

FSM LAWMAKERS REVIEWED THE COMPACT

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—The FSM Legislators' Conference met in Pohnpei Feb. 12-14 to review the provisions of U.S. Public Law 99-239, approving a Compact of Free Association with the United States.

The two-and-a-half-day meeting at the Pohnpei Legislature Chamber was chaired by FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry.

It was the first session of the newly organized FSM Legislators' Conference, which was

U.S. Public Law 99-239, which was passed by the United States

Congress last December and signed by U.S. President Reagan on January 14, 1986, proposes several changes to the Compact of Free Association as approved by the FSM in 1983. The U.S. public law was officially transmitted to FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama on Jan. 30 by President Reagan's Personal Representative for Micronesian Status Negotiators, U.S. Ambassa-

early as April to consider termination of the Trusteeship.

During the first day of the Conference, the FSM law-makers discussed major changes to the Compact proposed in the U.S. public law, including changes affecting regulation of foreign tuna vessels in the FSM's 200-mile zone, changes to the tax and trade incentive provisions of the Compact, and compensation for the tax and trade changes. FSM Congress legal and budgetary staff,



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originally scheduled to meet in Kosrae later this year.

In addition to members of the FSM Congress, the conference included delegations from each of the four State Legislatures, headed by Speaker Ambros Senda of Pohnpei, Speaker Thurston Siba of Kosrae, Speaker Joseph Ayin of Yap and Floor Leader Nahoy Seli-fis of Truk.

dor Fred Zeder, for review and a determination as to the acceptability or unacceptability of the proposed changes.

Zeder informed President Nakayama in a previous communication that, if the FSM accepts the proposed changes, the United States would request special session of U.N. Trusteeship Council and the U.N. Security Council as

the counsel for the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition, and the Executive Director of the Micronesian Maritime Authority served as resource persons.

Discussions during the second day centered on procedural matters relating to the review of U.S. Public Law 99-239 by the FSM Congress and the State Legislatures. Questions addressed included whether the FSM Congress or State Legislatures should act first, the timing of legislative review, formulation of FSM understandings and interpretations relating to the Compact the establishment of a Compact effective date, and the approval process for the addition agreements required by the U.S. public law on law enforcement, audits, and the economic development plans.

The Conference adopted three resolutions during the closing day of their meeting.

Resolution 1-1 sets forth recommended procedures for formulating FSM understandings and interpretations and the approval of the Compact changes proposed to the U.S. Congress. Resolution 1-2, calls for at least three out of four FSM State Legislatures and the FSM Congress to approve the additional agreements to the Compact of Free Association. Resolution 1-3 sets forth Conference's consensus regarding establishment of an effective date for the Compact of Free Association.

The Conference set its next meeting to be held in Kosrae.



FSM LEGISLATORS MEET - The FSM state and national legislators are meeting Feb. 12-14 in Pohnpei State Legislature Chamber in the first Conference of FSM Legislators to review the provisions of the U.S. Public Law 99-239, approving the Compact of Free Association, with FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry presiding. The above photo reveals only a part of the delegations present on the opening day. From upper left clockwise are: Henry; FSM Congress Legal Counsel Gary Takeuchi; FSM Congress Journal Clerk Sue Ann Schadeck (partly hidden); FSM Congress Vice Speaker Joab Sigrah of Kosrae; Congress staff Abselim Enicar; FSM Congress Floor Leader John Haglegam of Yap; Kosrae State Senator Hiteuo Shrew; FSM Senators Jack Fritz and Kalisto Refalopei of Truk; Kosrae State Legislature Speaker Thurston Siba; FSM Senator Isaac Figir of Yap; Truk State Senator Simdram Sipenuk; Pohnpei State Senator Kasiano Joseph; Pohnpei Legislature Vice Speaker Job Micah, and Pohnpei State Legislature Speaker Ambros Senda.

Pohnpei Salary Plan becomes law

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - A bill to convert minimum biweekly salary rate from \$108 to \$120 or an hourly minimum wage from \$1.35 to \$1.50 for the Pohnpei State government employees became law on Jan. 29 without the signature of Gov. Resio S. Moses, according to State Legislative Liaison Heinrich Stevenson.

The bill, which was passed final reading by the Pohnpei State Legislature during its December Special session held prior to the election of its new officers, sets a new salary plan framework for employees under the state government Public Service System Act with a retroactive implementation date to Jan. 1, 1986, and will take effect on April 1, for the appointed and elected officials.

The salary plan which is designed to provide a legal basis for a uniformed and unified coverage to all three branches of the State Government, gives the elected and appointed state government officials annual salaries of \$25,000 for the governor, and \$23,000 to the Lt. governor; department directors, \$16,000-\$21,000 and deputy directors, special assistants including budgeting, planning and statistics administrator each, between \$13,000-\$17,000.

The law also sets annual salary of the State Chief Justice at \$23,000 and \$20,000 for the associate justices and the State Legislature Speaker. Other state senators will receive annual salaries of \$17,000, each. State public auditor's annual salary is set between \$18,000 and \$20,000, while government agencies, authorities and commissions chief executives who are subject to advice and consent of the legislature will each receive between \$15,000 and \$18,000. Senior land

commissioner and Associate land commissioners annual salaries are set between \$15,000 to \$18,000 and \$13,000-\$16,000, respectively. Land registration team members annual salaries will range between \$8,000-\$10,000 while the municipal court judges will receive between \$3,000-\$5,000, each.

