Kwami Biddier and Information Officer Marialice Eperiam for their services.

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its obligation for the future funding of the College of Micronesia during the post-trusteeship period," the President said.

Following is the text of the State of the Nation message:

"As we stand balanced on the threshold of sovereignty awaiting final outcome of the Compact, it is time we take hold of the reins of our future and embark on our chosen destiny to build a strong nation under the Compact of Free Association.

"The development of our nation must be our Number One priority and in order to attain our goal much has to be done. I ask that Congress work closely with the administration to see that

## Bush cites support

ROILONIA, Pohnpei - President Tosiwo Nakayama said that he is "hopeful" that the Compact of Free Association will be approved by the U.S. Congress due to the strong statement of support by U.S. Vice President George Bush for the Compact during his Oct. 12-13 Saipan visit.

In addition to travelling to Saipan for the Bush visit, Nakayama went to Palau for the Oct. 25 inauguration of President Lazarus Sali.

The President arrived Oct. 10 in Saipan with First Lady Miter Nakayama and FSM Deputy Security and Investigation Chief Lester Ruta and attended a reception that evening at the Beach Hotel for President and Mrs. Sali, Guam Gov. Ricardo Bordallo, American Samoa Gov. A.P. Lutali and Republican legislators from Guam.

Nakayama and Sali met Oct. 13 with Bush at the residence of High Commissioner Janet McCoy. They were joined by governors John Mangefel of Yap; Yosiu George of Kosrae; Erhart Aten of Truk, and Resio Moses of Pohnpei, in addition to U.S. Assistant Interior Secretary Richard Montoya and Mrs. McCoy.

Nakayama said that the Vice President assured them that the Reagan administration continues to support the Compact and is "as frustrated as we are" with the delays in the U.S. Congress on approving it.

Nakayama and Sali also attended a working luncheon Oct. 13 with Ambassador Fred Zeder, President Reagan's special representative to the Micronesian status negotiations.

Also attending the Sali inauguration were FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry; Deputy External Affairs Secretary and Mrs. Asterio Takesy; governors Moses, Aten and George, and Petrus Tun, special assistant to Gov. Mangefel.

we begin our nation building with a solid foundation and that cooperation be an important component of ours.

"I would like to take time to enumerate some of the development projects which this administration feels are of the utmost importance at the beginning stages of our development:

"1) **MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT:** Programs planned for manpower development are an FSM-wide scholarship program for priority fields of study in the amount of \$500,000; student grants in the amount of \$1.39 million; staff upgrading of national government employees in the amount of \$150,000, and the continuation of the Trade, Training and Testing Program for \$218,600.

"2) **MARINE RESOURCES:** We have given priority to \$63,000 for the consultancy and design phase of an Aquaculture Research Center; investigation and correction of fish poisoning in outer islands for \$10,000; a tuna feasibility study to guide the National Fisheries Corp. for \$80,000, and \$45,000 to improve the collection of local catch statistics for purposes of identifying long-term outside markets.

"3) **PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT:** In an effort to spur private sector development, I propose expansion of the FSM Development Bank's loan capability with \$1 million in funding per year over the next three years. To further assist private sector development, I would like to seek your support of the development of tourism action plans in the amount of \$200,000; entrepreneurship training in the amount of \$210,000, and a trade promotion program in the amount of \$130,000.

"4) **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:** There are several construction-related projects that I would like to see funded this fiscal year, and they are:

"-The Public Defender's offices in Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap. The facilities will cost \$80,000.

"-Construction of a new Supreme Court Building in Truk as existing Truk State Court facilities can no longer accommodate both courts. This new facility would cost \$100,000.

"-Road paving to the capital in Palikir has not received the support of the U.S. Congress. Hence, this government will have to come up with \$1.7 million for road pavement.

"-I would like to recommend investment of \$250,000 in the purchase of two houses for our Washington staff as a considerable amount of funds have been expended over the past several years on leased housing. I call this an investment as it is indeed an investment in the name of this nation.

"-It is time that this Congress fund the Funchuk Construction Projects; namely, roads, a superdispensary, and staff housing for the superdispensary doctor.

"5) **TELECOMMUNICATIONS:** To date you have been very supportive of the FSM Telecommunications Corporation which will become self-supporting in the not-too-distant future. In order for the corporation to become self-supporting, an investment of \$6,309,000 is necessary to replace outdated equipment and to expand the system to outlying municipalities and outer islands.

"6) **FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT:** We must concentrate our efforts in this most important area. The monies this government receives from fisheries access fees should be earmarked for fisheries Development. We also have an important need to acquire our own surveillance vessel. It is time, too, to begin the training of our fishermen.

"Pohnpei and Truk cold storage facilities construction has begun. Plans for utilizing the facilities are beginning to unfold and it is my hope that this Congress would provide generous assistance when requested in connection with these projects.

"I ask that Congress continue to provide assistance to the National Fisheries Corp., as requested earlier, so that it may move ahead under its mandate to develop our fisheries resources in the FSM.

"7) **OUTER ISLAND AIRSTRIPS:** A number of outer-island airstrips are needed. It is my hope that by the end of next year we would be able to fly small planes to points outside of the state centers.

