

CCM Nursing School Dedicated - See Page 8



The National Union

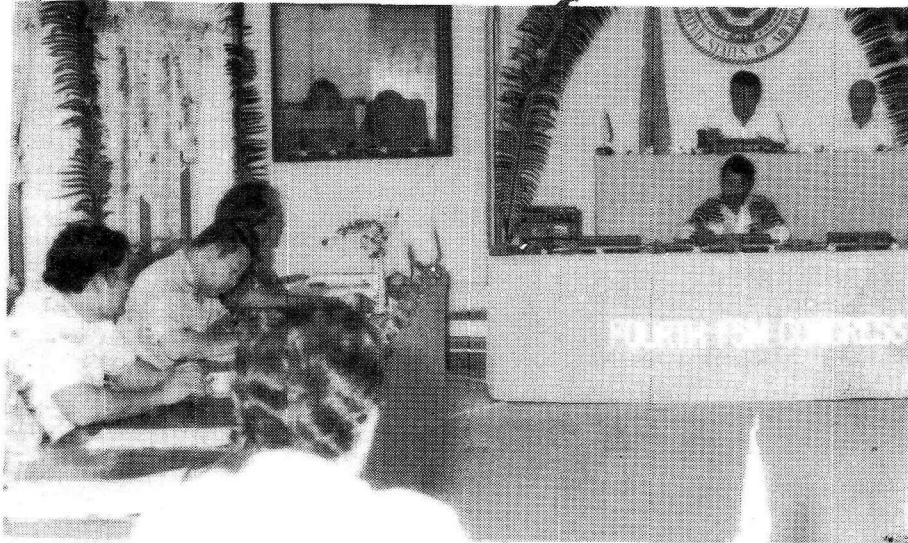
Peace Unity Liberty

AN OFFICIAL PUBLICATION FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE STATES OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

Volume 7

Kolonia, Pohnpei, October 15, 1986

Number 13



Fourth Congress Convenes Last Regular Session

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Fourth FSM Congress convened Oct. 13 its last 30-day calendar regular session with a quorum of nine members present, according to FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry.

The session will focus its attention on several matters pending before the Fourth FSM Congress as well as entertain new considerations that may be brought up prior to the general elections of a new congress in March, Henry said.

Several bills were deferred during the recent special session, including a bill to establish a national scholarship board to administer funds under the Compact of Free Association and several appropriations bills, Henry noted.

Another congressional major consideration this session would be a bill to provide for the implementation of the "Agreement on Internal Budget and Finance Procedures under the Compact of Free Association" which will amend the Financial Management Act of 1979 and the Budget Procedures Act of 1981 so to be consistent with the provisions of the Compact, Henry said.

During the opening day, a special committee of three with Senator Raymond Setik of Truk, as its chairman, and Senators Peter Christian of Pohnpei and Isaac Figir of Yap as members, was appointed by Speaker Henry to wait on the FSM President and to inform him that Congress has a quorum and is ready to transact business.

Four appropriations bills amounting to a total of \$335,000

CONGRESS CONVENES IN LAST REGULAR SESSION - Speaker Bethwel Henry, second from top right, opens Oct. 13 the fourth and the last regular session of the Fourth FSM Congress. From left clockwise are Ways and Means Committee Chairman Peter Christian, External Affairs Committee Chairman Isaac Figir, Internal Affairs Sub-committee Chairman Elias Thomas, Judiciary and Governmental Operations Chairman Jack Fritz, Congress staff Apealem Enicar (in the booth), Assistant Chief Clerk Mitchuo Daniel, Henry, and Rev. Edward Soucie, S.J., who gave the invocation.

Japan aid notes exchanged

COLONIA, Yap - The Japanese Consul General in Guam, the Honorable Yoshinobu Nagashima, and FSM Department of External Affairs Chief of International Affairs, Mr. Masao Nakayama, signed an exchange of notes in Yap on Oct. 8, formally conveying a 624 million yen (approximately \$4,051 million) grant in aid from the Government of Japan for fishing base project for the State of Yap.

The Exchange of Notes ceremony was held at the Yap State Legislature Building in the presence of Governor John Mangefel who gave welcoming remarks, Lt. Governor Hilary Tacheliol, Special Assistant to Gov. and former FSM Vice President Petrus Tun, Speaker Joseph Ayin, Council of Piling Chairman Roboman, Council of Tamol Chairman Belarmino Hathilul

and a host of state and local leaders.

The project, when completed, will have all the major requirements of a typical fishing base facility which includes cold storage, fuel farm, small boat repair and ice making facilities and a wharf.

In his remarks, the Consul General said that "about the only thing that will be lacking" from the fishing complex "will be its ability to go out and catch its own fish.

