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## 4th Congress Shuffles Chairmen

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Fourth FSM Congress began its first regular session May 13 with the reelection of its top three officers and a shift in committee chairmen.

"History may show that this will be one of the most important Congresses in the history of the Federated States of Micronesia," Speaker Bethwel Henry of Pohnpei said in his welcoming speech, after the officers were named.

"If all goes as scheduled, this could be the Congress when the Compact of Free Association goes into effect, when we truly become a self-governing nation," the Speaker said.

In addition to the Speaker, Joab Sigrah of Kosrae was reelected Vice Speaker and John Haglegam of Yap, Floor Leader.

Senator Peter Christian relinquished his position as chairman of the Health, Education and Social Affairs Committee to replace Senator Raymond Setik as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, leaving Setik without a chairman-

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FOURTH FSM CONGRESS SWORN IN - FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward, center in black robe, is swearing in members of the Fourth FSM Congress during the May 13 opening of its first regular session in Kolonia. From left are Congress Journal Clerk Sue Ann Schadeck, Temporary Clerk Mitchuo Daniel, Temporary Speaker Jack Fritz of Truk, King, Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry of Pohnpei and Senator Raymond Setik of Truk.

## FSM urges transition funding

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Vice President Bailey Olter urged the U.S. Congress to provide funding for the FSM capitol, Community College of Micronesia campus and operations and other transitional needs in fiscal 1986, during hearings May 1 in the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies and May 2 in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The transitional funding is in addition to \$87 million requested by the Reagan administration for fiscal 1986 funding for the FSM under the Compact of Free Association, if it is enacted by the U.S. Congress and implemented by Oct. 1.

The House Interior Committee recommended a \$102,777,000 increase over the Reagan administration's fiscal 1986 budget req-

uest for the Trust Territory to cover transition issues in its March 15 report to the House Budget Committee.

The Interior Committee noted that the Reagan administration is requesting \$299 million for Compact level funding in the State Department budget for the FSM and Marshall Islands, and requested an additional \$10 million to construct a new OCM campus and \$9,524,000 million for the FSM capitol at Palikir, \$15 million for trust fund for prior service benefits for Micronesians who worked for the Trust Territory and Navy administrations prior to the Social Security system, \$2 million for communicable diseases in the FSM and \$24,057,000 for war claims throughout Micronesia.

If the Compact is not approved

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## Mangefel seeks preventive aid

COLONIA, Yap - Gov. John Mangefel asked the Yap State Legislature to provide foreign aid grants of \$1,000 each to South Korea, Japan, Taiwan and the U.S. as preventative medicine to reduce the "unusually large expense connected with wanted and unwanted fishing activities" and passage through its waters.

In a March 27 letter to Speaker Joseph Ayin, Mangefel, who is known for his satirical wit, started with Korea, stating, "As far as I can recall, vessels from this nation take first prize for foundering, sinking, ramming, butting, banging, crashing and crunching, grounding and pounding on our outer reefs...."

"Accordingly, I propose that \$1,000 be donated to an appropriate Korean maritime academy to help improve the teaching of navigational skills to seamen of that country," he said.

Mangefel said that "whatever our estimates of catches are" in fishing negotiations, "the Japanese report a lower figure."

"Since I know that the Japanese are very honest people, I can only conclude that they need upgrading in statistical analysis," the governor said in proposing a \$1,000 donation to "an appropriate Japanese institution to help improve the statistical analysis skills of people in the fishing industry."

He said, "Taiwanese fishing boats take the prize for unwanted and unauthorized activities in our waters, despite the fact that the FSM has some sort of arrangement with the fishing association of that island."

"They also take the prize for having the most derelict-ridden, unseaworthy vessels in this part of the world," Mangefel said.

"More Taiwanese vessels have been apprehended for unauthorized fishing in the wrong places and for stealing and poaching clams and other marine life than all others combined," he said in proposing a \$1,000 donation "to an appropriate Taiwanese authority which will work to improve the teaching and promote the under-

## Code near completion

LELU, Kosrae - A working group for the Kosrae State Code project is expected to complete its review of the draft code by May 29 to turn it over to the State Legislature for final review before submitting it to the governor, Legislative Legal Aide Albert Welly reported April 23 to the State Information Office.

standing of FSM law as it pertains to economic and fishing zones."

The \$1,000 donation to the U.S. would go to the COMNAVMAV (Commander, Naval Forces, Marianas) "to assist in deploying a U.S. Navy vessel at Guam to be used for surveillance, search and rescue, etc.," Mangefel said.