"8) **THE LATITE BRICK MANUFACTURING PROJECT:** I ask that the Congress move ahead in approving the project budget. The Resources and Development Conference of Aug. 12-16, 1985, has reviewed the project and endorsed the national government's intention to join in a partnership with Pohnpei State in implementation.

"9) **COMMODITIES:** It is important that we launch a survey to identify specific commodities that can be produced and marketed locally as well as abroad.

"The National Government remains committed to accelerating the privatization functions and to

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doing whatever necessary to strengthen our private sector and generally in implementing the National Development Plan. For all of this, we will need the generous assistance and the usual cooperation of this Congress.

"With our future so clearly in front of us it is my pleasure to present to you the following report on the State of our Nation.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

"As I have previously reported, we have not only succeeded in establishing an international identity as a sovereign nation, but have continued to participate in the international arena in the Pacific region. As in previous years I headed our delegation to the South Pacific Forum held in Tuvalu in 1984 and the Cook Islands in 1985, as an observer member. Under the Compact of Free Association, we will be eligible to become a fullfledged member. The objective of this administration in the international area is to participate in those activities that will contribute to the development of our economy.

"We have been participating as an observer in several conferences whose purpose is the establishment of a nuclear-free zone in the Pacific region.

As a member of the Forum Fisheries Agency, we are participating in the negotiation of a Multilateral Treaty between member countries and the U.S. on fisheries access to the collective zones of participating countries.

"The FSM has greatly increased the amount of technical assistance and training opportunities it has received from countries like Australia and Japan, regional organizations such as South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation, South Pacific Commission, Forum Fisheries Agency and U.N. agencies such as United Nations Development Program, Food and Agricultural Organization, Asian Productivity Organization, International Labor Organization, United Nations Industrial Development Organization and Economic and Social Commission of Asia and the Pacific.

## FOREIGN AID GRANT

"In FY 1985 the FSM received a foreign aid contribution from the government of Japan in the amount of 930 million yen (about U.S. \$3.7 million) which surpassed what we received in a given year during the past four years. As previously agreed upon by the governors of the four states, the foreign aid for fiscal year '85 will construct cold storage facilities in Truk and Pohnpei. The construction of these facilities has been awarded to Maeda Construction Co. through competitive bidding and construction has begun.

"It is my pleasure to inform you that for the first time this government has received a full grant from the government of Korea for one FSM citizen to study fisheries in that country this year.

"I am happy to inform you that this government, as a member of South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation, has been the recipient, for the first time ever, of a grant of \$87,500 from Norway to be used for rural water development in the states of Pohnpei and Kosrae.

## MMA

"The Micronesia Maritime Authority successfully negotiated with certain Japanese Fishing Associations a licensing system for fishing access to the FSM 200-mile Economic Zone that took into account the fluctuation of market prices.

"The joint agreement between the governments of FSM, Palau, and Kiribati with the American Tunaboat Association expired on December 31, 1984, and the FSM, Palau and Kiribati agreed to explore alternative methods of licensing U.S. vessels; consequently, the FSM proceeded to license U.S. vessels on an individual basis.

"All previous agreements with firms and associations in Taiwan were consolidated into one agreement with the Taiwan Fishermen's Association. One major Korean fishing firm is still licensed to fish in FSM waters and our national government assisted Pohnpei State in settling a complaint against this firm for illegal fishing in the state.

"The fisheries surveillance program has been transferred to the Attorney General's Office. Several foreign fishing vessels were arrested and charged for illegally fishing in the FSM 200-mile Economic Zone. Preliminary surveys for surveillance vessels are being made in anticipation for funding under Title Two of the Compact.

## FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS & TRANSITION COMMISSION

"At this point, the focus of the commission has necessarily shifted from negotiating to monitoring the ratification process of the Compact by the United States Congress and in maintaining our lobbying efforts in Washington. Once the Compact has been ratified by the U.S. Congress, the commission will then focus attention on the United Nations to bring about the termination of

the trusteeship and to assist during the transition period. I, therefore, request Congress to fund the Status Commission for FY-86 to ensure that all of our efforts so far will be brought to a successful conclusion.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

"Since my last State of the Nation Message to you, all four states now have satellite earth stations so that our communications systems are in place and in full operation, thus enabling our citizens to communicate with each other and the rest of the world. The FSM now has direct circuits to Tokyo, Guam and Honolulu as gateways to the International Network Systems.

"I am also able to report that FSM Telecommunications is moving ahead with plans to add additional services to businesses and residential customers including a rural system which has been tested in Truk and Pohnpei state over a 15-mile distance. The outer island radios are now linked to the local telephone systems and to satellite stations completing the communications network in the FSM.

"All telephone exchanges in each of the four states have reached full capacity. While improvement and upgrade are taking place, expansion is impossible without added capacity at these exchanges. I request Congress to give priority to assisting the FSM Telecommunications Corp. in the acquisition of new modern exchanges that are sorely needed now.

"Training and retraining of manpower must be in conjunction with new equipment and technologies. The FSM training center was established to partially meet the training need of Telecom's manpower. In addition, UNDP/ITU (U.N. Development Program/International Telecommunications Union) is making possible the training of five students from the FSM in Telecommunications in preparation for advanced training abroad.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

"Now that the First National Development Plan (1985-1989) has been formulated by a joint Congressional/Executive Planning Task Force and approved by Congress, the larger and more vital task still remains to be done—implementation of the plan. It is my earnest hope that the spirit which characterized our joint effort to formulate the plan also manifests itself in the way we assign priority, fund and carry out development programs and projects under this plan.

