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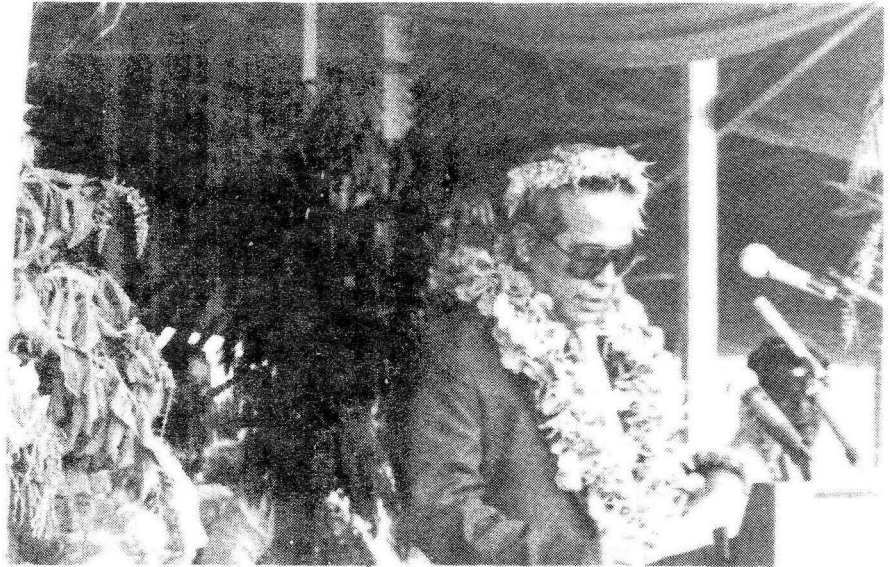
LELU, Kosrae - Kosrae State Governor Yosiuw George said communication, goodwill and mutual respect for each other are essentials to ensure the needed spirit of cooperation between the legislative and executive branches in all levels of FSM governments and urged that the system of checks and balances of power must protect the right of our people in an opening address before the Third State and National Legislatures Conference held July 29-31.

The three-day conference was held at the Kosrae High School Auditorium in Tofol, with Governor George and the new chairman Kosrae State Legislature Speaker Thurston Siba giving the welcoming remarks in the presence of the delegates, Lt. Gov. Moses Mackwelung and the local dignitaries.

Siba thanked Yap State Legislature Speaker Joseph Ayin for his past leadership of the SNLC Conference and expressed his gratitude to Pohnpei State Legislature in hosting the special Compact-related conference last winter.

The conference, which was briefed by Status Commission

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GOVERNOR GIDEON DOONE DELIVERS INAUGURAL ADDRESS - Governor Gideon Doone is delivering his inauguration address July 11, pledging full support to the FSM national government and extending to each of the FSM states "what we seek from each: love, unity and full cooperation." From left are First Lady Oradia Doone, an unidentified man, Gov. Doone, and Truk Congressional Delegation Chairman Senator Kalisto Refalopei.

Gov. Doone pledges full support

MOEN, Truk - Governor Gideon Doone pledged to give full support to the FSM national government and extended to each of the FSM states "what we seek from each: love, unity and full cooperation," during his inauguration ceremony July 11 attended by President Tosiwo Nakayama, Gov. Yosiuw George of Kosrae and the official representatives of the governments in the region held at the ballfield near the State Legislature building on Moen.

Doone also said in his inaugural address that the event was

"not so much of political victories for the Lt. Gov. and myself, nor for those who have worked so hard to get us elected but to reconfirm our full commitment to a democratic form of government in Free Association with the United States of America," adding that he hoped the Compact of Free Association will be successfully brought to final conclusion at the end of summer.

FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama assured the people of Truk and the nation that his administra-

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AMERIPEX 86 HELD, NEW STAMPS ISSUED

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM Postal Service concluded its participation in the May 22-June 1 American International Philatelic Exposition (AMERIPEX, '86) in Chicago, Illinois, with more than \$16,000 in sales after the introduction there of eight new stamps, according to FSM Postmaster General Leo A. Falcam, an FSM Postal Service news release said.

