

FSM ACCEPTS COMPACT CHANGES

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM Congress unanimous adoption March 26 of the resolution ratifying the Compact of Free Association and its related agreements with the changes proposed by the U.S. Government in U.S. Public Law 99-239 came a day after similar resolution was adopted by Pohnpei State

Legislature by a vote of twelve to eight.

The March 25 and 26 actions by the two legislatures completed the approval process of the Compact of Free Association as amended, for the Federated States of Micronesia and readied the document for its transmittal back

to the U.S. government.

In an 11-page report recommending the ratification of the Compact resolution to the FSM Congress, the External Affairs Committee chaired by Senator Isaac Figir of Yap reported that it supports the resolution "even
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FSM CONGRESS RATIFIES COMPACT AND FISH TREATIES

Disapproves \$9.4 Million for FSM Capital Construction—

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Fourth FSM Congress adjourned its first special session on March 26, after approving resolutions ratifying the Compact of Free Association and its related agreements with the changes proposed by the U.S. in U.S. Public Law 99-239 subject to certain understandings, interpretations and policy statements of the government of the FSM, and "A Fishery Management Agreement Among the FSM and the Republics of Kiribati and Palau" while disapproving a bill appropriating \$7.5 million for the construction of the FSM capital complex.

Four bills were approved during the 10-day special session, which include two separate bills for reapportionment of funds for Yap and Truk states public projects; reapportionment and designation of additional allottee for Pohnpei State public projects, and authorizing the President of the FSM to set an effective date of the Compact subject to certain conditions.

The Congress disapproved the

bill to appropriate \$7.5 million for construction of the FSM capital complex in Palikir following debates and voting in which twelve voted yes and four, including Senator Elias Thomas of

Pohnpei, voted no, with Senators Pedro Harris of Pohnpei and Kalisto Refalopei of Truk, excused.

The bill which was originally submitted to the Congress by the
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FSM CONGRESS ENDS SPECIAL SESSION - Speaker Bethwel Henry, top right, is thanking the senators for their attendance and decision made regarding the approval of Compact minutes before he declared the Special Session adjourned on March 26. From right are: Chief Clerk Henry Asugar; Journal Clerk Sue Ann Schadeck; Ways and Means Committee Chairman Peter Christian (back to camera); Floor leader John Haglegam; Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee Chairman Jack Fritz; Internal Affairs Sub-Committee Chairman Elias Thomas; External Affairs Committee Chairman Isaac Figir, and Resources and Development Committee Chairman Koichi Sana.

Gov. Aten Holds Seminars in Asia

MOEN, Truk- Truk State Governor Erhart Aten recently returned from an investment promotion mission to Japan, South Korea and Taiwan where he held a series of business briefing seminars outlining the advantages of joint-ventures and other business opportunities in Truk State, according to a Governor's Office release.

The main objective for the mission was to expose the Dublon Fishing Coldstorage Complex as a trans-shipment point and to discuss the profit potential for the commercial scale mariculture of marine shrimps along with numerous other business opportunities which offer joint-venture possibilities with Trukese businessmen, the release added.

More than 50 Japanese business firms were represented in meetings in Japan, which were undertaken in cooperation with the FSM Tokyo Liaison Office and the Japan Micronesia Association, the release noted.

The meetings in South Korea were planned by Y.H. Han of Commonwealth Garment Manufacturing of Saipan and Sams and Company Managing Director Kwang-Moon Oh, both of whom are interested in development opportunities in the State of Truk, said the release.

A wide range of beneficial meetings were held with various deep sea fishing groups, the Korea Federation of Small Business, Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Korean Trader's Association, the National Fisheries Administration and a wide range of other private firms.

In Taiwan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs arranged the group's schedule which included discussions with the Kaohsiung, Tung-kang and Taiwan Fishermen Associations and the Tung-Kang Marine Laboratory, the release noted, adding that meetings in Taiwan were held with the staff of the Fisheries Department, Council of

Agriculture.

"The mission was the first of its kind for the State of Truk and the results and the reception we received in each of the three countries visited were very encouraging," said Gov. Aten, who was accompanied on the mission by State Resources and Development Director Redley Killion and Industrial Economist and Foreign Investment Promotion Advisor William H. Stewart.