"It brings to mind that should we consider this development project in terms of a business venture, every man, woman and child of this state is a shareholder to the sum of \$405.00 each. Think-

(Continued on Page 2)

(Continued on Page 3)

JAPAN'S LARGEST AID IN YAP Ferguson joins FSM

(Continued from Page 1)

ing in this term, everyone of the citizen of Yap State should take pride and look after his interest with the wise guidance of your state and national governments to utilize the facility to its fullest capacity by applying its productivities in the economic and social development of you state and country," the Concul General said, emphasizing "This then is the whole intent of the Japanese Government, conveyed through its grant-aid program."

Nakayama, who also spoke during the Exchange-of-Notes ceremony, indicated that the FSM Government attaches great importance to the development of its marine resources as its land resources are

limited and expressed appreciation to the Government of Japan for recognizing us as demonstrated in the approval of this grant.

Nakayama noted that the new grant is the sixth and the largest one-single project grant from the Government of Japan since FSM became eligible for Japan's grant

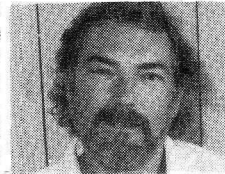
aid in 1979 and expressed appreciation to the Government of Japan for its continued support and the warm friendship with which assistance is extended to the FSM.

The ceremony was followed by traditional dance presentations and a dinner reception in the evening at the Island Flavor bar-restaurant.

Revenue Divison

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Randall E. Ferguson, a native of West Virginia, has been appointed as Tax Advisor with the FSM Revenue Division replacing W. Alen Lautanen who earlier resigned to accept a job in the United States, according to FSM Finance Secretary Aloysius J. Tuuth.

Ferguson received his Bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, and received a Law degree from Lewis and Clark School in Portland, Oregon. He is a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) with the State of Washington.



Ferguson

His duties with the division include preparation of written legal opinions and revenue rulings on tax issues, providing advice on tax collection procedures and auditing, representing FSM in tax litigation, assisting with the implementation of computer software tax system and placement of taxpayer records on the computer system.

He is also responsible to train revenue division employees and for preparation of legislation and regulations as requested by the Secretary of Finance.

He has had varied experiences in law and accounting with the primary emphasis in the tax and business areas, prior to accepting employment with the FSM, Ferguson said, adding that he was a partner in the law firm of Gallup and Duggan in Vancouver, Washington.

Ferguson is married to former Gayle Hanley of Portland, Oregon, who works for the FSM External Affairs Department.



SIGNING OF EXCHANGE NOTES - FSM External Affairs Chief of International Affairs, Mr. Masao Nakayama, seated at right, and Japanese Consul General in Guam Yoshinobu Nagashima, seated left, are signing an exchange of notes on Oct. 8 formally conveying a 624 million yen (approximately \$4,051 million) grant in aid from Government of Japan for a fishing base project for the State of Yap during a ceremony in the Yap State Legislature Building in the presence of Governor John Mangefel, Lt. Gov. Hilary Tacheliol, Council of Pilung Chairman Andrew Roboman and Council of Tamol Chairman Belarmino Hathilul. Standing from left are Japan Consulate General Special Assistant Advisor James M. Shintaku, and FSM Foreign Service Officer Bernard Thoulag.

Credit Union to benefit FSM government employees

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM National Government employees will soon be able to begin accumulating their savings with the official establishment August 6 of the Federated States of Micronesia Employees Credit Union (FSMECU) and the election of its temporary Board of Directors, Administrative Management Administrator Reed Nena, who was named vice president of the temporary Board of Directors, said.

Nena said other interim board of directors include: Gene Babauta, president; Roselain Lucios, treasurer; Edigar Isaac, secreta-

ry, and Dr. Kiosi Aniol as member.

The FSMECU was chartered pursuant to Chapter 1 of the title 36 of the FSM Code and the Credit Union Regulations and whose implementation represents considerable efforts by Middle Management Committee (MMC) members and the Administrative Management Division staff.

The union, which will create a source of credit for its members for provident or production purposes at fair and reasonable rates of interest, will issue shares at \$5.00 each with a membership fee of 50 cents.

While FSMECU was initially intended for employees of the FSM National Government, its membership is being offered to both state government and private sectors employees as well as other citizens of the FSM who may de-

cide to participate in the program, Nena said.

All interested employees wishing to join the FSMECU are encouraged to contact the temporary treasurer, at the FSM Department of Finance for purchasing of shares.

Congress may consider Compact issues, bills heard

(Continued from Page 1)

in public projects for Truk were introduced during the second day.

The bills, all introduced by Committee on Resources and Development Chairman Senator Koichi Sana of Truk, would appropriate \$100,000 for construction of an airport on Ta Island in the Mortlocks; \$50,000 for the operation of the Satawan sub-state center; \$100,000 for renovation of the Mortlock High School facilities, and \$85,000 for the purchase of a 5 kilowatt transmitter for Truk State Radio station.

Senator Sana also introduced a resolution requesting Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc., to provide fuel storage facilities in the outer islands of Truk, during the second day of the current session.

The Congress may address issues relative to status of Compact, Henry said, adding that Congress is meeting for 30-calendar days unless shortened by a resolution.

