

Seiberling subcommittee sets final Compact hearing

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - U.S. House Public Lands and National Parks Chairman John F. Seiberling of Ohio announced that his subcommittee is scheduled to complete hearings March 19 and vote on the Compact of Free Association this spring, according to a Feb. 1 Interior Committee press release.

The March 19 hearing will be the fourth scheduled by the Interior subcommittee this year and will be for FSM witnesses, according to the release.

The composition of the FSM delegation "is under consideration," according to Status Commission legal counsel Greg Swartz.

"The House Foreign Affairs Committee indicated that it will complete action on the Compact no later than April 28," Swartz said, adding, "I don't think the Senate (Energy and Natural Resources Committee) will hold more hearings."

The Senate committee held one hearing in May, 1984, which was

addressed by FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, and reported the resolution to approve the Compact to the full Senate for a vote which did not take place before the U. S. Congress adjourned for election campaigns in October.

The Seiberling subcommittee held a series of 10 hearings and the House Foreign Affairs Committee held one hearing in 1984.

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President Urges EDLF Transfer

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - President Tosiwo Nakayama said that his administration will continue to support the FSM Development Bank and seek the transfer of its share of the Trust Territory Economic Development Loan Fund, during the opening session of the Feb. 11-16 Small Enterprise Development and Financing Workshop in the Congress chamber here.

The Development Bank is considering diversifying its activities, including getting into commercial banking, according to its board chairman, Truk State Resources and Development Director Redley Killion.

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PRESIDENT ADDRESSES DEVELOPMENT BANK WORKSHOP - President Tosiwo Nakayama, center, is addressing the opening session Feb. 11 of the FSM Development Bank Small Enterprise Development and Financing Workshop for FSMDB and state resources and development personnel in the Congress chamber. FSMDB Acting President Manny Mori is seated left and FSMDB Board Chairman Redley Killion, who is the Truk State Resources and Development director, right.

David becomes lieutenant governor

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Former State Housing Authority Executive Director Johnny P. David was sworn in as the second elected Pohnpei lieutenant governor, Feb. 1 in the legislature chamber here.

The afternoon ceremony followed a State-of-the-State Message delivered in the morning by Gov. Resio Moses to the legislature.

David, 48, in his first campaign for elected office defeated

FSM Education Chief Daro Weital in a Jan. 18 runoff race, after running second to Weital in a field of eight candidates in the Dec. 21 special election to replace Lt. Gov. Strik Yoma, who was found dead Sept. 2 in a Honolulu hotel.

He was sworn in by Pohnpei Supreme Court Chief Justice Edwel

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Moses cites utilities, roads progress in state message

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Gov. Resio Moses cited progress in the development of Pohnpei's utilities and roads and urged the state legislature to act on his government reorganization proposal Feb. 1 during his State-of-the-State Message, marking the completion of almost two years in office.

Moses, who took office May 1, 1983, said, "I had hoped to be able to stand here today and say, 'We have water 24 hours a day, our power outages are over and the road around the island is completed.'

"What I can say to you, instead, is that we are making progress in these areas," he said, citing "stable water hours" and continuous chlorine treatment for the Kolonia area and stating that he signed a \$2,057,000 contract in December with President Tosiwo Nakayama to upgrade the Kolonia water system.

Moses said the problem of power outages "will be over when a new power plant at Dekehtik is operating with new generators," scheduled to be installed at the end of this year.

Noting that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is scheduled to start construction this year on a hydroelectric plant on the Nanpil River and that funds for hydroelectric development on the Lehnmesi River will be included in the fiscal 1986 capital improvement projects budget request, he asked the legislature to authorize him to incur a loan for power line distribution around the island.

The circumferential road is almost completed and \$1.95 million in fiscal 1985 CIP funds is available for bridges and culverts, Moses said.

He said that a technical task force was created to assist the municipal governments in writing their development plans and "by Oct. 1, 1985, we hope to have 11 mini-plans completed, all in line with the development goals and objectives as identified in the Pohnpei state and FSM-wide plans."

Another task force is looking into the feasibility of transferring to the private sector certain government functions, such as plumbing, equipment rental, its machine shop, Micro Glory (field trip ship) operation, rock quarrying and garbage disposal, Moses said.

