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FSMTC BOARD MEETS - Members of the FSM Telecommunications Corp. Board of Directors are shown during their March 9-13 meeting in Pohnpei. From left are Board Chairman Asterio Takesy of the national government; Hiroshi Ismael, Kosrae; Kikuo Apis, Pohnpei; FSMTC General Manager Fred Stout; Helbert Dereas, Truk, and Martin Yinug, Yap.

President calls special session

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - President Tosiwo Nakayama called March 19 a 10-day special session of the Fourth FSM Congress to begin March 30 to complete action on a number of important matters which he said need action before the next Congress meets in May.

In a March 17 TELEX to the governors, advising them that he would call the special session, Nakayama said that it would be "based on the need to address a number of important subjects needing congressional action sooner than the May session."

The President cited 13 measures for the Congress to act on in its Fifth Special Session in a March 19 letter to Speaker Bethwel Henry.

"I realize this is an ambitious agenda but I believe significant progress can be made so that the next Congress has the

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Overseas direct dialing near

Telecommunications launching \$40 million development program

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM Telecommunications Corp. is launching a five-year \$40 million development program, beginning with new international direct distance dialing exchanges to be installed this year in Pohnpei and Truk, according to FSMTC General Manager Fred Stout.

Plans to seek interim funding approval for a new corporation headquarters building here and the Truk and Pohnpei switching equipment and to purchase the COMSAT satellite earth stations, in the four states were approved by the FSMTC Board of Directors during its March 9-13 meeting.

Stout also announced that direct dialing was made

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Falcam says opponent failed to prove fraud, error

Olter seeks vote recount in Pohnpei

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM Vice President Bailey Olter filed March 17 a petition for a recount of March 3 election results which left him trailing Postmaster General Leo Falcam by 14 votes for the Pohnpei at-large Congress seat.

Falcam opposed a recount in a response filed March 24 with the National Election Commissioner for Pohnpei, stating that Olter failed to prove fraud or error in the original count as required by law for a new count.

The outcome will help determine who will be the next FSM President and Vice President, as they will be elected by the Fifth Congress, after it convenes here May 11, from among its four at-large members.

The margin between Falcam and Olter was narrowed to 14 from 15 votes when Heinrich A. Stevenson, National Election Commissioner for Pohnpei, in a March 18 letter to President Tosiwo Nakayama, certified the official vote count in the at-large race for the four-year seat as: Falcam, 4,045; Olter, 4,031, and Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, 1,960.

The Election Commissioner issued unofficial totals March 12 of 4,043 votes for Falcam, 4,028 for Olter and 1,959 for Henry.

Falcam's response said that the additional votes came from six ballots cited by Olter as possibly not counted, after they were found by attorney

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Olter cites grounds; Falcam hits credibility

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neys for the two candidates and FSM Attorney General Carl Ullman, during a March 13 inspection of the FSM Congress Chamber where the ballot boxes were sealed.

Because there is no legal deadline for Stevenson to act on the petition, Olter and Falcam signed a written agreement, setting ground rules which include deadlines of 4 p.m. March 24 for Falcam to respond in writing and 4 p.m. March 26 for Olter to reply to Falcam's response.

The agreement asked the Election Commissioner to "make his decision on the petition as promptly as he can without compromising the carefulness of the review of the matters before him."

The agreement would not prevent either candidate from seeking remedies in the FSM Supreme Court.

Stevenson said March 25 that he would begin the review March 30, based on the petition, the two responses and a report by Election Board Chairman Albert Iriarte.

"I will do the best I can to come up with a decision," Stevenson said, adding that he could not say when it would be made.

The Vice President cited 11 grounds for recounting the votes, including reported vote tabulating discrepancies, failure to count 18 absentee ballots from Hawaii, a U.S. citizen voting and other allegations in affidavits presented with the petition.

Because the 14-vote margin is about .14 (point fourteen) per cent, or less than 1 per cent of the more than 10,000 votes cast, Olter cited the possibility of human error in manually tabulating votes and said that "there should be a recount solely because of the margin of difference."

Falcam said, "This contention should be rejected as failing to meet the recount test," because it "contains no suggestion that error existed and absolutely no showing that there was a recount to occur, the outcome would be different."

Falcam argued that no one can say a recount would be more accurate than the original count and that allowing a recount without a factual basis "would risk embroiling the election process in endless controversy and the wasting of tremendous effort, time and resources."

He challenged the credibility of Olter's affidavits, stating that they were signed by his supporters who were prejudiced in his favor.

Falcam said that taking two matching vote totals from tabulators when the third

disagreed by one vote was a standard practice for the past 17 years, and that Olter failed to cite the tallying of 10 boxes which gave him the advantage in this manner, when he reported 16 box totals which gave Falcam the edge.