As a result of their visiting the FSM booth, 700 philatelic dealers and collectors were added to the FSM Postal Service mailing list whereby establishing its identity in the international postal community, Falcam said.

The FSM Postal Service was represented at AMERIPEX '86 by Philatelic Bureau Manager Ignacio Stephen, Administrative Assistant Karmerina Yamada and Postmaster General Falcam.

FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry of Pohnpei and Vice Speaker Joab Sigrah of Kosrae toured the exposition and the FSM booth during a May 23-24 stopover while enroute from the U.N. Trusteeship Council meeting in New York to Micronesia, according to Falcam.

The next international stamp show which "we must attend," said Falcam, will be an exposition held every 10 years with the next to be in 1990 in the United Kingdom.

"While we will be selective in our attendance of these international shows, we must attend it, because that is where the market is," he said, referring to the United States and Western Europe as the primary markets for philatelic sales and adding that Crown Agents Philatelic, Ltd., the FSM philatelic agent and stamp supplier, will represent FSM at most shows.

The importance of AMERIPEX is that it is held every 10 years, so it is a big one which was attended by more than 142,000 people, Falcam said, adding that the

most important thing was that "we established an identity among the postal administrations throughout the world and met with officials from those administrations to compare administrative problems and establish the credibility of the FSM Postal Service with them."

The new FSM stamps issued at the exposition included:

—A five stamp commemorative series featuring 19th Century American buccaneer William Henry "Bully" Hayes who sailed the waters of Micronesia and the Pacific. Hayes appears at a ship wheel on a 22-cent stamp; his accomplice, Angelo, is seen forging an 1853 Hawaiian stamp on a 33-cent denomination; his ship, *Lenora*, is sinking at Kosrae on a 39-cent stamp; Hayes is evading capture at Kosrae on a 44-cent stamp, and the book, "Bully Hayes, Buccaneer," is illustrated on a 75-cent denomination.

—A 22-cent stamp commemorating the U.N. International Year of Peace.

—A 44-cent denomination marking the 40th anniversary of the return after World War II of Nauruans from Truk where they had been taken by the Japanese administrators of Micronesia.

—A 44-cent stamp featuring Haley's Comet which was vividly illuminated in Micronesia during its 70-year journey within sight of the Earth this year.

The new stamps were featured on a First Day Cover with a souvenir sheet of the Bully Hayes stamps, an official proof sheet of the souvenir sheet and 22-cent overprints of the four stamps, featuring relief maps of the four FSM state centers, which were issued as 20-cent stamps with the inauguration of the FSM Postal Service in July, 1984.

The next stamps to be issued by the FSM will be a special commemorative stamp related to the Compact of Free Association when it is implemented and the 1986

Christmas issue, Falcam said, adding that philatelic dealers and collectors may order the first day covers, stamps and proof sheets by contacting the FSM Philatelic Bureau Manager, P.O. Box 1376, Kolonia, Pohnpei FSM 96941.

Since the FSM Postal Service is already receiving order from more than 700 dealers and collectors who visited the FSM booth at the show, he plans to hire a secretary, which was authorized by the FSM Congress, to assist the Philatelic Bureau Manager with the large volume of requests being received for FSM stamps and to respond to inquiries made at the Chicago exposition.

Compact Funding provided

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - President Ronald Reagan signed on July 02 H.R. 4515, the Urgent Supplemental Appropriations Bill for 1986, which was passed by Congress latter part of June providing for first year Compact funding to be made retroactive to October 1, 1985 and second year funding to be made available in FY 1987 under separate appropriations legislation still being considered by the U.S. Congress, FSM Status Commission counsel Greg Swartz said.

The law would appropriate sufficient additional funding to bring the FSM and the Marshall Islands up to Compact level funding for FY 1986, as if the Compact had gone into effect on October 1, 1985, Swartz said, adding that the total additional funding expected for the FSM in FY 1986 once the Compact comes into effect is \$60.5 million, which consists primarily of \$27.5 million in capital account funds, \$12 million for an Investment Development Fund (IDF), \$6.8 million for communications improvements, and the remainder for op-

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FSM solons request priorities to be determined

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Legal Counsel Greg Swartz regarding status of the Compact of Free Association, adopted a resolution (C.R. 3-9) respectfully requesting the FSM President and the Pohnpei State Governor to study the possibility of making the Pohnpei State Hospital a referral facility for the entire FSM.

