

Gouland loses Congress seat to Bossy

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The three Pohnpei incumbent FSM Congress members and one incumbent in Truk retained their seats, while veteran Truk Senator Sasao Gouland lost his reelection bid to State Deputy Public Works Director Nick Bossy in the March 5 two-year term congressional elections, according to unofficial results reported by the state election commissioners.

In Pohnpei Election District 1 Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry

received 1,691 votes to 255 for challenger Koffer Sohs of Sokehs Pah, according to Pohnpei State Election Commissioner Samson Alpet.

Incumbent Elias Thomas retained his District 2 seat with 2,405 votes to 1,090 for State Community Development Director Wagner Lawrence.

Incumbent Peter Christian in District 3 won with 873 votes to 726 for FSM Training Chief Paul Gallen, 678 for CCM Continuing

Education Center Director Oliver Joseph, 658 for State Health Services Director Alexander Panuelo and 148 for Francisco Marquez of Uh.

In Truk, Bossy of Moen received 1,869 votes to 1,406 for Gouland, who has served as Resources and Development chairman since being elected to the First FSM Congress in 1979, in District 2 (Moen, Pis and Fono), according to State

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FSM requests all federal programs continued

Compact reintroduced in House

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM requested continuation of all U.S. federal programs during the first year of funding under the Compact of Free Association in fiscal 1986, while an impact analysis is being prepared, during the Feb 25 hearing in the House Public Lands and National Parks Subcommittee.

The Compact was jointly introduced March 7 in the House by the Interior and Foreign Affairs committees with Foreign Affairs Chairman Dante Fascell of Florida, Interior Chairman Morris K. Udall of Arizona, Public Lands and National Parks Subcommittee Chairman John Seiberling of Ohio and Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee Chairman Stephen Solarz of New York as its principle sponsors, according to an FSM Washington Office dispatch which said the legislation was referred to the Solarz subcommittee.

FSM Congress Ways and Means Chairman Raymond Setik of Truk suggested during the Feb. 25 hearing a block grant to cover the shortfall in federal programs estimated to be at least \$16 million during the first year of Compact funding by the national government.

The hearing was the first held by the Interior subcommittee on

budget authorizations for the Trust Territory based on Compact-level funding, instead of Interior Department funding, for the

FSM and Marshall Islands.

The subcommittee is scheduled

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CHIEF EXECUTIVES MEET IN TRUK - The FSM chief executives are being briefed by FSM attorneys on the status of the proposed Air Micronesia takeover during the opening session of their seventh conference March 11-15 in the Truk State Legislature chamber. From left, clockwise, at the central tables are President Tosiwo Nakayama, Truk State Public Affairs Director Iskia Sony, Kosrae Gov. Yosiwo George, secretary to the President Melody Bertincini, Truk Gov. Erhart Aten who is conference chairman, FSM Attorney General David Nevitt, Washington attorney Barry Israel, Yap Gov. John Mangel and Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses. (See story on Page 3.)

Says Weather Service to continue

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The U.S. National Weather Service "is not likely to establish a weather facility on Kosrae," but will continue to provide services to Micronesia after the Compact of Free Association goes into effect, according to NWS Regional Director Richard H. Hagemeyer of Hawaii.

Hagemeyer visited Pohnpei, Feb. 11-13, after attending a Weather Service Officers-In-Charge Conference in Guam.

He cited a cost of at least \$200,000 to equip a weather station in Kosrae, not including construction, and a Compact provision that the NWS will carry on its current level of operations in Micronesia as the reasons against establishing a facility on Kosrae.

"Truk state's new station costs \$467,000, including relocation and construction," Hagemeyer said, adding that a new station planned for Pohnpei will be the last to be built by the NWS.

A new office building will be constructed at the present Pohnpei weather station, according to its official-in-charge, Akira Suzuki who said the Pohnpei station supervises a synoptic weather reporting station on Kosrae which is manned by contracted personnel.

The Weather Service also is planning to establish a supplemental aviation weather recording station and satellite surface observation station at the Kosrae International Airport, after its runway is paved and power is extended to the airport.

"To my knowledge, everything necessary for a functioning weather facility is in place at the five central weather stations in Majuro, Pohnpei, Truk, Yap and Koror," he said.

"I want to see the stations turned over to the FSM government," Hagemeyer said, adding that the national government should consider giving the administration of the stations to an existing office, or establish a new office to administer them at the national level.

The FSM Weather Service was created by an interim agreement signed in October, 1981, but there is no national coordinating office or agency coordinating the three central stations in Yap, Truk and Pohnpei with the national government and U.S. Weather Service, Suzuki said.

Noting that the Reagan administration put Micronesian weather services fiscal 1984 and 1985 budgets in the State Department, instead of the Commerce Depart-

ment, he said, "There may be complications but I think the weather services will always remain in the budget."