In other Congress related activities, Congress committees conducted a series of public hearings throughout the FSM states in September and early this month including a delegation, headed by Ways and Means Committee Chairman Peter Christian with the Health, Education and Social Affairs Committee Chairman Tony Otto as member, which went to Washington, D.C., to lobby the U.S. Congress for funding of the construction of the Community College of Micronesia new campus and to look into the issue of the war claims.

Senator Christian earlier said that the FSM government has submitted a \$12 million funding request for the construction of CCM campus to the U.S. government and that an authorization of \$8 million for the construction of the new campus in Palikir, Pohnpei, is now pending in the U.S. Congress.

In regards to war claims, Senator Christian said that the balance of about \$24 million for adjudicated claims for Title I is being considered by the U.S. Congress.

A joint working group, headed by Senator Nick Bossy of Truk, to investigate pricing policies of Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc., within the FSM and the neighboring entities, conducted public hearings early this month in Kosrae and Pohnpei. The group, which was comprised of Senator Bossy, Chairman; Senators Koichi Sana, Kalisto Refalopei, and Elias Thomas, members; including Timothy Timothy and Dr. Daniel Twum Barimah of the FSM Department of Resources and Development, had

completed hearings on the same subject in Truk and Yap.

The Congress during its third Regular Session in May adopted a resolution to investigate Mobil Oil Micronesia and a bill during its special session in August appropriating \$10,000 in fiscal 1986 to fund a joint Congress and FSM Resources and Development Department working group to investigate Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc., regarding its pricing policies in the FSM and neighboring entities, to examine the possibility of government assistance to the private sector in price negotiations with Mobil Oil Micronesia and to research possible alternative sources of petroleum products for the FSM, FSM Congress Information Officer Willy Gorongfel said.

The joint working group is directed to investigate the reported disparity between prices charged to the private sector as against those charged to the government sector in the FSM, Gorongfel said, adding that the Resolution points out that since Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc., enjoys a monopoly in the sale of petroleum in the FSM, "scrutinizing of (its) price policies is in order."

Committees on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and Health, Education and Social Affairs also conducted separate

hearings on Kosrae, Truk and Yap late last month and early this month.

Measures covered during the hearings included bills to set forth the procedures for compilation of statistical data and periodic census of population in the FSM; to establish FSM Council of Insular Arts; to establish a National Health Council; to prohibit the sale of imported food, beverages, and pharmaceuticals intended for human or animal consumption after their expiration date; and to establish a national scholarship board to administer scholarship funds made available under the Compact of Free Association.

Also bills to establish salary plan for all exempt positions in the FSM national government; to increase salary for Vice President; to authorize President to submit to voters a question of constitutional amendment; to provide for temporary and permanent resident permits to qualifying visitors; to provide self-sustaining visitors permit to stay in FSM; and to change the exempt title position of OPS head from National Planner to Director.

Conducting these particular hearings were Senators Claude Phillip of Kosrae and Elias Thomas of Pohnpei with staff counsel Maketo Robert.



HOME HEALTH CARE TRAINING HELD - A four-day Health Care in the Home training was held for Pohnpei State Rehabilitation technicians and nurses at the Pohnpei State Hospital recently. The training was conducted by Mary Helen Brown and Sheila Kelly of the Rehabilitation Research and Training Program of Hawaii School of Medicine, and Pohnpei Rehabilitation Technician Kun Isaac. Conducting a "passive range of motion" therapy practicum to Fredrick Fred (stressed out) from left is Isaac. Observing the exercise from second left are Elsihna Rospel, Senry Abraham, Isao Frank (top back), Dahnis Hadley, Kesusa Bermanis, Welsin Redford, Deborah Rospel, and Instructor Mary Helen Brown. Not in the photo is Henoleen Santos.

Paulus appointed new Truk Legislature confirms Governor's nominees Housing Director

MOEN, Truk - Kachutosy Paulus, a fiscal affairs special assistant to former Governor Erhart Aten, has been appointed Executive Director for Truk State Housing Authority, according to Truk Information Specialist Dechuo Jain.

Paulus assumes the position which has been vacant since the death Jan. 11 of former director Mr. Sachuo Buliche.

A veteran of many years with Truk Legislature, Paulus previously served as the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and a pioneer in the concept of Truk Budget Planning and Reviewing Group, of which he was recognized as a leader and strong advocate of many Truk CIP funding, Jain said.

He was educated at the College of Guam in early 60's and served as manager of Truk Cooperative Association before he was elected to Truk State Legislature in 1978.

Members of the Truk Housing Authority Board of Directors include: Chairman Johnny Killion; Mrs. Berty Irons; Masasinge Eis, and Senator Roosevelt Kansou, Jain said.



UOG OFFERS SERVICES TO DISABLED STUDENTS - UOG Communication major Joakim Peter, sitting near his new wheelchair, a graduate of Xavier High School from Ettal, the mid-Mortlocks, Truk, received the loan of a new wheelchair as part of efforts in the new program sponsored by the Office of the Student Services to meet the needs of disabled students attending the UOG. Peter suffers from a partial paralysis through an accident sustained while attending Xavier High School in Truk. Shown left to right are Professor Ron Jacobson, UOG President Dr. Jose Q. Cruz, and Professors Ben Perez and Ron Smith.

