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Pohnpei a major Disaster Area due to Lola

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - US President Ronald Reagan on June 3 declared Pohnpei Island, the capital of the Federated States of Micronesia, some 907 miles southeast of Guam, a major disaster area due to the damages left by Typhoon Lola, according to Pohnpei State Governor's Office release.

Typhoon Lola hit Pohnpei May 17 and raged through the following day, snapped electrical poles, downed power lines, uprooted trees and crops and leveled homes with strong winds and high seas that damaged crops on the outer islands and airstrips on Mokil and Pingelap several hundred miles east of Pohnpei island before making its way toward the north west of the Pacific.

Reagan's declaration makes Pohnpei Island eligible for U.S. disaster assistance, something both Pohnpei Governor Resio Moses and FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama had earlier requested due to severity of the impact of Typhoon Lola which hit Pohnpei on May 17, the release said.

Assistance comes under three major categories of individual housing assistance, public assistance and small business

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF VISITS POHNPEI - Commander in Chief of the U.S. Pacific Command Admiral Ronald J. Hays, second from left, is making a courtesy call on President Tosiwo Nakayama, far left, during a two-day visit June 6-7 to Pohnpei. Accompanying the Commander from right are U.S. Naval Forces Marianas Commander Rear Admiral Chauncey Hoffman and former Status Liaison Officer Carl Taylor. Also accompanying the Commander was Mrs. Hays. The group also met with FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, Pohnpei Governor Resio Moses and Pohnpei State Legislature Speaker Ambros Senda and participated in change of command at the Civic Action Team (CAT) camp in Paies, Kitti, and was hosted to separate dinners by the President at the Little Micronesia and by Gov. Moses at the Village Hotel.

Congress cuts short regular session

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Fourth FSM Congress ended its abbreviated third regular session on Friday, June 20, after approving \$644,707 supplemental appropriations bill for fiscal 1986 and deferred action on a bill intended to hike Congress members annual salaries to \$27,000 from the current \$15,000 and the speaker's salary from \$18,000 to \$30,000.

The Congress adopted June 6 a resolution to cut short the 30-day session in order to wait for the results of the Compact approval process by the U.N. Security Council which is expected to be

forthcoming in August.

Before adjourning its abbreviated 24-day session, the Congress on June 19 passed a bill on final reading with a state vote of three for and one against (Yap cast the "no" vote) amending the FSM Constitution to provide 10 two-year-term members in the unicameral Congress who are elected on population apportionment to serve four-year terms rather than two-year terms. Currently, out of 14, four senators - one from each state - are elected at large for a four-year term.

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FSM National Health Care Plan Committee meets

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM National Health Care Plan Committee met for several days during last week of May in Pohnpei to study the proposed revisions for the Health care Plan in preparation for the joint discussions held June 2-5 with Mercy International Health Services of Mason City, Iowa, according to FSM Budget Officer and Committee Chairman Del Pangelinan.

The plan essentially offers an alternative to the current mechanism for funding health care services with one main objective to establish some link between financial resources made available to health care providers and the quality of health care provided, Pangelinan said, adding that another important objective is to establish a system that will reduce the amount of money spent on off-island referrals while making sure that all bona-fide patients receive the medical attention they require.

Mercy International's involvement with this project began in early 1985 when the committee decided it would be desirable to obtain outside technical assistance to critique and review the feasibility of implementing the proposed plan, Pangelinan said.

He also said that if implemented, the primary source of funding would continue to be regular state government appropriations for several years with additional funds coming from premiums paid by the public, private, and subsistence sectors.

The Plan, whose initial draft came about as a result of resolutions passed by the FSM Chief Executive Conference and the State-National Leadership Conference in mid-1983, was prompted by several major concerns including, finding the means to improve the quality of services being of-

fered by the FSM Health care system; minimizing the enormous liability often incurred by individuals and governments due to costly health care services received outside the FSM; and recognizing the need to become more self-reliant with respect to shouldering the cost of health care services.

The goal of the committee is to see a national plan implemented that covers all citizens and residents of the whole FSM, Pangelinan said, noting that accomplishing the goal will require a degree of acceptance and cooperation that will surely test the strength of this country's national character.