Another task force has almost completed work on a unified government salary schedule, and it is recommending that the current public employees' minimum wage be increased from \$1.35 to \$1.50 an



GOVERNOR DELIVERS STATE-OF-THE-STATE MESSAGE - Gov. Resio Moses, second from right, is delivering his State-of-the-State Message, Feb. 1, in the Pohnpei State Legislature chamber, citing progress in the development of utilities and roads. From left are Legislature Speaker Salter Etse, State Supreme Court Chief Justice Edwel Santos, Moses and Lt. Gov.-elect Johnny David.

hour, he said.

Regarding health care, he said the leprosy and tuberculosis treatment programs are well underway and the state "will stand to benefit from the FSM-Pacific area medical school to be established in Pohnpei this year."

Head Start and private preschool experiments have demonstrated the need for preschool education which the Education Department will attempt to provide in all communities, the governor said.

An elementary school consolidation program will be implemented upon completion of the circumferential road, PICS high school is being renovated with fiscal 1984 enhanced operations and maintenance funds and funds for a second high school will be included, again, in the fiscal 1986 CIP budget request, or under the Compact of Free Association, he said.

Airport development includes \$1.2 million in fiscal 1985 for construction, scheduled to begin this month, of a terminal and runway improvements at Pohnpei International Airport; work on the Mokil airstrip, which the legislature was asked to fund, and fiscal 1986 CIP budget requests for outer islands airports in Nukuoro, Ngatik and Kapingamarangi, Moses said.

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1986 funding cited by Moses are a Pohnpei State House to house the executive branch and circumferential road upgrading and pavement with the designation of the Sokehs Island road as part of the system for its immediate development.

The fiscal 1984 budget deficit of more than \$1 million incurred by the state was attributed to under-budgeting by \$785,000 for utility production, over appropriating revenues by \$667,000 and a \$260,000 deficit at the beginning of the year by the governor who said he expected improvements in the budget development process and revenue collections this year.

The governor urged the legislature to act on his fiscal 1985 budget request as soon as possible, and said he would call a special session to consider restructuring the government as required by the state constitution which went into effect Nov. 8, as soon as his reorganization plan is completed.

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David sworn in As Lt. governor

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Santos during an inauguration ceremony attended by FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, Vice President Bailey Oltter and Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King. The governor and nanmwarkis Johnny Moses of Uh municipality and Benito Peter of Kitti addressed the ceremony.

In a brief inaugural address, David promised to "work with the other branches of the state government, as well as the FSM national government...for the benefit of the people of Pohnpei state."

Born Aug. 21, 1937, in Kitti, David is a 1956 graduate of the former Pacific Islands Central School (PICS) in Truk who attended the University of Hawaii in Honolulu and the Community College of Micronesia here, in addition to a number of training programs sponsored by the Trust Territory government.

He entered public service in 1956 as a clerk at the Ponape District Hospital which he left in 1966 to become Kitti Cooperative Association business manager until 1969 when he became an elementary teacher and later a principal and supervisor in Kitti.

He became executive director in 1978 of the Pohnpei State Housing Authority which provides loans to local residences in the absence of commercial bank housing loans.

David is married to the former Elprihte Jonathan of Kitti and they have nine children.

The governor in his mid-morning State-of-the-State Message formally introduced David and said that he was pleased with the accomplishments of the housing authority under David and that he "will be nominating a person to this agency whose instruction will be to follow the model established by the previous director and also to further add necessary refinements to the program."

5 chosen for Job Corps

LELU, Kosrae - Five Kosraeans chosen from 90 applicants for 1985 Job Corps training in Hawaii include Likiaaksa Freddy, Lelu, commercial fishing; Anson George, Malen, and Felix Sigrah, Lelu, plumbing, and Noritson Saimon, Tafunsak, and Joeharty Joel, Utwewe, air conditioning, according to a Kosrae State Information Office release.

Pohnpei, Truk senators challenged

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The three Pohnpei incumbent FSM Congress members up for reelection and two of five Truk incumbents are being challenged in the March 5 congressional elections, according to Micronesian Affairs Deputy Chief Gabriel Ayin.

Freshmen Senators Isaac Figir of Yap, Claude Phillip of Kosrae and Tony Otto of Truk and three-term Senators Raymond Setik and Kalisto Refalopei, both of Truk, are unopposed.

Nine candidates filed petitions with the Pohnpei national election commissioner by the Feb. 3 deadline, including:

Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry and Koffer Sohs of Sokehs in District 1.