"If much is to be accomplished during our first Five-Year Plan period, 1986-1989, priorities and funding sources must be identified in order for us to achieve our goals and objectives set forth in the plan. I call your attention to the fact that planned development and allocations for the various sectors amounts to \$362 million in the next five years, while identified funding sources, mostly Compact funding, totals \$243 million, leaving a \$118 million shortfall which will have to be financed by other sources.

"In light of the projected funding shortfall for development projects, I would like to urge this Congress to increase funding assistance to the Development Bank. Increased funding to the Bank would enhance our ability to secure substantial future assistance from the Asian Development Bank in which FSM membership is still being actively pursued. Since it commenced operations in FY 1982 as of May 20, 1985, the Bank has approved around \$1.95 million in loans in the following areas:

"Agriculture, \$206,461; fisheries, \$101,500; manufacturing, \$152,300; real estate development, \$714,020, and other commercial ventures, \$538,920.

"If additional funds are funneled to the Bank not only could more loans be financed but also a stronger private sector tax base would eventuate. It is indeed an encouragement to note that three FSM states are proposing to establish Development Loan Funds in the amount of \$1.26 million in the first year of the Compact, to be administered by the FSM Development Bank.

"I have on several occasions in the past, before this honorable body, highlighted transportation as an area critical to development. Transportation still deserves much attention, especially in the area of sea transportation for better inter-island service to the outer islands.

"A sea transportation study has recently been completed. It recommends major innovative changes in the present system aimed at reducing overall costs and improving the efficiency and economics of operating inter-island service. The plan calls for a Four-Year phased program to privatize the service, replace 'Micro' class vessels and establish a new routing of inter- and intra-state shipping services.

"As to air transport, I hope that we can in the not too distant future, resolve the question of a dependable air services that would link the FSM to outside markets and destinations. Upon completion of the paving of the Kosrae airport, we will have completed basic air service infra-

structure in all four FSM state centers. Funding for air terminals in all four states has been approved and architectural and engineering services are currently underway.

"During the past year, the FSM has taken major steps to protect the air service that is so essential to the political, economic and social needs of our people. Almost one year ago, as the result of a threat to that essential air service, I directed representatives of this government to become directly involved with the organizations who fly our people, mail and cargo and connect us with the rest of the world.

"Our direct involvement in airline matters resulted in the execution of an agreement on Aug. 20 of this year between Continental Airlines, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the FSM to create a new airline to serve the Central and Western Pacific area. That agreement guarantees that the FSM will receive essential air service, will have a meaningful voice in the management of the new airline and share in its profits. Continental, the Marshalls and the FSM are seeking prompt approval of the agreement and implementation. The inaugural flight could occur as early as February of next year.

"In rural development my administration has secured around \$3 million in the last three fiscal years from the U.S. housing and urban development program to assist our outlying communities with water systems, toilet facilities, recreation facilities, housing renovation, farm roads and bridges. Far more assistance is necessary to provide for better equity in the distribution of wealth and services to the outer islands and rural communities.

"It is commendable to note that Yap, Truk and Pohnpei have all earmarked funds for the construction of outer island airstrips in the first year of the Compact. The construction of circumferential roads, the national capitol in Palikir and the extension of power lines will definitely help boost rural development. The installation of Alco generators, targeted for early 1986, will increase the states of Pohnpei, Truk and Yap electrical generation capacities to 13,800 KW (kilowatts), 8,000 KW AND 7,300 KW respectively, allowing for power extension to rural communities. Kosrae's electrical generation capacity exceeds demand by a factor of 2.6, hence extension of power to rural communities could easily be accommodated.

"One area of development which deserves special attention is marine resources. It is my strong hope that the National Fisheries Corp. (NFC) would take a strong lead in fisheries, especially in joint venture projects which would require millions of dollars in foreign capital. Ideally, I'd like to see the NFC stand on its own feet without much government interference in the long run, however, initial capitalization will have to come from the government.

"To help expedite our development efforts, I have established a special committee, headed by the Vice President, to review project/program proposals to be funded by the national government's share of the Compact Capital Account and to put together a development budget for FY 1986. The committee is working closely with sectoral agencies in the National Government, the four FSM states and the Development Bank to ensure that funded programs and projects are in line with our Development Plan.

## HEALTH SERVICES

"We have been working with the Pohnpei state government to establish a medical officer training school here to train new medical officers and to provide refresher training for those presently working in our system. We are making concrete progress on this and soon it will become a reality. First, the U.S. Congress has committed \$2.5 million as its first installment toward funding the medical school. Second, the University of Hawaii, a partner in this venture, is exploring the possibility of opening the school in January, 1986. Third, the Pohnpei Public Land Authority has designated the former Maeda construction camp area across the Pohnpei Hospital as the site for the medical school.

"Truk has been declared free of Cholera jointly by the World Health Organization and the Communicable Disease Center in the United States. Accordingly, I have ordered cessation of all restrictions on travel and food shipment within the FSM, especially from the state of Truk to other points. This does not mean the cessation of our efforts to control if not eradicate cholera in Truk. Construction and installation of water seal toilets and water catchments will continue on the various islands to improve the sanitary conditions.