He also said that the procedure for obtaining votes from seven people confined in the Pohnpei hospital has been used for the past 17 years, according to an affidavit signed by Tabulations Chairman Valerio Hallens; that there is no way to verify that a U.S. citizen voted in U Municipality, and that 18 absentee ballots from Hawaii are ineligible, because they did not arrive four days before the election, as required by law.

A dispatch from FSM Liaison Officer Kasio Mida in Honolulu advised FSM voters that their absentee ballots must reach the state election commissioners by Feb. 27 and Mida's staff members did not advise voters there to mail ballots on Feb. 27, according to an affidavit submitted by Falcam, countering Olter's affidavit stating that a Honolulu liaison office staff member told voters they could mail ballots up to four days before the elections.

Falcam also alleged that Olter's supporters pressured two of 47 voters in a Madolenihmw precinct into signing an affidavit saying they voted for Olter and that another of the signatures was for a person who was off island when the affidavit was signed. He said this discredited Olter's allegation that the figures were transposed when the

box was reported as 47 for the Postmaster General and 37 for the Vice President.

Olter said in his response filed March 26 with the Election Commissioner that "the law requires only the showing of a substantial likelihood of error and a substantial probability that a recount would change the result," and declared that the tabulation procedures were erroneous creating discrepancies which can be objectively resolved only by a recount.

Olter said the 10 additional boxes cited by Falcam as being for the Vice President in addition to 16 boxes he cited as favoring Falcam, when two out of three tabulators agreed on a total, means that the accuracy of counting 26 of the 98, or more than 25 per cent of the boxes in the state were not objectively determined, which "in such a close race approaches incredible."

Olter also said that the 18 absentee votes from Hawaii were cast prior to the election and arrived in Pohnpei one week before the addition of the six ballots found in the chamber two weeks after the elections, so they should be added to the total to avoid disenfranchising FSM citizens who voted in good faith based on erroneous instructions provided in Honolulu.

And he said there are 42 signatures "remain uncontradicted" by Falcam on the petition signed by voters in Nansaloi, Madolenihmw, who said they voted for Olter while the tabulated results show him getting 37 votes to 47 for Falcam.

Presidents lists measures for session

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full benefit of the work of this Congress," he told the Speaker.

"This will be our last opportunity to work together in our respective positions," Nakayama said, adding, "Our young nation has profited greatly from your wisdom and leadership through these critical early years."

The existing bills and resolutions listed by the President for action during the session are:

Revising the Foreign Investment Permit law; establishing new salary levels for the President and Vice President; establishing a national government retirement and pension plan; confirming Investment Development Fund Board of Advisors appointments; adopting two amendments to the Compact Assistance Division memorandum of understanding which were approved by the governors and President, including administration of the Investment Development Fund and distribution of Compact

scholarship funds, and amending the Immigration Act.

New bills or resolutions to be introduced in the special session include:

Ratifying the Multilateral Fisheries Treaty between South Pacific Forum countries and the United States; ratifying the Tax Information Exchange Agreement with the United States; filling two FSM Development Bank Board of Directors vacancies; appropriating retirement and pension plan startup funds; confirming National Airline Corp. board FSM appointees; extending cabinet members resignation deadline, and correcting additions to the FSM Code for production of its supplemental packet.

The Fifth FSM Congress is scheduled to elect a new President and Vice President from among its four at-large members, after it convenes here May 11. Nakayama of Truk served two terms, eight years, as the first FSM President, and Bailey Olter of Pohnpei is ending one four-year term as the second Vice President.

To install Pohnpei, Truk exchanges by October

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available, beginning March 23, from the United States to individual phones in Micronesia by American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Stout returned March 24 from Washington, D.C., where he and Board Chairman Asterio Takesy met with Rural Electrification Administration officials to request \$4.3 million in interim financing to construct a new \$1.9 million headquarters building in Kolonia and install two containerized switching stations, each with the capacity for about 1,000 phone lines, to replace outdated equipment which is limited to 560 lines in Pohnpei and 400 in Moen.

The \$4.3 million is part of a \$40 million loan being sought from REA to finance the five-year development plan for the construction of new communications centers, increasing switching capacity from the present 1,343 lines to 6,860 in the four state centers and establishing small containerized switching stations in three Truk Lagoon islands and 21 outer islands for a total of 28 exchange areas.

The five-year development program was approved by the board in its October meeting here.

"We are moving ahead (on the plan) with the interim financing proposal," FSMTC Plant and Engineering Manager Takuro Akinaga said.

"We are trying to get those (interim) switches in place and working by October," he said.

Specifications by a consulting engineer for the switches are scheduled to be completed by mid-April and technical presentation to the supplier is planned by the end of May, Akinaga said.

When direct dialing is in place, Truk and Pohnpei will have seven-digit numbers, he said. Telephones in Truk will be assigned the prefix 330, plus 0 and the existing three-digit numbers, and phones in Pohnpei will be assigned the prefix 320, plus 0 and existing three-digit numbers.