Senator Elias Thomas and Wagner Lorence, State Community Development director and a Kitti Municipal Councilman, in District 2.

Senator Peter Christian, FSM Training Chief Paul Gallen, Community College of Micronesia Continuing Education Center Director Oliver Joseph and Uh farmer Francisco Marques in District 3.

In Truk, Senator Sasao Goulard is challenged by State Public Works Deputy Director Nick Bossy in District 2 and Senator Jack Fritz by Truk Community Action Executive Director Ismael Dobich in District 3.

Christian is chairman of the Health, Education and Social Affairs Committee; Goulard, the Resources and Development Commit-

tee; Fritz, the Judiciary and Government Operations Committee.

Unopposed chairmen are Figir, External Affairs, and Setik, Ways and Means.

The elections are for 10 seats with two-year terms in the Fourth FSM Congress which will hold its first regular session in May.

Four Congress members have four-year terms which will end in 1987. They are Vice Speaker Joab Sigrah, Kosrae; Floor Leader John Haglegam, Yap; Pedro Harris, Pohnpei, and Koichi Sana, Truk.

Ship training held

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Some 120 FSM seamen completed shipboard safety and emergency procedures training provided by the U.S. Coast Guard on field trip ships, October-December, in Truk, Yap and Pohnpei, according to national Sea Transportation Systems Officer Matthias Ewamai.

The training sponsored by the Trust Territory government and conducted by personnel from the 14th Coast Guard District in Honolulu included fire drills, assignment of crew and equipment during disasters, first aid, steering casualty, damage control, man overboard and abandoning ship.

Crews from the MS Caroline Islands and Micro Glory in Pohnpei, Micro Trader and Micro Dawn in Truk and Micro Spirit in Yap participated.



JOHNNY DAVID SWORN IN AS LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR - Former Pohnpei State Housing Authority Executive Director Johnny David, third from right, is being sworn in Feb. 1 by State Supreme Court Chief Justice Edwel Santos as the second elected Pohnpei lieutenant governor with his wife, Elprihte, holding the Bible in the State Legislature chamber. Seated from left are President Tosiwo Nakayama, FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King, Nanmwarki Johnny Moses of Uh, Gov. Resio Moses, Nanmwarki Benito Peter of Kitti and Legislature Speaker Salter Este.

Fish poisoning in Pingelap, Mokil

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Ciguatera poison was found in fish, making them dangerous to eat, in certain areas of Pingelap and Mokil, last year by a joint Pohnpei state-national government investigation, according to FSM Marine Resources Chief Mike Gawel.

The FSM Congress provided \$10,000 for the investigation which was conducted in February and August by Gawel and Ruhne Phillip and Johnston Route of the State Conservation and Resource Surveillance Department as a result of complaints by the two Pohnpei outer islands' residents of fish poisoning.

The microscopic organism, *Gambierdiscus toxicus* which creates the extremely strong poison, was found growing attached to seaweed in the wave zones of the reefs where people had been poisoned by fish.

Reef fish and their predators collected in the south and southeast reefs of Pingelap and east reefs of Mokil were found to be poisonous, according to Gawel.

This type of poisoning can cause diarrhea and vomiting from a few hours to 24 hours after eating the contaminated fish, he said.

It also can cause 1) tingling of the hands and feet and around the mouth; 2) itching; 3) pain in the joints, head, muscles and stomach, and 4) chills, in addition to causing a person's skin to feel like it is burning when in

contact with cold water.

Most symptoms appear within the first day or two of eating poisonous fish, Gawel said, adding that "people that are poisoned repeatedly get more and more sensitive to the poison."

The team recommended avoiding eating reef fish and other animals from the affected reefs and avoiding eating liver, eggs and interals of reef fish, as no cooking, freezing, or chemicals can remove the poison.

All suspected cases of fish poisoning should be reported to local medics, or to Marine Resources teams of Terry Moore and Keister Johnson in Mokil and Chuck Sayon and Stonis Charley in Pingelap.

"The University of the South Pacific tested 16 species of fish from Pingelap and 25 species from Mokil which were collected in the poisoned reef areas," according to Gawel who said, "All from Pingelap, except squirrelfish contained some poison, but only half from Mokil proved to be poisonous."

The flesh and interals of fish tested and found poisonous at both atolls include various surgeon fish, parrot fish, tang, grouper and snappers, which means large reef predators, such as red snapper, barracuda, bigjack and moray eel in the affected reef areas are expected to be poisonous for years, he said.