The delegates, which included FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, State speakers Joseph Ayin of Yap, Fritz Hartman of Truk and Ambros Senda of Pohnpei, other FSM Congress and state senators and their staff, were greeted by the Lelu Band upon arrival and departure with leis and songs.

Resolutions requesting the FSM Congress to address the issue of changing the revenue sharing formula, and together with state legislatures of Yap and Truk to complete their review of the Agreement on Internal Budget and Finance Procedures under the Compact and if necessary under State law prior to Oct. 1, 1986, were among 23 measures adopted by the conference.

Resolution 3-2 requests the National and State governments of the FSM to quickly determine priorities for continuing education programs during the transition period authorized by U.S. Public Law 99-239, the Compact law, and Resolution 3-6 which requests the national and state governments to investigate possible medical referral facilities in nearby countries other than the United States.

Resolution 3-1, expressing the sense of the Conference that continuation of Pell Grants is essential to our nation's future, and respectfully requesting the President of the FSM and the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition to give the highest possible priority to obtaining continuation of Pell Grants, and C.R. 3-7, expressing

the sense of the Conference that scholarship funds received pursuant to section 216(a)(3) of the Compact of Free Association should be given to the states to administer, and that such funds should be divided among the states on the basis of a formula to be mutually agreed upon.

Conference Resolution 3-5, expressing the sense of the Conference that FSM Olympic games should be held in 1989 in the state most prepared to host them, and C.R. 3-8, urging Truk and Yap State Legislatures to complete their review and, if necessary under State Law, approval of the "Memorandum of Understanding with respect to the Division of Grant Assistance under the Compact of Free Association among the national and state governments of the FSM.

Other resolutions adopted include:

-C.R. 3-10, requesting the FSM Congress and the legislatures of the FSM to support the development and the promotion of the operation of airlines services to, from and within the FSM,

-C.R. 3-11, relative to the appointment of the Board of Advisors and to the management of the Investment Development Fund, and C.R. 12, relative to state input in attaining foreign assistance,

-C.R. 3-13, requesting improvements within the FSM Department of External Affairs so that state and national government officials can better promote the needs of the states and the nation as a whole through contacts abroad, and C.R. 3-14, relating to criminal jurisdiction,

-C.R. 3-15, thanking Speaker Thurston K. Siba and the members and staff of Kosrae State Legislature for their hospitality and dedication in hosting the Third FSM State and National Legislatures Conference, and C.R. 3-16, expressing the appreciation of the Third FSM State and National

Legislatures Conference for the hospitality and assistance provided by Governor Yosiwo P. George and the people of Kosrae State,

-C.R. 3-17, requesting the Congress of the FSM and the Legislatures of the FSM to jointly and severally declare that it is a policy of the governments of the FSM to stimulate local and promote foreign investment in this nation, and C.R. 3-18, relative to the question of holding a constitutional convention for the FSM,

-C.R. 3-19, requesting the FSM Congress and the FSM state legislatures to expedite the approval of the agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of the FSM regarding the Investment Development Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia concluded pursuant to section 111(c) of U.S. Public Law 99-239,

-C.R. 3-20, requesting the state and national governments to undertake certain activities to promote the development of Tourism Industry, and C.R. 3-21, requesting the national government to address matters relating to alien and Micronesian employment,

-C.R. 3-22, requesting the FSM Congress and the FSM State Legislatures to review and approve the revised agreement concerning procedures for the implementation of U.S. economic assistance, programs and services provided in the Compact of Free Association between the Government of the United States and the Government of the FSM, and

-C.R. 3-23, requesting that all monies be used in a coordinated fashion and according to state internal budget and fiscal procedures.

Truk assured of FSM support

Compact funding

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tion will cooperate fully with the new administration by Gov. Gideon Doone and Lt. Gov. Bob Mori in enhancing attributes that leaders have pledged to do for the citizens of the federation.