Participating in the four-day conference with the Mercy International were: Glen Haydon and Patrick Walsh, Mercy International Health Services; State Committee members, Alenson Solomon, Pohnpei, Dr. Gerhart Aten, Truk, Dr. Hiroshi Ismael, Kosrae, and Dr. Stan Gufsag and Thomas Falmed (observer), Yap. National Government representatives included FSM Health Services Deputy Administrator Dr. Kiosi Aniol and Federal Health Program Manager Isamu Abraham, Assistant Attorney General Mary Beth Walz, Personnel Officer Kohne Ramon, Pangelinan, Reed Nena and John Carroll of the Administrative Management Division of the Budget Office.

Esguerra, a Filipino Scientist, joins CTAS

Kolonia, Pohnpei - Dr. Nelson Esguerra, a former chairman of the Plant Protection Department at the Visayas State College of Agriculture, Visca, Leyte, Philippines, joined June 1 the College of Tropical Agriculture and Science as its staff entomologist, according to CTAS Director Ishmael Lebehn.

Esguerra also served as director of the National Abaca (Manila hemp) Research Center at Visayas States College of Agriculture.

A native of Calamba, Laguna Province, Esguerra, 45, was graduated from the University of the Philippines at Los Banos with a BS degree in

agriculture and the University of Hawaii with MS and PhD degrees in entomology.

He served as an entomology instructor at the University of the Philippines, Los Banos; worked as

a staff scientist for Del Monte Corp. in Mindanao, southern Philippines, before joining the Visayas State College faculty.

He received an East-West Center Scholarship to work on his Masters' degree at the University of Hawaii and visit the U.S. mainland in 1967 and a World Bank scholarship for his doctoral studies at the University of Hawaii.

He visited mainland China in 1980 as a Root Crop Germ Plasm Collection Team member; Kyoto, Japan, in 1982, as a member of national pest control team; Thailand and India in 1983 for research management systems; Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and a tropical agriculture

research center in Costa Rica, Central America in 1984, and in 1985 Tokyo to finalize a research agreement between the Philippines and Japan and the Asian Vegetable Research and Development Center in Taiwan.

Esguerra is married and has five sons.



Esguerra

Disaster.....

Federal Programs included in Amendment

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loans, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Chief Tommie C. Hammer, who was appointed Coordinating Officer to assist recovery efforts, said.

Residents of Pohnpei Island whose losses include homes, cook houses, shower and outhouses including repair of damaged Pohnpei government facilities and the removal of debris from roads and urban areas will be eligible for direct grant compensation, the release said, adding that agriculture losses such as damaged root crops, downed banana, breadfruit or coconut trees or dead livestock are not eligible under these programs for disaster assistance.

Businesses and individuals who lost personal property such as cars, furniture, clothing, video equipment, etc., are eligible to apply for Small Business Administration loans.

In his June 5 letter to President Nakayama thanking him for FSM government's assistance during the typhoon, Gov. Moses noted that while FEMA assistance will be available, it will not be extendable to agricultural (crop) damages, adding that "most of our citizens are subsistence 'croppers' and a lot of them will need assistance."

Gov. Moses requested the President to assist in requesting TIFI USDA feeding program to be extended to Pohnpei Island for 90 days and in seeking special assistance from the FSM Congress in meeting the responsibilities expected of Pohnpei State by FEMA regarding \$100,000 to reconstruct the typhoon damaged parts of Pingelap and Mokil airstrips and crop rehabilitation in the outer islands.

Pohnpei was hit by another typhoon Lola in 1957 and Typhoon Ophelia in 1958 which also caused damage to crops and homes.

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The full House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, in reporting legislation to approve a Compact of Free Association with Republic of Palau during latter part of June, included an amendment authorizing a three-year transition period for all U.S. federal programs being provided to the Trust Territory, according to FSM Status Commission legal counsel Greg Swartz.

Swartz said the amendment was sponsored by Congressman John Seiberling of Ohio, who is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Lands, following extensive lobbying by Marshall Island and FSM representatives.

The new amendment will authorize a three-year transition period for other programs, in addition to the education programs which were previously authorized under Public Law 99-239 which approved the Compacts for the FSM and the Marshall Islands, declining from a 75 percent funding level in 1987 to 50 percent in FY 1988, and to 25 percent in FY 1989, Swartz said.