The Weather Service is planning to install a satellite storm-warning system to ascertain the strength of storms and advise the Micronesian governments, Hagemeyer said.

An Extel ComWriter computer terminal and printer were installed in the Pohnpei station during the first week of March and is linked to all weather stations in Micronesia and through Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, to a worldwide weather network based in Maryland, to send and receive forecasts.

The Extel system is on a full-time direct-dialing satellite circuit and is the only incoming warning service to the public in Micronesia, according to Suzuki.



FORESTERS VISIT - U.S. Forest Service officials are meeting Feb. 20 with FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, second from left, in his office. From left clockwise are FSM Agriculture Chief Sailes Henry; Nakayama; U.S. Forest Service Deputy Chief John Ohman of Washington, D.C.; Tom Price of the Forest Service San Francisco office; Pacific Island Forester Leonard Newell of Hawaii, and Edwin Pettys of the Hawaii Forestry and Wild Life Division.

Forest reserves urged for Pohnpei

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Pohnpei's population may be dangerously encroaching on its forested areas, according to U.S. Forest Service Pacific Islands Forester Leonard Newell of Honolulu who urged the state to develop watershed forestry reserves during a Feb. 20-March 1 visit.

Newell visited Kosrae March 1-4, before returning to Honolulu.

Newell said during a Feb. 28 interview that he discussed watershed reserves with President Tosiwo Nakayama, Gov. Resio Moses and other state and national officials who agreed in general that they are needed.

He said that he also is working with State Forester Herson Anson to develop a discussion proposal for Pohnpei watershed reserves where forests are left untouched, or minimally disturbed so they can absorb, filter and store rainfall for human consumption.

Watersheds stripped of their forests lead to soil erosion, water contamination and silt destruction of mangroves and marine life, Newell citing the south coast of Guam as an area voided of its forests.

He said that aerial surveillances show that Pohnpei forests above 500 meters above sea level appear to be intact, but a lot of new houses have been built in the past 20 years between 300 and 500 meters where people have cut and burned off forests.

Pohnpei lost about 20 per cent of its forests due to fires star-

ted accidentally or intentionally by people during the 1983 El Nino drought, Newell said.

"One official here said many Pohnpeians think of forests as wasteland and that they have the opportunity to set fire to them, they do so to clear them out so they can grow their food," he said.

"We find that many of these (areas) are now covered with weeds and food and trees can no longer grow there," Newell said.

The land can be reforested but it is expensive, he said.

Newell said that his office is planning to submit by the end of March to the State Conservation and Resource Surveillance Department a report which includes aerial photographs and sketches "so people can see what's happening to the forests."

Newell also said that it is uncertain whether the U.S. Forestry Service will continue to operate in the FSM when the Compact of Free Association goes into effect.

"One way to assure that our work will be continued is for the FSM government to specifically request of the U.S. government that forestry extension programs be continued," he said, adding that he may be ordered to stop the work, if the request is not made.

"I believe we have a good deal more work to do here before we can assure the protection of (Pohnpei's) forests and its waters," Newell said.

State LNO eyes Smooth transition

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Michael Wycant, the new U.S. State Department senior status liaison officer to the Trust Territory, said here that his mission is to work toward smooth transition to the post-trusteeship period.

"Working for a smooth transition from the former system of trusteeship to the new arrangement that will be developed under the Compact (of Free Association with the United States) with specific reference to the FSM is my most important aim," Wycant said during a March 1 interview.

Wycant, who replaced Carl Taylor Jr. as the senior status liaison officer at the Trust Territory Headquarters, Saipan, said he is responsible primarily for the FSM, while Michael Senko is the U.S. status liaison officer stationed in the Marshall Islands and Jerry Pascua in Saipan is responsible for Palau.

Wycant, who met with President Tosiwo Nakayama, Vice President Bailey Olter and other state and national government officials, during a Feb. 28-March 2 orientation trip to Pohnpei, said eventually as the Compact ratification procedure goes through the U.S. Congress, he will be much clearer on how he is going to organize his office and he hopes to be back at the FSM capital on a more permanent basis.

Wycant said the indication is that he will stay in Saipan until the Compact is approved by the Congress and he knows how the U.S. Government will organize itself for future operations in Micronesia, whether this will be under the State, or Interior departments, or an inter-agency group headed by State.

He said that the decision of where he is to operate from has to be made by both the administration and the Congress, and that the U.S. Congress has not spoken.

Wycant said that his new job includes assisting further FSM economic development leading to a greater degree of self-sufficiency by developing U.S. private investment and other economic activities.

Prior to his two-year appointment to Micronesia, Wycant's 25 years of foreign service assignments included Africa, the Soviet Union, Vietnam, Australia and most recently in the State Department Bilateral Science Relations Office in Washington, D.C.

