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Pohnpei International Airport reopens for Air Mike

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The repair work on the runway of the Pohnpei International Airport was completed on Saturday, June 13, reopening the airport to flights by Continental Air Micronesia.

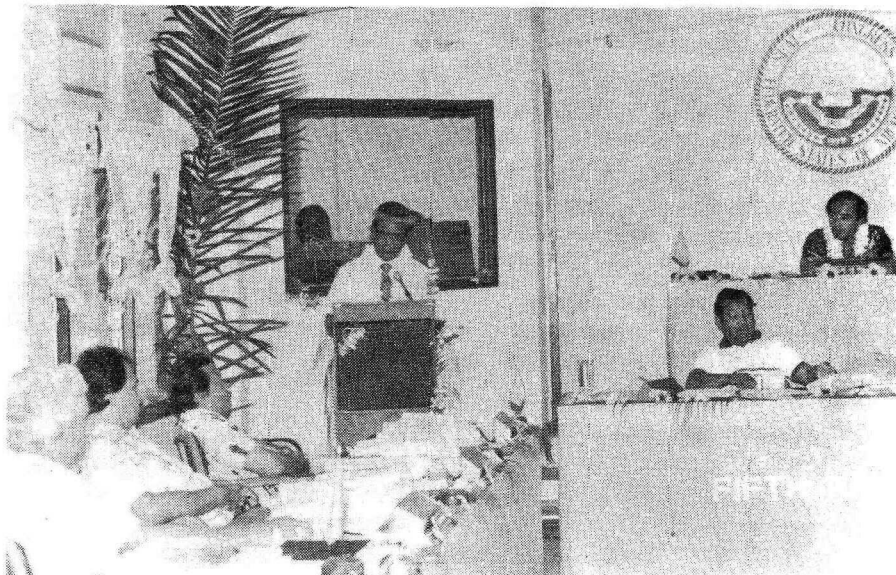
"The airport was reopened, however, we are exercising short landing procedures with restricted payloads," Air Mike Officials here said.

State Department of Public Works and Pohnpei Transportation Authority employees worked for more than two weeks, on a 24-hour basis with three shifts a day, repairing a 90-foot square section of runway 27 which extends from two to eight inches deep, Public Works Director Bernin Weilbacher said, adding that the abundant rains along with technical problems caused delays in the work.

Technical assistance and additional supporting equipment were provided by Hanil Development Co. of Korea which is constructing the FSM Capitol complex and will be constructing the Pohnpei International Air terminal, Weilbacher said.

The only flights departing or arriving Pohnpei since May 24 were those by a military plane, which brought in mail, and the Queen Air nine-passenger aircraft by Pacific Missionary Aviation (PMA) on Pohnpei.

Since the close May 24 of the airport until its reopening June 13, PMA was averaging two flights a day, Monday through Saturday, to Kosrae including few trips to Truk where travellers, mail and other cargos were left by Continental Air Micronesia for PMA connecting flights to Pohnpei.



URGES CONGRESS TO HEED "RIGHTFUL DUTIES" - Former FSM President Tos-iwo Nakayama, standing, is delivering a special address June 6 to the FSM Congress. Seated from left, clockwise, are: FSM Senators Leo A. Falcam of Pohnpei, Redley Killion of Truk, and Vice Speaker Elias Thomas of Pohnpei, Congress staff Apsalem Enicar, Nakayama, Assistant Chief Clerk Mitchuo Daniel and Congress Speaker Jack Fritz of Truk. See story on page 2.

Congress adjourns, ratifies treaties

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Fifth Congress of the FSM adjourned June 11 after passing seven bills, including a supplemental appropriation for Congress and a bill extending from 30 to 90 days the resignation dateline for FSM public officials.

The Congress, which extended its first regular session for additional two days to conclude its order of business, also adopted 37 resolutions, including the measure to hold a 15-day special session here beginning on July 13 in order to consider the national budget and the Presidential cabinet nominations among other major topics.

The FSM Congress also approved resolutions ratifying the Pacific Islands States Agreement on implementation and administration of the Multinational Fisheries

Treaty with the United States (CR 5-10), and ratifying certain Pacific Islands States Fisheries Treaty with the United States (CR 5-11).