Programs to be provided throughout the Compact period under P.L. 99-239 including health programs, Farmers Home Administration, the Legal Services programs, land grant programs for the College of Micronesia, FDIC, Small Business Administration, Economic Development Administration, the Rural Electrification Administration, JPIA, Job Corps, and certain Commerce Department programs, were not affected, Swartz said.

The House Interior Committee also approved a U.S. full faith and credit guarantee for Prior Service Benefits program funding, Swartz said, adding that both the new transition period for non-education programs and the full faith and credit guarantee are opposed by the U.S. Administration.

Final approval by the House,

Senate and the White House would be required before those new provisions become law, Swartz said.

In addition to the House Interior Committee, the Palau Compact has been reported by the committees on House Foreign Affairs and Senate Energy and Natural Resources, Swartz said, noting that a sequential referral to the House Ways and Means is still required.

The U.S. Congress is now on recess, but final action on the Palau Compact is expected when the Congress returns in mid-July.

Jackson won scholarship

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Marris K. Jackson of Tafunsak, a Kosraean student at Park College, Parkville, Missouri, has won a \$2,000 scholarship from Monsanto Company of St. Louis, Missouri, made available through an innovative scholarship program set up by Educational Assistance Ltd., a non-profit organization which financially assists college students through the cooperation of businesses and academic institutions.

Companies like Monsanto, donate excess materials and equipment to colleges, which in turn provide scholarships to students. The scholarships are given on a one time basis and are credited to the student's account.

Kosrae voters to register

LELU, Kosrae - All Kosrae State voters residing in the other FSM states, republics of the Marshall Islands and Palau, Territory of Guam, Commonwealth of Northern Marianas as well as Hawaii and the Mainland U.S.A. are reminded that August 6, 1986, is the deadline for the registration for the upcoming general elections for Governor and Lt. Governor and the Legislature of Kosrae.

All candidates running for the highest office and the seats for the Legislature must file their petition no later than midnight of Sept. 30, 1986, according to Kosrae State election commissioner.

Congress approves 16 Bills & 12 resolutions

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The proposed constitutional amendment, which must be ratified by voters in a referendum, would not change the current constitutional requirement that the president and vice president of the FSM be elected only from among the four at-large senators.

Sixteen bills were approved during the session, including:

-C.B. 4-45, CD2, amending FSM Constitution to provide for four-year terms for all members,

-C.B. 4-84, CD1, to appropriate \$125,000 from fiscal year 1986 for Yap matching fund,

-C.B. 4-205, CD3, to appropriate \$644,707 supplemental budget for fiscal 1986,

-C.B. 4-209, amending the FSM Code to allow the FSM Telecommunications Corp. Board of Directors to hold its meeting in September or October,

-C.B. 4-213, CD3, amending the FSM Code regarding the appointment of the Federated States of Micronesia Development Bank Board of Directors,

Three other bills were also approved amending public laws 4-17, 4-23 and 4-28 apportioning funds for Kosrae, Yap and Truk public projects, respectively,

-C.B. 4-230, to authorize the sale of the First Supplemental to the FSM Code and require the sales proceeds to be deposited in the general fund of the FSM,

-C.B. 4-231, CD2, to authorize the publishing of the First Supplement to the FSM Code pursuant to contract with Book Publishing Company and to appropriate \$3,912 to defray its costs,

C.B. 4-234, CD2, to authorize the issuance of FSM medical licenses and to repeal PL 3-79 and sections 201-203 and 210 of Title 41 of the FSM Code,

-C.B. 4-236, to amend Title 53 (TT Social Security Act) of the FSM Code to provide for an increase in retirement benefits,

-C.B. 4-241, CD2, authorizing

the FSM President to enter into an agreement with the University of Hawaii and obligating the FSM to provide for each fiscal year commencing 1986 through 1995 up to \$100,000 of indemnification to the University for medical malpractice claims arising from the conduct of employees and students of the proposed Medical Officer Training School,

-C.B. 4-242, CD2, to amend Title 54 of FSM Code to allow a state official access to revenue records and filing from his state,

-C.B. 4-247 to appropriate \$10,000 for fiscal 1986 to fund the Banking Task Force during the examination of banking requirements in FSM, and

-C.B. 4-250, CD1, to appropriate \$40,000 for fiscal 1986 for purpose of funding the construction of two water tanks for the CCM dormitories in the State of Pohnpei.