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preparing the Compact to resubmit the new Congress, according to Swartz.

Washington Liaison Officer Epel Ilon is scheduled to be lead FSM witness in the Feb. 25 hearing scheduled by the Seiberling subcommittee on the fiscal 1986 budget request which would include Compact funding, if it goes into effect by Oct. 1, according to the release.

"I will also include an examination of the administration's proposal to place the post-trusteeship funding in the State Department," the release said.

"FSM witnesses are expected, in addition to supporting Compact-level funding, to address transition issues, capital improvement program needs and federal program losses," Swartz said.

A March 7 hearing will focus on the impact of the Compact on U.S.

insular areas, such as Guam, American Samoa, Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, plus Hawaii, with witnesses from their governments and the Defense, Interior and State departments.

A March 14 hearing will be devoted to the Marshall Islands with government and non-government witnesses invited to testify.

"With the conclusion of the March 19 hearing, the series on the Compact for the Marshalls and the FSM will come to an end," the Interior release said.

"The next step in the ratification process will be the marking up of the legislation by the subcommittee members followed by a vote on it," it said.

"This action is expected to take place sometime in the spring," the release said.

U.N. volunteers Up in FSM

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The number of U.N. volunteers in the FSM was raised to 16 with the arrival Feb. 8 of two medical doctors requested by Kosrae, according to Micronesian Affairs Deputy Chief Gabriel Ayin.

Dr. Movva Chakravarty, a surgeon, and his wife, Dr. Lalitha Banda, a general practitioner, arrived from India early Feb. 8 in Pohnpei via Air Nauru and went Feb. 9 to Kosrae on a Pacific Missionary Aviation flight.

They are the only U.N. volunteers assigned to Kosrae.

Pohnpei has five U.N. volunteers, including Dr. Bob Fedalizo of the Philippines, a dentist in the state hospital; Dr. Rene Barro of the Philippines, a surgeon at the state hospital; A. Opaku of Ghana, a cold storage repair and maintenance technician at the Economic Development Authority; Mr. Gulati of India, an architect and physical planner in the State Planning Office, and A. Gamage of Sri Lanka, a small business specialist in the Conservation and Resource Surveillance Department.

Also working in Pohnpei is John Ntowo of Ghana, a business instructor at the Community College of Micronesia.

Truk has five U.N. volunteers, including medical Drs. Wilfredo and Frudina Gesulga of the Philippines stationed at the Mortlocks super dispensary in Satawan; medical Dr. O. Alegre-Ipanag of the Philippines at the state hospital in Moen, a Dr. Kakkar of India at the Faichuk super dispensary in Tol, and Miss M. Baroy of the Philippines, a poultry brioler specialist in Moen.

Yap has three volunteers, including A. Abeyasinghe of Sri Lanka, a small business specialist; a public health Dr. Encinas of the Philippines, and veterinary Dr. M. Thavalingam of Malaysia, a swine production specialist.

"We are expecting more requests from the states this year (for U.N. volunteers)," Ayin said.

He said that Truk has requests pending for a small industries advisor and medical doctors to replace the Gesulgas in the Mortlocks; Pohnpei for a fisheries specialist and a statistician; Yap for a coconut productions specialist, a fiberglass production specialist and a civil engineer, and the FSM for a hospital equipment repair technician.

The host governments pay \$10,000 a year each toward the salaries of the U.N. volunteers and provide housing, according to Ayin.

Chile envoy Visits FSM

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Lt. Gen. Agustin Toro-Davila, Chile's ambassador to the Philippines, said here Jan. 29 at the end of his first visit to the FSM that he expects his country to establish trade with Micronesia in the future.

Toro-Davila, who has represented the government of President Augusto Pinochet in Manila for the past two years, arrived here Jan. 27 with his wife, Carmen, after visiting Guam and Saipan, and was scheduled to visit Palau on their way back to the Philippines.

They spent Jan. 28 visiting the Nan Modal Ruins; PATS high school where they had lunch with its founder, the Rev. Hugh Costigan, S.J., and Keprohi Waterfall in Madolenihmw Municipality, and Jan. 29 making courtesy calls on President Tosiwo Nakayama, Vice President Bailey Olter and Gov. Resio Moses.

Toro-Davila said that he was visiting Micronesia to make contact with authorities, as his embassy has responsibility for contact, while the Chilean embassy in Washington, D.C., is responsible for consular affairs.