"The FSM in cooperation with the World Health Organization, the U.S. Department of Interior,

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and the U.S. Public Health Service is spearheading a Program of Leprosy Prevention and Control. The World Health Organization has contributed \$260,000 for a five-year period and provided enough drugs to last for a year. The U.S. Department of Interior has provided \$50,000 to fund the salaries of expert specialists that the U.S. Public Health Service has made available to the FSM for identification of leprosy cases and to provide training designed to upgrade the skills and knowledge of our health workers.

## EDUCATION

"The College of Micronesia continues to be a major concern of my administration. Through our continuing efforts with the governments of Marshalls and Palau, the U.S. Congress has authorized \$10 million for construction of a new campus in Palikir. Included in this amount is funding for the nursing school in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and necessary renovation work at the Micronesian Occupational College in the Republic of Palau. We must continue dialogue with the U.S. government to grant the necessary funds to successfully complete the construction projects in Palikir and the Marshall Islands.

"It is estimated that in the future a serious funding shortfall for the College of Micronesia will occur unless the three Micronesian constitutional governments jointly make up the shortfall. I ask that we start thinking about how best the FSM can meet its obligation for the future funding of the College of Micronesia during the post-trusteeship period.

"Along this same line, we are confident that together with the Republics of Palau and the Marshall Islands, we can develop the College of Micronesia into an institution that will meet our present and future needs in the FSM as well as the region.

"Last year I stated before you that I regard as very important the development of the skills and experience in our people necessary to carry this nation through the first years of its existence. In this regard, we have established in cooperation with the UNDP Trades, Training, and Testing Programs, better known as T3. Although the program did not really get moving until Congress appropriated \$100,000, it is now 50 per cent implemented. In Pohnpei and Truk. Implementation in Yap and Kosrae were scheduled for June and September respectively. More than 80 trainees have graduated from the program.

"Through appropriations from this Congress and matching funds from the state legislatures, we continue to support and send participants from the FSM to the Micronesian Trades Apprenticeship Program (MTAP) on Guam. Most of the graduates have been able to find employment in the public sector where they have become invaluable and useful to their fellow workers because of their excellent training.

"Through the College of Micronesia, specifically the Micronesian Occupational College and the Hawaii Job Corps Center, many of our young citizens are learning different trades and skills which will enable them to earn a living and at the same time contribute meaningfully toward the growth and development of our island nation.

## PUBLIC FINANCE

"As you know, computer centers were installed at the FSM national government on Pohnpei in 1983 followed by Yap State in June 1984 and Truk State in July of the same year. Computer installation on Kosrae was recently completed. It is also envisioned that all the Wang Computer Systems, at the state and national levels will in the near future be hooked up with the Telecommunication Network System so that data and information from the states can be received at the national government and vice versa.

"As you know we are experiencing problems with the computer and have recruited assistance from Touche-Ross, DOI and recently brought on board a consultant to assist in rectifying these problems. In order to properly handle Compact funds, a special request for creating a division within the Finance Department has been submitted to the Fourth Congress for consideration.

"Generally, the Compact funds will be managed by the FSM Development Authority through its Board of Directors who will be making policies and guidelines for the Secretary of Finance to follow in investing the funds as well as in disbursing the funds to all the states.

"In the area of revenue collection and tax administration, I am pleased to report that some concrete progress has been seen in this area during the past year. Despite difficulties, the staff members of the Revenue Division have been vigorous in accelerating tax audits of taxpayers' books in order to collect what is due to the government.

"This has resulted in a record increase of ab-

out 19 per cent in revenue collection over the past year. There is a marked increase in the enforcement of the tax law with respect to all delinquent accounts resulting in about 10 per cent increase a month in issuing notices to taxpayers for tax returns. Legal actions have been taken against several businesses with outstanding balances in back taxes, and there has been a marked increase in court cases of a similar nature which no doubt caused taxpayers to pay their taxes.

## PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT

"In the area of personnel administration, the government completed and implemented a new classification plan which recognizes relative job worth throughout the government. I am asking this Congress to seriously consider funding a study for a new wage scale to coincide with realities of today and existing wage scales throughout the states.

"Improvements in the area of employee benefits have been significant especially in the establishment in 1984 of self-insurance in the health area for the National Government which is being extended to the states this fiscal year.

"The national government work force has increased from 93 employees in 1979 to 524 at present to absorb the transfer of essential functions from the TT Headquarters and our own growth. Despite this increase the number of expatriates is decreasing thanks to our firm Micronesianization program where expatriates are replaced by qualified Micronesians following a systematic training program.

"In the area of manpower development, our past efforts yielded a significant increase in external short-term training programs for our national and state governmental and private sectors. For example in 1984 alone we arranged participation in 75 vital areas of employee development under the auspices of international organizations such as AFO, UNDP, SPC, government of Japan and Australia. All this at minimal or no cost to the government. There are ongoing specific skill development programs such as the MTAP program in Guam, the Job Corps in Hawaii and several programs made possible by the JTPA program. I have informed the governors that the national government allows the states to fully fund MTAP programs with technical assistance and coordination available from the National Government.