He is expected to be joined by his wife later in this year. They have a daughter who is preparing to go to college this fall.

Chief executives discuss games

MOEN, Truk - The Seventh Chief Executives Conference began March 11 in the Truk State Legislature chamber with a discussion of the Micro Olympic Committee proposal to postpone the first FSM Games to June or July, 1986, and a decision to ask the committee to seek funding in the FSM Congress for the games.

The chief executives approved a resolution to hold the first games on May 10, 1985, the sixth anniversary of the FSM Constitution implementation, during their sixth conference in October in

Pohnpei.

The four state governors and President Tosiwo Nakayama also received a briefing by national government attorneys on the status of the proposed FSM takeover of United Micronesian Development Association and Air Micronesia.

FSM Attorney General David Nevitt and Washington attorney Barry Israel discussed the March 1 hearing in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Houston, Texas, on motions by Continental Airlines and the FSM

to move suits in the U.S. District Court in Saipan against the takeover to the Houston court.

The President and the two attorneys are scheduled to attend a March 20 settlement conference in

San Francisco called by the bankruptcy court judge.

The chief executives also received a briefing by FSM Health Services Coordinator Kiosi Aniol on the World Health Organization-sponsored leprosy control program in the FSM and arrangements for the Fourth Pacific Arts Festival which was rescheduled from December in New Caledonia to June 29-July 15 in Tahiti by External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy.

The conference is scheduled to continue through Friday with further discussions of the arts festival, mental health and substance abuse, transportation services, the March 19 hearing on the Compact of Free Association in the U.S. House Public Lands and National Parks Subcommittee and the Eighth State-National Leadership Conference.

The agenda for the conference was set during a breakfast meeting Monday in the Continental Hotel.

The conference was convened at 1:15 p.m. by its chairman, Truk Gov. Erhart Aten who welcomed the President; visiting governors John Mangefel of Yap, Yosiwo George of Kosrae and Resio Moses of Pohnpei, and their staffs.

COM seeks applicants

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The College of Micronesia is accepting applications through April 5 for the positions of development officer and budget and finance officer to be located at its headquarters in Pohnpei, according to COM Executive Director Singeru Singeo.

Both positions pay a minimum of \$16,000 per year.

The development officer will be responsible for COM public relations and fund raising activities, so the successful applicant must have a bachelor's degree in an appropriate field and experience in grant proposal writing and management.

The budget and finance officer will be responsible for the fiscal management of the entire COM system and must have a bachelor's degree in accounting and computer experience.

Applications and resumes, which must be postmarked no later than March 29 and received by the executive director no later than April 5, may be mailed to College of Micronesia, Drawer F, Kolonia, Pohnpei FSM 96941.



STATUS LIAISON VISITS - U.S. State Department Status Liaison Officer to the Trust Territory Michael Wycant, center, is meeting Feb. 28 with President Tosiwo Nakayama, left, and Vice President Bailey Olter, during his first visit to Pohnpei.

Compact reintroduced by Interior, Foreign Affairs

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to conclude hearings March 19 on the Compact with Vice President Bailey Olter testifying for the FSM. President Tosiwo Nakayama; Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry; FSM Senators Isaac Figir of Yap, Jack Fritz of Truk and Peter Christian of Pohnpei; Budget Officer Del Pangelinan; Acting National Planner John Sohl; Health Services Director Elieul Prettrick, and Status Commission legal counsel Greg Swartz are scheduled to attend the hearing.

The President is scheduled to go to Washington, D.C., March 16 through Guam, following the March 11-15 Seventh Chief Executives' Conference in Truk, according to Swartz.

The President and Speaker are scheduled to attend a March 20 breakfast hosted by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, before flying to San Francisco that day for a U.S. bankruptcy court settlement conference on pending suits in the proposed FSM takeover of Air Micronesia with the assistance of Continental Airline.

The subcommittee held hearings March 7 on the impact of the Compact on U.S. territories and March 14 for Marshall Islands witnesses.

During the Feb. 25 hearing, FSM Washington Representative Epel Ilon presented a written budget request for fiscal 1986 which said that the \$41 million which the FSM would receive for operational purposes, if the Compact were in effect during the current fiscal year is "relatively equivalent" to Interior Department grants of \$40.3 million scheduled for fiscal 1985, but it does not cover the additional \$18 million in federal program grants and \$6 million in scholarship assistance received in fiscal 1984.

The Compact provides \$7 million a year as a special block grant for health and education and \$1.-89 for scholarship assistance, leaving the \$16 million or more federal programs shortfall.

Citing the "serious adverse impacts" which immediate withdrawal of federal programs would have on essential government services, employment and tax bases, Ilon said, "We therefore ask that U.S. federal programs be continued on a transitional basis, at least until the necessary impact alayses can be completed, organizational and functional changes planned, the integration process completed and shortfalls identified.