MOEN, Truk - A resolution to provide additional Governor's representatives to lagoon areas of Southern Namoneas and Faichuk, and the Western Islands (comprised of Halls, Nonwinwitos and Pattiu in the outer islands) was adopted Sept. 8 by Truk State Legislature during its recent regular session, according to Truk Information Specialist Dechuo Jain.

The intent of the resolution is to provide someone to coordinate all island affairs and act as a

Noket passes Bar Exam

MOEN, Truk - Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) Truk Office Manager Camilo Noket became the first FSM citizen to pass the FSM bar without attending law school, and was sworn in Sept. 12 to FSM Bar by FSM Supreme Court Associate Justice Richard Benson, according to MLSC (Truk) directing Attorney Herb Whitaker.

The swearing in ceremony was attended by Truk's first lawyer and FSM Senator Jack Fritz, Truk Legislature Ways and Means Committee Chairman Senator Resty Shotaro, who represented Speaker Fritz Hartman, and MLSC staff and other government employees, Whitaker said.

Noket, 42, a native of Moen and traditional chief of Iras Village, has been practicing law before various courts in Truk for five years as a trial counselor for the MLSC, Whitaker said, adding that Noket is scheduled to assume the directorship of the MLSC Truk office when he, Whitaker, is transferred Nov. 17 to MLSC Saipan office.

"I am especially proud of Camilo for using his talents and his position to help the Trukese people rather than to use it for self-gain or advancement," Whitaker noted, adding that Camilo's many years of hard work as a trial counselor and many hours of preparing for the exam have earned him a unique accomplishment.

Noket graduated from Xavier High School in 1963 and attended MLSC counselors training workshops held every year since 1980, previously served as manager of Truk Fishing Coop and director of Truk Catholic Social Development of Human resources in charge of Truk Boat Yard for many years before he came on board with MLSC in Truk.

Noket is married and lives on Moen with his family.

representative between the Governor's Office and the respective areas, Jain said, adding that presently, only the Mortlocks has a governor's representative.

The Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommended approval of the resolution saying that it has merit and will be utilized as an essential government arm for the island affairs.

In other legislative action, the Truk Legislature rejected a proposed legislation to repeal the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) Act in its entirety.

Earlier in the year, an Administration bill to provide state government employees \$530,000 as partial payment to their COLA in salary increases was passed Jan. 13 by the Second Truk State Legislature during its special session.

Bills passed final reading on Sept. 8 include: supplemental appropriations for members of the Truk State Legislature (3-25), amending Truk State Foreign Investment Act to provide a legislative representative on the board (3-20), amending the Executive Branch Reorganization Act of 1980 to remove the Division of Tourism and Commerce from the Department of Resources and Development (3-3), and authorizing the Governor to borrow fund from any lending institution for unmet obligations of the Truk State Government.

Legislature also adopted resolutions confirming the nominations of Joe Suka as Director of Resources and Development, Isauo Kuena as Personnel Officer, Kachuo Eko as Attorney General, Iskia E. Sony as Public Affairs Director, Jesse Mori as Finance Director, Roger Mori as State Planner, Marcelino Umwech as Director of Education, Thomas Mori as State Transportation Officer, Nachsa Siren as Public Health Services Director, and George Soares as Public Safety Director.

Other resolutions adopted directing the Truk Public Works Office to provide construction equipment in a channel-clearing

project in Uman Municipality, directing the Education Committee to take feasibility study for dormitory construction to accommodate Trukese students abroad, amending Rules of Procedure for Legislature in respect to its daily order of business and composition of committee members, and expressing condolences to the family and relatives of late Kachusy Sisam.

Sokehs Champion, Kitti wins water events

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Jayleen Nicholas was the high-point female swimmer with 41 points, leading Kitti to the water events team championship Sept. 6 in the 1986 Pohnpei Liberation Day Games.

Kitti Municipality became the water events champion after the leading women-team from Nett was disqualified for a technicality during the women's free-style relay.

Alexander Augustine of Nett was the top male swimmer with 37 points, leading his team to second place in the water events.

Kitti Municipality had a total of 337 points; Nett, 329; Sokehs, 83.5; U, 68.5, and Kolonia, 51, in the swimming events.

Kitti Municipality which won the canoe raising championship in 1985, came out third to U (which won championship) and Sokehs, second, in this year's canoe raising championship held Sept. 8.

The games commemorating the Sept. 11, 1945, liberation of Pohnpei from Japanese occupation by U.S. forces were concluded with final heats in the track events on Sept. 10-11 at the PICS high school field.

Late Adelino Joab of U Municipality with 111.5 points became the most valuable athlete to lead his team to second to Sokehs in the track and field events. Mr. Joab died of cerebral hemorrhage resulting from an auto accident on Sept. 12 following the liberation day celebrations.