"I have directed our staff to complete and implement an overall manpower development plan as outlined in our development plan to gear up for the use of Compact training and scholarship monies. We need to work together to reevaluate this area in order to meet the impending manpower demands of the Compact era.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

"In the area of law enforcement, a branch of the FSM Attorney General's Office was opened in Truk early last year. The national government in cooperation with the Trust Territory government has been promoting intensive police training through the state of Alaska Policy Academy which recently graduated the second class of 34 Micronesian Trainees and the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation Academy which also graduated five FSM national and state trainees. The security of high government officials and buildings has been upgraded by the deployment of radio equipment to our security officers. The surveillance of our extended fisheries zone for illegal fishing boats has been increased and several illegal fishing vessels were seized and prosecuted last year. A consultant has been employed to work with the national and state governments to develop a fisheries zone enforcement plan that will enable us to most effectively utilize the enforcement funds available to the FSM under the Compact.

## PUBLIC DEFENDER PROGRAMS

"The Public Defender's Office continues to emphasize training to upgrade and standardize the level of representation in both the state and federal courts. Along this line it completed the Fifth FSM-wide Annual Public Defender's Seminar. The majority of the state trial counselors also attended the Micronesian Legal Services Corp. training program in Truk. Yap state is now staffed with a full time Attorney, while two staff members were recently appointed to the state court benches in Kosrae and Truk. The office continues to provide general legal assistance to private individuals, government officials and agencies. Future plans include completing construction of a new office building in Truk later this year and we are also gearing some of our future training toward law school preparation in coordination with an outside internship program.

## FSM INFORMATION SERVICE

"The Information Office continues to produce a semi-monthly newsletter publication, THE NATIONAL UNION, and daily dispatches. The FSM Information Services (FSMIS) is transmitted by TELETYPE three of our states, and four neighboring juris-

dictions: Washington, D.C.; Honolulu; Tokyo, and Guam.

"Maintaining an effective public information network for preparation and dissemination of news and other information within the nation and for exchange of news and other information between the nation and outside world remains the objective of the office.

"Each state broadcast facility needs major renovation of its radio station, including the installation of new broadcast equipment and 50 KW back-up generators for emergency broadcast during power outages, typhoons and other natural disasters. Truk and Kosrae facilities will soon have new broadcast antennas.

## DISASTER CONTROL

"The outer islands of Truk, Pohnpei, and Yap suffered heavy damage to food crops as a result of tropical storms that swept through the islands late last year and early this year. In response to requests for food assistance from those affected areas, the national government through the Disaster Control Office, distributed whatever money it had available. Fortunately, there was \$11,400 donated by SPEC to be used for such a purpose. Therefore, I requested emergency food relief from FEMA (the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Administration) through the High Commissioner's Office. FEMA has approved this request.

"The feeding program will last for six months only. After that we must depend on our own resources to feed the people in the affected areas. Accordingly, immediate action must be taken by our governments to ensure that an agricultural program is implemented.

## FSM POSTAL SERVICES

"The responsibility to postal operations, including the operation of the state post offices was transferred to the National Postal Service from the United States Postal Service (USPS) on July 12, 1984.

"Under the Compact of Free Association, the United States Postal Service will continue to be responsible for interstate and international carriage of mail throughout the Compact period.

"National Postal Service has entered into a philatelic agency contract with Crown Agent of England for overseas governments and administration to assist the National Postal Service in designing, producing and promoting the sale of FSM stamps.

"For the periods of July 12, 1984, through Jan. 31, 1985, \$262,728.06 was earned from overseas sales of postage stamps; and from July 12, 1984, through March 15, 1985, approximately \$191,825.27 was earned from sales within FSM.

## FSM WEATHER SERVICES

"National Weather Service programs within FSM at present are limited to the maintenance of Weather Service offices at Pohnpei, Truk and Yap; the acquisition of upper air and surface observations at these locations and surface observations at Kosrae, Nukunor, Kapingamarangi, Pulusat, Pingelap, Woleai, Ulithi and Iukunor; and the provision of public and aviation weather forecasts and severe weather warnings.

"The Compact of Free Association provides for a Weather Service program support from the U.S. government and at levels equivalent to those available to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands during the year prior to the effective date of the Compact.

"It also requires FSM to provide land and facilities without cost and other services and supplies, including personnel on a reimbursable basis.

"The Compact also authorizes FSM to take such transitional actions as may be necessary to prepare for the establishment and support of its own weather service.

"I am glad to report one improvement in this area is the recent completion of a new \$500,000 Weather Service facility in Truk state funded by the U.S. National Weather Service.

## JUDICIARY

"A very important milestone in our political development toward self-government was achieved when the judiciary branch of our government became fully organized with the recent certification by the Trust Territory Chief Justice of the Kosrae State Court. The FSM now has functioning courts in each of the four states. With pride, we can say that our government is now complete with all three branches fully organized and functioning.

## CONCLUSION

"The progress of our nation has been slow, but steady. These past several years we have spent the bulk of our energies negotiating and preparing for self-government. Now, as we await final word on the Compact, I believe it behooves us to expend our energies on developing our nation for there is much to be done in continuing our quest for greater prosperity and economic stability.

"Thank you."

# UNESCO sets FSM radio training

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Three sub-regional training programs in the FSM are included in the 1985-86 Pacific Broadcasting Training and Development (PACBROAD) schedule which was announced during the Sept. 17-25 Pacific Islands Radio Network Directors Seminar in Apia, Western Samoa, according to FSM Broadcast Chief Esikiel Lippwe.