"There is a need to carefully plan the phase-out of U.S. feder-

al programs," he said.

Ilon cited the FSM's special concern for the College of Micronesia, noting that the Reagan administration budget includes only \$300,000 for Palau's share of its operations during fiscal 1986, compared to the \$1.6 million it received in fiscal 1984.

While the FSM, Marshall Islands and Palau agreed in the 1983 Saipan Accords to continue COM as a unified post-secondary institution, "final arrangements on cost-sharing have not been determined," Ilon said.

"We ask that Department of Interior operational assistance for the college continue on at least a transitional basis until these arrangements can be finalized," he said.

Ilon thanked the subcommittee for interceding on behalf of the FSM to block the Reagan administration proposal to recind the \$3 million by the U.S. Congress last year for the COM land grant endowment and urged the authorization of \$12 million to construct a new Community College of Micronesia campus at Palikir, Pohnpei, in conjunction with the new FSM national capitol as a "priority project of critical importance to manpower development in the Federated States of Micronesia."

The national capitol, new COM campus, war claims, prior service benefits for former U.S. employees in Micronesia not covered by Social Security and indefinite land use compensation, primarily in Truk, were the transition issues which Ilon said the U.S. Congress should resolve "either by appropriating funding in FY 1986 or by making a firm commitment of appropriate the necessary funding in the future."

With the fiscal 1985 appropriation of \$3.92 million for the national capitol, architectural design work is completed and bids are being invited to be opened May 31, he said, noting that the administration did not include in its budget the \$9.48 million which the U.S. Congress committed for fiscal 1986 for the project.

The total cost of the capitol will be an estimated \$24.9 million, so the FSM is seeking an additional \$11.5 million, including \$2 million for access roads and \$500,000 of the \$1.5 million for rural electric power in Pohnpei capital improvement project requests for fiscal 1986, plus \$9 million for capitol facilities.

Other CIP project funding requested for fiscal 1986 include \$4.13 million for redesign and reconstruction of the Pohnpei

sewage collection system; \$800,-000 to complete the Pohnpei dock facility; \$200,000 for paved road drainage in Kolonia, Pohnpei; \$450,000 to upgrade the Moen electrical power system and convert it to 13.8 KV in Truk; \$300,000 to convert the Yap proper electrical system to 13.8 KV, and \$150,000 to correct the Yap dock settling.

Ilon also asked the subcommittee to continue U.S. technical assistance to the FSM at the fiscal 1985 level or higher, stating that due to U.S. assurances during Compact negotiations, "our expectation has always been that U.S. technical assistance would increase, not diminish."

SF office backed

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM state and national finance and supply officers adopted a resolution recommending that the FSM Supply and Procurement Office in San Francisco be kept open, during their fifth annual conference here Feb. 25-March 1.

Citing concern about the status of the San Francisco office which has been raised in the FSM Congress as the result of a Public Auditor's report, the resolution states that "this office has been providing very useful services in procurement and supply for the national government and all the states."

The finance and supply officers adopted another resolution asking the national government to explore the possibility of hiring an engineer to provide state and national government computer maintenance, because "maintenance services presently being provided by the Pacific Data Systems is not up to the par with what was built in the various contractual agreements with the various states and the national government."

The computer engineer also would be responsible for "ordering supplies for all the computer installations on a timely basis—something that PDS has unfortunately in some instances been slow to respond."

A third resolution suggests technical procedures for budgeting and disbursing funds under the Compact of Free Association, such as allotting all monies to the state governors, including interest earned on Compact funds in January planning estimates and allowing the Federated Development Authority policy board to recommend in "specific" specific assets.

Four Congress Incumbents win

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election commissioner Iskia Sony.

Incumbent Jack Fritz retained his District 3 seat with 2,087 votes to 1,627 for Truk Office of Community Action Executive Director Ismael Dobich.

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, were unopposed.

In Kosrae, Phillip received 761 votes while former Senator Hiroshi Ismael received 11; Rison Wanguk, four; Alex Phillip, three; Luey Luey, three; James Palsis, two, and 30 individuals, one write-in vote each, according to State Election Commissioner Fred Skilling.

With only votes in Yap proper counted, FSM Congress External Affairs Committee Chairman Figir received 958 votes in his unopposed bid while former Congress Floor Leader Luke Tman received 29, Henry Falan 10 and Tony Ganangyen three write-in votes, according to the State Public Affairs Office.

Yap outer islands ballots were not to be counted until they arrived March 12 by field trip ship in Colonia, officials said.

Four congress members whose four-year terms will end in 1987, did not run this election. They are Vice Speaker Joab Sigrah, Kosrae; Floor Leader John Haglegam, Yap; Pedro Harris, Pohnpei, and Koichi Sana, Truk.