Bank Opens in Kosrae

LELU, Kosrae - Bank of Federated States of Micronesia opened March 17 its Kosrae branch and began operation in Tofol as the second commercial bank doing business in the State, according to a Kosrae State Information release.

Bank of Hawaii, which began operation in April 1985, was the first commercial bank established in the State of Kosrae. The establishment of the commercial banks came as a welcome addition to the Federated States of Micronesia Development Bank which began economic development loan operations in Kosrae since Feb. 1982, the release said.

The Bank of FSM in Kosrae is located on the second floor of the Skilling's Hotel with former Kosrae State Post Master Lyndon Abraham as its Branch Manager, the release said, adding that other staff include: Kun J. Sigrah, Operations Supervisor; Debora S. Sigrah, Head Teller; Tulpe Waguk, Teller, and Margarita Palik, Bookkeeper.

Additional information can be obtained from the Bank of FSM's corporate office in Pohnpei, which is located at Hiroshi Suzuki's building across the road from PAMI.

The new bank in Kosrae is opened for normal commercial transactions four hours a day from Monday through Friday at 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the release added.

23 Participants Complete Workshop

MOEN, TRUK - Twenty-three participants completed the March 17-21 "Nutrition-Oriented Mixed Gardening Workshop" held in the Christopher Inn Conference Room here by the U.N. Children's Fund and the College of Tropical Agriculture and Science, according to CIAS Extension Home Economist Ansina Bisalen-Kony, a CIAS news release reported.

The workshop was the fourth mixed gardening workshop held jointly by the UNICEF and CIAS, following similar program in Pohnpei, Kosrae and Yap.

The workshop was conducted by Ms. Vnes Robles, UNICEF Family Food Production and Nutrition Project country coordinator for the FSM, and Kony with the assistance of Truk State Agriculture Chief Arthur Ansin.

The training covered structure and functions of mixed gardening, basic human nutrition, soil management and land preparation, applying mixed gardening to village situations and nutrition improvement, crop and livestock selection, maximizing limited space, mixed gardening designs, trellis construction, garden plan implementation, village level training, water management, weed and pest control and project design.

The participants included Ansin, Domingko Nikopot, Enchy Fredrick, Tisan Ruben, Amanisio Joseph, Steve Stephen and Atauo Manong, State Agriculture Division; Steven Lino and Sabino Mwarey, Aging Office; Alex Naruhn and Justino Kaliga, Health Services Department; Frank Choly-may, Linora Haruo and Samary Suda, Food Services Office; Carmina Billy and Arsina Soiter, Truk Office of Community Action (TOCA); Bernard Billimont, Sepestian Namelo and Franklin Frank, Truk 4-H Program; Linda Mori and Risko Walter, Truk Fairo Institute, and Umiko Mori and Nachko Sip, Truk Women's Association, the release said.

U.S. ASKED 'TO MAKE GOOD ON PROMISES'

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though the understandings contained therein cannot fully mitigate the effects of those changes to the Compact which were deleterious."

The Committee Report also said that Congress Resolution No. 4-60 is the result of the combined input of the Congress, the four FSM legislatures and the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition.

Although 12 senators who were present during the voting approved the U.S. Congress-amended Compact, Floor Leader John Haglelgam of Yap said his abstained response was a hesitation created by his disappointment over the recent development of "disharmony between ourselves and the United States," referring to the United States' move to prematurely cut-off federal programs and "efforts to undermine crucial one-time drawdown provisions in the fiscal procedures agreement."

Senators Jack Fritz of Truk, Peter Christian of Pohnpei and Haglelgam echoed concern of FSM officials regarding what Fritz called "bad faith" actions by the U.S. government, saying it was "painstaking" to approve the Compact.

In a March 15 letter to U.S. Ambassador Fred M. Zeder, FSM Status Commission Chairman Andon Amaraich expressed the FSM government's concern over "the reported attempt by the U.S. Administration to terminate current federal programs prior to the effective date of the Compact," saying that the move is "totally inconsistent with the provisions and spirit of the Compact" and that the wholesale termination of U.S. federal programs, prior to the advent of Compact funding, will result in disastrous proportions regarding social, economic and political impacts.