In extending his personal thanks to representatives of the various governments in the region and to all the people gathered there for taking time out to join the celebrations, Nakayama said "I wish to assure the people of Truk that that is the attribute of democracy" citing his involvement in the recent election campaign and saying that "another attribute starts from here on till the days ahead and that is for all of us to work together to cooperate for one single purpose of enhancing those programs and those plans that we as leaders have done for you and hope to do for you and for all of us here."

Doone was sworn-in in an earlier ceremony held on May 8 as the second elected governor of Truk, while incumbent Bob Mori took oath of office as lieutenant governor; the oath was administered by State Court Chief Justice Soukichi Fritz at the Governor's office.

FSM Senator Kalisto Refalopei, who spoke on behalf of Speaker Bethwel Henry, Kosrae State Gov. Yosiwo George, Truk State Legislature Speaker Fritz Hartman and U.S. Naval Forces Marianas Commander Rear Admiral Chauncey Hoffman also spoke during the six-hour ceremony which ended with singing and dancing by local groups.

Inauguration related celebrations with more singing and dancing were continued on Sunday, August 13, after the program was rained out on Saturday.

Among other officials present at the inauguration were Michael Capelle representing President Amata Kabua of the Republic of

Marshall Islands, John Stole representing Republic of Belau, Felix Rabauliman representing CNMI, Trust Territory Attorney General Kent Harvey representing High Commissioner Janet McCoy, U.S. Status Liaison Officer Michael Wygant, State Legislatures speakers Ambros Senda of Pohnpei and Thurston Siba of Kosrae, Yap State Senator Robert Ruecho representing Speaker Joseph Ayin, Yap Public Affairs Director Frank Defngin representing Yap State Government, Pohnpei State Government Federal Relations Officer Santiago Joab represent Gov. Resio Moses and Pohnpei State Senator Herculano Kohler.

Ms. Kaselehlia on bid

KOLONIA, Pohnpei— The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia is soliciting bids for the sale of the Government-owned cargo/passenger vessel MS Kaselehlia, according to FSM Transportation Chief Robert Weilbacher.

Interested bidders must submit or forward their bids by mail directly to the Office of the Chief, Division of Transportation, Resources and Development Department, Federated States of Micronesia, P.O. Box 490, Kolonia, Pohnpei FSM 96941, Weilbacher said.

All sealed bids must be in English and received no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 15, 1986, by his office, Weilbacher said, adding that all bids will be opened on Oct. 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Bidders need not be present during the opening of the bids and the successful bidder will be notified either in person or by telex, and followed by mail, Weilbacher noted, adding that inquiries regarding particulars and specifications of the vessel may be directed to the office of the Chief at the above address.

The successful bidder will assume the possession of the vessel as is at the Pohnpei Commercial dock at Teketik.

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erational purposes, including education programs.

The \$60.5 million amount was determined by taking the first year Compact level funding (\$99,786,000) and deducting DOI operational grants (\$38,763,000) and COMSAT lease costs (\$526,000) already appropriated for FY 1986. The U.S. Administration had proposed additional deductions for College of Micronesia operating grants, prior service benefit payments, and CIP funds already given in FY 1986, but these deductions were rejected by the U.S. Congress, Swartz said.

In addition to Compact funding, the law also includes \$9.4 million for construction of new FSM national capital facilities, \$8.0 million as a first installment for a Prior Service Benefits Trust Fund, and an additional \$8 million for the Investment Development Fund to be available in the third year of the Compact, Swartz added.

Swartz also said that the legislation also includes language amending Public Law 99-178, which was passed last year, to restore U.S. federal programs in the areas of health, education and labor, including the Head Start and Aging programs.

Public Law 99-178 originally provided that funding for these programs would be unavailable after the enactment date (Jan. 14, 1986) of U.S. Public Law 99-239, which approved the Compact of Free Association, Swartz noted, adding that the amendment guarantees that these programs would be continued at least until the effective date of the Compact.