"I have a very good impression of this country," he said. "I believe this is a very beautiful country in the of development.

"The politicians are kind and courteous, and they believe in what they are doing now," he added.

The ambassador said that his embassy is continuously studying the possibilities of trade with Micronesia and expects it to be established "in the long term.... because we are a country of the Pacific and we believe the future is in the Pacific."

Toro-Davila noted his country, in a 1945 agreement with Peru and Ecuador, was one of the first to establish jurisdictional claim over its 200-mile offshore economic zone, and said, "Now a great part of the world accepts this concept."

Toro-Davila said he is a three-star army general whose "principle career is military," and he is serving in his second diplomatic post, having been ambassador to Mexico.

Before Manila, he was president of the University of Chile in Santiago for five years, after serving two years as minister of mines, which he called "a political job" in Gen. Pinochet's administration.

German envoy sees cooperation

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Dr. Martin Schneller, deputy chief of mission and consul for Micronesia in the West German embassy in Manila, during a Feb. 2-5 visit here said that his government is interested in possible areas of cooperation with Micronesian nations.

Schneller, who first visited

Pohnpei in August, 1981, came to the FSM capital after visiting Saipan, Guam and the Marshall Islands, and was scheduled to visit Yap and Palau, before returning to Manila.

After visiting with Pohnpei state and national government officials, Schneller cited possibilities of joint ventures between the FSM and Bonn government in areas of fishing, seabed mineral exploitation, scholarships and manpower development.

Schneller also visited historic sites here from the period of German rule in Micronesia and complimented the restoration work being done on the German-built Catholic Church bell tower in Kolonia with \$30,000 provided by his government.

He also visited the German Cemetery in Kolonia and said he was fascinated by the gravestone inscriptions, including that of Victor Berg, the governor, or administrator who died here in 1907.

Schneller said that he has completed four years in the Philippine embassy and expects to be transferred soon to the Foreign Ministry in Bonn. He has been in the foreign service since 1970 and served in Bonn, Ireland, Africa and Belgium.



GERMAN ENVOY VISITS - Dr. Martin Schneller, right, deputy chief of mission and consul for Micronesia in the West German embassy in Manila, is visiting President Tosiwo Nakayama in his office Feb. 4, during Feb. 2-5 visit with Pohnpei state and FSM officials.



CHILEAN AMBASSADOR VISITS - Lt. Gen. Agustin Toro-Davila, center, Chile's ambassador to the Philippines, is meeting Jan. 29 with President Tosiwo Nakayama, left, and Vice President Bailey Olter, after arriving Jan. 26 for a three-day visit to Pohnpei.

Permits issued

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued Dec. 17 a federal permit to Safnat Waw Samuel to complete a seawall and landfill in Fefan Island, Truk, which were started without a permit, according to Col. Michael M. Jenks, Honolulu district engineer.

The corps also issued Dec. 17 a permit to Bismark A. Weilbacher to construct a 4,000-square foot landfill in Uh Municipality, Pohnpei, for a small gas station at Nanuh.

Samuel constructed about 190 feet of seawall and filled a 75 by 25-foot area without a federal permit, before being ordered Jan. 23, 1984, by the corps to discontinue the work.

Based on internal investigations of the unauthorized work and public review, the corps found no serious damage by the work to the surrounding environment and granted a permit to Samuel authorizing him to extend the seawall to 230 feet and fill area to 40 by 150 feet to create a safe storage area for public works equipment in his care.

Court cites lack of jurisdiction

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King dismissed Feb. 6 two petitions for certification of citizenship because they do not present a "case" within the meaning of the Constitution.

"Such certification is a kind of administrative function normally consigned to the executive branch," King said in the opinion dismissing the cases without prejudice to the right of the petitioners, John Jacob Sproat and Fritz Sablan Cruz, to renew their petitions under appropriate cir-

cumstances.

King said that he consolidated the two petitions because they are "based on similar facts and raise identical legal issues," with both petitioners claiming to be constitutionally FSM citizens as one of the parents of each were born in the Federated States.

There was no opposition to the claims and the FSM Attorney General's Office investigated and confirmed their citizenship, he said.

Article XI, Section 6 of the FSM Constitution limits judicial powers of the Supreme Court to five specific kinds of "disputes" and five types of "cases," King said.