Resolutions adopted

LELU, Kosrae - A resolution (2-1) asking the Kosrae State Legislature to enact laws pertaining to children adopted in the state was adopted by the Second Kosrae State Leadership Conference, according to a Feb. 10 State Information Office release.

The conference adopted 12 resolutions. Among them were Resolution 2-2 asking the state government to assist the Congregational Church in reestablishing the Kosrae Mission School; 2-3 asking the five delegations, executive, legislative, judicial, municipal and church, to enhance their youth programs; 2-5 asking the State Legislature to approve the Kosrae Economic Development Plan, and 2-6 asking the delegations to enhance their assistance in carrying out public safety duties and responsibilities.

Air Mike settlement meet set

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama and Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry are scheduled to attend a March 20 settlement conference in San Francisco called by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Glover Roberts in the suits associated with the proposed FSM takeover of Air Micronesia, according to FSM Washington attorney Barry Israel.

Others scheduled to represent the FSM at the conference are Attorney General David Nevitt, Senators Peter Christian and Pedro Harris of Pohnpei, Postmaster General Leo A. Falcam (on the importance of airline service to the FSM Postal Service) and Congress legal counsel Gary Takeuchi and Israel.

The conference was called by Roberts, a Buloxi, Mississippi, resident, after the March 1 hearing which he conducted in the Federal Bankruptcy Court in Houston, Texas, on Continental Airlines and FSM petitions to move the suits from the U.S. District Court in Saipan to the Houston court.

The litigation includes suits by Aloha Airlines and Larry Hillblom of Saipan to stop the takeover of United Micronesian Development

Association and Air Micronesia by the FSM government with the acquisition of shares purchased by Continental and a countersuit by Continental seeking damages for Hillblom's attempts to stop its purchase of UMDA stocks.

In addition to the parties to the suits, the Northern Marianas, Guam, Marshall Islands and Palau governments were invited to send observers to the conference which originally was scheduled to be held in Hawaii, according to Israel.

Israel said that he would be meeting during the week beginning March 10 with Marshall Islands officials in Guam and Palau officials in Koror to present an outline of how their governments could participate with the FSM in the proposed new Air Micronesia joint venture with Continental.

The FSM entered negotiations with Continental in October to guarantee continued airline service in Micronesia.

The UMDA board voted during a Dec. 21 meeting in Pohnpei to approve the acquisition of UMDA shares by the FSM through Continental Airlines.

The action was the first step in the implementation of the agreement initialed Nov. 17 by FSM and Continental officials in Guam to authorize Continental to purchase a majority of the shares in UMDA, which owns 60 per cent of Air Micronesia, and transfer those shares to the FSM along with 30 per cent interest in Air Mike owned by Continental.

Air Micronesia and Continental will then enter into a new joint venture with Continental operating the air service and guaranteeing continued air service in Micronesia, Nevitt said.

Continental will get 80 per cent and Air Micronesia, Inc., 20 per cent of the joint venture profits which reflects Continental's present beneficial ownership interest in Air Mike and UMDA, he said.

The Marshall Islands and Palau governments may also participate, if they elect to subscribe to the agreement.

Regarding allegations by Guam and Marianas officials that Air Micronesia would not qualify as a U.S. air carrier, if controlled by the FSM, Israel said, "Right now, Air Mike wouldn't qualify under UMDA as a U.S. carrier under the Compact (because UMDA is incorporated in the FSM).

"We are going to have to take care of that in the Compact legislation (now before the U.S. Congress)," he said.

Boycott Truk tax

MOEN, Truk - Truk Chamber of Commerce President Tadashi C. Wainit announced Jan. 31 a boycott of the Dec. 20 state excise tax law until the State Legislature reduces its members' salaries and allowances and uses revenues for job producing economic development, according to the Feb. 8 US ME AUUS state government newsletter.

Members of the business community had collected \$69,000 in sales taxes through January and deposited the funds in a Bank of Guam trust fund, according to Wainit who said the funds would not be transmitted to the government until it meets chamber demands stated in a resolution sent to Gov. Erhart Aten and legislature Speaker Simeon Innocenti.

Wainit said that each business would continue to prepare monthly tax reports and account for all funds collected and deposited in the escrow account.

The chamber resolution also demanded elimination of laws, policies and regulations which are detrimental to business growth, stating that if these demands are not met, the businesses will discontinue their services to the government.

Skilling cites challenge to court

LELU, Kosrae - Kosrae State Chief Justice Harry Skilling cited the "monumental challenge" of balancing Micronesian and Western values under constitutional law, during his March 1 swearing in ceremony, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King administered the oath of office during the public ceremony at the Kosrae State Court attended by Gov. Yosiwo George who nominated Skilling to be the first Kosrae State Court justice and members of the State Legislature which confirmed the nomination.

The Kosrae court will be the last FSM state court to begin functioning.

"Our Kosraean government is now complete," Skilling said in his prepared text. "To the executive and legislative branches of government is added the third and final branch, the judicial.