Jenifer Mendiola of Nett was the high-point female athlete with 41 points to lead her team to third in the track and field events.

The track and field team rankings were: 1. Sokehs, 375.5; 2. U, 353.5; 3. Nett, 173; 4. Kitti, 166; 5. Kolonia, 37.

The games for this year's Liberation Day began in June with league play offs in boys' little, junior, minor and major league baseball; girls', women's and men's softball; women's and men's volleyball; men's basketball and peisih (stick throwing).

Awards which were presented to the teams at the conclusion of the track and field meet at PICS field include:

T-ball league (boys of 5-8 years old)—most valuable player was Johnston Anson of Titans A—Titans A, champion; Titans B, second; Sekere Boys, third.

Little league baseball—most valuable player was Lufred Santos of Titans—Titans, champion; Namiki Blue Jays, second; U Comman-

(Continued on Page 6)



MAKATH HONORED - FSM Resources and Development Department Secretary Bernard Helgenberger, second from right, is presenting Rafael Makath of Dalipebinaw, Yap, far left, a certificate of appreciation for the distinction of attaining the longest period of active sea service in the FSM Merchant Marine during a ceremony held Sept. 9 at the Secretary's Office in conjunction with the occasion of the World Maritime Day. Makath, who turns 58 on Sept. 9, was commended for having served 35 years in active sea service since July 24, 1951. "We pay tribute to all those who braved the challenge of the unknown and mastered the art of modern seamanship," Helgenberger said during the presentation. Makath is currently Junior Third Mate on MS. Caroline Islands. Witnessing the presentation from second left are Caroline Islands Chief Mate Matthias Mangmog of Kauripik, Yap, and Captain Yoshiro Ludwig of Nukuoro, Pohnpei. FSM Transportation Division Chief Robert Weilbacher, far right, was also on hand to witness the ceremony.

43 candidates run for offices in Kosrae

LELU, Kosrae - A total of 43 candidates are running for public offices in Kosrae State in the Nov. 4 general election for Governor, Lt. Governor, and the Legislature, according to Kosrae State Election Commission Acting Chairman Nena T. Kilafwasru.

Incumbent Governor Yosiwo George is being challenged by former governor Jacob Nena while incumbent Lt. Governor Moses Mackwelung is being challenged by Alik R. Palsis and Tulensa N. Sigrah.

There are 38 candidates running for the 14-member Kosrae State Legislature.

All incumbents in the legislature are seeking reelection.

In Lelu, 14 candidates are running for the five seats. Incumbents Thurston Siba, Akira Tosie, Fred N. Skilling, Kasuo Isisaki, and Gaius Nedlic are being challenged by Aliksa B. Aliksa, Benskin Jesse, Ilai D. Abraham, Kiupu Palik, Kosaky A. William, Tatasy Sigrah, Tatchuo Sigrah, Weston Luckymis and William Tosie.

In Malem, seven candidates are running for the three seats. Incumbents Hiteo Shrew, Luey K. Luey and Moleince Kephass are being challenged by Alex Phillip, Kun J. Olter, Yukiwo Tara and Lyndon Cornelius.

In Tafunsak, nine candidates are running for the four seats. Incumbents Asher P. Asher, Donald Jonah, James Palsis and Josaiha Saimon are being challenged by Akiyusi Palsis, Kiyus Jackson, Kun N. Sigrah, Semlon Sigrah and Shra Mongkeya.

In Utwe, seven candidates are

running for the two seats. Incumbents Patterson Benjamin and Renster Andrew are being challenged by Albert Tilfas, Himul Tulenkun, John M. Andrew, Nena Benjamin and Rison Waguk.

All Kosrae voters residing abroad are to request absent ballots beginning Sept. 15 through Oct. 17, Election Commission Acting Chairman Kilafwasru said, adding that absentee ballots should be addressed to Kosrae State Election Commission, Kosrae State Government, Lelu, Kosrae 96944 and should be postmarked no later than Nov. 4 at 5:00 p.m.

Lonno appointed Notary

LELU, Kosrae - Kosrae State Court Chief Justice Harry Skilling recently appointed Shru C. Lonno as Notary Public and Dina F. Abraham as secretary for the court, a Kosrae State Information release reported.

The Kosrae State Court was certified March 15, 1985, by the Trust Territory High Court and began functioning following legislature confirmation of Gov. Yosiwo George's nomination of Harry Skilling as Chief Justice on Feb. 13, 1985.

Lonno, whose appointment became effective July 17 and runs for two years, previously worked with the FSM Supreme Court in Pohnpei, the release said.

Abraham graduated from Micronesian Occupational College (MOC) in Palau specializing in secretarial science and previously worked for Kosrae State Resources and Development Department as a secretary.