Former Health and Social Services Committee Chairman Senator Nelson Pelep said extensive public hearings were held on the proposed salary plan prior to the December special session to consider the merits of the bill.

"While the administration of personnel within the three government branches continues to be separate, the salary pay scales upon which employees are paid, will be based on a 'unifrom' salary schedule," the new State Department of Treasury acting Director Ihlen Joseph said.

The salary plan, which reduces the base salary schedule from pay levels 30 to 22, also sets eight percent inbetween step increases for levels 1-6, seven percent for levels between 7-15, and six percent for levels inclusive of 16 and 22, Joseph said, adding that the plan is designed to protect the separation of powers upon which the government is premised and at the same time provide for flexibility and cost efficiency regarding payroll processing.

The initial cost of implementing the salary plan is being provided for under the Interim Comprehensive Budget Act.

The executive branch alone would need a supplemental funding of about \$300,000 to cover the cost of salary implementation for its employees during fiscal year 1986, acting Administrator Dion G. Neth of the new Office of Budget, Planning and Statistics (BPS) said.

Joseph, who was instrumental in research and passage of the salary plan, said that government does not anticipate financial setbacks once the plan is implemented and will reduce spending in areas of travel and purchasing of equipment and improve its revenue and tax and utilities collection methods in order to help defray initial expenses of the plan.

All three state government branches were urged by the Legislature during its final approval process of the plan to "carefully scrutinize their spending patterns and reprogram sufficient monies from non-essential items to personnel accounts to minimize the impact of implementing the plan."

Disabled-data to be compiled

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Micronesia Central Data Coordinating Committee, a panel of Health, Head start, Special Education and Vocational Rehabilitation services personnel throughout Micronesia, had its first annual meeting Jan. 6-10 at the Hotel Pohnpei to develop a collaborative computer-based data management system for programs serving handicapped or disabled persons throughout the Republics of Palau and Marshall Islands and the FSM, according to Central Data Project Coordinator, Pohnpei First Lady Susan Moses.

Moses, who works with the CCM Special Education Division, said that the project is being funded by the University of Hawaii Rehabilitation Research and Training Program and is aimed at developing a system through which data from various programs serving handicapped and disabled persons will be collected, processed by computer at a central data file in CCM and shared among various agencies.

"It is hoped that the establishment of this data system will facilitate the preparation of reports at various levels and provide a base for appropriate program management and planning," she said, adding that the next meeting is scheduled to be held in January 1987.

Participants in the week-long meeting were: Kiyoko Rengil, Health Services, Paul Reklai, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Felicia Ikesiil, Special Education, Palau; Sizue Yoma, Health Services, and John Johnny, Vocational Rehabilitation, FSM; Nora Kilmej, Vocational Rehabilitation, Marshall Islands; Wilson Kephas, Special Education, Kosrae; Godaro Lorrin, Vocational Rehabilitation, Sasao Alexander, Special Education, Dr. Burton Jano and Wincener David, Health Services, and Mitchon Ioanis, Head Start, Pohnpei; Kangichy R. Welle and Natalia Rekesesik, CCM Special Education Division; and Dr. Ronald Smith, University of Guam Special Education Division.

Kosrae students placed 3rd

LELU, Kosrae - Kosrae students attending schools on Guam were issued Jan. 14 a certificate of recognition signed by Guam Gov. Ricardo J. Bordallo and Lt. Gov. Edward D. Reyes after winning a 7-0 forfeit game over Dededo Aces and placing third in the second round finals of the Guam Amateur Baseball League with three wins and two losses, according to a Kosrae State Information release.

Leprosy Survey begins

LELU, Kosrae - A survey to locate and identify persons associated with the Hansen Disease (Leprosy) was launched Feb. 10 by Kosrae State Public Health Services, according to Kosrae State Communicable Disease Program Coordinator Matchugo Talley, a State Information release said.

The survey also includes a state-wide health education program aimed at teaching Kosraeans in elementary and high schools as well as in the communities about the Hansen Disease, its effects on them and how to deal with it, the release added.

Moses cites deficit

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Gov. Resio Moses announced plans to reduce fiscal 1986 budget expenditure and travel by \$1.5 million and improve local revenue collection capabilities up to a \$3 million mark in an effort to meet the 1985 deficit of \$1.2 million and implement the state new salary plan while calling for creation of an executive-legislative task force to review the state share of compact funds in a Jan. 24 address to the Pohnpei State Legislature.

Moses made his state-of-the-state message during legislature's first regular session before a gallery packed with citizens and officials from the Pohnpei state and FSM national governments in a third progress report since he took office in May 1983.

Stating that with the help of the Legislature, Bank of Hawaii and the U.S. Federal Government, Moses said the Farmers Home Administration and the Housing Authority funded construction of 605 homes in the state, making "1985 the best year for home construction" while informing the legislature that he will submit an appropriation legislation to borrow \$1 million during fiscal 1986 to top 1985 record for home construction and renovation.