The two interim exchanges will be able to relieve some, but not all of about 700 applications for phone service in the

two states with existing telephone lines, Akinaga said, noting that underground cable will be installed over an 18-24-month period to increase the number of units which may be connected.

Design, bidding and construction of the headquarters building is scheduled to be completed 16-18 months after the interim funding is approved.

The FSMTC headquarters building will house \$1,835,000 switching equipment to serve 2,600 lines in Pohnpei and a \$796,185 communications building in Moen is to house \$790,000 in switching equipment to serve 1,600 lines.

A hearing was held March 12 by the Pohnpei State Legislature Resources and Development Committee on the proposed transfer of old State Public Works Garage site to FSMTC for construction of the headquarters building and Pohnpei exchange.

Yap proper will get a \$669,285 building and \$610,000 in equipment to serve 782 lines and Kosrae, a \$669,285 building to house \$448,000 in equipment to serve 532 lines.

The cost of the switching equipment is expected to total \$8.8 million and about \$11 million will be spent on 853.4 miles of buried cables to carry the phone lines from the 28 exchanges, two or three-meter satellite dishes to serve the outer islands and microwave units to connect the Truk Lagoon containerized exchanges.

Stout carried a memorandum of understanding to the COMSAT headquarters in Washington for the purchase of the four earth stations for \$3 million to be provided from \$7 million in Compact of Free Association communications development funds.

The capacity of the four stations under their present configuration is about 90 channels and the FSM is now leasing 43 channels, while Pohnpei will need about 235 channels in five years for domestic and international service, Akinaga said.

So the FSMTC Plant and Engineering Department is conducting feasibility studies on upgrading the earth stations from Standard B to Standard A stations which will reduce space segment charges and provide extra channel capacity, he said.

Direct dialing available from U.S.

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Direct dialing was made available, beginning March 23, from the continental United States to individual phones in Micronesia by American Telephone and Telegraph Co., according to FSM Telecommunications Corp. General Manager Fred Stout.

U.S. callers may call points in: Pohnpei by dialing 011, plus the Country Code 691, plus 9, plus the three-digit number; Truk by dialing 011, plus 691, plus 831, plus 9, plus the three-digit number; Yap by dialing 011, plus 691, plus 841, plus the existing four digits, and Kosrae by dialing 011, plus 691, plus 851, plus the four-digit number.

Callers in the FSM will not be able to direct dial overseas until new switching exchanges are operating, beginning with interim exchanges to be installed this year in Truk and Pohnpei, Stout said.

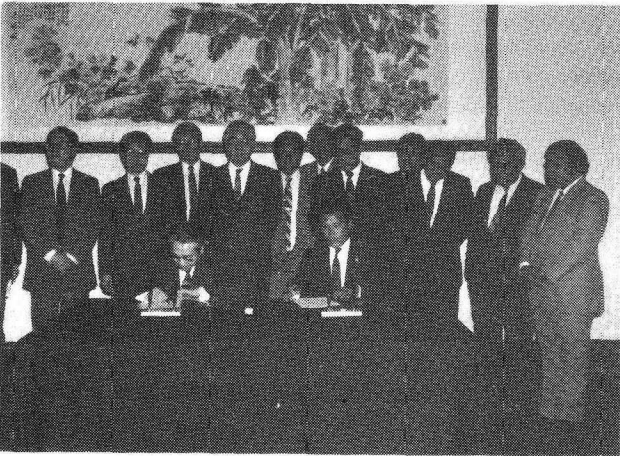


CATHOLICS CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL- The Most Rev. Martin Neylon, wearing white miter, Bishop of the Caroline and Marshall Islands, is leading the March 14 celebration of the 100th anniversary on that date in 1887 of the arrival on six Capuchin monks from Manila to establish the Catholic Church in Pohnpei while the island was being established as the seat of Spanish rule in the Eastern Caroline Islands. FSM President and Mrs. Tosiwo Nakayama were among the dignitaries who attended the ceremony which was held at the base of the bell tower on the Catholic Mission grounds in Kolonia.

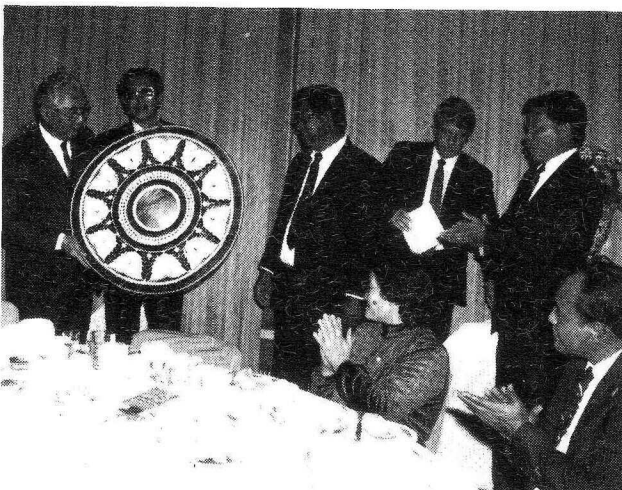
Photos reflect President's China trip highlights

FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama led a delegation of state and national government officials who visited the People's Republic of China and Hong Kong, Feb. 16-March 2.