There are no disputes involved with the petitions and they are not "cases" 1) affecting officials of a foreign government; 2) in which the national government is a party; 3) arising under the Constitution; 4) arising under national law, nor 5) arising under treaties, he said.

Therefore, he concluded that the court did not have jurisdiction in the proceedings.

Gilmete sentenced

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Quirino Gilmete, 21, of Uh municipality, Pohnpei, was sentenced Jan. 31 by FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King to one year in jail and a \$100 restitution payment after violating conditions of a deferred guilty plea, according to National Justice Ombudsman Nickontro Johnny.

Gilmete pleaded April 6, 1984, guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon on Albert Helgenberger, then an FSM Supreme Court employee, in Uh, and the court, with Pohnpei State Court Chief Justice Edwel Santos sitting as a designated justice, deferred the guilty plea for one year on certain conditions, including a prohibition against drinking alcoholic beverages.

Upon determining that Gilmete violated the drinking prohibition, King imposed the sentence which includes release from jail during the last three months of the first year on weekdays to perform community service and returning to jail nights and weekends.

An additional two-year suspended sentence was imposed with Gilmete on probation and prohibited from drinking during that period.

124 on Honor Roll

LELU, Kosrae - Among the 452 students enrolled in Kosrae High School, 124 were placed on the first quarter honor roll, including 13 who earned 4.0, or perfect grade averages, according to a Nov. 30 State Information Office release.

The 4.0 students include freshmen Aaron Sigrah, Lipar George, Lotto Ismael and Sam Oltar; sophomores Tholman Alik, Likiak Tol-ennoa and Surleigh Trara; juniors Aliksa Sigrah, Ditson Abraham, Johnson Asher, Nena Nena and Thompson Siba, and senior Yoslin George.

Dores sentenced To 13 years

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Antonio Dor-es, 30, of Uh municipality was sentenced Jan. 28 by FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King to a total of 13 years in jail for manslaughter and assault with a dangerous weapon, due to his pleading guilty Oct. 22 of shooting Reuben David to death May 31 in Nan Kehlik, Madolenihmw.

Dores previously pleaded guilty of assaulting Herlino Makaya of Madolenihmw with a dangerous weapon.

He was sentenced to 10 years in jail on the manslaughter charge with the last two years suspended, provided that he transfer more than four acres of family land in Takai Iou, Uh, as restitution to the family of the shooting victim within six months after the Jan. 28 sentencing date.

Five of the 13 years were based on the court's acceptance of the deferred assault with a dangerous weapon guilty plea, according to a Supreme Court press release which said that after the first five years of the sentence, Dor-es may be released one day a week to work for the victim's family, if they request it.

Weaving taught at PCP

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Ponape Coconut Products is training 15 women in traditional weaving to produce gift packets for its soap products, according to PCP General Manager Catalino Sam.

The eight-week project is being funded by the Pohnpei Job Training Partnership Act office, according to Sam, who said that the women are learning several patterns for weaving baskets and mats under the supervision of Lucy Eliou.

Ten trainees will be hired on completion of the course to to prepare gift packs, he said.

"We were selling more soap gift packs than local weavers could weave," Sam said, adding, "We lost a major Guam customer, because the local supply of baskets was limited, but with our own group of weavers, we will be able to meet the demand and increase sales."

He said that imported packages would be easier to obtain, "but we want to promote local handi-crafts and limit our imports of foreign goods."

FSM Supreme Court Calender

DATE/TIME	TRIAL DIVISION - STATE OF POHNPEI		PROCEEDING
	CASE NAME	TYPE	
Feb. 18	FSM v. Jason	Forgery	Responses
	FSM v. Moses	Forgery	Responses
	FSM v. Ioanis	Forgery	Responses
Feb. 19, 9 a.m.	FSM v. Ponape Builders	Tax	Pretrial
Feb. 20, 9 a.m.	FSM v. Jason	Forgery	Pretrial
Feb. 21, 9 a.m.	FSM v. Moses	Forgery	Pretrial
Feb. 28, 9 a.m.	FSM v. Moses	Forgery	Trial
	FSM v. Ioanis	Forgery	Pretrial
March 1, 9 a.m.	FSM v. Ioanis	Forgery	Trial
March 4, 9 a.m.	FSM v. Jason	Forgery	Trial
March 6, 9 a.m.	Rauzi v. FSM	Tax	Trial

President cites Development Bank role under Plan

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Nakayama cited the goal of "a reasonable degree of economic self-sufficiency" set in the National Development Plan and said, "The efforts of this bank as an active partner for the private sector in creating new businesses or expanding present ones will be very crucial, if we are to reach our ultimate goal."