Twelve resolutions were adopted including: calling for a special session to be held (before the October regular session) at a date and duration to be set by the Congress presiding officer, inviting Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses to address the FSM Congress during its third regular session, and setting forth the sum of the total funds estimated to be available for appropriation from the general fund of the FSM and U.S. grant special fund for fiscal 1986.

Other resolutions include: respectfully requesting the U.N. Security Council to support the exercise of self-determination by the people of the FSM by approving the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement; respectfully requesting the President of the FSM and the FSM Congress Speaker to establish a joint task force to explore issues pertinent to development of an appropriate body of maritime and related laws for the FSM, and ratifying two Memoranda of Understanding which

modify the foreign fishing agreement between Micronesian Maritime Authority and Japanese Fishing Association.

Authorizing the Congress Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs to call a meeting with all the committees of the state legislatures of the FSM which are responsible for health and education matters, and directing the department of Resources and Development and the Congress Committee on Resources and Development to form a joint working group to investigate the pricing policies of Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc., within the FSM and the neighboring Pacific states.

Also expressing the deepest gratitude and appreciation of the FSM Congress to Tom Bussanich for his many years of outstanding service to the Congress and the nation and to Governor Resio Moses of Pohnpei State for sharing with the Congress the views of his state on important issues facing the FSM, and commending and thanking Dennis Yamase for his handwork and exemplary performance as an attorney for the Fourth Congress of the FSM during its third regular session.

Alfons sentenced

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Valentine Alfons of Rohi, Kitty, was sentenced by the FSM Supreme Court on June 20 to 18 months in the Pohnpei State Jail, according to FSM Justice Ombudsman Nickontro Johnny.

Alfons was found guilty April 7 of assaulting one Alwis Martin also of Rohi, Kitty, with a machete during a fight on February 16.

As a result of the fight, the victim, Alwis Martin, lost the use of his left arm.

In addition to his imprisonment, Alfons will be put on probation for three years during which time he is not to drink any alcoholic beverages.

U.N. FAO to help develop nutrition policies for the FSM

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is working with FSM state and national governments to develop food and nutrition policies which would reduce reliance on imports and provide healthier diets, according to FAO Project Manager Maarten Nube.

Nube said that he plans to visit the other FSM states, Yap, Truk and Kosrae, and to organize a National Food and Nutrition Policy Workshop to be held early next year, during a meeting June 10 with Pohnpei State Nutrition Committee and Coordinating Committee to the U.N. Children's Fund-sponsored Family Food Production Project.

Nube is a nutritionist from Holland who is stationed in Tonga and working as the project manager for the FAO/U.N. Development Program Regional Project for Development of National Food and Nutrition Planning and Programs in the South Pacific.

He visited Pohnpei for the first time June 3-12 to discuss implementation of the project in the FSM which is one of six countries participating in it. The others are Kiribati, Vanuatu, Tonga, Western Samoa and the Solomon Islands.

During the meeting with the two committees, representatives of the FSM Health Services Division; Pohnpei State Education, Health Services and Conservation and Resource Surveillance departments and Food Services Office, and the College of Tropical Agriculture and Science agreed to serve as the Pohnpei working group to identify food and nutrition problems and prepare statistics to be used in the national workshop.

FSM Nutrition Specialist Jane Elymore was designated chairperson of the working group which is scheduled to meet again on July 25.

Nube said that the workshop could address such issues as the

use of tariffs on food imports to encourage local food production and consumption, nutrition education through school lunch and adult education programs and the economic aspects of reliance on food imports.

Nube said that his aim during his initial visit was to identify people with the authority to sit on working groups which could discuss nutrition issues and formulate policies.

He said that he expects to have to deal with each of the FSM states individually, due to the nature of the federation which gives them the authority to set their own agricultural development and nutrition priorities.

Nube said that he is assessing the extent of experience and resources being utilized for nutrition education in the FSM and "if everything works out, I will be coming back every two to three months for the next year and a half."

The project began in September, 1985, and will end at the end of 1987.

It will focus on the specific needs of each country, including the FSM states, and would utilize its existing technical expertise by providing national workshops on food and nutrition planning, supporting surveys and assisting in preparing national policies in areas such as tariffs to discourage imports, domestic food distribution and nutritional well-being.