Amaraich pointed out in his

letter that the Compact was negotiated with the understanding that U.S. federal programs would continue at least until the effective date of the Compact, citing that the U.S. Public Law 99-239 also provides for continuation of several other programs, including education programs on a three-year transitional basis.

"My government strongly requests that you and the U.S. Administration as a whole make good on your negotiating promises, and halt the unintentional and destructive termination of U.S. federal programs prior to the effective date of the Compact and that transition process to free association be handled in a more carefully planned manner, with full consultation between our two governments," Amaraich added.

FSM officials are also troubled over reports that some Department of Interior officials are reluctant to adhere to a agreement signed by Zeder and Amaraich on June 16, 1983, which will allow the FSM annual draw down capital account money under the Compact at the beginning of each year.

The Special Committee which recommended Pohnpei Legislature's adoption of the Compact changes proposed by U.S. government in U.S. Public Law 99-239 said that it views the Compact as a "living document which will be subject to our continuous review and modification as we experience the realities of governing under the new status of Free Association," adding, that Pohnpei may enact legislation from time to time, in cooperation with the other governments of the Federation, in respect to further improvements in these documents.

The Pohnpei State Legislature Special Committee also said that Compact is designed to last for only fifteen years in which "we as leaders must do some very serious soul searching as to where our destiny will lead us."

In his concluding remarks thanking the FSM senators for their decision and attendance, FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry said that the "decision we made today is indicative of our history of what we are now and what we want to do in the future. We have made a decision to be like any other nation in the world...and we need to roll up our sleeves and go to work."

COURT REPORTER SOUGHT

ROLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM Supreme Court is accepting applications through April 17, 1986, for a Court Reporter/Secretary III, according to Chief Clerk Emeliana J. Musrasrik.

The Court Reporter, who also serves as an executive secretary for the Chief Justice and other justices, works as court reporter in recording and transcribing court proceedings and taking dictation during meetings and conferences, also does interpretation work for the Chief Justice when necessary, maintains files and does other clerical duties, also assists Transcript Manager and Chief Clerk in coordinating case calendar and training appropriate staff, should have a good command of spoken and written English; possession of Associates of Science degree in secretarial science or business administration with three years of secretarial experience, one of which must be at the court reporter/-secretary II level. The salary advertised is \$291.20 bi-weekly or \$7,520 annually.

Those interested must have commitment to the kind of work specified, also development of an effective system of justice in FSM and also must be able to operate court electronic machines.

Applications may be obtained from the FSM Supreme Court in Pohnpei and the various state personnel offices throughout FSM.

CAPITAL FUNDING REJECTED

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FSM President for \$9.4 million was reduced to \$7.5 million following concerns raised by senators that the amount of money requested was too big.

Ways and Means Committee Chairman Peter Christian of Pohnpei, who supported the bill, said the reduction is adequate to allow the FSM to meet the minimum to "be able to enter into an agreement with the contractor" and noted that it was the first time the Congress has been asked to appropriate such a large amount of money without guaranteed funds while urging the senators to consider taking favorable action on the passage of the bill.

Debates on the bill centered on the arguments that for years the United States government has made a commitment to fund the capital and included the funding request in its budget but the U.S. Congress had dropped the FSM capital from the appropriation bills.

The FSM's plans for the capital continue in the hope that funding will be made available and requested bid and bid bond which were opened in December with contracting companies to be extended until July 1, 1986.

In addition to the ratification of the Compact and Fishery Management treaties, the Congress also adopted three other resolutions including, directing the FSM Congress Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs to explore and investigate problems regarding the Micronesian Trades Apprenticeship Program (MTAP) on Guam; urging the U.S. Congress to amend U.S. Public Law 99-178 so that federal grants from the Departments of Health and Human Services, Education, Labor and other related agencies are continued in the FSM until the effective date of the Compact and provision of programs named in P.L. 99-239 to commence on the

Compact effective date; and extending congratulations and best wishes of the people of the FSM to President Corazon Aquino and the people of the Republic of the Philippines.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED - FSM Vice President Bailey Olter is blowing out the candles on a cake during March 27 surprised party commemorating his 54th birthday in the President's Conference Room. Present were Mrs. Amalia Olter and other cabinet members.