Lippwe was elected vice chairman of the PACBROAD seminar which was followed by a Sept. 25-27 seminar on broadcast management. Tupai J.K. Brown of Western Samoa was elected chairman and Robert Makin of Vanuatu, rapporteur.

Also attending the seminar were Samuel Jordan of WSO Majuro, Marshall Islands, and Peleliu Gov. Yukio Shmull of the Palau National Communication Corp.

PACBROAD was created as a result of a meeting August, 1984, in Suva with representatives of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Fredrick Ebert Stiftung (FES) Foundation of West Germany, according to Lippwe.

UNESCO is providing \$100,000 (U.S.) through its International Program for the Development of Communications (IPDC) for the first year of the program and FES allocated \$1 million (U.S.) to continue the program through 1987.

Hendrik Bussiek of West Germany is the PACBROAD training and project coordinator.

President Tosiwo Nakayama invited the FSM governors and the presidents of the Marshall Islands and Palau to send one participant each to the first sub-regional training program scheduled for Dec. 9-20 here in radio journalism.

PACBROAD also has two-week sub-regional training programs scheduled in the FSM in the Introduction to (Broadcast) Technical Operations set for unspecified dates in May and (Radio) Magazine Program Interviews in the second and third weeks of June.

The FSM, Marshalls and Palau also are included in subregional training programs scheduled to be held in Papua New Guinea during the second and third weeks of March in News and Current Affairs; the second and third weeks of June in Commercial Production; the first and second weeks of July in Advanced Documentary Production, and one week in October, 1986, in a technical subject to be announced.

Micronesian broadcast personnel also will be able to participate in regional training programs in Fiji, beginning with Magazine and Program Production in November; Digital Technique and Commercial Production in February; Mid-Level Management in June; Music Formats and Presentation in July; Production and Administration Sept. 29-Oct. 24, 1986, and Advanced Technical Production in November, 1986.

# Ngatik now 'Sapwuahfik'



ADMINISTERS OATH - Pohnpei State Associate Justice Carl Kohler, left, is administering the oath of office to Luhkenkolwof, or Chief Magistrate Elter Sehpin, during the Oct. 18 ceremony implementing the Ngatik municipal constitution which renamed the atoll "Sapwuahfik."

NGATIK ATOLL, Pohnpei - Ngatik became "Sapwuahfik" and the second Pohnpei outer island municipality to implement its constitution in a ceremony here Oct. 18 attended by state and FSM government officials.

FSM Senator Pedro Harris of Pohnpei representing the national government congratulated the government and people of the atoll on their new constitution which changed the name to Sapwuahfik and urged them to cooperate with each other to develop their island.

Pohnpei State Associate Justice Carl Kohler administered the oath of office to Luhkenkolwof or Chief Magistrate Elter Sehpin, Municipal Chief Judge Basiahno Samuel, Associate Judge Lense Amon and members of the Menintiensapw or Municipal Council.

Judge Samuel administered the oath to the municipal cabinet and police force.

Gov. Resio Moses was represented by his Special Assistant for Outer Islands Affairs Shem Jimmy, the Pohnpei State Legislature by State Senator Herculano Kohler and the Kolonia Town government by Administrative Officer William Ladore.

Pingelap was the first outer island municipality to implement Oct. 10 a constitution under provisions of the Pohnpei State Constitution which went into effect Nov. 8, 1984.

Nukuoro, Kapingamarangi and Mokil are in various stages of planning for their constitutional conventions.

# Truk officers top Micro Police Academy

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Truk State Public Safety officers earned three of the top five honors during the Third Micronesian Police Academy which was held June 10-Sept. 6 at Micronesian Occupational College, Palau, according to FSM Security and Investigation Chief Jack Jack.

Thirty six Micronesian police officers were graduated from the first Micronesian Police Academy to be held at MOC, following two which were held at the Alaskan State Police Academy, Sitka.

Truk Detective Noriano Bernard was named valedictorian; Detective Setiro Paul, salutatorian and best notebook award winner, and Sgt. Mike Setile, best marksman (shooting).

Yap State Public Safety Officer Francis Gilman won the award for the fastest time, one minute and 13 seconds, on the obstacle course and Kosrae State Public Safety Officer Carson Sighrah took the award for physical training.

Others completing the training were:

FSM DSI—Benito Petrus and Mike Helgenberger; Kosrae—Kilafwa Kilafwasru, Heinrich Palak, Rinson Phillip and Marciano Wakuk; Pohnpei—Lucas Carlos, John Lucios, Alexander Phillip, Fredrick Route and Costan Yoma; Truk—Jasinto Fritz, Shining Meither and Repeat Samuel; Yap—Sachary Gamow, Pilsngag, Joseph Phal and John Wathan; Palau—Helbert Oimei, Baudesta Rechelluul, Tmeswant Regulbai, Columbus Sakuma, Domingo Thomas, Henoeh Udui and Alexius Yalap, and Marshall Islands—Jelle Bolkeim, Rellong Lemari, Harrington Monna, Heine Motorik, Mies Peter and Alex Silk.