"For the first time in 100 years Kosraeans will be ruled by Kosraean rules, judged by Kosraean judges and led by Kosraean leaders," he said.

Skilling noted that the Kosrae State Constitution establishes rule of law and citizens' fundamental rights, but states that "these rights must be consistent with our own cherished traditions and customs."

He said, "The people's mandate to balance the old and the new, the Micronesian and the Western

is a monumental challenge."

To succeed, he said, will require cooperation and compromise in the communal spirit which Kosraeans have depended on to survive.

The role of the court will be to achieve the delicate balance demanded by the constitution by restoring broken calm of public life, healing wounds of disputes, reaching "out with stern compassion to the young person gone momentarily astray" and reconciling citizens with their government.

Kosrae gets permit

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued Jan. 3 a federal permit to the Kosrae state government to dredge and stockpile 50,000 cubic yards of coral material from Lelu Harbor and construction of causeways at the site near the Lelu airstrip, according to Col. Michael M. Jenks, Honolulu district engineer.

The dredged coral will be used as roadway fill material and for various maintenance projects in Kosrae, Jenks said.

The Corps of Engineers issued Dec. 31 a federal permit to Peter E. Giltug to expand his residential fill area in tidal waters at Keng, Weloy Municipality, Yap Island, from 75 by 75 feet to 120 by 180 feet to construct a warehouse, store and home.

MLSC Ebeye Office approved

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Micronesian Legal Services Corp. voted unanimously during its Feb. 7-8 meeting in Majuro to establish an office on Ebeye to serve 9,000 Kwajalein Atoll residents, according to an MLSC press release.

The Ebeye office will be the first new MLSC office since the Kosrae office was established in 1977. MLSC opened six other offices in 1971 and 1972.

MLSC Board President Robert Ruecho of Yap and Secretary-Treasurer Jesus Borja of Saipan visited Ebeye for two days prior to the board meeting and cited the need to open an office for Kwajalein residents now having to travel to Majuro for MLSC services.

The Ebeye office also will be able to serve neighboring atolls in the northern Marshalls, according to the release.

The board also adopted a 1985 budget which includes trial counselor training programs with the next to be held late May in Truk and priorities for the types of cases each office should accept for the next 12 months.

The board which will hold its next meeting August or September in Kosrae recognized four secretaries who have served MLSC more than 10 years, including Cythia Petwvon of Truk, Bokkie Matauto of the Marshalls, Maria Muna of the Marianas office in Saipan and Mercedes Palacios of the central office, Saipan.

In addition to Ruecho and Borja, board members attending the meeting were Marshall Islands Justice Minister Ruben Zakhra, Kosrae State Chief Justice Harry Skilling, Sugiwo Hadley of Pohnpei, Detor Santos of Truk and FSM External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich, an at-large member.

Fair winners named

LELU, Kosrae - Robert J. Sigrah of Lelu was named the grand prize winner of the 1984 state vegetable planting program with 10,421 pounds, during the second Kosrae Agriculture Fair held Dec. 7 at the Kosrae High School, according to a State Information Office release.

Other crop planting winners were Kotaro Waguk, Utwa, 6,312 pounds; Luther Cornelius, Malem, 3,156 pounds, and Balozar Alfonso, Tafunsak, 2,995 pounds.

Waguk was the winner in the vegetable category at the fair; Li-kiak Langu, root crops; Jin Nena, fruit crops, and Aaron Phillip, livestock.

FSM Supreme Court Calender

DATE/TIME	TRIAL DIVISION - STATE OF Pohnpei	PROCEEDING
	CASE NAME TYPE	
March 19, 9 a.m.	FSM v Town Payless Tax	Pretrial
20, 9 a.m.	Bank of Hawaii v Ladore Debt	Trial
2 p.m.	Bank of Hawaii v Thomas Debt	Trial
21, 9 a.m.	Aisek, et. al. v Seward Holdings Judicial Review & Licensing Act	Hearing
2 p.m.	Bank of Hawaii v Harry Debt	Trial
APPELLATE DIVISION - STATE OF TRUK		
March 26, 9 a.m.	ECC v Tony Ray, et. al.	Oral argument
2 p.m.	Doone v FSM	Oral argument
TRIAL DIVISION - STATE OF Pohnpei		
March 29, 9 a.m.	FSM v Ioanis Forgery	Hearing
9:30 a.m.	FSM Development Bank v Rodriguez Corp. Debt	Pretrial
2 p.m.	FSM v Jason Forgery	Hearing
April 8, 9 a.m.	Danila v FSM Mandamus Writ	Hearing
April 15, 9 a.m.	FSM v Andon Assault with deadly weapon	Pretrial
April 16, 9 a.m.	FSM v Ponape Builders Tax	Pretrial
April 17, 9 a.m.	FSM v Andon Assault with deadly weapon	Trial