Mida to Honolulu, Iehsi, Siron promoted

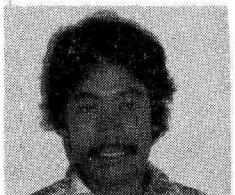
KOLONIA, Pohnpei - President Tosiwo Nakayama on Oct. 2 announced the appointment of Special Assistant to President for Administration matters Kasio Mida to the position of FSM Liaison Officer in Honolulu to replace Nishima Siron who was named to the position of Special Assistant to President for Legislative matters replacing Ieske Iehsi who assumes Mida's position in the Special Assistants Office.



Mida

The announcement was made during a luncheon held at the President's Conference Room in honor of Mida and Iehsi and was attended by cabinet members and the staff of the President's Office.

Mida, who left Pohnpei on Oct. 2 for Honolulu, is a veteran of many years of service with both Trust Territory and the FSM governments. He was born on April 5, 1944, in Truk, was graduated from Xavier High School and Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri and took correspondence course in management from University of Oklahoma, Norman.



Iehsi



Siron

Mida served as a Truk District Political Affairs Advisor, Truk District Legislature aide and executive secretary, Truk Community Action Agency deputy director, Trust Territory personnel management specialist, Truk District Personnel officer and Congress of Micronesia Administrative Officer, and FSM Personnel Officer.

Mida said his appointment fulfills his desire to make a career in foreign service and the need to join his wife, Ginger is an employee of the U.S. postal service, and family in Hawaii.

Iehsi, 31, was born Jan. 4, 1955, in Pohnpei state, and graduated from Platteville Wisconsin High School and the University of Hawaii, at Manoa.

Iehsi served as assistant clerk of the Senate in the Congress of Micronesia and the FSM Interim Congress, FSM Liaison Officer to the Trust Territory Government in Saipan and as office manager for the FSM Attorney General's Office and has been serving as Special

Assistant to the President for legislative matters for five years prior to this appointment.

Iehsi's appointment to this position "by and large (is) due to the demonstration over the past recent years of his effectiveness, intuition, and perseverance under difficult and stressful conditions," President Tosiwo Nakayama said in his Oct. 3 letter to FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry.

Siron, 38, is a native of Truk who received a BA degree in political science from the University of Guam in 1970 and served as Truk District Civic Affairs Officer, and assistant clerk and chief clerk of the Senate of the Congress of Micronesia. He also served as clerk of the Interim Congress of Micronesia Senate for one year before he became the chief clerk of the FSM Congress. He previously served as head of Guam Liaison Office, administrative officer for the External Affairs Department in Pohnpei, and FSM Liaison Officer in Honolulu prior to this recent appointment.

Liberation Games: Elanzo crowned Queen

(Continued from Page 5)

Junior league baseball—most valuable player was George Franklin of Titans—Titans, champion; Explorers, second; Young Busters, third.

Minor league baseball—most valuable player was Wayner Etse of Ghost Busters—Ghost Busters, champion; Raiders, second; Pohnpei Islanders, third.

Major league baseball—most valuable player was Mohner Esiel of Kitti Katengenioar—Kitti Katengenioar, champion; Madolenihmw, second; U, third.

Girls' softball—most valuable player was Amanda Joni Iehsi of Miss Titans—Miss Titans, champion; Pohnpei Settlers, second; Awak Invaders, third.

Women's softball—most valuable player was Muleen Lazarus of Kitti—Kitti, champion; Kolonia, second; and Nett third.

Men's softball—most valuable player was Johnson Yamada of Kolonia—Kolonia, champion; Sokehs, second, and Nett, third.

Women's volleyball—most valuable player was Mahealani Ching of Kolonia—Kolonia, champion; Kapinga, second; and Kitti, third.

Men's volleyball—most valuable player was Nancy Peter of Kitti—Kitti, champion; Sokehs, second; and U, third.

Men's basketball—most valuable player was Charles Edwin of Sok-

Akapito, THS Principal

MOEN, Truk - Former Truk TOCA Executive Director and recent Truk High School Vice Principal Julio Akapito has been appointed as Truk High School Principal, according to Truk State Information Specialist Dechuo Jain.

Akapito assumes the position which has been vacant since the death April 13 of former principal, Sister Josefa Hashiguchi of the Mercedarian Sisters Community of Tunnuk, Truk.

Akapito, who served many years as an FSM Congress senator, as Executive Director of the Namoneas Development Authority, was the President of the Truk State Constitutional Convention.

In other Truk Education Department related activities, former Truk Continuing Education Program Coordinator Net Sangau was appointed Head of Moen Junior High School, leaving CEP to General Education Development (GED) Specialist Rehart Robert, while former Student Services Coordinator Sochi Stephen became Truk Secondary Education Chief replacing Iosy Ludwig who was elected to the Truk State Legislature last March, Jain reported.

ehs—Sokehs, champion; Madolenihmw, second; Kitti, third.

Peisih—only two teams, both of Nett, were registered—Nett A, champion and Nett B, second, Pohnpei Sports Council Recreation Specialist Mehtos Edward said.