Other programs, such as health programs, the Farmers Home Administration and Legal Services Corporation, would continue during the Compact period; there would also be a transitional period for U.S. education programs, which would be phased out over a three-year period, he said.

Swartz also noted that under FSM Public Law 4-13, the effective date of the Compact is to be mutually agreed upon by the FSM President and the U.S. President, after the Trusteeship is terminated.

The U.N. Trusteeship Council has recommended that the effective date be set for no later than September 30, 1986.

Miss Priscilla M settles out of Court

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - An out-of-court settlement was reached Sept. 19 after a week of negotiations between the Government of the FSM, the Delta Fishing Company and Star Kist Foods, Inc., regarding the fishing violation case that had kept the tuna seiner Priscilla M under arrest by FSM officials at Pohnpei dock since August 14.

Priscilla M, a 1,200-ton fishing vessel operated by Larry Zuanich of Guam, was seized August 14 for illegal fishing in FSM waters following a routine check of her logbooks at the Pohnpei dock after she had brought in an injured crew member for medical treatment.

At the time of examination of Priscilla M's logs, it became clear to FSM officials that the vessel had been fishing for several months without a license within the Extended Fishery Zone of the FSM and that violations of the 12-mile Exclusive Fishery Zone of the FSM State of Yap had occurred.

Fishing licenses have always been readily available to fishing vessels, and in May of this year, the FSM and the republics of Pa-

lau and Kiribati finalized a treaty among themselves which sets forth a procedure to contract directly with and issue licenses directly to the individual boat owners or operators of the U.S. tuna boats in the extended fishery zones of the three island nations.

FSM officials are quoted as saying that the availability of licenses to U.S. tuna boats under the treaty was clearly communicated to the U.S. State Department and the U.S. tuna industry last May.

Under the settlement the Priscilla M, controlled by Delta and Star Kist, will be released and all charges against the boat and her crew dismissed.

The FSM will receive payment of \$300,000 for some 53 incidents of illegal fishing in its 200-mile Extended Fishery Zone while the State of Yap will receive \$100,000 as compensation for three fishing violations within its 12-mile Exclusive Fishery Zone, FSM Attorney General Carl Ullman said, adding that Priscilla M will be required to buy a fishing license for \$58,000 and to sign a fishing agreement placing certain

controls on its activities in FSM waters.

In addition to these penalties, the vessel had been losing thousands of dollars per day in lost fishing time while she was detained at the Pohnpei dock under a temporary court-ordered seizure signed on August 15 by FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward C. King who also ordered \$75,000 bail be set for Captain Milivoj Blaslow and Fishing Master Ricardo Fucci.

All negotiating parties expressed their strong desire to settle the case because of their involvement in a Multilateral Fishing Treaty, involving the U.S. on one side and 16 South Pacific nations on the other. Those negotiations are scheduled to resume October 14 in Tonga, and the parties felt they should not be complicated by an unresolved confrontation over the Priscilla M, Ullman said.

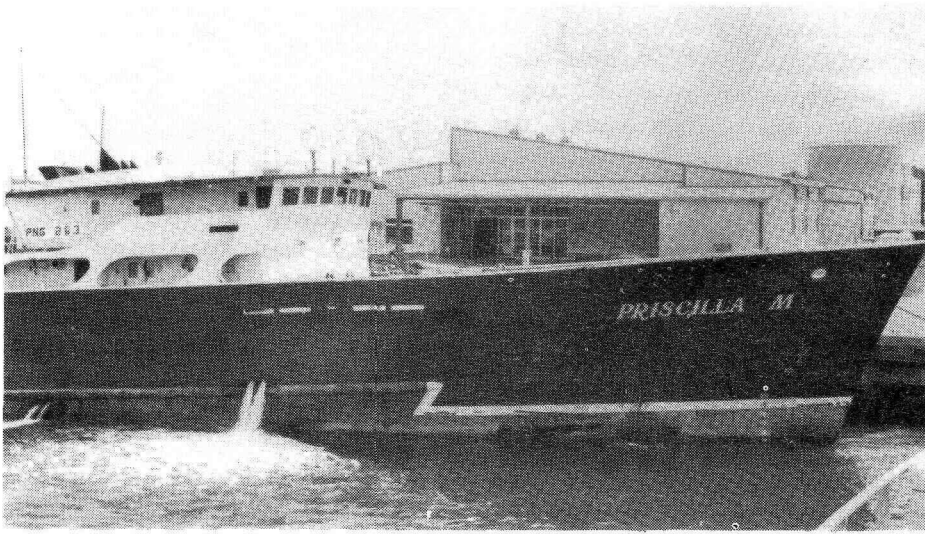
The U.S. Government was not directly involved in the Priscilla M negotiations but the Department of State did offer its assurances that it would refrain from imposing its statutory sanctions on the FSM in order to encourage a settlement among the parties and that its main concern, too, was the Multilateral Fishing Treaty, Ullman added.