Bids invited for FSM capitol construction at Palikir

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Contract documents will be made available beginning March 18 for bidding on construction of the first phase of the new FSM national capitol in Palikir with the written "Notice of Intent to Bid" due by April 26 and bids to be submitted by 4:30 p.m. May 30, according to the Office of Planning and Statistics here which issued the following invitation to bid:

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 Federated States of Micronesia
 National Capitol Project

Sealed bids will be received by Director, Office of Planning and Statistics, P.O. Box 538, Kolonia, Pohnpei, ECI 96941; Telephone (691) 820, or 821; FSM government TELEX 729-6807, until 4:30 p.m., Pohnpei time, May 30, 1985.

The written "Notice of Intention to Bid" which can be found in the bid documents must be received no later than April 26, 1985, by mail or delivered to the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics.

Bid envelopes shall be clearly marked "Construction Bid-FSM Capitol Project." Any bids received after the time and date specified will not be considered. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 10 a.m., May 31, 1985, in the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics.

Contract documents will be available on March 18, 1985, for review purposes only at these locations:

1. General Contractor's Assoc. of Hawaii, 1065 Ahua Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819.
2. Wilton J. Mackwelung, Guam Liaison Officer, Airport Freight Terminal, P.O. Box 22197, GMF 96921; Phone (671) 646-0370- 1/2/3; TELEX 6259 FSM Gum.
3. Jesse Raglmar, FSM Liaison Officer, Azabu Heights Apartments No. 604, 1-5-10 Roppongi 1-Chome, Minato-Ku, Tokyo 106, Japan; phone 03 585-5456, or 585-5496; TELEX J34309 FSM TYO.
4. Epel K. Ilon, FSM Representative, 706 G Street SE, Washington, D.C. 20003; phone (202) 544-2690; TELEX 292003 FSM R.

Contract documents may be picked up starting March 18 at the following locations only:

1. Architects Hawaii, Ltd., Suite 300 Pacific Tower, 1001 Bishop Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813; phone (808) 523-9636; TELEX 743-0170 ARCHI.
2. FSM Office of Planning and Statistics, P.O. Box 538, Kolonia, Pohnpei ECI 96941, located above Ambros Store.

A deposit of \$200 cash, cashier's check or certified check is required for each set with checks payable to the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics. The deposit is refundable if sets are returned unmarked and in good condition.

Work description

Base bid work (for Phase I) includes:

A) Nine one and two-story cast-in-place and precast concrete buildings of approximately 95,000 square feet. The project includes FSM offices, Capitol Building and judicial chamber with interconnecting, precast, covered walk ways; two plazas, and el-

ectrical, water, waste water disposal and limited air conditioning installation.

B) Compacted coral on-site parking areas, driveways, service roads and access road.

C) Support facilities of sewage collection system and interim treatment system, water distribution, reservoir and other site improvements.

D) Electrical distribution, and E) landscaping.

Estimated construction cost of the base project is \$10 million-\$15 million and the estimated contract time is 600 calendar days.

Phase II alternates which are additive at an estimated total cost of \$6 million-\$9 million to be awarded as funds become available with an estimated contract time of 540 calendar days to begin six months prior to completion of the base bid work include:

Alternate No. 1-Executive housing which includes four one and two-story concrete masonry units and wood frame residences of 3,000-3,800 square feet with electrical, water, sewer and other site improvements; access road, and parking.

Alternate No. 2-College civil work which includes water distribution and sewage collection system from capitol to college site.

Alternate No. 3-Sewage treatment plant work which includes facultative oxidation pond, treatment plant, outfall, sewage collection lines and pump stations, plus access road and concrete bridge.

Alternate No. 4-Road paving work which consists of asphalt paving of an approximately five-mile section of existing unimproved road, on-site access roads, driveways and parking areas.

Alternate No. 5-Concrete paving work which consists of concrete paving for on-site roads and parking areas where asphaltic concrete paving is indicated for alternate No. 4.

A pre-bid conference will be held April 10-11 at the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics, Kolonia, Pohnpei, which contractors are strongly encouraged, but not required to attend.

Any contract awarded under this invitation to bid is expected to be funded in full or part by a grant from the U.S. Congress. Neither the U.S. government, nor any of its departments, agencies or employees are or will be a party to the invitation for bids or any resulting contract. Neither will the FSM nor any of its department, agencies or employees be a party to the invitation for bids or any resulting contract.

The award of the contract is contingent upon receipt of a U.S. federal grant and appropriation of the funds by the FSM Congress. Partial funding has already been appropriated by the U.S. Congress.

This notice to bidders is subject to withdrawal without prior notice. The FSM reserves the right to reject all bids. Neither the FSM or its consultants are responsible for any costs incurred in the preparation of bids.