The photographs on this page reflect some of the highlights of the visit while the delegation was still in Beijing.



SIGNING COOPERATION AGREEMENT - Signing a memorandum of understanding for economic cooperation between the People's Republic of China and the FSM in Beijing on Feb. 20 are, seated, Xu Zhaolong, China International Trust and Investment Corp. President and Vice Chairman, and FSM External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy. Standing, from left, are Yao Wei and Min Yu of CITIC, FSM Washington attorney Barry Israel, CITIC Chairman and PRC Congress Vice Chairman Rong Yiren, Pohnpei Legislature Speaker Ambros Senda, Truk governor's Special Assistant Hans Wiliander, FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, Truk Lt. Gov. Bob Mori, Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses, Yap Gov. Petrus Tun and Kosrae Lt. Gov. Moses Mackwelung.



RECEIVES GIFT - Rong Yiren, left, CITIC Chairman and PRC Congress Vice Chairman, is holding a Pohnpei tray presented to him by FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, third from left, during a Feb. 20 return banquet in Beijing. From left, standing, are Rong Yiren, an interpreter, Nakayama, FSM Washington attorney Barry Israel and FSM External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy, and seated, PRC Textiles Minister Wu Wenying and Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses.



AT TEMPLE OF HEAVEN - Visiting the Temple of Heaven in Beijing during their Feb. 16-March 2 visit to China are, from left, standing, Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses, two interpreters, FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, an interpreter, Truk governor's Special Assistant Hans Wiliander, another interpreter, FSM External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy and Kosrae Lt. Gov. Moses Mackwelung, and kneeling, Yap Gov. Petrus Tun, Pohnpei Speaker Ambros Senda, Truk Lt. Gov. Bob Mori and President's Special Assistant Ieske Iehsi.



VISITING FORBIDDEN CITY - Visiting the Forbidden City in Beijing, including certain buildings normally prohibited to the public, during their Feb. 16-March 2 China trip, are from left, standing, FSM External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy, President Tosiwo Nakayama, Truk governor's Special Assistant Hans Wiliander, Truk Lt. Gov. Bob Mori, Yap Gov. Petrus Tun and Kosrae Lt. Gov. Moses Mackwelung, and kneeling, Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses.



WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR - FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, second from right, and External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy, right, are meeting with Winston Lord, U.S. ambassador to the People's Republic of China, during their Feb. 16-March 2 trip to China.

FSM to sign fisheries treaty

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM External Affairs Secretary Andon Amariach is scheduled to sign the Multilateral Fisheries Treaty with the United States, during a special ceremony April 2 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, according to International Affairs Chief Masao Nakayama.

After FSM government review, President Tosiwo Nakayama approved participation in the treaty and included its consideration for ratification in a call for an FSM Congress special session scheduled to begin March 30.

The "MFT," which has been under negotiation for more than two years between South Pacific Forum countries and the United States, will permit U.S. purse seine fishing boats to pursue skipjack and yellowfin tuna in the participating island nations' Extended Fisheries Zones for a total fee of \$12 million per year, Masao Nakayama said.

"The treaty is considered a landmark insofar as it binds the U.S. government to stricter and more comprehensive responsibility for the conduct of its tuna purse seine vessels than that government has ever agreed to before," he said.

Some remaining issues are being negotiated prior to the signing and all major issues appeared to be resolved, according to Nakayama, who said that some provisions "on the distribution of revenues and management may not be ideal from the FSM's viewpoint, but when viewed as a comprehensive package and against other realistic alternatives, most of the provisions represent clear and significant advantages over earlier sub-regional arrangements which the FSM formerly had with the U.S. tuna purse seine industry.

"In addition, for the FSM the effectuation of the treaty will have some positive effect in stabilizing relations with the United States in an area where various fishing incidents have at time created

serious problems between the two governments," Nakayama said.

The main features of the treaty, he said:

--For up to five years, up to 50 U.S. purse seiners per year will be permitted to fish in the participating nations' zones in return for the \$12 million fee.

--The fees paid under the treaty will be distributed primarily in cash with some technical assistance according to a formula based primarily on compensating the countries where the fish are caught while taking into account regional cooperative factors.

--All licensed vessels are to comply with conditions, such as placing observers on board, periodic and detailed catch and location reports and a variety of identification, surveillance and enforcement procedures, including a degree of U.S. government enforcement responsibility for the first time.

--The U.S. government agreed not to apply economic sanctions, if participating island countries seize and confiscate American tuna vessels not registered to fish under the treaty.