Did you know?

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Omnibus Territories legislation for 1986 (H.R. 2478) was signed into law (PL 99-396) by President Ronald Reagan on August 27, according to an OTIA highlights.

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The Interagency Group on Micronesia met again first week of September in Washington in an effort to resolve several issues preventing implementation of the Compact of Free Association with the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the FSM, the OTIA highlights reports. No results yet.



PRISCILLA M ARRESTED - Priscilla M, a 1,200-ton fishing vessel based on Guam, is seen detained at the Pohnpei dock at Tekehtik following a routine check of the vessel's logbooks by FSM officials on August 14. The vessel was arrested for fishing several months without a license within the Extended Fishery Zone of the FSM and the 12-mile Exclusive Fishery Zone for the FSM State of Yap.

Status LNO sets up in Pohnpei for FSM

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Steven R. Mann of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a veteran of the U.S. Foreign Service was recently appointed Deputy Status Liaison Officer and arrived August 9 on Pohnpei accompanied by Status Liaison Officer Michael Wygant to establish a Status Liaison Office in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The liaison office is to coordinate relations between the FSM and U.S. governments and to prepare for the establishment of a full-fledged U.S. Mission to the FSM once the Compact is in effect, Mann said, adding that the future U.S. Mission will assist U.S. citizens in a variety of ways and that he hopes to issue U.S. visas within several months time.

Mann previously served as a foreign service officer in Jamaica, the Soviet Union and Washington, D.C., and spent last year as a fellow of Columbia University's Harriman Institute for Advanced Study of the Soviet Union, Wygant, who is currently stationed at the Trust Territory Headquarters, said.

Mann was also accompanied by his wife, Janice M. Soreth, who is assigned to Pohnpei State Hospital as a U.S. National Health Service Corps physician, specializing in internal medicine.

Soreth, who is also a native of Philadelphia, received her Bachelor's degree in Biology from Temple University and M.D. from University of Pittsburgh, and completed residency training at George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C., Mann added.

Mann said the Status Liaison Office is presently located at the Peace Corps Office in Kolonia, Pohnpei, and that both he and his wife look forward to an interesting and rewarding assignment in the FSM and will be visiting all states of the FSM in the near future.

Culture preservation, biggest challenge

LELU, Kosrae - The biggest challenge we face as developing states and territories in the new Pacific is the preservation of our unique values and cultures in the face of the pressures of change that progress will bring, Guam Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo told the 1986 Kosrae High School graduating class during commencement exercises held June 10 at the high school cafeteria in Tofol, according to Kosrae State Information news release.

The Guam governor said that preservation of culture and values is the special human ecology ("interrelationship between plants, animals and the environment in which they live") that shapes our lives here in the islands of Micronesia.

"Unless you take the time to carefully look at the limited physical, social, economic and cultural ecology of your island, things can change so quickly with rapid development that before you know it, your way of life has change, and there's no turning back.

"For example, if we on Guam could have foreseen, back in the 70's, the effects that federal food stamps were going to have on our social ecology, I am not sure we would have accepted them," Bordallo said, adding "sure, our people get millions of dollars a year in food stamps and their bellies are full - sometimes overful - what we have gained is fat around the middle, (and) what we have lost is much of the motivation to fish and grow food, and maybe a little bit of our pride."