It also will work to establish a communications network among the participating countries, in addition to establishing government units to assess, plan, coordinate and monitor food and nutrition practices and to provide in-service training and public awareness campaigns, Nube said.

Nube said the project is linked to the UNDP/U.N. Children's Fund Family food production project which is being conducted jointly

by UNICEF and CTAS.

"Several Pacific island governments are concerned about their lack of a coherent national policy for food and nutrition planning which can deal effectively with the declining reliance on domestic agriculture and traditional crops, and the increased incidence of malnutrition as well as diet-related diseases," Nube said.

FAO is trying to help these countries in the assessment and planning of food and nutrition policies and in improving public awareness of good nutritional practices and "the importance of local food production by providing training and the services of a nutritionist and specialized consultants," he said.

Court affirms ruling

LELU, Kosrae - Sterling Skilling of Kosrae, who in September 1984 pled guilty to embezzling approximately \$134,000 has been returned to Kosrae Jail following a May 30 ruling by the FSM Supreme Court Appellate Division, according to an FSM Supreme Court press release.

Skilling was sentenced to one year imprisonment and four years suspended sentence. He spent some time in jail but was released pending appeal.

His appeal was based on the trial judge's refusal to disqualify himself from the case. Skilling felt that the Trial Court showed an unfavorable bias.

The Appellate Division affirmed the Trial Court's ruling and Skilling was returned to Kosrae Jail to complete his one year sentence.

Around the time of the embezzlement Skilling built a hotel, which he is required to divest himself of under the plea agreement.

Cavanagh becomes PATS Director

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Former Jesuit Pastor of Kolonia, Nett and Sokehs Parish Rev. Joseph A. Cavanagh has been appointed June 13 as Director of Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS), according to PATS Board of Trustees President Andon Amaraich, a PATS press release reported.

Cavanagh replaces Rev. James Stehr who resigned on May 18 as director due to health reasons and is being reassigned back to New York, the release said.



Cavanagh

Cavanagh, originally from New York City, came to Micronesia as a Jesuit Scholastic in 1956 where he taught at Xavier High School in Truk for three years before returning to the U.S. for ordination to priesthood and took extensive studies in social and human development at St. Louis University and Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

He returned to Pohnpei in 1964 and spent two years in Pohnpei language study before becoming a Pastor of Wone and Seinwar in 1967. After being involved in human development programs for ten years, he inaugurated the Mobile Team units which visited all municipalities of Pohnpei and Sapwuhfik (Ngatik), the release said, adding that the units were extremely well-received and strove to awaken community responsibility and initiative to identify and solve their own problems.

Cavanagh directed the Catholic Deacon's training program on Pohnpei which led to the first ordination of Permanent Deacons in Micronesia.

He has represented the Catholic Church in Micronesia on several occasions to international committees in Asia and the Pacific. Most recently, he was appointed

Bishop Martin J. Neylon's delegate to Central Pacific Bishops' Conference (CEPAC) where he served as Education Officer on the Bishop's Committee for Justice and Development. In this capacity, he visited all the Pacific Basin countries in consultations with the Bishops of these countries and their staff on the work of human development in their countries and the Pacific.

"With his vast experience in human development problems and programs in the entire Pacific Basin, Father Cavanagh will bring a new dimension to PATS," PATS founder and Chancellor Rev. Hugh F. Costigan said, adding that Cavanagh's excellent knowledge of the Pohnpeian language and Micronesian culture will strengthen immeasurably the goals of PATS to provide Micronesia with young men and women technically competent and with the Christian motivation of service to the community.

Bar Exam Set

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - A written examination to practice law before the FSM Supreme Court is scheduled for August 7, 1986, in Pohnpei and Truk, according to FSM Supreme Court Chief Clerk Emeliana J. Musrasrik.

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

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



NANMADOL DESIGNATED NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK - Minutes after Gov. Resio Moses, right, was given a plaque designating Nan Madol a registered national historic landmark by U.S. National Registrar Programs Division Chief Margaret Pepin-Donat on behalf of Dept. of Interior and National Park Service, Moses is seen handing it over to Madolenihmw Menin Keder Iapalap Wilson Kalio with Pepin-Donat looking on during a May 26 designation ceremony held at the Nan Madol Ruins.