This project is open to international bidding. Two bid bonds shall be required with one bid bond being in the amount of 20 per cent of the base bid and the second in the amount of 5 per cent of the sum of the alternates 1-5 bid.

Questions may be directed to Architects Hawaii Ltd., or FSM Office of Planning and Statistics.

24 get T3 skills certificates

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Vice President Bailey Olter presented March 12 trade test certificates to 24 trainees who completed one, or more of the Trades Training and Testing Program basic, intermediate and final level electrical, mechanical and construction courses in Pohnpei.

A similar ceremony will be held in Truk in April to award certificates to trainees there, according to T3 Program Coordinator Henry Hickey who said the U.N. Development Program-International Labor Organization sponsored program will be implemented in Yap in June and Kosrae in September, or October.

Hickey said that there are enough applications in Pohnpei and Truk in the 15 skills areas being taught to continue the courses well beyond fiscal 1986, when a call for additional applications will be issued.

The trainees and the certificates which they received at the



RECEIVES CERTIFICATE - Joanis Bartolome, left, is receiving an intermediate level construction trades certificate from FSM Vice President Bailey Olter, right, during a March 12 ceremony in the Trades Training and Testing center in Pohnpei with T3 Program Coordinator Henry Hickey and its secretary, Reliner Legitimus looking on.

ceremony in the former Maeda Construction Co. camp here are:

Electrical trades: Intermediate level—Kindaro Ehsa, Peter Welly, Welsin Hemon, Raymond Higgins, Dannis Lorrin, Isaiah Martin and Welly Welles. Basic—Marselino Sue, Saimon William, Deruo Malakai, Bensin Edward, Ruben Gallen, Clevenger David and Bernet Lucios.

Mechanical: Final level—Jesse Y. Sidney and Hugo J. Gonzaga. Intermediate—Yosio S. Samuel, Fred J. Joe and Waleriano Damarlane. Basic—James Samuel, John David, Kikku Ekit, Johnny Phillip and Robinson Y. Fred.

Construction: Intermediate—Joanis Bartolome. Basic—Abonndius Augustin, Iokopus Thomson, Soas Manasa, Herleins Heine, Rawhide Edward, Dillingken Edward, Petersin Else, Wensilou Henry, Kaster Poll, James I. Samuel, Bryner Peter, Orden Ohry, Kilindon Julios, Inosensio Etwet and Ioanis Elwise.

Stout Telecomm General manager

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Former South Central Utah Telephone Association general manager Fred L. Stout became Feb. 1 the FSM Telecommunications Corp. general manager, replacing Bill Banta who left Pohnpei on March 12, after six-week transition period.

Stout, 42, a native of Salt Lake City, Utah, came Jan. 27 to Pohnpei from Escalante, Utah, where he served as general manager of the telephone association from 1980. He also served 1982-83 as president of the Utah Independent Telephone Association.



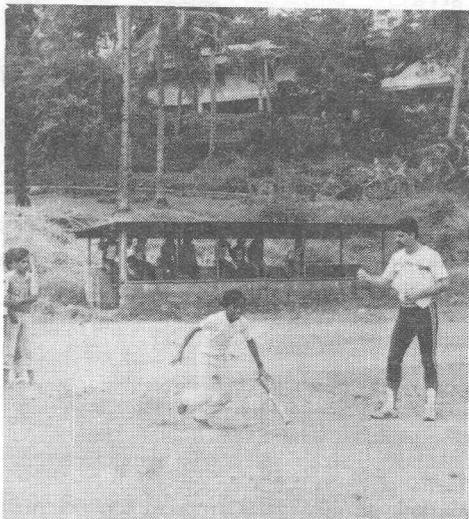
Stout started his career as a telephone communications technician 1965-68 as a Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. station installer and PBX repairman. He continued as a California Air National Guard base communications technician, Fresno; a Ponderosa Telephone Co., O'Neals, California, technician and executive; Arizona Telephone Co., Phoenix, northern area manager, and Design, Fresno, operations manager.

He first came to Micronesia in the late 1950s with his parents and attended George Washington High School, Guam, 1956-58.

Phone rates reduced

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM Telecommunications Corp. began March 1 reduced rates for night calls, 6 p.m.-6 a.m., within the Federated States, according to Telecomm General Manager Fred L. Stout.

The night rates are reduced 50 per cent to 50 cents a minute and the minimum time is reduced from three to two minutes, according to Stout who said that reduced rate is in effect all day Sundays, or from 6 p.m. Saturdays to 6 a.m. Mondays.



BASEBALL CLINIC HELD - Guam Major League player Dave Nelson, left, is giving fielding tips to a Pohnpei youth March 2 during a two-day baseball clinic held in Kolonia by Nelson and Pat Wolf. The clinic was sponsored by the Pohnpei Sports Council and Continental Air Micronesia.

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