"It seems that over the years, whenever I mention to the chief of COMNAVMAV about our surveillance problems, the admiral or commodore of the moment sadly shakes his head and rues the fact they Navy on Guam has no ships," he said.

"In fact, I have heard a joke to the effect that the Army has more boats than the Navy and the Navy has more planes than the Air Force."

"As for the U.S. Coast Guard, they are generally in the same boat, so to speak, as the Navy... and there is a question if they will be out here at all after the Compact (of Free Association) is in effect," Mangefel said.

## National women's office recommended

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The creation of a national women's coordinating office is being recommended by Jane Elymore, Health Services Division Nutrition Education Training Program Coordinator, who represented the FSM at the March 19-27 South Pacific Commission women's conferences in Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

"I think the FSM should have a national women's coordinator to deal with government and non-government organizations," Mrs. Elymore said, noting that the 1981 SPC women's conference in Tahiti recommended that all Pacific countries should create national women's councils.

"Micronesian women need to work together to improve their positions," she said.

Hermína Ligoir of the Pohnpei Community Action Agency accompanied Mrs. Elymore at the Rarotonga conferences March 19-23 of women representing non-government organizations and March 25-27 of women representing governments.

In addition to draft recommendations by the non-government organizations which the government representatives agreed to submit to their governments for review and consideration in the SPC Executive Council meeting in May in Rarotonga, the conference included 10 workshops in subjects such as project formulation and funding agencies, networking and com-

## Leadership Conference set

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Eight State-National Leadership Conference is scheduled tentatively for May 28-31, according to FSM Micronesian Affairs Chief Johnny Hadley.

The President and governors agreed during the Seventh Chief Executives' Conference, March 11-15, in Truk that the Eight SNLC should be called during the Fourth FSM Congress' first regular session which began May 13.

The conference is set to begin after the May 25 scheduled return of President Tosiwo Nakayama from Washington, D.C., where he attended hearings and meetings on the Compact of Free Association and Air Micronesia and New York where he attended the U.N. Trusteeship Council annual meeting.

The main issues expected to be discussed during the leadership conference are state and national government revenue sharing, continuation of capital improvement projects and the Compact funding formula.

munications, educating women, employment, alcohol and violence, health, culture and custom and women in politics.

"The main thing I learned from these workshops is that women can upgrade their education levels through the University of the South Pacific extension program, the Community College of Micronesia, the University of Guam and the SPC Community Education Training Center in Suva," Mrs. Elymore said.

The participants also discussed South Pacific representation in the July meeting in Nairobi, Kenya, to review the accomplishments of the 1975-85 U.N. Women's Decade, she said.

Among the draft recommendations adopted in the non-government organizations conference were proposals to establish national family education programs to deal with alcohol abuse and violence, to enact laws or policies guaranteeing maternity leave for female workers and equal education programs "to generate a new and positive image of Pacific women as equal partners to men in all systems, social, economic and political."

Other recommendations called for more women in broadcast and other media and for mobilizing and encouraging women to take up leadership roles in politics.

# FSM, Marshalls Plan new airline

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Efforts to reorganize Air Micronesia collapsed and Continental Airlines was released by a bankruptcy court judge enter an agreement with the FSM and Marshall Islands to create a new regional airline, according to reports from Washington, D.C.

FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama and Marshall Islands President Amata Kabua were in Washington to attend the settlement conference and hearings on the Compact of Free Association in the U.S. House. Nakayama was scheduled to go May 8 to New York for the May 13 opening of the U.S. Trusteeship Council annual meeting.

Nakayama said that the FSM and Marshall Islands governments would own the new airline and other entities in the area would be welcome to join the new venture, according to the May 8 Pacific Daily News.

Air Micronesia's primary assets are its route certificates to the Philippines and jointly held with Continental to Japan.

The failure to reach a consensus with Guam, the Northern Marianas and Palau during a three-day settlement conference which began May 3 in Washington marks the demise of the March 22 San Francisco Accords in which the parties agreed to negotiate the reorganization of Air Mike, according to the May 7 Pacific Daily News.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge T. Glover Roberts reportedly released Continental to enter an agreement which was reached with the FSM and Marshalls to create the new regional carrier and released Air Micronesia to try to negotiate an agreement of its own.

Guam was split with Gov. Ricardo Bordallo supporting the FSM proposal to allow Continental to purchase controlling interest in United Micronesian Development Association which owns 60 per cent of Air Mike and turn it and Continental's 30 per cent share of Air Mike over to the Micronesian governments for distribution on a proportional basis which would give the FSM the largest share.