Mayor Sablan Dies

SAIPAN, CNMI - A prominent citizen and former mayor Vicente Diaz Sablan, better known as "Kili-li", passed away on March 22, 1986, on Saipan at the age of 62, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands Governor Pedro P. Tenorio informed President Tosiwo Nakayama in a March 26 telex.

Sablan attained prominence thru his involvement on government system with wide contributions to political, social and economic development on Saipan and as mayor for 14 years, Tenorio noted.

A Commonwealth state funeral ceremony in his honor was held at Mt. Carmel Church on March 31.

Sablan is survived by his widow, Felicidad, and children, Tenorio said, adding that he will be tremendously missed by the people of the Commonwealth.

SPEC Countries receive \$34 Mil. EC Assistance

ROLONIA, Pohnpei - The South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation (SPEC) Director Henry Naisali signed March 14 an agreed minute on behalf of the Eight South Pacific (A.C.P. Pacific Group) States with the European Economic Community (EEC) the \$34 million in Fijian dollars for a five-year regional assistance program under the terms of Lome III Convention of 1975, according to a SPEC news release.

The Deputy Director General for Development, Mr. Michel Hauswirth, signed the agreement on behalf of the EEC, the release said.

The assistance package will be directed towards development of natural resources, transport and communications, Naisali said, adding that natural resources includes marine (both living and non-living), agriculture and rural development, and energy sub-sectors, while transport and communications include development of air and sea transport and telecommunications sub-sectors.

It is envisaged that SPEC be responsible for coordinating the preparation and submission of project proposals to the European Commission for the financial approval and close monitoring and implementation of the regional assistance projects, the release said.

Upon conclusion of signing of the Agreement, Naisali said he was delighted with views being exchanged in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere which "augured well for the implementation of the Lome III South Pacific Regional Program," and also complimented EEC Delegate Michael Laidler, whose office is based in Suva, for cooperation extended to SPEC from the European Commission.

Kiribati-Palau-FSM Fish Treaty ratified

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - A recently entered into Fishery Management Agreement among the island republics of Kiribati, Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia was ratified March 25 by the FSM Congress during its March 17-26 special session.

The treaty, submitted March 6 to the Congress by the FSM Vice President Bailey Olter on behalf of President Tosiwo Nakayama, who was off island at the time, establishes a licensing regime enabling the three island-nations to contract directly with and issue licenses directly to the individual boat owners or operators (rather than the American Tuna-boat Association) of the U.S. purse seine vessels to the extended fishery zones of the FSM and the Republics of Kiribati and Palau.

Under the treaty, the boat owners and operators will be responsible and legally liable for any non-compliance with the licensing terms and conditions, Olter added.

Negotiations over the treaty began last September on Guam and completed on Jan. 30, 1986, in Honolulu, between the representatives of the two republics and the FSM.

The treaty, which will cover an area three times the size of the United States or three million miles of the Western Pacific region, would bring FSM approximately \$1.5 million in fishing fees and will take effect on May 1, 1986, or becomes null and void unless it is ratified by the Republic of Palau by April 30, 1986, according to the FSM Congress sources, who added that the Republic of Kiribati has ratified the treaty earlier.

Accordingly, it is the consensus of the parties that a reasonable deadline for completing their internal procedures is needed to ensure that licenses will be available to U.S. vessels either on a multilateral or bi-

lateral basis before fishing activities start.

In his March 6 letter to FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, Olter indicated that the ratification of the treaty is fully supported by the Executive Branch of the National government because it would foster the long standing policy of the government to make licenses available to the U.S. tuna fleet on reasonable terms and conditions, adding that the agreement would represent a continuation of FSM's political policy to cooperate in fishery matters on a regional basis.

"With the subregional treaty in place, the FSM, Kiribati and Palau will be in the position to expect support from the U.S. government," Olter noted, citing that both the U.S. tuna industry and the U.S. State Department have expressed their desire for subregional licensing arrangement involving the three island nations.

In its report to the Congress recommending passage of the bill, the Committee on External Affairs chaired by Senator Isaac Figir of Yap said that the agreement is in accord with the overall foreign policy for fisheries matter and that it provides a "very satisfactory interim licensing arrangement until a wider regional agreement can be concluded and implemented."