Participating in the academy as instructor trainees and squad leaders were: Tarios Ludwig, FSM; Siosi Alikxa, Kosrae; Berney Martin, Pohnpei, Sorisios Esemnanu, Truk; Christopher Fugmaw, Yap; Zacheus Kotars, Palau, and Wilson Kokeijak, Marshalls.

## FSM to withdraw Two stamp issues

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The 1984 Christmas and Aussipex commemorative stamp issues will be withdrawn Dec. 31 from worldwide sales, according to FSM Postmaster Leo A. Falcam.

Release of the 1985 Audobon issue, commemorating the 200th birthdate of J.J. Audobon was postponed from Sept. 30 to Oct. 28 due to a delay in shipment, Falcam said.

The Audobon issue includes various Micronesian birds featured on four 22-cent stamps and one 44-cent stamp.

The 1985 Christmas issue, featuring churches in Kosrae, Truk and Pohnpei, was released Oct. 15 on schedule, Falcam said, adding that First Day Covers and cancellations of the two new issues may be ordered from the FSM Postal Service here and Post Offices in the states, or Crown Agents Philatelic Bureau, Long Island, New York, and London, England.

Falcam said that he wanted to advise both FSM citizens collecting historic first issues and the philatelic trade that the two 1984 commemorative issues are being withdrawn Dec. 31 in keeping with "philatelic policy (that) all commemorative stamp issues are taken off sale one year after the date of issue.... to keep the integrity and value of our stamps within the standards of the trade."

The inaugural issue featuring maps of the four state centers to mark the July 12, 1984, beginning of the FSM Postal Service will be continued on sale one year longer than the policy dictates and the definitive stamps, including 1 cent through \$5 and the newer \$10 stamp, will be withdrawn after 10 years, he said.

Falcam also announced that he would issue \$3,000 bonus checks to each of five employees who chose to remain with the FSM Postal Service after July 13, when they were transferred from the U.S. Postal Service payroll to the FSM Merit System.

The FSM Congress approved during its special session in July the bonus payments "to compensate the hardship that these employees faced when they accepted a lower salary," Falcam said, noting that the two postmasters who were making about \$25,000 or more were reduced to some \$20,000 a year and the three postal clerks who were being paid \$18,000-\$26,000 are now receiving approximately \$7,000 a year each.

## Micronesians to get Palikir jobs

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM government will try to place as many Micronesians as possible in construction jobs for the new national capitol in Palikir, FSM Construction Chief John Crooks told potential bidders during the Oct. 17-18 pre-bid conference here.

"Theoretically there are no limits" on the percentage or number of foreign workers which the successful bidder could bring into the FSM for the capitol construction project, because it may exceed \$10 million, Crooks said during the Oct. 17 session in the FSM Supreme Court chamber.

"However, it is the desire of the FSM government to provide for the transfer of skills and technology from the firms to local tradesmen," he said.

Referring to the Trades Training and Testing (T3) Program which is being conducted in Pohnpei, Truk and Yap to train and certify craftsmen in construction, electrical and mechanical skills, Crooks said, "The government through the Labor Division does not want foreign workers to fill jobs that can be handled by the local labor force."

He also said, "It is the desire of the government to help develop the economy by purchasing materials from local merchants."

The requirement that the contractor provide 25 per cent local employment and purchase 25 per cent of its material locally applies only to "citizen bidders"

### Civil engineer arrives

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Mark Kuhlman, a former supervisory engineer for Pan American World Services Construction Management Department in Bremerton, Washington, arrived here Oct. 11 to work as a civil engineer in the FSM Construction Contracts Review Division, according to Construction Chief John Crooks.

Kuhlman, 35, served four years in the Pan American World Airways division, after four years with Roates Engineering, city engineers for Polso, Washington, and a short term with R. W. Beck and Associates of Seattle.

He was born in Hooper, Nebraska, and received a BS degree in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Kuhlman will be joined here Nov. 6 by his wife, Ruth, and two children.

for projects under \$10 million, according to FSM Architect Tricia Croyle.

Citizen bidders will have 5 per cent preference, if the the base bid is under \$10 million as stated in FSM Public Law 2-65.

All foreign workers brought into Pohnpei for the capitol construction project must have entry permits issued by the FSM Immigration Division which are subject to acquiring work permits issued by the Labor Division which will advertise the positions for 30 days before issuing the permits, the contractors were told.

Twenty-six officials represented nine construction firms at the second pre-bid conference on the FSM capitol. The second day included a tour of the Palikir construction site.

Thirty-four firms were represented at the first pre-bid conference which was held here April 10-11 prior to bids being rejected unopened during a May 31 bid opening session in the Congress chamber because funds were not expected to be made available by the U.S. Congress at the time to begin construction within the time frame set forth in the contract documents.

The potential bidders were told Oct. 17 that the FSM government "is continuing to seek funding from the U.S. Congress and is actively pursuing alternative sources of funding," Ms. Croyle said.

Notices of Intent to Bid must be received on or before Oct. 28 by the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics, P.O. Box 538, Kolonia, Pohnpei BCI 96941, and bids are scheduled to be opened here at 10 a. m. Dec. 2.