Guam Legislature Speaker Carl Gutierrez reportedly opposed the FSM plan, calling for a 20 per cent share of UMDA for each of the five Micronesian governments, or their citizens.

# Funds requested for college

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before fiscal 1986, the Interior Department intends to seek a \$54,784,000 supplemental appropriation for FSM and Marshall Islands operations.

The Vice President said that the House Interior Committee recommendation to appropriate the \$9,524,000 for the national capitol at Palikir is "reassuring," but that "it will fall \$6.1 million short of the costs of constructing the necessary infrastructure, access roads and other governmental buildings."

## Chairmen shuffled

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ship for the first time since both were elected to the First Congress in 1979.

Senator Tony Otto of Truk replaced Christian as HESA chairman and Senator Koichi Sana of Truk was named Resources and Development chairman, replacing Sasao Gouland who was defeated by Senator Nick Bossy of Truk in the March 5 congressional elections.

Senator Jack Fritz of Truk retained the Judiciary and Governmental Affairs chairmanship and Senator Isaac Figir of Yap, the External Affairs chairmanship.

Henry Asugar of Truk was named chief clerk, replacing Sintaro Ezra of Pohnpei who held that position since 1980.

Fritz, the youngest Congress member, served as temporary speaker at the opening of the session which was attended by Gov. Resio Moses and other state and national government officials attending.

FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King administered the oath of office to nine of the 10 members elected March 5 to two-year terms. Senator Claude Phillip, who was absent March 13, was sworn in March 14.

The four four-year members, Si-grah, Haglelgam, Sana and Senator Pedro Harris of Pohnpei, were present for the opening session.

The officers, elected in a closed caucus, were announced after a recess called by Fritz.

Noting that the architectural and engineering work was completed with the capitol design for the CCM campus at Palikir which would cost an estimated \$12 million, Olter asked the two committees to "provide support for this priority project which is critically important to manpower development in the (FSM)."

He also noted that the FSM supports funding to transfer the CCM Nursing School from Saipan to Majuro and to renovate the Micronesian Occupational College campus in Palau.

The \$300,000 in the Interior budget for College of Micronesia operations is inadequate, compared to the \$1.6 million 1985 funding level, Olter said, asking for operational assistance for CCM while the FSM, Marshall Islands and Palau finalize cost sharing arrangements.

He requested the appropriation of \$2 million to battle cholera, leprosy and other communicable diseases in the FSM and \$11.3 million to complete certain capital improvement projects in the FSM.

The CIP projects include \$2.3 million to upgrade the Pohnpei electrical distribution system; \$450,000 to upgrade the Truk electrical distribution system; \$300,000 to upgrade the Yap electrical distribution system; \$1.8 million to construct the Wichen River water treatment system in Moen; \$150,000 to repair the Colonia, Yap, dock; \$2.8 million to pave five miles of road between Kolonia and Palikir, Pohnpei, and \$3.5 million to pave 7.5 miles of road between the Kosrae airport and the Tofol, Lelu population centers.

The Vice President asked the U.S. Congress to continue federal program funding on a transitional basis, to continue the operations and maintenance program and to continue technical assistance funding.

Olter also asked the Congress to provide funds to help the FSM rectify the \$2 million financial management computer system, stating that the software was not properly tested before being installed, so it generates "little if any useful financial information."

He said the FSM hired a consultant to stabilizing its accounting and improve internal management, so "it is now up to the Department of Interior to embrace its responsibility to re-assess its personnel and the approach used to implement the system."



BOSSY

# Pohnpei to get floating power plant, wells successful

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Pohnpei is expected to have by early next year a floating power plant with four of eight 2,100 kilowatt Alco diesel generators installed on a barge ready for shore connections and startup when delivered to Kolonia, according to FSM Construction Chief Amos Coffelt.

Truk and Yap are scheduled to get two each of the generators.

The units are being dismantled in James Bay, Quebec, Canada, by Diesel Systems, Inc., which was awarded March 21 a \$2,435,232.50 contract by the U.S. Interior Department to procure the eight generators to be overhauled, reassembled and installed on a barge in Benicia, California.

The contract calls for the overhaul to be completed by Dec. 30 with the units rebuilt and tested to manufacturers specifications under the supervision of FSM Construction Division electrical engineer-technician Steve Boner and Interior Department technical assistance personnel.

"It is planned that installation of the units on the barge will be progressive with the overhaul so the tow can begin by year end," Coffelt said.