He said that the deficit which "resulted from over appropriation of our revenues and under appropriation in areas of medical referrals and supplies and public utilities" also recommended to the legislature that the \$1.2 million deficit facing the government could be met by 50 percent reduction in travel, reduction or privatization of some of the government on-going programs, improved revenue collection methods, supplement operation of Department of Public Works with Capital Improvement Projects, and an addition of \$.25 million to treasury as indirect costs for administration of federal programs in 1985.

"With the above possibilities and fiscal responsibilities on our parts, we can eliminate our deficits, improve services and continue to develop," the governor said.

He said with the administration policy to assist growth in the private sector, he is pleased to report that the state "has almost entirely withdrawn from direct competition practices against the private businesses" and that this posture will assist the government in cutting operational cost,

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President signs 11 bills into law

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - President Tosiwo Nakayama signed into law eleven bills enacted by the Fourth FSM Congress during its Oct. 14-Nov. 12 Second Regular Session, while allowing five others to become law without his signature, according to FSM Public Information Officer Ketson Johnson.

Legislation approved by the President includes Public Laws 4-12 amending PL 4-11 the interim fiscal 1986 national government operations budget in eliminating the 25 percent spending restriction and restrictions on new programs and purchase of equipment in excess of \$50 and 4-16 to appropriate \$50,000 to combat leprosy in the FSM, which were signed on Oct. 30 and Dec. 5, 1985, respectively.

A vetoed bill which requires FSM congressional and legislative approval of the Compact of Free Association as amended by the U.S. Congress was overridden by FSM Congress during its October Session and is now designated by the President as P.L. No. 4-13, Johnson said.

Bills which became law without the signature of the President include Public Laws 4-14 amending Public Law 3-56 to designate development authorities as allottees other than governor of Truk for funds appropriated for Fiscal 1985 public projects in all Truk State except lower and mid-Mortlocks, and 4-15 amending P.L. 2-34 to change allottee of public projects from governor of Truk to development authorities in respective areas of Truk state except for the Mortlocks.

In allowing a measure appropriating \$1 million for fiscal 1986 public projects in Pohnpei to become law without his signature, while agreeing with concerns raised by Gov. Resio Moses who recommended that the bill be vetoed for reasons that it lacks both Pohnpei State Government input and resonance with program priorities established by the state and local governments, President informed Speaker Bethwel Henry that while he does not want to question the Congress wisdom and constitutional authority in allocating the limited resources, he felt that appropriation packages in the past did not reflect priority needs of the States and the Nation.

President said that he felt vetoing the bill will not be the right solution to the problem and recommended that Gov. Moses be given the opportunity to discuss his concerns with senators from

Pohnpei so a "mutually satisfactory solution" could be found, Johnson noted, adding that the Pohnpei \$1 million appropriation bill was designated Public Law No. 4-22.

Two other measures which became law without President's signature were P.L. 4-27 to appropriate \$230,000 for fiscal year 1986 public projects in the Mortlocks and P.L. 4-28 to appropriate \$1.17 million for fiscal 1986 public projects in Truk State.

Bills signed include P.L. 4-17 to appropriate \$350,000 for fiscal year 1986 public projects in Kosrae, P.L. 4-18 to appropriate \$100,000 for defraying cost of enforcing the National Criminal Code in the FSM and P.L. 4-19 amending P.L. 2-59 to change the name of the Federated States Development Bank to Federated States of Micronesia Development Bank, which were all signed on Dec. 11.

P.L. 4-20 to appropriate \$20,000 for funding the hosting of a Forum Fisheries Conference in FSM during fiscal year 1986 and P.L. 4-21 to further amend P.L. 4-11 to provide for a supplemental budget were signed also on Dec. 11.

P.L. 4-23 to appropriate \$500,000 for fiscal 1986 public projects in Yap and P.L. 4-24 to permit designated customs personnel to open and inspect mail and seize any articles subject to duty, or imported into FSM contrary to law, under certain circumstances, were signed on Dec. 26.

P.L. 4-25, signed on Dec. 31, to amend title 50 of the FSM Code relating to issuance of FSM passports and P.L. 4-26, signed on Jan. 2, 1986, to amend title 30 of the FSM Code to provide for Presidential and Congressional specific responsibilities regarding debts and obligations of the FSM Development Bank.

Trust Territory High Commissioner Janet J. McCoy advised the President through Jan. 24 that she elected not to suspend the laws, Johnson added.

Two win scholarships

LIEU, Kosrae - Students Rolner Joe and Moses Palik of Kosrae were awarded Jan. 18 agricultural scholarships following their completion of an Organization for Industrial Agricultural and Cultural Advancement (OISCA) course in Palau, according to Kosrae Student Services Coordinator Cainer Tosie, a State Information release reported.

Truk mourns for Buliche

MOEN, Truk - Truk Lt. Gov. Robert (Bob) Mori declared Jan. 13 a "state of shock" and ordered all flags to be flown at half-mast for four-day observance following the sudden death of Truk Housing Authority Executive Director Sachuo Buliche, according to Broadcast and Information Division Chief Peter Maipi.