The treaty provides that fees collected and interest earned thereon will be allocated among the three parties with ninety-one (91) percent on basis of zone where the fish are caught, while nine (9) percent will be divided equally among the three nations.

The fee of \$58,000 for each vessel represents an increase of \$24,000 over the 1984 fee level which was approximately \$34,000 per vessel under FSM's previous agreement with the American Tuna-boat Association (ATA), Olter said.

Republic of Kiribati has been appointed the administrator of the treaty while the enforcement of each zone will remain the responsibility of each respective government, Olter added.

USIA Director Visits

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The U.S. Information Agency (USIA) Pacific Islands Program Office Director Leon M.S. Slawewski visited Pohnpei March 18-20 to follow-up on arrangements regarding the agency's program in the FSM.

Slawewski, who established the Honolulu office in August to provide information, education and cultural exchange services to 10 Pacific countries, said that the Trust Territory and the FSM will be eligible for graduate-level scholarships under the Fulbright Program under the Compact.

Slawewski, who was enroute from Palau to Honolulu, said the USIA expects to fund a Fulbright professor to teach Journalism at the Community College of Micronesia

"hopefully" at the beginning of Fall 1986.

He also said that islanders are now eligible for the one-year program for the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship which is divided into a semester in academic study and another semester in practicum.

Slawewski, who leaves Honolulu in June for mainland China to become the American co-director of the Johns Hopkins-Nanjing University Joint Center for Chinese and American Studies in Nanjing, Peoples Republic of China, notes

that he will miss the Pacific and is sure that the USIA Pacific Islands Program Office will continue to build friendship between the peoples of U.S. and of the Pacific.

CCM HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Community College of Micronesia held an open house March 21 for its new 1,400-square-foot Student Services Building which was constructed by CCM staff maintenance and grounds personnel, a College of Micronesia release said.

The cost of materials for the 24x60-foot concrete block structure was an estimated \$10,000, according to CCM Dean of Students Hers Tesei, who said the construction began in November and was completed in February on the site of the former Men's Dormitory which burned to the ground May 2, 1981.

The building houses the offices of Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, Counsellor, Health Careers Opportunities Program Director and Dean of Students.

The former office of Admissions and Records will become the CCM Business Office, the Dean of Students office will become a part of the CCM President's office and the other offices will be used by other programs, Tesei said.

The new building stands near an all-wood 24x60-foot structure which was completed in September by Ace-MN Construction Co. at the cost of \$14,000 and houses two classrooms and the CCM Conference Room, the release added.

APIL Meets on Pohnpei

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Association of Pacific Islands Legislatures (APIL) is scheduled to hold its 5th Assembly in Pohnpei on April 9-11.

APIL, which was established in 1980 to collaborate in seeking solutions to common problems among the Micronesian islands, has legislators from the Republics of Palau and the Marshalls, legislators from the four states in the FSM, legislators from the Territory of Guam and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands as members.

Nakayama: "Surprised over accusation"

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - President Tosiwo Nakayama was accused of ignoring the financial facts by a member of the FSM Congress when he submitted a supplemental budget request for the Administration to Congress during its March 17-26 special session.

In an unprecedented statement lambasting the head of the nation, FSM Senator Nick Bossy of Moen, Truk, chided the President for submitting bills "that would immediately appropriate every single nickle" the congress might have left in the public purse.

The Congress Ways and Means Chairman Peter Christian of Pohnpei also spoke in support of the remarks made by the senator from Truk and characterized the supplemental as a "flagrant" request.

Bossy accused the President of lacking management skills saying he "objected to having the Congress forced to fill a leadership vacuum created when the Chief Executive doesn't execute his management responsibility."

Christian assured the Congress that "Ways and Means Committee will not allow that kind of flagrant request that has been submitted to the Congress" while adding that "it is great that we must exercise the kind of check and balance, I must admit that we (the Congress) have been doing a lot of checking but very little balancing by ourselves. I hope that in 1987, Congress itself will consider its own budget in the light of how much money this government really has, he said.

Bossy lashed out at the President on the floor in innuendos accusing Nakayama of "abdication his decisions on (financial) matters to the Congress", adding that the President cannot say "no" and would prefer the Congress to make decisions for him when he submitted a list for immediate appropriation noted in Presidential Communication No. 4-127.