Bordallo told the 93 graduates that "a community is a little like a tree - once its growth has been bent into a certain direction, you can not unbend it" and that "if anyone suggested that we should freely give up our food stamps, well, it is just not conceivable."

He stressed the importance of relevant education and communication and interaction as factors to making sure that development in the post-trusteeship Micronesia remains evolutionary, not revolutionary, adding that "a revolution (not only) can be an interesting and dynamic process, but it can also change the human ecology quickly and violently.

"I don't think any of us want to see the Compact revolutionize Micronesia, instead, what we should be seeking, is a quiet, determined, well-thoughtout evolution into the post-trusteeship era," Bordallo said.

Governor Bordallo also told the graduating class that Micronesians must be able to "communicate among ourselves and form a regional consensus before approaching others with our concerns.

"We need to develop ongoing forums in which to work on common problems together," Bordallo said, adding that if we can get together and communicate our position to Washington with one voice, then Uncle Sam will have no choice but to listen...and that when we communicate and interact with each other as Micronesians, we will find the assistance we need for many of our problems within our own house.

Upon extending his heartfelt congratulations to the graduating class, Gov. Bordallo thanked Gov. Yosiwo George for the invitation to address the graduates and said that Gov. George was the first Micronesian leader to visit him in 1982 when he won election as governor of Guam for the second time.

"It is with great pleasure that I return the favor today, not only to honor (George), but to honor all of you on behalf of all the people of Guam," Bordallo said.

Henry, Pinsker Awarded Grants

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Community College of Micronesia Social Science Department Chairman Melchior Henry and an American Ph.D. candidate Eve Pinsker were awarded post graduate educational grants given by the United States under the Compact of Free Association, according to Pohnpei State Governor's Office news release.



Henry

Pinsker

Henry was granted a Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship to study social sciences for 10 months at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, while Pinsker, an American Ph.D. candidate doing dissertation research

Palau Former First Lady dies

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The former First Lady of Republic of Palau, Josepha Oiterong, died August 25 at the McDonald Memorial Hospital in Koror, Palau, after a prolonged illness, Palau President Lazarus Saliu informed FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama in an August 26 telex.

Mrs. Oiterong was born on Angaur, south of Koror, and was active in community affairs and was among the first Micronesian women to be certified nurses and was credited with fond memories as a excellent housemother for the Trust Territory scholarship students at the T.T. students dormitory in Mangilao, Guam, in early 70's.

Wake was held at her family residence in Medalaii followed by a funeral mass at the Catholic Church and burial at the Catholic cemetery in Koror on August 28.

She is survived by her husband, former Palau Vice President and President Alfonso Oiterong; daughters, Elma, Elsie and Grace; grandchildren; and one sister Rosa and brother Elias.

on the Federated States of Micronesia's transition from trusteeship status to free association, became the first Fulbright Scholar to continue her research in the FSM for another year, the release said, adding that both fellowships were granted through United States Information Agency (USIA).

"This is the first time these awards have been available, as territories of the United States were not eligible to receive the grants," the release stated.

Henry's Humphrey Fellowship is also funded under the U.S. Fulbright-Hays Act, which gives mid-career professionals from developing countries 10 months of study, travel and special seminars in the U.S., the release noted, adding that Henry is presently one of the delegates to the Mokil Island Constitutional Convention and is scheduled to begin his studies in the United States in September.

Pinsker had received other grants which include the Danforth Scholarship and a National Science Foundation Scholarship, the release added.

1987 Block Grants Application ready for Public review

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Fiscal Year 1987 block grant applications for maternal and child health, preventive health and health services, alcohol, drug abuse and mental health have been completed and are ready for public review and comments at the FSM Health Services Division, according to Division Administrator Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick.

Pretrick said that the public is invited to review and inspect the block grant applications, specifically with respect to the statement of goals and objectives including the report which covers the intended expenditures and areas and persons to be served.

Copies of the grants are available at the offices of the FSM President, FSM Congress Speaker, FSM Budget and the Health Services, Pretrick said, adding that written comments may be sent to the Administrator, FSM Health Services, and that comments received after August 15, 1986, will be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Washington, D.C.