To sign SPREP pact

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - External Affairs Secretary Andon Amariach is scheduled to sign the South Pacific Regional Environmental Program (SPREP) Convention treaty for the FSM during an April visit to Fiji, according to Multilateral Affairs Deputy Chief James Movick.

President Tosiwo Nakayama gave the go-ahead during a March 18 meeting with Amariach and Vice President Bailey Olter for FSM government participation in the treaty which was finalized Nov. 25 in Noumea, New Caledonia, by 16 countries, including the FSM which was represented by External Affairs Deputy Chief for South Pacific Affairs Ira Akapito.

The treaty features an agreement by all parties to take all appropriate measures to "prevent, reduce and control pollution of the Convention area, from any source, and to ensure sound environmental management and development of natural resources in the region."

Other participating countries are Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, France, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Tuvalu, United States, Vanuatu and Western Samoa.

The treaty goes into effect after 10 instruments of ratification are deposited at the South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation in Suva. Six states have ratified the treaty since the authentication meeting.

Military exams set

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - A U.S. military testing team will administer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test April 1-17 in the FSM, according to an External Affairs Department announcement.

The team will administer three tests in Kosrae, April 1-3; five in Pohnpei, April, 4-7; five in Truk, April 8-10, and eight in Yap, including three in Ulithi, April 13-17.

FSM Personnel Officer Kohne Ramon said 949 men and women signed up throughout the FSM for the examination.

Further information on the examination schedules may be obtained from the governor's office in each state.

With the Nov. 3 implementation of the Compact of Free Association, any FSM applicant between the ages of 17 and 34 who qualifies on the ASVAB test may be considered for recruitment by the U.S. armed services.

Preparations for the visit of this testing team took place in December when representatives of the Navy and Air Force met with FSM government officials in Pohnpei to discuss admission of FSM citizens into the armed forces.

FSM APPU member

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union adopted a resolution admitting the FSM and Marshall Islands associate groups as a national groups during its 22nd General Assembly meeting Dec. 14-18 in Tokyo, according to the March, 1987, External Affairs Department BULLETIN.

The FSM became eligible Nov. 3 and the Marshalls, Oct. 23, when their Compacts of Free Association with the United States were implemented, for full APPU membership.

APPU is an organization of legislative representatives from full member countries consisting of Japan, the Republic of China (Taiwan), the Republic of (South) Korea, Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, Nauru, Vanuatu, Fiji and now the FSM and the Marshall Islands, and associate members, including Palau, Guam and the Northern Marianas.

The FSM delegation attending the Tokyo meeting was headed by Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry of Pohnpei and included Senators Isaac Figir, Yap; Raymond Setik, Truk; Claude Phillip, Kosrae, and Elias Thomas and Peter Christian, both of Pohnpei; Yap Legislature Speaker Joseph Ayin; External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy as an advisor, and Congress staff members Seth Foreman and Sintaro Ezra.

CORRECTIONS

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The names of People's Republic of China Vice President U Lanfu and Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Zhu Qizhen were misspelled in the March 15 NATIONAL UNION.

FSM Public Auditor Jack Yakana was incorrectly identified as Public Defender in the Feb. 28 issue.

The photograph of Community College of Micronesia Nursing School students in Majuro appearing in the March 15 issue was by Shimeda Kousei of the Pacific Writers' Group.

FSM seeks war claims funding

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM War Claims Task Force members lobbied for congressional and administrative support in Washington, D.C., for funding in fiscal 1988 the remaining \$24.3 million in claims, according to International Affairs Chief Masao Nakayama.

Nakayama lead the FSM delegation which departed March 5 for Washington.

After returning March 22, the International Affairs Division chief said the delegation met with Assistant Secretary of Interior Richard Montoya of the Office of Territorial and International Affairs who said he is planning to included the \$24.3 million war claims appropriation in President Reagan's fiscal 1989 budget, as it is too late to be included in the 1988 budget.

Montoya also told the FSM group that if the U.S. Congress appropriates the funds for fiscal 1988, he would not object, Nakayama said, calling it a departure from the past Interior Department position.

"Actual appropriations will be difficult at this time, because it is not in the President's 1988 budget," Nakayama said.

The FSM delegation met with staff members of the House Interior Committee which has supported the war claims appropriation, in addition to House Appropriations Committee members and staff personnel, who are the key to passing the funding, and other Congress members, he said.

They also met with Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee staff members, Nakayama said, adding, "Everyone was generally supportive, but it is bad timing for appropriations, because of Gramm-Rudman (an act requiring spending cuts) and its not being in the President's budget."