The President submitted a supplemental budget request for the Administration requesting among others, fundings to cover increases in travel for Social Services to Suva to follow up FSM associate membership on the Board of University of South Pacific and cost of establishing an Internal Auditor at the Budget Office; Status Commission's supplemental for retainer fees and travel to cover participation in the U.N. sessions regarding termination of the Trusteeship; costs of repairing Yap and Truk post offices and relocation of Kosrae post office, and compensation cost to FSM Tokyo Liaison Office personnel as result of drastic drop in the value of U.S. dollar against the Japanese yen.

Nakayama said he is worried that with the supplemental request being ignored, some of the critically needed services for the national government will be forced to trim or shut down including the state and national government-proposed FSM Olympics and the Arts Festival aimed for this Summer, citing that the size of the Congress budget, though

within limits, may not allow any workable compromise the Executive Branch is willing to take.

Bossy said he appreciates the exchanges of notes on revenue projections between the Congress and Executive budget offices, but "can't understand why, if the President was so informed, he would so completely ignore the facts."

The President said he was surprised to learn that submission of the budget to Congress is no longer his prerogative and by doing so "doesn't execute his management responsibilities" quoting Senator Bossy.

Senator Bossy was unavailable for comments before he left Pohnpei for Truk on March 26.

Sixty-four suspected of Leprosy

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Sixty four Kosraeians were suspected of having associated with the Hansen Disease or Leprosy by a survey conducted Feb. 10-28 jointly by FSM, Kosrae and Pohnpei states health services officials, according to FSM Health Services Communicable Disease Control Program Coordinator Dr. Kiosi Aniol.

"If the suspects are confirmed as cases following Biopsy examinations, the number of Kosrae State's leprosy cases will be increased to 109," Aniol said, adding that there were 3,824 persons screened by the survey team on Kosrae.

The Kosrae survey, which was initiated following a request made in October by Kosrae health services officials and included a state-wide education program aimed at teaching Hansen Disease and its effects to school children and local communities in Kosrae, is part of the on-going nation-wide Leprosy program being sponsored jointly by the FSM govern-

ment and the World Health Organization (WHO) of the United Nations to control the growth of the Hansen Disease in the FSM, Aniol said, adding that the Kosrae mass screening survey was conducted by FSM Assistant Communicable Disease Control Program Coordinator Jeff Benjamin and Dr. Martha Hauk and Steve Wichep of Pohnpei State Department of Health Services.

Benjamin said Leprosy control programs in Pohnpei and Truk are progressing "at high speed" with Yap program improving since last year.

The FSM Division of Health Services normally provides coordination, personnel and other required in-kind-contributions while

WHO provides medicines, transportation and laboratory supplies to help with the nation's leprosy control program, Aniol said, citing that based on last year's budget request, the FSM Congress appropriated \$50,000 for the leprosy control program for fiscal 1986.

Benjamin Joins Health Services

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Jefferson (Jeff) Benjamin of Utwa Municipality, Kosrae, has been appointed as FSM Health Services Coordinator to be responsible for coordination of all health activities related to leprosy, tuberculosis (T.B.) and other communicable diseases, according to FSM Health Services Division Chief Dr. Eliuel Pretrick.

Benjamin was graduated from Kosrae High School and received Bachelors of Science degree in Biology from Chaminade



Benjamin

University of Honolulu and Masters of Public Health (MPH) degree in Public Health majoring in Epidemiology at the University of Hawaii School of Public Health in 1985.

He attended College of Micronesia Nursing School in Saipan and served as a science classroom teacher at Pohnpei PICS high school from 1979-1983.

Benjamin is married to former Kathy Albert of Sokehs, Pohnpei, and they have four children.

Luhkenkolwof Dies

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Pohnpei State mourns for the sudden death March 24 of Luhkenkolwof (Chief Magistrate) Mwoti Solomon of the Municipality of Sapwuhfik.

Solomon, who previously served as Chief Magistrate for two consecutive terms under the Ngatik Island Charter, was elected in Nov. 1985 to the office of Luhkenkolwof under Sapwuhfik Constitution and took office in January 1986.