In another Liberation Day related activity, Kitti entrant to the Miss Pohnpei Liberation Day Queen Contest was crowned queen among the five contestants.

Yolanda Elanzo, 17, daughter of Iwao and Kiniko Elanzo of Kitti, collected the most for the Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library sponsored funding raising to build a library.



IN MEMORIAM - Late Adelino Joab, center, of U, clocked first in men's 100-meter final, with Peteriko Almost, right, of Sokehs, second; and brother Aurelio Joab, left, third. Adelino, 22, became the most valuable athlete garnering 111.5 points during the Pohnpei Liberation Day 1986 Games.

Micronesian region to develop its own Scientists

AGANA, Guam - Micronesians must develop their own strategy for science education and their own scientists to meet the economic development and environmental protection needs of their new nations, according to participants in the Micronesian Science Education Planning Conference and Workshop.

The workshop was held Sept. 15-19 at the Cliff Hotel and University of Guam by the College of Micronesia and Trust Territory Education Department to assist Micronesian educators in developing ideas for science education in general and for developing ideas for Science Education Centers to be established in the Marshall Islands, Palau and Pohnpei State, FSM as part of Project SEAM (Science Education Advancement in Micronesia) funded by the Trust Territory, according to COM Executive Director Singero Singeo.

The Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC) was assisting in coordinating the workshop which attracted participants from the Marshall Islands, Palau, the four FSM states, the Northern Marianas, Guam Education Department, UOG and Syracuse University in New York.

TPIPI Education Director Elizabeth Rechebeli said, "We need our own scientists who will bring back to our island environments the knowledge of those processes that will preserve our islands and the understanding of nature that governs our existence."

Micronesian scientists are needed to meet the economic development goals set by the Micronesian governments in the national development plans, by utilizing natural resources, in addition to eradicating traditional diseases and making "our children more healthy and intelligent," Rechebeli said.

Pohnpei Education Director Damian Sohl, Vice Rector of the COM Board of Regents, said, "We want to develop our own resources and the manpower from among our own people to manage them."

COM regent John Salas of Guam said the governments of the region must give higher priority to education in general, as well as science education, to meet their economic, social and political development needs.

UOG President Jose Q. Cruz welcomed the participants, offering the support of the university and the PPEC, which he serves as treasurer and past chairman, for Project SEAM in recognition of "the new era of self-sufficiency which you will undertake shortly

in Micronesia."

Dr. Singeo said that the workshop focused on the need to improve science education in the three freely associated states, the FSM, Palau and Marshalls, because they will lose most U.S. federal funds for education when their Compacts are implemented, a COM release said.

Consultants from Syracuse and UOG were invited to share suggestions for science education curriculum, implementation and funding, drawn from their experiences in other regions, but the Micronesian educators "have to pick and choose where we want to go and what we want to do," Singeo said.

"With the funding we have received, we are going to go back now with this information and set up preliminary science centers," Singeo told the participants, referring to the \$170,000 grant which college received from the Trust Territory to set up and operate three centers jointly with local education departments.

COM is planning to set up additional science centers when funds are available in Truk, Yap and Kosrae, Dr. Singeo said.

The participants cited the need to upgrade science education in Micronesia to meet the economic development and environmental protection goals of its three new nations under their Compact of Free Association with the United States.

Problems cited by the participants include weak science education programs and the need to make science education interesting to inform the general public, as well as develop scientists and technicians, and the need to make science education relate to local cultures and comprehensive to those using English as a second language, lack of support for science education, teacher incentives and science specialist involvement in curriculum planning.

The participants also recognized the problems of lack of accountability administrative support and community involvement and support, students and teachers avoid science instruction which is perceived as too difficult or incomprehensible, partly due to problems with English as the language of instruction, and elementary and secondary schools lack scientific laboratory and teaching facilities which causes a "brain drain" by forcing students interested in science to leave the region.

In their recommendations, the participants said the Micronesian

governments must give high priority to science education, in order to conserve national resources and provide for economic growth.

They called for specific plans for science education at the elementary and secondary and post-secondary levels and improved math competency for all students; upgrading science competency for teachers through in-service training and incentives.

They also called for projects to improve science education in the outer islands where communication and supervision are limited and the formalization of Project SEAM to maintain communication among science teachers and provide leadership in curriculum planning, development and assessment, and community education on the importance of science and the utilization of local people and resources in science instruction.

They urged the development of science curricula and academic standards throughout the region with "an appropriate balance between biological, chemical and physical sciences," and formal evaluation programs for teachers and students, adding that "Micronesians would be encouraged to pursue scientific and technological careers and to stay in the region with the use of role models, qualify counseling, science clubs, apprenticeship and part-time work programs and science-related job opportunities."

The first two days of the workshop were devoted to panel discussions of science education problems, resources and concerns in Micronesia with the rest of the week spent on panel discussions on opportunities and recommended action, small group reports and discussions of the role of the Science Centers and other related activities.