The delegation included FSM Senators Jack Fritz, Status Commission Transition Committee chairman, and Raymond Setik

of Truk; Congress Ways and Means Chairman Peter Christian of Pohnpei; FSM Resources and Development Department Administrative Officer Edgar Edwards; Pohnpei State Senator Dachuo Johnson; Pohnpei governor's Special Assistant for Federal Relations Santiago Joab; Truk governor's federal and foreign affairs advisor Chitomu Nimwes, Truk State Senators Nelson Killion and Joakim Kaminaga; task force members Fred Sigrah of Kosrae and John Rulmal of Yap, and FSM Assistant Attorney General Mary Beth Walz.

The \$24,344,509 being sought by the Micronesian governments is the balance on a Micronesian Claims Commission award of \$34,344,509 for Title I claims resulting from hostilities occurring between Dec. 7, 1941, when the U.S. entered the war and the dates of securing the various islands, after the United States and Japan paid only \$10 million for these claims, according to a joint committee briefing paper.

Another \$32,634,403 was paid in full by the U.S. government to Micronesian claimants under Title II of the 1971 Micronesian War Claims Act for claims arising before July 1, 1951, from incidents which occurred after the U.S. armed forces secured the islands during World War II.

In 1977, the U.S. Congress authorized in Public Law 95-134 an appropriation of the balance of the Title I awards, provided that Japan contributed \$12 million in cash or goods and services to the Trust Territory government.

Computer training held

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Ten participants from the Pohnpei and Kosrae state governments completed here Jan. 5-9 training in a computerized land record system conducted by Carol Christy of Perry and Associates in Guam who developed the system, according to FSM Computer Advisor Todd Broussard who assisted in the instruction.

Additional training for the land computerization project, which was funded by the U.S. Interior Department Office of Territorial and International Affairs, was held March 2-6 in Kosrae for a similar system installed there, according to Broussard who said, "It is hoped that similar systems will be developed for Truk and Yap in the near future."

Participating in the training here were: Alekko Alexander and Masao E. Robert of the Pohnpei Public Land Authority; Wayne Mendiola, Pohnpei Land Commission; Benly J. Lucios and Ehlani Edward, Pohnpei Surveys and Mapping Office; Wagner M. Lawrence and Judy C. Martin, Pohnpei Land Department, and Jolden Johnnyboy, Nurio Skilling and Mitch Aaron, Kosrae Land Commission.

President gets briefing

UMDA-Air Mike settlement reached

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - United Micronesian Development Authority officials announced here Feb. 10-13 a settlement in its litigation with Continental Airline which will give UMDA 86 per cent control of Air Micronesia.

In a Feb. 11 meeting with FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, UMDA officials said the agreement signed Feb. 5 with Continental, which is subject to court approval, provides that Continental will surrender all its Air Mike stock and ownership interest in UMDA and Air Mike; that UMDA will receive an immediate \$850,000 payment, and that Air Mike shareholders will be paid \$1 million a year in quarterly payments; that Continental will pay all legal fees, or about \$8 million, in the litigation which dates back to 1984.

It also provides that Continental will refrain for at least 26 years from obtaining any ownership interest in UMDA and Air Micronesia.

In return, UMDA agreed to drop all claims against Continental and assist Continental in developing and promoting Air Mike and in gaining support of various Micronesian governments.

Continental was to enter a separate settlement agreement and a new joint venture with Air Micronesia which would provide an immediate \$669,000 to Air Mike shareholders who also would get 1 per cent of gross Continental/Air Mike earnings in excess of \$100 million a year which would be some \$300,000 a year at current earnings rates.

The new joint venture provides for a management committee with 11 members, six named by Continental and five by Air Mike, to set policies on routes, services, fares, executive appointments, employee relations and training. Continental would provide \$100,000 a year to train Micronesians in the airline industry.

UMDA also would make available at least 5,000 shares of its stocks to the Micronesian governments or their designees.

UMDA officials who briefed the President, Transportation Secretary Robert Weillbacher, Attorney General Carl Ullman and External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy and met separately with Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses were UMDA President Manny Tenorio and Board Vice Chairman Clarence T. Tenorio of Saipan; Board Secretary-Treasurer Tony Ganngiyan of Yap; Board Chairman Kasiano Joseph of Pohnpei, and Board member Johnny Reklai of Palau.

U.S. Rep Office moved

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The U.S. Representative's Office was moved March 23 into Erika Peterson's new building near the Pohnpei State Agriculture Station, according to Administrative Assistant Mitchell Hagerstrom.

The office, which was changed from U.S. Liaison Office when the Compact of Free Association went into effect on Nov. 3, was located in the Peace Corps Micronesia headquarters here.

Acting U.S. Representative Steven Mann was visiting Truk state, March 25-28. The nomination of former U.S. Liaison Officer Michael Wygant to serve as the first U.S. Representative here is expected to be confirmed by early summer.

The office mailing address is P.O. Box 1286, Kolonia, Pohnpei 96941, and the telephone number is 187.