The three states are to send power plant employees to Benicia for training while the generators are being overhauled, according to Coffelt who said that the Alco units will be more reliable and less costly to operate and maintain than existing units.

In addition, he said that standardizing diesel units in the three states will mean stocking fewer spare parts and provide for easier access to maintenance expertise.

Pohnpei is getting an additional \$1 million for the power plant construction, system improvements and modifications to install and interface the Alcos into the present power system, including site preparation for mooring the floating plant near the Mobil Micronesia tank field, airport and Kolonia dock at Teketik.

The Nanpohnmal power plant with three 500 kilowatt and three 800 kilowatt Caterpillar generators is expected to be closed and the Kolonia plant with two 750 kilowatt White generators is to be kept in service, after the floating plant begins operating, Coffelt said.

Pohnpei also will get an \$8 million 1,700 kilowatt hydroelectric power plant to be constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Nanpil and Kiepw rivers in Nett municipality.

Coffelt also reported that two of three proposed exploratory

wells drilled in the first phase of the \$2 million Kolonia Water System Improvement Program indicate the potential for enough underground water to meet all of the town's water requirements.

With the arrival May 5 of special casing pipe, a third and final well will be drilled near the existing water treatment plant for the exploratory phase of the program.

One drilled well produced water in an artesian flow and is pumping 125 gallons per minute sustained yield and the second has not been pump tested, yet, according to Coffelt.

"The results are extremely encouraging to continue the with the well drilling program," he said, adding that "it is possible for the development of a well field to meet all water requirements of the Kolonia area, provided excessive losses from system leaks and user waste are corrected."

The state is to develop plans and specifications for pumps, controls and connections for construction and conversion of the exploratory wells to production supplying water to the existing system, Coffelt said.

The two wells are 250 and 300 feet deep, tapping an aquifer where the water is moving underground to the ocean, he said, adding that the drilling disclosed an unexpected sedimentary layer in the volcanic basalt rock which changes the generally accepted geological sequence of events on how and when Pohnpei Island was formed.

In other capital improvement projects here, Coffelt said the Trust Territory government approved a project grant agreement for the \$1.95 million final connecting phase of the Pohnpei circumferential road. The State Public Works Division will provide construction management services and the Pohnpei Transportation Authority will act as the contractor and will continue uninterrupted with construction work where it ended under the previously funded project grant agreement.

"We expect enough residual money in this grant to rehabilitate or replace a number of existing bridges which are in poor condition," he said, noting that the all-weather two-lane road should be completed within one year.

Design work is beginning on the new airport terminals scheduled to be constructed in the four state centers with Yee-Daley Architectural and Engineering Consultants of Honolulu being con-

racted to design the Pohnpei and Yap terminals within six months. TRA Consultants of Seattle, Washington, will begin design of the Kosrae terminal when the funds are allotted by the Trust Territory government.

The Truk terminal is awaiting U.S. Federal Aviation Administration reevaluation and approval before its design contract with TRA can be awarded, Coffelt said.

Pohnpei is allocated \$1.2 million, including \$200,000 provided by the State Legislature for its terminal, while the other states are scheduled to receive \$800,000 each for their terminals.

Administrative responsibility was recently transferred to the Truk state government for the \$3.65 million Moen-Dublon water improvement project and \$1.3 million Moen road improvement project which have been in the design stage for some time, according to Coffelt, who said the FSM also is transferring administrative responsibility to the Kosrae state government for some of its CIP projects.

Yap will contract with the Navy Officer in Charge of Construction in Guam to administer several of its CIP projects, including an upcoming \$3 million Outer Islands Transportation Improvement Program to provide airstrips, docks channel work and shore facilities on some of the major islands, he said.

Projects underway in Yap are a \$2.1 million Southern Water System Improvements and \$1.4 million rural sanitation program.

An electric power distribution system improvement project for Colonia will be starting soon, as will a road system improvement design program to be followed by construction as funds become available.

In Kosrae, Black Micronesia Construction Co. completed 1.2 miles of construction on the Ielu water system and was awarded a second phase project. Heally-Tibbets Construction Co. completed a \$2.28 million contract for the state's first water treatment plant and main pipe to connect 170 homes.

Black also was awarded a \$5,155,000 contract for paving, lighting and other improvements at the airport and dock.

Kosrae Transportation Authority completed two miles of the circumferential road in Utwe municipality and the state is getting a \$2,746,000 grant for an additional three miles of design and five miles of construction to extend

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## Kosrae well

### Drilling set

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the circumferential road, according to Coffelt who said this project includes design for improvements and paving some 12 miles of road from the new airport in Tafunsak to Tofol.