In addition to Crooks and Croyle, participants in the pre-bid conference were Pohnpei State Community Services Director Bernin Weilbacher, FSM Assistant Attorney General Kristine Henderson, Adeline Lorens of the Pohnpei State Agriculture Division, Acting FSM Revenue Chief Ben Riggin, FSM Immigration Officer Lucio Remoket, Lloyd Arakaki of Architects Hawaii, Al Arakaki of Austin Tsusumi and Associates civil engineers and Lemox Nishimura of ECI electrical engineers.

### Statistician named

LELU, Kosrae - Kosrae Education Department math specialist Morgan Jonas became Sept. 30 the state statistician, replacing Timothy Semuda who joined the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics staff, according to an Oct. 16 State Information Office release.



KUHLMAN

# President signs agreement to settle EDLF dispute

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - President Tosiwo Nakayama signed Oct. 24 in Palau an agreement settling the dispute with the Northern Marianas and the U.S. Interior Department over the distribution of the Trust Territory Economic Development Loan Fund, according to FSM Development Bank President Manny Mori.

Nakayama was in Palau for the Oct. 25 inauguration of President Lazarus Salii. He signed the agreement which gives the FSM \$1,497,981, or 56 per cent of the funds remaining in the Trust Territory EDLF account through Oct. 30.

Also signing the agreement were Assistant Interior Secretary Richard Montoya, Trust Territory High Commissioner Janet McCoy, Marshall Islands Foreign Minister Tony deBrum, Palau National Development Bank Administrator Otoi-chi Besebes and Northern Marianas Lt. Gov. Pedro A. Tenorio.

Nakayama advised Montoya that the FSM will drop its suit filed in August, 1984, in the U.S. District Court, Washington, D.C., against the Interior Department to block the distribution of any EDLF funds to the Northern Marianas and allow its distribution to the other Micronesian governments.

Citing the 1982 Trust Territory agreement to allocate 56.5 per cent of the EDLF to the FSM, 18.5 per cent to Palau and 25 per cent to the Marshall Islands, the FSM contended that the commonwealth was not entitled to any more EDLF funds because it used its share of the fund, its closer relationship to the United States and its access to more development funds from the U.S. government.

Montoya, who previously supported the CNMI claim to \$1 million of the remaining funds, offered the compromise agreement allocating 56 per cent of the remaining funds to the FSM, 22 per cent to the Marshalls, 11 per cent to Palau and 11 per cent to the Northern Marianas.

Palau had overdrawn its share by \$168,236, according to Mori, so the other governments agreed

to absorb that amount and provide the Palau National Development Bank an additional \$100,000 based on the ratio of their shares of the fund.

The net final entitlement as of Oct. 30, Mori said, is FSM, \$1,497,981; Marshalls, \$257,478; Palau, \$100,000, and CNMI, \$611,684.

"Since the FSM share was not reduced by Montoya's decision, the FSM pushed for this formula," Mori said.

Through Oct. 3, the FSM Development Bank had drawn down \$2,951,285 from the EDLF, according to Mori who said the final entit-

lement will give the FSM a total of \$4,449,266 from the Trust Territory fund which began as a \$2.5 million appropriation by the U.S. Congress in 1970 and totals \$7,996,199 through Oct. 30.

Of the final entitlement which will be transferred to the FSM in November, \$750,000 will be deposited as required by the bank's lending policies in a reserve to earn interest and \$400,000 already is committed to approved loans, leaving a balance of \$347,981 which is less than the bank's \$358,000 fiscal 1986 operating budget, Mori said.

## Data sought for higher education plan

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Continuing Education Center Coordinators from throughout the College of Micronesia system were asked during an Oct. 24-26 workshop here to assist in obtaining data for a Five-Year Micronesian Higher Education Master Plan, according to COM Executive Director Singero Sigeo.

The CEC coordinators from Palau, the Marshall Islands and the four FSM states also discussed plans to extend secretarial and vocational courses offered at the Micronesian Occupational College in Palau to the centers for the first time, with MOC instructors visiting the centers next year, Dr. Sigeo said.

After reviewing Community College of Micronesia, Pohnpei, and MOC program requirements and academic policies, Oct. 24-25, the coordinators were briefed Oct. 26 by Dr. William A. Kinder, Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC) institutional services director who was contracted by COM to develop the five-year plan which will be based on overall higher education and training needs of the FSM, Marshalls and Palau.

Kinder presented a draft outline of the plan which proposes one volume including sections on 1) Postsecondary Education and Training Needs in Micronesia, 2)

Mission and Role of COM, 3) COM Organization and Programs, 4) Cost of Postsecondary Education and Training for Micronesia, 5) Financing Higher Education in Micronesia and 6) Five-Year Action Plan, with supporting data to be in a second volume.

The coordinators were given forms for providing data on all school age children, grades 8-12, and students who are studying overseas to determine manpower resources and training needs for the next five years, according to Kinder whose six-month contract was funded by a U.S. Office of Territorial and International Affairs technical assistance grant.

Kinder said that he also will analyze the manpower and training needs cited in the National Development Plans drafted by the FSM, Marshalls and Palau for funding under the Compact of Free Association with the United States to be incorporated in the COM plan.

"The first phase is to collect essential data," Kinder said, adding, "I'm hoping we can do this on an accelerated basis in about two months time."

Sigeo and Kinder met Oct. 18 with FSM Education Chief Daro Weital and his staff to discuss the plan and were scheduled to make on-site visits to the other states, Marshalls and Palau.

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