Solomon died March 24 at his home in Ipwal, Sokehs Municipality, and was buried on Sapwuhfik some 103 miles southwest of Pohnpei Island, State officials said.



FSM AND POHNPEI STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BREAK GROUND FOR NANPIL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT - Gov. Resio Moses, far left, doses a shuffle-ful of sand into air during the ground-breaking ceremony for the Hydroelectric Project in Nanpil River. Participating in the ceremony from left are: Moses; Project Engineer Bob R. Lord of the Army Corps of Engineers; Nanpil Soumas en Kousapw Damian Padahk; Nett Namwarki Fredrick Iriarte; FSM Vice President Bailey Olter; Pohnpei State Legislature Speaker Ambros Senda, and Black Micro Corporation Project Manager Leonard K. Kaae. The \$8 million project is expected to provide Pohnpei additional 4 million watts when completed in 1987. Moses also partially lifted March 26 power crisis while announcing that with seven generating units in operation, applications for residential power installations are being accepted by the State Public Works Department.

Ponape Coconut Products Averages \$25,000 Annually

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Ponape Coconut Products is now averaging \$25,000 annually since it began earning profit in 1980 and plans to expand to process other viable natural resources in Pohnpei, according to PCP General Manager Catalino Sam, a PCP news release reported.

PCP, which was established in 1974 by Rev. Hugh Costigan, S.J., under the administration of Pohnpei Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) to process coconut products and "give Micronesians self confidence in undertaking development projects," now manufactures and exports a wide range of consumer products processed from coconut oil including Marekeiso

Body Oil, Oil of Ponape, bath soap, Kaselel Shampoo and other liquid soaps, Sam said.

From three employees in 1974, PCP now employs 22 full-time workers and ten additional Pohnpei young women who receive regular income from supplying hand-woven baskets and purses from pandanus leaves, Sam said.

"There were financial losses and frustrations for me, but Rev. Costigan's determination made me to continue my efforts to operate the plant," Sam said, adding that he realized he could run the plant after he completed three months of training in the Philippines and gained much experience from traveling to number of pla-

ces made available to him when he was nominated as Chairman of the FSM Coconut Development Authority by the FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama.

In 1980, a United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) team of experts visited Micronesia and made strong recommendations to develop the coconut plant (PCP) administered by PATS and to install another plant in Truk to make laundry soap, said Sam, who added that "This was the turning point for PCP as it was the year it commenced showing profits."

Regarding its plans for expansion, with the arrival of an extracting machinery in May, PCP is expected to begin extracting the essence or the natural fragrance of ylang-ylang (locally known as "Seir en Wai") for marketing, said Sam, who noted that the perfume project is expected to generate many employment opportunities both directly and indirectly for the local people.

PCP started with only one product but is currently processing eight different consumer products processed from coconut oil with the expertise being provided by Industrial Chemist K. Puvaneswaran hired through the FSM Coconut Development Authority.

The national and state governments have contributed a lot both directly and indirectly and their continued support along with the support from the PATS's benefactors would undoubtedly make this industry grow and help our emerging nation in its economic endeavor, Sam added.

Micro. Police Academy Organizes

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Republic of Palau National Police Director Kaoru Brell was elected President and Truk State Public Safety Deputy Director Fludding Ruben was elected as Vice President and first Micronesian Public Safety

Academy Commander by the Micronesian Association of Chiefs of Police during March 3-7 conference, held in Koror Palau, according to FSM Division of Security and Investigation (DSI) Chief Jack Jack.

Jack, who was appointed secretary-treasurer for the association. The Micronesian Academy is scheduled to hold trainings at the Micronesian Occupational College on July 14 through September 12 in Koror, Palau, and expects a total of 36 officers from the FSM and the republics of Palau and the Marshalls to attend, Jack said.

Other appointments include: Republic of Marshalls Public Safety Captain George Lanwi as Deputy Commander and Truk Public Safety Criminal Investigation Division Commander Captain Sorsios Esemarau as Senior Tactical Officer,

The April 3-7 Academy Conference and the upcoming training at MOC are being jointly funded by the U.S. Department of Interior

through Office of Territorial and International Affairs (OTIA) and the participating Micronesian governments, Jack added.

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