Geo Engineering and Testing Co. was awarded a contract by OIOC to drill six wells in Tafunsak to provide water for the airport, dock and residences there, plus four wells in Inmen and Tofol for the Lelu water system.

Kosrae in fiscal 1985 also is receiving \$120,000 for a communications building and hospital annex, \$900,000 for a fuel tank farm and \$400,000 for a warehouse, both at the dock.

### Youth events cited

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Pohnpei is planning 11 events in conjunction with the U.N. declaration of 1985 as "International Youth Year," Gov. Resio Moses said in an April 15 letter to President Tosiwo Nakayama.

Dates are yet to be determined, the governor said, for the events which include a debate program, essay contest, In-Control Day, Anti-Litter Day, Arbor Day, Choir Day, fishing derby, music contest, sports and a youth fair.

Youth program directors and administrators who are organizing the activities include Lee Mendiola, Pohnpei Sports Council; Alice Germinaro, Kolonia Town office; Ishmael Lebehn, 4-H Club; Elsa Thomas, Jobs Training Partnership Act program; Morea Veratau, State Agriculture Station; Koisiny Rudolph, Pacific Missionary Aviation and the Sokehs, Nett, Kolonia Protestant Church; Akino Mekall, Small Industries; Joshua Phillip, Community Development and Boy Scouts; Karla Patterson, Peace Corps and Pohnpei State Supreme Court.

### Timothy top sailor

LEIU, Kosrae - Petty Officer 1st Class Jefferson Milton Timothy of Kosrae was named "Sailor of the Year" for 1984 on the USS San Bernardino, according to word received by the Kosrae State Information Office.

Timothy was cited for his work performance as senior non-commissioned officer in his division responsible for maintaining personnel records of more than 240 officers and enlisted personnel on the San Bernardino.

A native of Malem municipality, he is married to the former Shrué Jonas, also of Malem.

## T3 to provide skills for CIPs

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The U.N. sponsored Trades Training and Testing Program "should result in more than the recommended 200 skilled workers being available" for the national capitol and Narpil hydroelectric construction projects, President Tosiwo Nakayama said in a May 9 letter to FSM Senator Elias Thomas signed on his behalf by Vice President Bailey Olter that.

At the Pohnpei senator's request, the President directed the Office of Planning and Statistics to identify the type and level of skills and number of workers needed for the two capital improvement projects.

He also directed the Personnel Office to establish specific pay levels for each of the three competence levels, basic, intermediate and final, certified in the T3 Program and the FSM Labor Division to certify the availability of various skills to contractors in compliance with the national labor law.

"Once the requirements are known, the T3 Program will orient training towards producing the required skills as specified by OPS," the President said, noting that the trainees complete the T3 Program on their own initiative without compensation so they should be willing to work on the projects.

Also noting that the training is in electrical, mechanical and construction skills, he said,



ONEA VISITS PRESIDENT - Toshihiko Ohba, right, president of the Japanese Overseas Fisheries Corp. Foundation, is signing the guest book during his April 18 courtesy call on FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama.

"During the short time the T3 Program has been implemented in the FSM, 63 trade test certificates have been awarded in Pohnpei: 38 at the basic level, 23 at the intermediate level and two at the final level.

"And classes are still being conducted with a waiting list of applicants that should result in more than the recommended 200 skilled workers being available in the FSM by the time the CIP projects are to commence," the President said.

The T3 Program was recently implemented in Truk where 26 trainees have been awarded certificates and is scheduled to be implemented in Yap in June and Kosrae in September.

The President urged the FSM Congress to appropriate \$60,000 for fiscal 1986 to construct a National T3 Training Center in Pohnpei, because the program will have to be moved from the former Maeda Construction Co. site to make room for the construction of a medical training center.

### Fun Run set

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The First Annual Pohnpei Fun Run sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Pohnpei; Ambros, Inc., of Guam, and local businesses will feature five and 10-kilometer races which will start simultaneously at 8 a.m. May 25 at the PICS high school track here, according to Mike Mason, Fun Run Committee chairman.

Trophies will be presented to the top three winners in the men's and women's divisions in each distance race, free tee shirts will be presented to all runners who finish the races and a drawing will be held after the races for a man's and woman's watch, valued at \$120 each, donated by Duty Free, Inc., of Guam.