The President endorsed the need for the training workshop to develop the skills of the Development Bank staff and state resources and development officials and said that he will continue to support the institution.

Highlighting past support by his administration, Nakayama said, "We have for the past four years or so been pursuing the transfer of the FSM share of the

Economic Development Loan Fund.

"I believe the transfer of these funds will not only increase the bank's capital, but would offer this nation greater flexibility in managing the growth of this institution to our utmost benefit," he said.

As of September, 1982, the FSM share was set at \$3.2 million, or 5.6 per cent of the \$5.5 million EDLF, according to FSMDB Acting President Manny Mori who said that more than \$1.4 million has been disbursed and received by the bank.

Nakayama also said efforts to obtain FSMDB membership in the Asian Development Bank "have progressed very well," noting that the FSM bank will participate for the first time in the ADB governors' meeting in April.

And he cited training opportunities for FSMDB staff in Japan and elsewhere through the national government.

Killion said the bank will be "called upon to play a very dynamic role in its credit operations," with the anticipated influx of economic development funds under the Compact of Free Association.

He said the bank is now limited in capital resources and is considering ways to increase its portfolio and to work toward covering its administrative costs from its lending operations.

"Another strategy that the bank is considering is to diversify its activities," Killion said, stating that "to foster healthy

economic and financial environment, the bank hopes to enter such areas as insurance, equipment leasing and business consultancy, so that this will induce new investors to grow up and will enhance capital development activities in the nation."

A third strategy is to broaden the FSMDB's lending operations by currently arranging to guarantee commercial bank loans to "increase the capital flow to business activities in the nation," he said.

The bank is pursuing membership in the World Bank and Asian Development Bank to obtain technical assistance and staff development, in addition to enhancing its capital structure, according to Killion.

He said that "the bank is also in serious consideration of getting into commercial banking, at least in a limited way on popular demand.

"The main consideration in this connection is to render added facilities at least to the loanee clients of the bank, numbering more than 120 at present," Killion said.

In welcoming the participants, Mori said that this is the first training being provided jointly to officials of the FSMDB and state resources and development departments.

"Its main aim is to enhance the skills knowledge and capabilities of the participants in dealing with development loan packages," he said.

Business advisors set

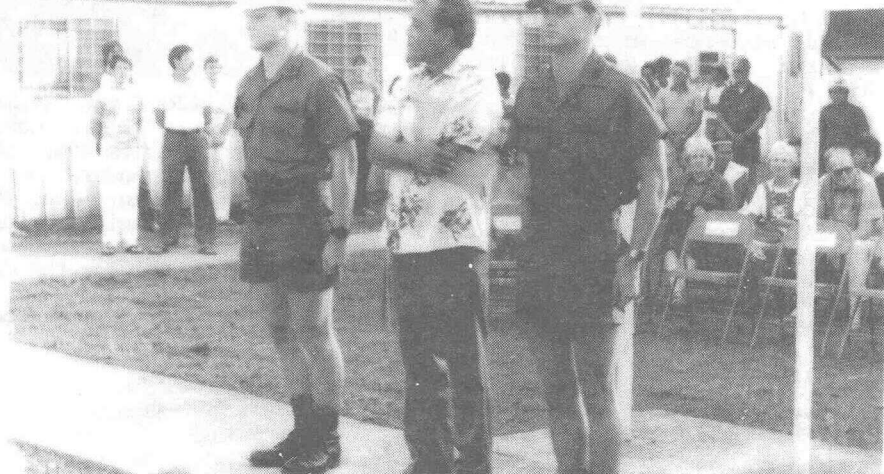
KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Pohnpei Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Business Advisory Team which began Feb. 11 providing free consultation for small businesses here, according to Martha Murphy, a Peace Corps volunteer who is the chamber administrator and advisory team coordinator.

The team of Peace Corps small business advisors is available 9 a.m.-noon Mondays in the Chamber of Commerce office located in the State Conservation and Resource Surveillance Department headquarters to very small business people to provide assistance in accounting procedures, marketing, obtaining loans, management, budgeting, financial planning and utilizing government resources, Murphy said.

Team members also will be available on request to business locations outside of Kolonia, if the client provides transportation, or they can otherwise find transportation, she said.