Advanced plumbing course applications accepted

Regional T3 Center planned

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Applications are being accepted by the Trades Training and Testing Center here for an advanced plumbing course to be conducted by International Labor Organization consultant Joseph Mailulu, according to FSM T3 Program Coordinator Henry Hickey.

The ILO is providing tools, equipment and advanced training to prepare the National T3 Center here to be its Micronesian Regional Training Center, Hickey said.

With the construction of a new National T3 Center near the Pohnpei Islands Central School, Hickey said that he was advised that "plans for the project to continue in 1987-89 are well in hand," and that ILO Chief Technical Advisor Frank Lunn will visit the FSM in June to discuss the next phase.

Individuals interested in participating in the advanced plumbing course may telephone 928, or apply at the T3 Training Center on the former Maeda Construction Co. site near the Pohnpei State Hospital, Hickey said.

Mailulu, a plumbing expert, arrived

March 17 from Fiji and is scheduled to be here for two months to supervise final plumbing installations at the new National T3 Center which is expected to be ready for occupancy in late May or early June, Hickey said.

ILO construction expert Rusi Raiwalui, who designed the National T3 Center and worked on its initial construction stages last year, is scheduled to arrive May 3 to supervise its final construction stages; conduct advanced training for Truk and Yap construction training officers so they can meet ILO standards by attaining the Final proficiency level, and help select a Pohnpei construction training officer to replace Joannis Bartolome who resigned.

Lunn said that mechanical expert Bill Brown, who helped establish the T3 program here in 1985, will return to Pohnpei on a date to be scheduled to conduct advanced training and administer Intermediate and Final level examinations, Hickey reported.

The Truk T3 Program was moved to a temporary center built by Construction Training Officer Michael Martin and his trainees on land provided by Gov. Gideon Doone who promised a site for a permanent center, according to Hickey who said that the FSM Congress will be asked to provide funds to build permanent centers in Truk, Yap and Kosrae.

PREP deadline near

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - May 1 is the deadline for proposals for presentations to the Pacific Region Educational Program's fourth annual conference to be held Aug. 11-13 in Pohnpei, according to the January-February edition of the University of Hawaii "Pacific Islands Program Newsletter."

Persons wishing to have presentations considered for the conference should submit their proposals to: Pacific Region Educational Program; 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1409; Honolulu, Hawaii 96813; phone 808-533-2941.

The proposals should address the theme, "The Pacific Child: Growing with the Challenge," from a "regional perspective and present practical and applied knowledge relating to classroom practices at the elementary, secondary and postsecondary levels," according to the article.

The conference is being cosponsored by the Pohnpei State Education Department, FSM Education Office, Trust Territory Education Division, Pacific Region Educational Program and the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory.

Suzuki receives award

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Akira J. Suzuki, officer in charge of the FSM Weather Service Office here, was presented \$1,000 for "sustained and superior performance during the past two years," by Vice President Bailey Olter, during a Feb. 17 ceremony in the office of the President.



BOOKS DELIVERED - Capt. David Roy, Civil Action Team commander in Pohnpei, is delivering Dec. 7 to FSM Education Director Daro Weital some 500 pounds of texts collected earlier by an Army Reserve group in Honolulu and shipped on an Air Micronesia flight, when his men cut back on their personal items to make room for the shipment.

Army sends books

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - A container loaded with books collected in a U.S. Army Reserve unit book drive in Honolulu was scheduled to arrive March 24 by ship to be used in FSM schools as supplementary instructional materials, according to national Education Advisor Stuart Arno.

The books are texts which were collected in a book drive by the 322nd Civil Affairs Group, stored at Schofield Barracks in Honolulu and shipped to Pohnpei on Micronesian Commerce with the freight charges to be waived by Philippines, Micronesia and Orient Lines, according to a Feb. 26 letter from PM&O representative Javier J. Cardenas to the FSM Transportation Department.

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"Capt. Roy will try to keep going with the collection, storage and possible cataloging of books in the future to let us know what books are available," Arno said.

The first two shipments of books are being distributed to the Kosrae and Pohnpei education departments, he said.

"In the future, we will try to get the state education departments to let us know the types of books they want to be shipped directly to them," Arno said.

He said the books could be used as supplemental instructional materials and could be placed in elementary and secondary classrooms for student use.

"Federated States Shipping Co. President Yosuo Phillip also has helped by waiving the storage costs," Arno said.

Kolonia to have 24-hour water

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Kolonia is scheduled to have 24-hour water service in all sections by September as a result of a \$2,057,000 project which was funded by the Trust Territory government in 1984 and is being administered by the FSM Construction Division, according to its chief, John Crooks.

The FSM started its phase of the project in September and completed drilling eight functional wells in November, he said.

The Kolonia Water Project being conducted in cooperation with the Pohnpei State Public Works Department also includes metering all users, repairing the transmission main and service road from the Nanpil River diversion dam to the water treatment plant, repairing the water treatment plant, valve replacement and main line repairs and a water conservation public education program, he said.