CCM summer enrollment

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Two hundred and eighty students enrolled in the Community College of Micronesia 1986 summer session which was postponed one week to June 16 while registration was extended through June 9 to give Pohnpei and outer island teachers an opportunity to attend, according to CCM Dean of Instruction Timothy Jerry.

The Pohnpei public schools were in session through June 12 and some outer island teachers were still awaiting field trip ships to take them to their state centers or air service to Pohnpei, Jerry said.

Registration which was scheduled for June 2-4 with late registration on June 5 was extended through June 7 with late registration on June 9; the beginning of classes was delayed from June 9 to June 16, and the end of the session is delayed from Aug. 4 to Aug. 8, he said.

The summer session enrollment includes: Special services, 28; sophomores, 28; nursing majors, 17; regular freshmen, 46; Head Start instructors, 17; Health Careers Opportunities Program, 11; special education, 46, and Pohnpei teachers, 87.

Choy and Aguiqui visit Pohnpei

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) President Reagan's appointee for Hawaii State, Director Robert W.F. Choy, and FmHA Western Pacific Territories Director Leonard Q. Aguiqui visited Pohnpei and held talks June 16-18 with FSM and Pohnpei State governments officials regarding expansion of FmHA program here, according to FmHA Pohnpei State Area Supervisor Shelten G. Neth.

Neth said the directors called on the FSM Vice President Bailey Olter, FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses and Pohnpei State Legislature Speaker Ambros Senda and visited Kosrae and met Gov. Yosiwo George, Lt. Gov. Moses Mackwelung, and Planning, Programming and Statistics Chief Aren Palik.

The directors visited Kosrae and authorized the opening of a FmHA sub-office there, Neth said.

The directors trip was part of their efforts to look into the preparations for expansion of the FmHA programs here and on Kosrae including required state legislations regarding "Building and Zoning Code," Neth said, adding that the "Deed of Trust Law" (a substitute for mortgage law) is expected to be considered by the Pohnpei State Legislature in the very near future.

"With the requirements in place, the FmHA Office of General Council will be able to accept the expansion of housing programs and implementation of other major programs upon the termination of the Trusteeship, which is expected soon," Neth said.

The general public is invited to call upon FmHA for more information during Mondays between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at telephone numbers 583 or 581 or visit the office during office hours, Neth said.

Sam appointed PATS Deputy Director

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Ponape Coconut Products Manager Catalino Sam has been appointed as Assistant Director of Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) effective June 1, according to PATS founder and Chancellor Rev. Hugh Costigan, S.J.

Sam assumes the position which has been vacant since the untimely death of Rosendo Andrew two years ago, Costigan said.

Rev. Costigan also said that PATS Board of governors have nominated Rev. Joseph Cavanagh, SJ, as Director to replace Rev. James Stehr who has been assigned to work in New York, but were not able to meet as scheduled due to Typhoon Lola and were voting through mail with the results expected in mid-June.

Sam was educated at Xavier High School in Truk State and at Xavier University, Gagayan de Oro, Philippines, and underwent 20 years in grass roots economic and social development, first in Madolenihmw and more recently in the four states of the FSM.

His career began as Manager of Madolenihmw Copra Cooperative (MCC), Treasurer of Madolenihmw Housing Cooperative (MHC), and as a board member of Ponape Federation of Cooperatives.

In 1974, Sam founded the Ponape Coconut Products as a division of PATS, after spending three months in training for (coconut processing) at the Philippines Refining Company in Manila and later guided PCP for 12 years and has become probably the most knowledgeable Micronesians in coconut processing today, Costigan said.

Sam previously served as a member of the Board of Directors of Micronesians Coconut Processing Authority (MCPA) 1976, chairman of the FSM Coconut Development Authority (CDA) in 1977 which

succeeded MCPA and held this position for two terms until 1983, and member of the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community during which he visited many Asian and Pacific countries to further study coconut processing.

Sam is credited with the latest installation of a perfume distillation unit to extract perfume essence from Ylang-Ylang blossoms for use in soap and other products at PCP, Costigan said, adding that this will give a new cash income to Pohnpei farmers through sale of Ylang Ylang blossoms.