The Syracuse University team included Dr. Robert Diamond, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director of its Center for Instructional Development; Dr. Anne Pederson of the Pacific Science Association, and professors Larry Schafer, Larry Wolf and Peter Gray.

Other participants include Tony Jetnil, Titus Arelong, Joyce Heran and Abe Hicking of the Marshalls; Weldis Welly of the FSM Education Division; Gail Mullen, Donald Shuster, Dirk Ballendorf, Robert Underwood, Dale Jenkins, Dr. James Marsh Jr. and UOG Agriculture Experiment Station Associate Director Dr. R. Muniappan,

(Continued on Page 8)

Scientists.....

(Continued from Page 7)

of Guam; Casiano Shoniber, Martin Weirlangt and Marcus Rosario of Pohnpei; Pam Legdesog, Leo Pugram and Joyn Yicmog of Yap; Steve Umetaro, Bernie Keldermans and David M. Adolkroi of Palau, and Rita A. Mori of Truk.

Also participating were Spensin James and Timothy Jerry of the Community College of Micronesia, Pohnpei; Angela Techur of Micronesian Occupational College, Palau; John Simpson and Dick Bothmer of the Guam Education Department; Jackie Quituqua, Leonardo Boyer, Luz M. Buccat, Anglita M. Buniag and Albert Duenas of the Northern Marianas; Masaki Thompson, Judah Sigrah and Robert Taulung of Kosrae; Clarise Mason of the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory Center for National Origin and Sex Equity in Honolulu; Ishmael Lebehn, Ruben Dayrit and Tom Bryan of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Science in Pohnpei; Hope Cristobal of Anderson Elementary School in Guam, and Dr. William Kinder and Dr. Ed Duckrow of PPEC.

Kabua calls for regional cooperation during Nursing school dedication

MAJURO, RepMar - Marshall Islands President Amata Kabua called for new nations of the region to work together to develop higher education, during the Community College of Micronesia School of Nursing dedication ceremony held in Majuro Sept. 22 in conjunction with the College of Micronesia Board of Regents meeting which continued through Sept. 24, a COM news release reported.

The ceremony was held at the former Amer Ishoda Hospital which is being renovated by the Marshall Islands government at the cost of about \$370,000 to house the COM School of Nursing which was moved this year from Saipan.

The new School of Nursing campus also will house the Marshall Islands Science Education Center, COM Continuing Education Center and College of Tropical Agriculture and Science home economics extension and 4-H youth programs office, the release said.

Dormitories were near completion for 20 students arriving

from outside of the Marshalls to join 10 students in Majuro in 1986 Fall Semester classes scheduled to begin Oct. 1 in the Robert Reimers Building in Majuro, according to School of Nursing Acting Director Kapilly Capelle of Pohnpei.

School of Nursing staff offices and classes will be moved to the new facility in October, Capelle said.

President Kabua welcomed the establishment in Majuro as the regional institution to serve the Marshalls, Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia.

"I hope from here we can learn to work together," the President said.

Kabua praised the Marshallese education and health services ministries for their efforts in transferring the School of Nursing from Saipan and preparing for the dedication ceremony, the release stated.

Education Minister Phillip Muller cited the School of Nursing as the first higher education institution to be established in the Marshalls and indicated that the RepMar government hopes to expand its program.

COM Board of Regents Rector Alfred Capelle of the Marshalls presented the President a wooden fish and fish hook carved by the Kapingamarangi artisans of Pohnpei as "a symbolic gift which we feel demonstrates our commitment to the School of Nursing and Republic of the Marshall Islands."

Citing the proverb, "If you feed a man a fish, you feed him only for today (and) if you teach a man to fish, he will feed himself a lifetime," Capelle said. "This fish represents our commitment to feed those people who hunger today for education (while) the hook symbolizes our desire to teach our people how to feed themselves for their lifetimes."

First Lady Emlain Kabua, assisted by Lerooj Atma Zedekia and COM Executive Director Singeru Singeo, cut the ribbon symbolically opening the dormitory section of the new campus.



POHNPEI CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD DEDICATED - The 50-mile circumferential road was officially dedicated Sept. 9 with ceremonies began at Pohnpei State Legislature Chamber and concluded with five traditional leaders from each of the five municipalities shoveled the last pile of dirt off the road in Lohd Powe, Madolenihmw. Cutting the ribbons officially opening the road to motor vehicles to travel completely around Pohnpei, from right are Pohnpei First Lady Susan Moses, Pohnpei Legislature Speaker's wife Mrs. Susin Senda and wife of Nannwariki of Madolenihmw, Likend Rosenda Salvador Hadley.

THE NATIONAL UNION

Published by: FSM Information Office
P.O. Box 490, Kolonia, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia 96941
Telephone: 548

Ketson Johnson, Public Information Officer
Esikiel Lippwe, Broadcast Division Administrator
Jones George, Microfilm Administrator
Elleser Rospel, Graphic Artist
Angie Mualia, Administrative Assistant
Mary Ellen Manuel, Clerk Typist
Esi James, Clerk Typist