Mr. Buliche died Jan. 11 at the Truk State Hospital after he was brought there by relatives following complaints of severe pain in the chest, Maipi said.

In a telex to President Tosiwo Nakayama, the High Commissioner Janet J. McCoy said, "The staff of TTPI and I were deeply saddened to be informed of the untimely

death of Truk Housing Authority Director Sachuo Buliche. Mr. Buliche's varied career as a member of the Truk District Legislature, in the field of Education, as Director of the Truk Housing Authority, and through his work in the ministry and association with the Peace Corps reflected his deep commitment to serve his

fellomen. This gentle and honorable man will be truly missed by all whose lives he touched."

Buliche is survived by his widow, Kiroko, five sons and six daughters.

Kaster Sisam is now acting Director for Truk Housing Authority, Maipi added.

Halcyon to setup college in FSM

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Resolutions inviting Halcyon Foundation, Inc. to its next meeting in Guam and requesting the FSM Congress to take prompt action on adoption of the FSM Code of Education were among four resolutions passed by the FSM Board of Education during its meeting held on Truk, Feb. 3-6, according to Board's Administrative Officer Herbert Gallen.

Gallen, who coordinated the meeting, said that the Board considered educational policy guidelines for the state and national governments and a charter application by Halcyon Foundation, Inc., to operate a post secondary institution in the FSM.

FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, who participated in the meeting, told the Board that [the FSM] needs to train its own people to replace the expensive laborers imported from the outside, while observer COM President Dr. Catalino Cantero added that it is now time to re-evaluate the FSM educational system, while addressing the Board during the meeting.

Others who spoke during the three-day conference include: Truk Gov. Erhart Aten, FSM Congress Health, Education and Social Affairs Committee Chairman Tony Otto, FSM Education Division Chief Daro Weital, Truk Legislature Speaker Simeon Innocenti, Pohnpei State Legislature Education and Cultural Affairs Chairman Midion Neth of Madolenihmw who represented Speaker Ambros Senda, Pohnpei State Education Director and COM Vice Rector Damian Sohl, and Board Chairman Manuel Sound of Truk.

Other resolutions adopted by the Board include:

-Expressing the Board's

disappointment that the FSM Attorney General's Office was not able to provide lawyer services at the Truk meeting.

-Expressing sincere appreciation to the hosts and participants at the February meeting of the FSM Board of Education in the Truk.

In another Board activity, a three-page FSM Education Delineation of National and State roles and responsibilities has been approved by the Board and will be transmitted during the second week of February to the President for his approval, Gallen said.

The document encompasses areas of technical assistance, program coordination, teacher certification, board, manpower and post-secondary developments, chartering of non-public schools and development of legislations, Gallen added.

Board members who participated in the meeting include: Santiago Joab, Pohnpei; Rensley Sigrah, Kosrae; and Sound, Truk.



SOFTBALL CHAMPION - FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry (right) is awarding the championship trophy to Peliha Moses, team Captain of the Eagles, champions in a Coed (men and women-teams) Softball League which started in mid-November and finished with finals on Feb. 6; 16 teams participated in the league. Speaker Henry is the Pohnpei Sports Council Treasurer.

Moses recommends privatization of projects

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increase tax base and improve the businessmen's perception and confidence in government rhetoric.

Citing that government vehicle repair service, sand and coral mining operations, the MV Kacho have been successfully transferred to private sector, Moses said immediate consideration for privatization are the rock quarrying operations and public utilities: water, power and sewer; adding that EDA business-type activities, government cafeterias, operation of MS Micro Glory, school bussing, electrical, plumbing, and carpentry shops, and the new cold-storage plant are being considered for privatization.

To implement the recently signed reorganization law, Moses submitted his cabinet nominations for

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FSM bar exam set

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - An examination to practice law before the FSM Supreme Court is scheduled for March 6 in Pohnpei and Truk, according to FSM Supreme Court Chief Clerk Emiliana J. Musrasrik.

The court also will 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.

Insurance checks awarded

ILEU, Kosrae - Alikru Edmond, 59, of Utwa Municipality, Kosrae, was presented Jan. 28 several checks by Gov. Yosiwo George along with Kosrae State Personnel Director Fred P. Skilling and Personnel Specialist Dais Alokkoa in the first case of government insurance coverage under death claim for his wife, Sepe, according to a State Information release.

Mrs. Sepe Edmond, recently deceased, was a cook aide at the Utwa Elementary School, who was insured by Travellers Life Insurance Overseas (ILIO) by Moylan Insurance Company of Guam in a newly Kosrae government instituted insurance coverage for its employees.

Articulation of customs in court cited in conference

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Proper Maintenance and articulation of Micronesian customs and traditions into court system here are among the topics being discussed in the semi-annual FSM judicial conference held on Feb. 3-4 in Honolulu, according to FSM Supreme Court Director of Court Administration Christina T. Michelsen.

This 11th Judicial Education and Development Conference is jointly sponsored by the FSM Supreme Court and the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law for the FSM state and national court personnel. Invitation to the conference was extended to the Micronesian neighboring Republics of Palau and the Marshall Islands.