Sam has worked more closely with the general administration of PATS since the death of Rosendo Andrew and served as Executive Secretary of the PATS Board of Trustees, Costigan said. As Assistant Director, Sam will be responsible for the day to day operation of PATS high school and will serve as liaison with all government entities for PATS, while still monitoring the work of PCP.

Nixon Soram will succeed Sam as Acting General Manager of PCP which employs a total of 32 Micronesians, some of whom are graduates of Ponape Agriculture and Trade School, Father Costigan added.

Charley completed training

LELU, Kosrae - Kosrae FSM Development Bank Loan Officer Moses Charley completed an eight-week project planning and management training in Australia, Kosrae State Public Information Officer Alex Phillip said.

The training, which was sponsored by Australian Development Assistance Bureau (ADAB), included methods of government planning through project implementation and management, Phillip said.

Participants included trainees from Yap, Truk, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Sri Lanka.



Sam

Mokil Island holds its Concon *Joel progressing well*

MOKIL, Pohnpei - Mokil Island Municipality constitutional convention was organized with the swearing in of 30 delegates by State Associate Justice Judah C. Johnny during the opening ceremony held June 20 at Mokil Elementary School building and the election June 23 of the pre-convention chairman FSM Agriculture Division Administrator Sailas Henry as its president, according to convention legal counsel Henry Biza.

Also elected during the convention organization on June 23 as officers were Linclon Lebehn as vice president and Simeron Jim as floorleader, including chairmen of the committees: Melchior Henry, Structure and Function; Ishmael Lebehn, Finance and Economic Development; Dr. Aminis David, Civil Liberty and Land Tradition; Kehpas Edigar, General Provisions, and Gideon David, Style and Transition, Biza said.

The opening ceremony began with a convoy of outboard motor boats escorting FSM Vice President Bailey Olter, FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, Nanmwarki Sahn Johnson, Dr. Aminis David who represented Gov. Resio Moses and Senator Annes Lebehn who represented Speaker Ambros Senda, State Associate Justice Judah Johnny and other state and traditional leaders and convention delegates from Ms. Caroline Islands to the welcoming crowd at the shore.

Chief Magistrate the Honorable Nanmwarki Sahn Johnson, Vice

President Olter, Speaker Henry, Justice Johnny, Senator Lebehn, Dr. David, pre-convention chairman Sailas Henry and Pohnpei chief-magistrates representative Nett Municipal Judge Mikel Diana also spoke during the three-hour ceremony which ended with the swearing in of the delegates.

Also on hand to witness the opening ceremony were Rohsa (Bob) Nanpei who represented the Pohnpei Traditional leaders and State Senators Midion Neth of Madolenihmw and Baker Meninzor of Sapwuhfik and Elsin Elias of the State Public Affairs Office.

The Mokil convention is scheduled to convene for 30 days with Sammy Molens as its Administrative Officer.



MOKIL ISLAND CONCON CONVENES - FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, right, is addressing the Mokil Island Concon delegates during the opening ceremony June 20 held at the Mokil Elementary School building. Looking on from left are FSM Vice President Bailey Olter and Pohnpei State Court Associate Justice Judah Johnny.

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Mrs. Pelsihner Joel, a Mokilese mother who suffered burns to 80 percent of her body when her kerosene refrigerator exploded March 13, has been receiving skin grafts and doing well at the Brook Army Hospital Burn Center in San Antonio, Texas, an official at the Pohnpei State Hospital said, according to Governor's press secretary Marialice Eperiam.

Pohnpei State Hospital Administrator George Fleenor said that grafts are now 70 percent complete with two more surgeries expected within the next few days to complete skin repair, Eperiam reported.

Joel and her daughter, Ruth, who also suffered burns during the accident, were first medevaced from Mokil to Pohnpei in a heroic first time landing on the unfinished Mokil airstrip by Pacific Missionary Aviation pilot Peter Reichert on March 14.

While Ruth was treated at the state hospital, her mother Pelsihner was again medevaced by a U.S. military plane to Guam and then to Texas, Eperiam said, adding that her return home is estimated by Fleenor within four to five weeks.

Population seminar held

LELU, Kosrae - A seminar on public awareness regarding population growth was conducted June 13 by Kosrae State Family Planning Coordinator Solome Martin, according to Kosrae State Public Information Officer Alex Phillip.

Phillip said that population growth in Kosrae would pose a great problem for the state in the future.

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