"The project is about one-fourth completed," Crooks said, adding that he expects it to be completed "one year from now."

Medical officers training program dedicated

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program, which began here with the first class starting Jan. 15, was dedicated by FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama and Gov. Resio Moses, during a ceremony held March 17 in the Pohnpei State Hospital.

Also participating in the ceremony were Dr. Eliuel Pretrick, FSM Health Services Administrator, and Dr. Gregory Dever, acting director for the program which is administered by the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine and serves American Samoa, the Northern Marianas, Palau, the Marshall Islands and FSM.

The U.S.-funded program is scheduled to train more than 70 physicians in health manpower needs of the region, according to Dever who said that emphasis will be placed on maternal and child health, public health and public health engineering.

The program requires five years of training towards a Medical Officers degree with each year divided into two 21-week sessions separated by one-month breaks in June and December.

Application procedures for the next class of students will begin in January, 1988, may be obtained from local health services directors, or by writing to the Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program, P.O. Box 1298, Kolonia, Pohnpei 96941. Candidates must have at least two years of college, professional health educa-

tion or equivalent work experience and be competent in written and spoken English.

Other staff members are Dr. Tol Gulick, curriculum coordinator; Dr. Jimione Samisoni, instructor; Joe Larina, administrator; Jonathan Hull, English as a second language instructor, and Gina Womack, office manager.

The first class of 23 students includes:

Carmen Alik, Marshalls; Kathy Ngemaes and Sylvia Osarch, Palau; Martin Bil, Thomas Rikin, Joanes Sarofalpiy and Felix Yomai, Yap; Sam Choffat, Helden Heldart, Abram Ichin, Jacinta Lippw, Percy Pitoli, Kennedy Remit and Kiny Sananap, Truk; Imaculada Douglas, Ianser Edward, Elizabeth Keller, Rihmen Lanzo and Mihpel Oiter, Pohnpei, and Winston Likiaksa, Vita Skilling and Livinon Taulung, Kosrae.

FAO plans Food Services evaluation

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization is planning to send a nutritionist and an agro-economist to the FSM for at least one month this year to evaluate the nutritional and economic impact of the Food Services program, Dr. Maarten Nube of the FAO office in Tonga announced during his March 17-24 visit to Pohnpei.

A Pohnpei State Food and Nutrition Policy Workshop to be sponsored by FAO was scheduled for May 25-26 at a site to be determined, during Nube's March 20 meeting here with the Pohnpei Working Group in the State Conservation and Resource Surveillance Department Conference Room.

The meeting was chaired by State Agriculture Extension Coordinator Morea Veratau and was attended by representatives of the state Food Services, C&RS, Education, Health Services and Community Action agencies and CTAS.

Nube is project manager for the U.N. Development Program/FAO Regional Project for Development of National Food and Nutrition Planning Programs in the South Pacific who began visiting Pohnpei and the FSM in June, 1986, to plan a National Food and Nutrition Policy Workshop.

"I'm still aiming for a national workshop in 1988," he said.

"I intend to go to Truk, after the workshop here in May, and I want to visit Kosrae for the first time and Yap the second time later this year," Nube said.

Nube said that funding for his regional program, which also includes Kiribati, Tonga, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands, ends in November and that the UNDP was asked to provide about \$800,000 to continue it for three years.

The Food Services evaluation is to be conducted possibly in October indepen-

dently of the policy workshops but in relation to their goals of establishing national food and nutrition policies, Nube said.

The evaluation proposal was supported by FSM Health Services Director Eliuel Pretrick and was discussed with Pohnpei officials, he said, after it was recommended by John Cameron of Norwick, England, an economics consultant to the FAO project who visited Pohnpei and Truk with Nube in October.

"The principal subject of evaluation will be its impact on the nutritional status of children participating in the scheme," he said, adding the evaluators will look at the impact of the Food Services program on local food production, marketing, pricing and consumption to determine whether it dictates or supports local policies.

The Food Service program was established in Micronesia in 1975 when the U.S. Agriculture Department National School Lunch Program was extended to the Trust Territory. It later included school breakfast, child care, hospital food, Head Start and aging programs.

The school lunch program was serving one meal a day to some 29,000 people in 1985 for 180 days at the cost of about \$5 million, according to the Cameron report.

The Food Services program has a small coordinating staff in the FSM Health Services Office and state offices which handle purchasing and distribution of local and imported food.

It is scheduled to be phased out over three years, due to the Compact of Free Association which was implemented Nov. 3, with funding reduced to 75 per cent the first, 50 per cent the second and 25 per cent the third year, to be supplemented by Compact funds at the discretion of the state and national governments.



TRAINING DEDICATED - President Tosiwo Nakayama is speaking during the March 17 dedication of the Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program at the Pohnpei State Hospital.

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