Michelsen said there is a need for the participants to exchange views on judicial administration and explore ways of improving the judicial system in the FSM during the conference.

She said the other topics being covered in the conference are: origins and sources of law, concepts of precedent, functions of judicial branch, civil and criminal procedure and maintenance of courtroom control.

The conference is being attended by judges, law clerks and law interns from all over the Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Palau, she added.

Participants included: Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward C. King, Supreme Court Associate Justice Richard Benson, National Justice Ombudsman Nickontro Johnny, FSM Supreme Court; Yap State Chief Justice John Tharngan, As-

sociate Justices Alfonso Ranganbay and Stanislaus Yiggin, and Probation Officer John Mooteb, Yap; Truk State Chief Justice Soukichi Fritz, Associate Justices Keske Marar and John Peterson, and Senator Jack Fritz, Truk; Pohnpei State Chief Justice Edwel Santos, Associate Justices Carl Kohler, Yoster Carl and Ju-

dah Johnny, and Chief Clerk Dohsis Albert, Pohnpei; Kosrae Chief Justice Harry Skilling, Kosrae, and Judges Anador Ngirkelau and Singichi Ikesakes, Republic of Palau.

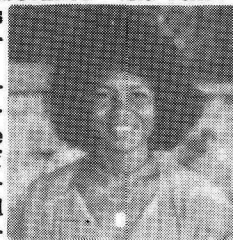
Law clerk and Intern participants include: Joses Gallen and Peter Cheida of Pohnpei and Ready Johnny of Truk, Michelsen added.

Michelsen new Admin. Director

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Former Assistant Credit Analyst for Norstar Bank in Lewiston, State of Maine, Christina T. Michelsen has been appointed FSM Supreme Court Director of Court Administration by Chief Justice Edward C. King.

Michelsen replaces former director Gideon Doone who resigned to run in the Truk State gubernatorial elections in March.

Michelsen is a native of Palau, who received Associate and Bachelors degrees in Business Administration with specialization in Accounting at the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham and attended seminars in operational and Internal Auditing conducted by Norman Morris Associates, Inc., Loan Reviews and Financial Analysis by University of



New Hampshire, and management of Court and Justice Environment by the Institute of Court Management of the National Center for State Courts, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Prior to the appointment, Michelsen served as a finance officer and accounting consultant to the FSM Supreme Court, and served as Management trainee and Assistant Credit Analyst for Norstar Bank in Maine in 1983 to 1984. She previously worked as

an Office Manager for the T.T. Public Defender's Office in 1970-1971, as an accountant for the Micronesian Industrial Corporation in Palau and in the T.T. Revenue Division of Finance in 1976 and as T.T. Department of Public Safety administrative specialist for seven months in 1982, also as a Management Trainee and Branch Manager for the American Savings and Loan Association in Guam from 1979-1981.

FSM Supreme Court Calendar

TRIAL DIVISION-STATE OF FOHNPEI			
DATE/TIME	CASE NAME	TYPE	PROCEEDING
Feb. 11	FSM v. Primo	Murder	P/T Motions
Feb. 18	FSM v. Primo	Murder	Responses
Feb. 18/9:00	FSM v. Weid	Sexual Abuse	Sentencing
Feb. 18/2:00	FSM v. Loney	Rape	Hearing
Feb. 20/9:00	Luda v. Maeda		
	Road Const.	Damages	Hearing
Feb. 20/2:00	Mobil Oil v. Opet	Embezzlement	Hearing
Feb. 21/9:00	FSM v. Primo	Murder	Pretrial
Feb. 21/2:00	FSM v. Dakanno	Sexual Abuse	Hearing
TRIAL DIVISION-STATE OF KOSRAE			
DATE/TIME	CASE NAME	TYPE	PROCEEDING
Feb. 24/9:00	FSM v. Albert	Burglary	Pretrial
Feb. 24/2:00	FSM v. Mongkeya	AWD	Pretrial
Feb. 24/2:00	FSM v. Melander	Misuse Gov't Property	Pretrial
Feb. 24/2:00	Tolenoa v. State of Kosrae	Damages	Trial
Feb. 25/9:00	FSM Dev. Bank v. Kosrae Builders	Debt	Trial
Feb. 25/9:00	FSM v. Sigrah	Tax	Trial
Feb. 27/9:00	Palsis v. Kosrae	Deposition Requested by Ramp	
TRIAL DIVISION-STATE OF FOHNPEI			
DATE/TIME	CASE NAME	TYPE	PROCEEDINGS
March 3/9:00	Aisek v. Foreign Investment Board	Injunct. Relief	Pretrial
March 4/9:00	Aisek v. Foreign Investment Board	Injunct. Relief	Trial
March 5/9:00	FSM v. Primo	Murder	Trial
March 6/1:30	Chua Eng Chuan v. Island Hardware	Debt	Hearing
March 7/9:00	FSM Development Bank v. Nanpei	Debt	Hearing
March 11/9:00	Chua Eng Chuan v. Island Hardware	Debt	Trial
March 12/9:00	FSM Development Bank v. Rodriguez Corp.	Debt	Trial
March 13/9:00	George v. State of Pohnpei	Deposition Requested by Michelsen	

FSM in LA Food Trade Show

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Federated State of Micronesia was one of the eight Pacific nations which participated in the U.S. International Food Show held Dec. 4-6 at the Los Angeles Convention Center in Los Angeles, California, according to External Affairs Micronesian Relations Deputy Chief Gabriel Ayin.