Team members, in addition Murphy, are Doug Smith of the State Outer Islands Affairs Office; Jeff Gardner, FSM Development Bank; Andrea Novak, Kolonia Consumers' Cooperative Association (KCCA), and Cynthia Hall, Kitti Municipal Office.

The chamber approved the establishment of the team during a Feb. 6 meeting in the Palm Terrace Restaurant, according to Murphy who said the team will work under the direction of State Economic Consultant Dan Perin who is the state liaison to the Chamber of Commerce.



WELCOMES NEW CAT TEAM - Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses, center, is welcoming U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civic Action Team 84-13 commanded by Lt. Howard Klei, left, during a change of command ceremony Jan. 29 at Camp Kitti. The governor also presented a certificate of appreciation on behalf of Pohnpei state to Lt. Kevin Keough, right, commander of CAT Team 84-11 which completed a six-month tour and left Jan. 31 to return to Ft. Shafter, Hawaii.

Coast Guard to continue in FSM during Compact period

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The U.S. Coast Guard will continue search and rescue operations in Micronesia when the Compact of Free Association goes into effect, according to Rear Adm. Clyde Robbins, commander of the 14th Coast Guard District, Honolulu.

Robbins and his immediate superior, Vice Adm. John D. Costello of Alameda, California, Pacific Area commander, came to Pohnpei via Coast Guard aircraft on Jan. 29 to brief FSM officials on future plans and present a proposed Search and Rescue Agreement, similar to one to be entered into with the Marshall Islands, for the Compact period.

The admirals met briefly with President Tosiwo Nakayama and Vice President Bailey Olter in the President's office, before holding the briefing in the President's Conference Room for officials from the Attorney General's Office and External Affairs Department.

Officials accompanying the admirals met with Gov. Resio Moses and his staff to brief them on the search and rescue, navigational aids, recruiting and training plans for the Compact period.

The proposed agreement complies with an international search and rescue convention in spelling out the responsibilities of a host country in the event of an accident and the support country, Robbins said.

"I don't anticipate any changes (in Coast Guard operations here) just because of the status

change," Robbins said.

He noted that the Coast Guard provided training recently in search and rescue procedures for the field trip ship crews in Truk, Yap and Pohnpei at the request of Trust Territory High Commissioner Janet McCoy.

"We will do as much as we can (in providing training), as long as your governments want it," Robbins said.

Costello said the Coast Guard is available to give advice on techniques to minimize the environmental impact of accidents, such as oil spills, and has a strike team to assist in major spills.

Robbins also noted that the Coast Guard converted eight floating bouy markers in Kolonia harbor to fixed navigational aids to reduce maintenance costs and indicated that the Coast Guard will continue this service within the FSM upon request.

"We are not going to try to install additional markers, just replace the ones here, because we don't have the funds," he said.

Costello noted that Trust Territory citizens will be eligible for appointments to the U.S. service academies, including the Coast Guard Academy, and to enlist in the military services and the Coast Guard.

He indicated that upon request the Coast Guard will set up its own recruiting system in Micronesia, since it is under the U.S. Transportation Department, instead of the Defense Department.

"We feel that young people who come from here would make excellent candidates, both as enlisted men and officers, because they are water oriented," Costello said, though "we are concerned that people will try to sign up and see that they are not prepared."

One purpose of recruiters would be to help FSM citizens prepare to meet Coast Guard requirements.

On law enforcement and search for illegal drugs and contraband, Robbins suggested a memorandum of understanding between the Coast Guard and FSM government on procedures for boarding and apprehending vessels in FSM waters.



COAST GUARD ADMIRALS VISIT - Rear Adm. Clyde Robbins, center, commander of the 14th U.S. Coast Guard District, Honolulu, and his immediate superior, Vice Adm. John D. Costello of Alameda, California, Pacific Area commander, are meeting with President Tosiwo Nakayama in his office, during a Jan. 29 visit to Pohnpei to brief FSM and Pohnpei state officials on plans for the Compact of Free Association period. The admirals presented to the President a proposed search and rescue agreement for the Compact period.

Health students sought

LELU, Kosrae - Kosrae High School students were visited in December by University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine instructors Roy Linne Wada and Nanette Judd and Community College of Micronesia Health Career Opportunities Program Director Marylou Hawley to determine who was interested in pursuing health related studies, according to a State Information Office release.

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