Runners may pre-register at the Pohnpei Sports Council office or at the PICS track 7-7:40 a.m. May 25, according to Mason, who said there is no registration fee for the races which are not sanctioned and which are designed to promote running and fitness.

### Joses Gallen cited

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The office of FSM Education Chief Daro Weit-al announced that it received word that Joses Gallen of Pohnpei was awarded a certificate for being the best student in jurisprudence at the University of Papua New Guinea Law School, during the university's 35th graduation ceremony.

# 5 fishing boats apprehended

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Pohnpei and FSM law enforcement officials working together for the first time in a maritime investigation, apprehended May 1 five Japanese fishing vessels, including one aground on the Ngatik, according to FSM Immigration Inspector John Sprout.

Four of the 50-foot squid fishing vessels were released, after the investigation and unsuccessfully attempting to pull the fifth boat off the reef, to proceed to Japan, while the owner of the boats is expected to send a tug boat to pull the stranded boat off the reef, Sprout said.

The crew remained with the stranded boat, the Meiho Maru, which may be subject to state prosecution, if there is substantially oil leakage contaminating the reef, after the vessel is pulled free, according to Sprout.

The nine-man law enforcement

team went to Ngatik on the Micro Glory field trip ship, responding to a radioed request for assistance for the grounded boat and spotted four other vessels on the Micro Glory radar by the time, 4 a.m. May 1, they stopped two miles east of the atoll, he said in a May 2 report.

Other officers in the group were FSM Security and Investigations Chief Jack Jack and Pohnpei Public Safety Capt. Frank Joseph; Lt. Osaiah Santos; Sergeants Niro Annes, Valentine Alphons and Lucas Carlos, and Officers Benito Optaia and Sepery Samuel.

At approximately 6 a.m., they boarded armed the Fukucho Maru No. 38 and inspected its travel documents, fishing licenses, log books, charts and refrigerator holds, and after completing the same procedure on the Shunyo Maru No. 18-509, Ryusho Maru No. 1-506 and Shunyo Maru No. 12 they transferred the five captains to the Micro Glory for interviews and further inspection of their log books and charts.

"During the inspection of the log books and charts, we discovered that they were supposedly in transit from Wellington (New Zealand) enroute to Japan when the F/V Meiho Maru went aground," Sprout said in his report.

The cold storage bins had nothing but squid which the logs indicated were caught in New Zealand waters and there was no indication the vessels had fished in the FSM 200-mile zone, or the Pohnpei state 12-mile zone where they were apprehended, he said later.

The information collected during the investigation was radioed to the FSM Attorney General's and Pohnpei governor's offices, according to Sprout who said that at 2 p.m. the investigators received orders to let the escorting vessels try to pull the stranded boat off the reef and if it is not possible, to inspect the grounded boat for possible oil and fuel leakage.

"After attempt to pull aground vessel off the reef failed, we inspected vessel and area and found minimal leakage and (it) not to be taking on water," he reported.

# Pohnpei state Attorneys named



HALPERN

TRAPLEY

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Seattle lawyers Tom Trapley and Reece Halpern arrived during the past month to serve as attorneys in the Pohnpei State Legal Affairs Department, according to its director, Quirino Mendiola.

Trapley, a former Seattle trial lawyer and Spokane, Washington, public defender, arrived here April 13 to serve as Pohnpei state prosecutor and special counsel to the Legal Affairs director, replacing Ed Rauzi.

Halpern arrived May 11 to replace Patricia Billington as the state attorney for law.

Trapley, 32, is a native of Ankara, Turkey, because his father was stationed there as a U.S. Army officer, and is a 1980 graduate of the Gonzaga University Law School in Spokane.

Halpern, 32, a native of Hartford, Connecticut, who received a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Los Angeles, a master's degree in education administration from the University of California at Santa Barbara and law degree from Boston College Law School, was working in a general civil law firm in Seattle, after serving in the King County prosecutor's office there.



1ST Pohnpei WOMAN ADMITTED - Erwine L. Hadley, 32, of the Micronesian Legal Services Corp. Pohnpei office is being sworn in May 7 by Chief Justice Bikel Santos as the first Pohnpei woman trial counsellor admitted to practice before the State Supreme Court.

# Truk defender named

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Former Nevada state public defender Gary L. Marr, who served as a U.S. Army helicopter pilot in Vietnam, arrived March 19 in Truk to serve as FSM Public Defender there, according to Chief Public Defender John A. Brackett.

Marr replaced Mike Powell who completed a two-year contract.