TRAINEE OF FIRST CUSTOMS MAIL TRAINING RECEIVES CERTIFICATE - FSM Finance Dept. Secretary Aloysius Tuuth, left, awards Selerino Semes a certificate of completion with Tim Connors of U.S. Treasury Division of Customs looking on during the closing ceremony following a week-long training on proper procedures of opening and examining mail and air freight, incoming passengers questioning and drug identification here on Pohnpei as part of a nation-wide training conducted by Connors and Jim Miller of the FSM Postal Service held three days in each of the FSM states from May 24 through June 24. Participants included: Ben Rikin, Silvester Hadley, John Moses, Francis Giltongin, Richard Susaia, Selerino Semes, John Uwas, Louis Rugin, Ramon Falcam, Theodore Joab, Edwin Santos, Wilson Waguk, and Palikun George, FSM and Pohnpei State; Angken Xymoon, Sanser Betiru, Anna Ruben and Jack B. Sakios, Truk; Robert Beengin, Ray Fanagiluy and Elvis E. Haleyalfil, Yap; and Edison Nena and Magdalena Andrew, Kosrae.

COM to establish Model Science Centers this fall

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The College of Micronesia will establish this fall model science centers in Majuro, Pohnpei and Palau to serve as resource centers and provide classroom support to elementary and high school science teachers, according to COM Executive Director Singeru Singeo, a COM news release reported.

In addition, a Micronesian Science Education Conference will be held Sept. 15-18 at the University of Guam to review and finalize plans for advancement of science education in Micronesia, Singeru said.

Additional science centers are planned for Yap, Truk and Kosrae in the 1987 fall term, if funds are available, he said.

The science centers are being established with a \$170,000 grant which was issued May 12 by the Trust Territory Education Department for the Science Education Advancement in Micronesia (SEAM) project which will be operated jointly by COM and the education departments of each jurisdiction, he said.

The Syracuse (New York) University Center for Instructional Development and Education Department will assist in conducting the conference which will 1) assess data from a survey of existing Micronesian science education resources to be completed this summer; 2) develop a plan for upgrading science teachers; 3) develop a plan for utilizing the science centers, including science fairs and exhibitions, and 4) develop follow-up plans for the entire project.

Syracuse University is scheduled to be represented by Vice Chancellor Robert Diamond, director of the center; Dr. Peter Gray, a center evaluator, and Anne Pedersen, Pacific Science Association Education Committee chairperson.

"Syracuse University is involved because of its having experience in international education programs," Singeo said, adding that "Syracuse will help identify additional funding from international sources."

The project will pay the cost of two participants each from the Marshalls, Palau and the four FSM states to attend the conference and those governments will be invited to send additional participants, such as resources and development, agriculture, health services and marine science personnel, at their cost, Singeo said.

COM will begin this summer buying basic supplies, chemicals and equipment for the three model science centers and to look for temporary sites for the centers to use until funds are identified to build permanent centers, he said.

"We are working with UOG and other science personnel to get a list of basic chemicals and instruments needed and we are working with the education departments in the three locations to identify buildings to temporarily house the centers and quality storage facilities," Singeo said.

Singeo will be the principal project director and COM or education department personnel will

be used to manage each of the administrative assistant to coordinate the program from the COM Central Office here.

The SEAM project is derived from the COM Draft Master Plan which calls for the establishment of the science centers to upgrade science education to prepare Micronesians for high technology professions, such as medical, engineering, marine, agricultural and computer sciences.

The plan is based on the manpower development needs cited by the three new Micronesian nations in their national development plans.

The science centers will be available for use by elementary, high school and COM instructors in each of the locations and their materials will be available for loan to the schools in those locations, Singeo said.

"The goal is for each of the centers to be of such quality and stock to be comparable with school science labs in the United States or other developing countries," he said.

"Ultimately, the wish of many Micronesian education leaders who support this project is to provide a solid science background to Micronesian students, so that when they go to college, they can compete shoulder to shoulder in their science classes with Americans, Chinese, Japanese and others," Singeo said.

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