Ayin said the FSM brought only "Pohnpei Pepper" to the show but realized there is a potential for Pohnpei mangrove crabs and other

Micronesian products if they are of good quality and FSM can package them.

There were 18 participants from eight South Pacific nations who displayed more than 50 types of Pacific products in the South Pacific Pavilion portion of the exhibition center with several selling their entire production to single buyers and others made immediate on-the-spot sales while still others established solid leads for sales of their products or found a U.S.-based importer or distributor, Ayin said.

The FSM "Pohnpei Pepper" was

taken by the Trade Representative for South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation (SPEC) as a sample to be tested in the West German market, Ayin said, adding "We were told that best market for Gourmet pepper is West Germany."

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) funded the participation of South Pacific Nations including the FSM, he added.

Pacific Islands food products displayed at the show included tropical fruits, fish, coconut products, rum and spices.

Ayin, who was accompanied by Pohnpei businessman Herman Semes to the trade show, said more than 10,000 food brokers and buyers from all over the world attended the show with more than 40 nations participated.

Participating South Pacific countries included: Fiji, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Western Samoa, Tonga, Niue, Cook Islands, and FSM, Ayin said, adding that the next year's trade show will be held same time in San Francisco.



HIGHBOOM STOPS OVER IN Pohnpei - Trust Territory High Commissioner Janet J. McCoy is greeted upon arrival at the Pohnpei International Airport by President Tosio Nakayama, left, during a two-hour stopover Feb. 10 while enroute from Guam to Kwajalein. She was accompanied by Commander of Naval Forces Marianas Rear Admiral Chauncey Hoffman (far right, back to camera). Pohnpei CAT Team Officer-in-Charge Lieutenant Nelson Newhouse (middle) was on hand to greet the officials. President hosted a luncheon for the group.

Navigator to be staged

KOLONIA, Pohnpei-Honolulu Playwright Michael Cowell's Song For The Navigator - subtitled "A story of Micronesia", is a new play commissioned with funds from a major National Endowment for Arts grant, begins public performances on Feb. 9-27 throughout the Micronesian islands by the Honolulu Theatre for Youth, according to an HTY press release.

The play, which dramatizes the impact of modern Western culture on the lives of Pacific Islands people by focusing on the great navigational skills of Micronesians, is brought to the islands through the special assistance provided by President Reagan's Personal Representative to the Micronesian Treaty Negotiations Ambassador Fred Zeder and Continental/Air Micronesia, the release said.

Dates of public and school audience performances in the FSM include: Feb. 15-18, Yap; and Feb. 22-25, Pohnpei. Reasons for absence of performances on Truk and Kosrae were not given.

Coordinators of the scheduled performances on Pohnpei are: State Public Works Department Director Bermin Weilbacher, FSM Education Division Program Development and Research Officer Stuart Arno and Pohnpei State Education Deputy Director Ewalt Joseph.

Joseph said all performances on Pohnpei are scheduled at PICS auditorium with performances for the general public to be held during the nights of Feb. 23 and 24, while school-audience performances will be held during the day on Feb. 24 and 25.

Aging to seek funding during Compact

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - A workshop focusing on planning and development of program services to the elderly in the FSM for fiscal 1986 was held here Jan. 6-10, 1986, according to FSM Area Director on Aging Wehns K. Billen.

The workshop, sponsored by the FSM Office on Aging, Division of Health Services was conducted primarily for the State's Aging Coordinators and Nutrition and geriatric Home Health Care program Supervisors to help develop and complete their programs and grant proposals.

The 1986 fiscal year aging grants has been consolidated into Title III-B under supportive services but still allows flexibility for priority services considerations including ones currently under Part C1 and C2 of Nutrition Program, according to Region IX Aging Specialist W. Ray Smith, Billen added.

The workshop also considered topics including nutrition, food assistance programs and introduction of the Gerontological Data Resources Unit Project, and urged the collaboration and cooperation efforts of the Aging key personnel in securing funding for programs during the Compact period, Billen said.

Guest speakers at the workshop included: T.T. Aging Division

Chief Erlinda T. Dumatol; FSM Health Services Division Chief Dr. Eliuel Pretrick; Pohnpei State Education Director Damian Sohl and Billen.

Participants of the one-week workshop included: Vincent Untaman, Monica Leerbay, Dedagus Gaspach, and Robert Taylor, Yap; Nario Eter, Stephen Lino and Caroline Nowell, Truk; Alokoa Talley, Palik Sigrah, and Jocelyn Charlie, Kosrae, and Dageo Jano, Robert Patricio, and Deborah J. Rospel, Pohnpei.

Air mike adds new flight

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Continental Air Micronesia added one flight to and from Japan each week through Saipan from Guam, beginning Feb. 1, according to a schedule released by officials here.