He served March, 1979-April, 1981, and May, 1983-September, 1984, as an attorney in the Nevada State Public Defenders' Office, Carson City, and 1978-79 in the Washoe County Public Defender's Office, Reno, Nevada, in addition to working in private law practice in that state.



MARR

Marr, 40, is a graduate of the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, who received his law degree in 1978 from the McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, Sacramento, California.

He served as a U.S. Army helicopter pilot, 1967-70, including a tour in Vietnam with the rank of warrant officer. He also was licensed as a commercial pilot, flight instructor and ground instructor and served as a commuter airline and air mail pilot with Nor-Cal Aviation, Redding, California, and Great Western Airlines, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

# Dental program launched

LEIU, Kosrae - Dr. Etsin Etse, former Pohnpei state dental services chief, launched April 3 a dental preventive care program in the Kosrae schools, according to a State Information Office release.

# Thorfinn introduces tourism to outer islands

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - As a result of a successful first season and information sent back to the United States and Canada, the SS Thorfinn "is about sold out for the next season," E. Lance Higgs, its captain and principal owner, said before leaving Pohnpei on April 28 for a return voyage to Vancouver, British Columbia.

The 26-passenger 170-foot converted Norwegian whaler conducted five 12-day, 11-night luxury adventure cruises in each direction between Pohnpei and Truk, after arriving here Dec. 12 with the last cruise ending April 24 in Kolonia.

It is scheduled to return late in November for 10 cruises next winter with the first to depart Dec. 3 from Pohnpei, according to Higgs.

The Thorfinn ran about 50 per cent of capacity and took a loss which was expected during its first season which introduced tourism to the isolated outer islands in Pohnpei and Truk.

The west-bound cruise from Pohnpei to Truk was sold as a "Micronesian experience" with

songs, dancing and canoe races provided by people residing in Ngatik Atoll, Pohnpei state, and Satawan, Mortlock Islands, and Nonwin, Hall Islands, Truk state.

The east-bound voyage from Truk to Pohnpei was sold as a dive cruise, usually beginning with four days of diving on the sunken Japanese fleet in the Truk Lagoon, two at Nonwin, three at Oroluk and three at Ant, two sparsely populated atolls in Pohnpei state.

The Thorfinn made one west-bound dive stop at the Polynesian atoll, Nukuoro, "and we hope to make more," Higgs said, adding that "we hope next year to do Losap (Upper Mortlocks, Truk)."

He said the vessel received calls from Kapingamarangi, Pangelap and Mokil in Pohnpei and Pulawat in Truk, inviting it to visit.

"There are several that we would go to, if we could get inside the lagoons," Higgs said, indicating that the Thorfinn could not safely anchor in open sea.

"We found sports fishing to be

quite good at some of the outer islands outside of the reefs" and windsurfing was popular with Ngatik, Ant, Satawan and Iukunor being good locations inside the lagoons, he said.

"As a result of the season here and the information we phoned back, we are about sold out for next season," Higgs said.

"We are beginning to get some inquiries from Japan," he added.

"We did a tremendous amount of advertising and promotions to sell Micronesia to an unknowing public (in the U.S. and Canada)," Higgs said, stating that the advertising was in "Skin Divers" magazine and an elaborate brochure mailed to individuals on Seaward Holdings, Ltd., Vancouver, client lists.

In addition, Seaward Holdings, Ltd., put up booths to promote the Micronesian tours in 10 travel shows in such cities as Los Angeles, Dallas, San Francisco, Toronto, Denver, Portland, Seattle and Honolulu, he said.

"This operation is not a passing whim, which is why we incorporated here (Seaward Holdings-Micronesia)," Higgs said.

He said that the cruises have had a substantial economic impact on Pohnpei and Truk with its passengers purchasing more than \$10,000 in local handicrafts and staying over in local hotels before and after the cruises and it employing 15 Micronesians at various times during the season.

"We are planning on doing almost all purchasing in Micronesia," Higgs said, because "we could we could purchase a lot of supplies in Micronesia that we brought out" and "we would buy a lot more locally grown food," such as papayas and avocados, if available.

The Thorfinn will have an additional impact of attracting visitors to the FSM who see the advertising, but do not take the cruises, and those who stay over or return after the cruises, he said.

## Bids sought for Kacho fishing boat

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Sealed bids for the 18.7-meter 26-ton fiberglass pole-and-line skipjack fishing boat MV Kacho will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. June 28 at the Public Works Engineering Of-

fice, Community Development Building, Kolonia, according to Community Services Director Bermin Weilbacher, State Contracting Officer.

Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name and address of the bidder and name of the bid item, MV Kacho. Mailed bids must be postmarked no later than June 26 and must include the enclosed bid in another envelope addressed to: Pohnpei State Contracting Officer, Bid for "MV Kacho," P.O. Box 1149, Kolonia, Pohnpei 96941, Federated States of Micronesia.

"Contract award, if any, shall be made to the highest responsible bidder within 45 days from the date bids are opened," Weilbacher said, adding that the bids are to be submitted on a "as is, where is" basis and the vessel must be removed within 30 days from the date the contract is awarded.

The MV Kacho, which is moored near the Mobil Bulk Plant on the Pohnpei airport causeway, has a 182 horse power Yanmar diesel

main engine, a 20 horse power Yanmar auxiliary engine, a 9.03-cubic-meter bait hold capacity, a 16.09-cubic-meter ice hold capacity and a 3.78-cubic-meter fuel oil tank capacity.



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## Construction chief named

LELU, Kosrae - Bruce Howell, a former U.S. Navy Officer in Charge of Construction for Kosrae, was appointed state construction and engineering chief, according to Planning and Budget Director Lewis Brooks, the State Information Office reported.

Howell served 1983-85 as the resident OICC here, after serving as an officer in charge of a Navy construction battalion in Japan and operations officer in Sicily.

# Madolenihmw implements constitution, 'U' next

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Madolenihmw became the third Pohnpei municipal government to implement its constitution with the swearing in May 1 of Chief Magistrate Alter Mwudong as its first High Commissioner.

Kolonia Town and Kitti municipality were the first to ratify and implement their constitutions under the provisions of the Pohnpei State Constitution which went into effect Nov. 8.

The Madolenihmw constitution changed the title of its chief executive from Chief Magistrate to High Commissioner.

Uh Municipality will implement May 26 its constitution which was ratified April 26 by a little more than 60 per cent of the votes cast and which changes the spelling to "U" and title "Chief Magistrate" to "Chief Minister," according to Uh Constitutional Convention President Santiago Joab.

The Nett Municipal Constitutional Convention which was convened April 2 has more than 10 official sessions days remaining before completing a draft, according to Convention Chairman Quirino Mendiola, State Legal Affairs Director.

Mendiola said that proposals are still be presented for review by convention committees and that the draft is expected to be presented to the public for review before its being signed by the convention delegates.

The Sokehs draft constitution

is expected to be completed by the end of May, according Convention President Hilary Conrad who said that public review of the draft was completed May 8 and the committee of the whole is making subsequent changes.

Pingelap, the first outer island constitutional convention which was convened there April 8, is expected to complete its draft by the end of May, according to State Resource Surveillance and Conservation Director Kikuo Apis, convention president.

The Ngatik convention, which began there April 24 with 20 delegates, including the chief magistrate, five council members and 14 appointed by the chief magistrate and confirmed by the council, elected Wendolin Sue, the chief magistrate's representative to Pohnpei, its president; former State Senator Goodyear Paniel, vice president, and State Senator Baker Meninsohr, floor leader.

Sue reported May 13 by radio to Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry that the convention had completed five working days and a draft constitution is expected to be completed in August.

The Ngatik convention organized five standing committees with Mrs. Salome S. Rudolph, the only woman delegate, chairman of the Administration and Style Committee; Mwohti Solomon, General Provisions; Baker Meninsohr, Government and Functions; Goodyear Paniel, Resources and Taxation, and Berlin Meinsohn, Customs and Religion.

Mokil and Kapingamarangi are asking the FSM Congress to reprogram funds during its current session to finance their constitutional conventions and Nukuoro has received funds for its convention, according to Henry who said the three remaining outer island municipalities are planning to schedule their conventions.



FIRST MADOLENIHMW 'HICOM' SWORN IN - Chief Magistrate Alter Mwudong, right, is being sworn in by Pohnpei State Supreme Court Chief Justice Edwel Santos during a May 1 ceremony implementing the Madolenihmw Municipal Constitution which changed his title to High Commissioner.

## Heads health council

LELU, Kosrae - Harry Seymour was elected chairman; Shiro Timothy, vice chairman, and Tulpe J. Tilfas, secretary of the Kosrae Health Advisory Council, during its March 9 organizational meeting, according to a State Information Office release.

Other members appointed by Gov. Yosiwo George and confirmed by the Kosrae State Legislature are Dwight Likiaksa, Joldon Johnny-boy, Akiosy Palis and John Andrew.

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