The Narita-bound flights from Guam pass through Saipan going and returning on Sunday through Saturday with a switch on Friday which goes to Nagoya, Japan.

Continental also announced it will discontinue service to Hong Kong and Taipei effective March 1, 1986 due to slow traffic and operational losses; however, a sixth flight to Manila will be added sometime during the second quarter of 1986, the airline officials here said.

Bradley new Jesuit Superior

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—Former Truk State Jesuit Superior Rev. Gary Bradley, S.J., has been appointed "Mission Superior" for the Caroline and Marshall Islands Jesuits during a Jesuit mission consultants meeting held at Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) on Jan. 7-9, 1986, according to Rev. John Curran's Jan. 25 letter to the Jesuits in Micronesia.

Bradley replaces Rev. John F. Curran who has been appointed to head the St. Ignatius House on Guam.

Curran, whose tenure as Mission Superior terminates on April 22, said that reassignment of three Jesuit directors of major apostolates in Pohnpei, Truk and Guam was also decided upon during the meeting.

He said that Xavier High School Director Rev. Don Divine, PATS Director Rev. James Stehr and Guam St. Ignatius House Director Rev. Dan Mulhauser are completing their terms as directors and will take up other Jesuit assignments in New York or Micronesia on a date to be announced later.

Rev. Francis (Fran) Hezel, who is also the Director of Micronesian Seminar which is located at

the Bishop's residence in Tummuk, Truk, has been appointed to replace Bradley as Superior of the Jesuits in Truk, and is expected to begin work there on April 22, while PATS Board of Directors will be considering the Jesuit nomination of Rev. Joseph Cavanaugh as director during their annual meeting on May 18, the letter said.

Other appointments include: Rev. Kenneth (Ken) Hezel as Director of Xavier High School in Truk, and Curran as director of St. Ignatius House on Guam. The effective dates for these two appointments will be announced on a later date, the letter said.

Curran, who has been the "Mission Superior" for the past six years, upon congratulating Bradley for his new appointment also thanked the departing directors on behalf of the entire Jesuit community in Micronesia for "their often heroic services" and their devotion to duty.

He said Stehr and Divine are returning to New York for new undertakings while Mulhauser is returning to Guam to take up counselling and Campus Ministry at the University of Guam after a sabbatical year.

Talent Search begins in the islands

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—The "Talent Search" program to identify and prepare the top high school students for college was implemented during January in Majuro, Truk and Koror through the College of Micronesia, reported Dr. Edward L. Duckrow, Upward Bound and Talent Search director for the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council (PPEC), according to a COM news release.

PPEC received a \$336,000 grant to implement the Talent Search program through Aug. 31, 1988, in Guam, the Northern Marianas and American Samoa, as well as the Marshall Islands, the FSM and Palau, Duckrow said.

"We are requesting additional funds to include Pohnpei, Kosrae and Yap in the next school year," he said.

Talent Search is similar to Upward Bound in seeking scholastically talented students who are disadvantaged due to isolation, cultural differences and low income and would be the first generation in their families to graduate from a college or university, though Talent Search does not require all of its students meet the low-income and

first generation requirements, Duckrow said.

Pohnpei and Palau have Upward Bound programs.

After funding began in September, Talent Search counsellors were hired by COM in the Micronesian jurisdictions and teachers were asked to nominate students for the program, according to Duckrow who said that the program is limited to 100 students, including sophomores, juniors and seniors in Truk and Majuro and sophomores only in Palau.

The COM Talent Search counsellors are Irony Kony, Truk; Marilyn Kabua, Majuro, and Kuye Bellelai, Palau.

The Talent Search goal is to place 60-80 percent of future high school graduating seniors in postsecondary institutions and reduce the rate of college dropouts from the PPEC region by providing special training for talented students and help them obtain adequate financial aid to remain in college, Duckrow said.

Talent Search is serving 600 students in the PPEC region, including the 300 students enrolled in Micronesia.

Castro leaves after 27 years service

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Frank Leon Guerrero Castro, 55, originally from Guam, a veteran of U.S. Civil Service, accounting for more than 32 years of service to Pohnpei, part of which as Senior Land Commissioner who played a major role in investigation and determination of over 4,000 land titles on Pohnpei left Feb. 11 for greener pastures in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Known as "Frankie", Castro was commended for his "outstanding government service and excellent record of superior performance" by Pohnpei State Gov. Resio S. Moses in a brief ceremony, who



Castro

also said Castro has gained respect of Pohnpeians for his impartiality and fairness in land claims adjudication and for being an efficient administrator of land records.

In its tribute to Castro, the Pohnpei State Legislature adopted a resolution thanking him and citing his significant contributions to communities and to the knowledge of land tenure systems in Pohnpei State.

Castro and his wife "Toni" who also was a veteran worker for many years as a secretary to the Director of the State Public Works Department will be missed by their friends and colleagues here on Pohnpei. Kaselehlie.

Tom Bryan honored

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Former Information Advisor Thomas E. Bryan was commended for his "dedicated service" in a Dec. 31 letter from President Tosiwo Nakayama.

Bryan, who previously served as the first FSM Information Officer

and later served two years as an information advisor in the FSM Public Information Office was cited for his efforts in formatting the National Union paper and for his dedication to duty while in the service of the FSM national government and its people.

Upon completion of his contract, Bryan left the FSM Public Information Office on Dec. 30 to assume a consultancy position with the College of Tropical and Agriculture Science (CIAS) at the College of Micronesia, in Pohnpei.

Welbert the new chief of Pingelap

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Pingelap Chief Magistrate Brens Solomon has declared candidate Welden Welbert as winner of the Feb. 3 Pingelap chief magistrate special election, according to a Pohnpei State Information press release.

Welbert, 38, who ran unopposed, got a total of 560 votes excluding absentee votes from Guam and Saipan which are expected in the mail this week, according to Pingelap Acting election chairman Soulik Zebedy, who said that the absentee ballots are few.

Welbert, who was a former Pohnpei State senator, was a graduate of PICS High School, attended the University of Guam and served as a classroom teacher at Ohmine Elementary School, Kolonia Town, for nine years before he replaced the late Namwarki Dens Solomon as Pingelap representative to the then Pohnpei District Legislature in 1975.

He resigned from the Legislature in March 1983 to prepare for his unsuccessful bid in the Pohnpei gubernatorial race in May of that year and had remained a private entrepreneur since.

The new Waien Pingelap along with the newly elected members of the Waien Sapw (Council) are scheduled to take the oath of office on Feb. 17 to begin their two-year terms in office.

The special election was held to fill a vacancy created when former FSM Congress retained counsel Delson Etnes, winner of the Nov. 12 Waien Pingelap (Chief Magistrate) election, declined for health reasons.

Welbert will become the first elected Waien Pingelap under the new Pingelap Municipal Constitution which went into effect on Oct. 10, 1985.

Seven other persons who received write-in votes include: Kiehsi Iehsi, 22; Brens Solomon, 3; Lander Ilai, 2; and Smither Clark, Sintaro Ezra, Ilai Ilai, and Lanso Lanso got 1 vote each.

Moses submits cabinet nominations

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the newly created departments and offices as follows: Ihlen Joseph of U Municipality, Department of Treasury; Wagner (Moses) Lawrence of Kitti, Department of Land; Marty Rodriguez of Nett, Office of Youth and Social Affairs; Alenson Solomon of Pingelap, Office of Personnel, Labor and Manpower; Rev. Shem Jimmy of Sokehs, Office of Islands Affairs, and Tadasy Yamaguchi of Kolonia as Senior Land Commissioner.

In the hour-long speech delivered in Pohnpei, Moses also asked the legislature to authorize him to borrow: \$1 million for electrical power distribution around the island and an amount yet to be determined for a two-lane paved road around Pohnpei and coral roads across the island.

He also asked the legislature

to pass a comprehensive budget at the beginning of the fiscal year, saying the administration has been forced to operate on continuing resolutions or interim budgets for the past three years.

Citing accomplishments of the administration during the year, Moses noted the completion of the Kepinle sewer and water treatment plant, the beginning of construction for Seinwar Elementary School and the almost soon to be completed circumferential road.

He said the new year will see the administration solve the electrical power problems with the acquisition of four Alco generators and upgrade PICS high school as well as continuing efforts in the road project and privatizing of some of the government operated services.

Six payaos deployed around Pohnpei

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Six 2x7x27-foot bamboo fish aggregation devices (FADs) or "payaos" were anchored in place around Pohnpei Island on Feb. 1, according to Pohnpei Economic Development Authority (EDA) acting Director Alex Luzama.

The devices, which are held from the bottom of the sea by 55-gallon cement barrels with 2,000-pound tested one-inch thick cables ranging between four to six thousand feet long, and are designed to attract and shelter schools of both surface and deep sea swimming pelagic fish species, were installed for Pohnpei fishermen at selected fishing sites at the distance of three to four miles off the reef around Pohnpei Island, Luzama said.

Each payao is equipped with a bamboo radar-reflector tower for easy access and location purposes.

The construction and deployment operation of the payao rafts cost the Pohnpei State government about \$18,000 and will increase fishermen's catches, reduce fuel, search and travel time, and provide safety operation of smaller boats, Luzama added.

Materials provided in the con-

struction of the payaos were made available to EDA thru the Goods and Services assistance provided under the Fishing Agreement executed between the FSM government and Japan fishing associations.

Originally conceived in the Philippines, payaos are anchored in waters of over 1,000 fathoms and handline Filipino fishermen fishing from canoes were able to land up to 18,000 metric tons of yellowfin tuna annually from these rafts, an EDA report said.

The new payaos, which were ferried to designated fishing sites by MS Micro Glory under a chartered expedition supervised by Luzama and EDA Fishing Specialist Toshuki Rudolph, were installed in various fishing grounds around Pohnpei and are located three to four miles off: Mwand Island, Ohwa Pass, Lohd Pah Channel, Rohnkitti Channel, Dawahk Channel, and Palikir Channel, Luzama added.

He expressed concern over the six payaos deployed in Oct. 1983 which were vandalized and damaged by some comic fishermen several months after installation, adding that even with the weather conditions the new payaos are expected to last for a long time.

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