Bills passed include:

CB 5-8 setting forth the formula for division of Compact of Free Association funds under Section 216(a)(3) to include: 36.6 percent, Truk; 28.4 percent, Pohnpei; 16.1 percent, Yap; 8.9 percent, Kosrae, and 10.0 percent, FSM national government. President John Haglelgam signed the bill into law on June 17 and designated it as Public Law 5-3.

CB 5-9 to appropriate \$7.24 million for the FSM Telecom Corp.,

CB 5-21 amending the FSM Code to extend from 30 to 90 days the time in which public officials

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Nakayama urges Congress on "rightful duties" in last address

KOLONIA, Pohnpei- Former President Tosiwo Nakayama urged June 6 the FSM Congress to avoid infringing on the "rightful duties" of the executive branch.

The First FSM President, who was replaced May 11 by President John Haglelgam of Yap, also urged Congress members to avoid cultural imperialism by any Micronesian group trying to dominate the others and cautioned against streamlining the executive branch in such a way that it would displace large numbers of families.

Nakayama, who is from Truk, was invited by the Fifth FSM Congress to address its First Regular Session. The address originally was set for May 29 but was postponed.

He reflected on his eight years at the helm "as organizational, as supportive of the unity among our states, forging an international image, formalizing the Compact of Free Association, formative and successful!"

The FSM gained independence with the implementation Nov. 3 of the Compact and its admission as a full member of the South Pacific Forum recently in Apia, Western Samoa. "Signifies recognition by member nations of the Forum of our sovereignty," Nakayama said.

Reflecting on his experiences with the FSM Congress, the former President said, "I felt my schemes deserved a better treatment than received.

"Perhaps I was wrong in feeling that executive initiatives were, oftentimes, put aside as secondary to community halls and sea walls," Nakayama said, urging the new President "to learn from my mistakes and make it a point to communicate more than I did with this honorable body and its members."

He suggested that the Congress members "engage themselves more on formulation of laws and policies and let the Executive Branch spend time enforcing and carrying

them out, as is mandated by our Constitution," to avoid wasteful duplication and "infringement on others and their rightful duties."

Noting that "we have come a long way in shaking the shackles of colonialism, paternalism and other forms of foreign domination," Nakayama said that there is no room in Congress for condescension and cultural imperialism.

Economic independence is the nation's most difficult challenge and can be achieved only if Congress implements the National Development Plan, which would otherwise "Join many others accumulating dust," he said.

Nakayama urged the Congress to work with the new President on his proposals to "rearrange" the

education system to make it more relevant to lifestyles and economic development goals here and to restructure the executive branch.

But he cautioned that "one of the foremost pitfalls to avoid in a Micronesian setting is a change of everything overnight.

"People in general fear changes, especially those of which are destined to move families as a matter of policy," Nakayama said.

While there is a stated need to streamline the government and cut the budget, he said, "the cutting must be done in the interest and the atmosphere of trust, of belief in our growth as common entity. In solidarity with our commonalty and not out of malice, avarice or out of "show of power."

FSM admitted as Forum member

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia was admitted May 29 as a full member of the South Pacific Forum during the its annual meeting in Apia, Western Samoa, FSM President John R. Haglelgam announced recently.

The President, who headed the delegation from the Federated States of Micronesia to the meeting, said upon arrival here that he was impressed by the manner in which the meetings were conducted and the Pacific way of doing things in reaching results on issues of concern based on consensus.

"The forum is the highest political body in the Pacific islands region with membership open only to independent and fully self-governing nations," the President said, noting that "our membership in the Forum is a significant step forward in our political evolution.

"The acceptance by our Pacific island neighbors of our emergence as a sovereign nation represents

the regional support and identity" which the forum membership gives the Federated States of Micronesia so we can move forward to take our full role in the regional and international affairs to the extent of our resources and interests, the President said, adding that he was pleased with the Forum results.

The Government of the Marshall Islands was also admitted to full membership in the Forum during the Apia meeting, FSM officials said.

Up until last year when Marshall Islands joined the South Pacific Bureau for Economic Cooperation (SPEC) which was established in August 1973 to translate Forum's decisions into action and to promote regional cooperation in expansion of trade and economic development, the FSM was the only member of the SPEC that was only an observer in the Forum since 1981, FSM officials said.

The main focus, among major topics, for the Forum during the

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Congress thanked Hicom McCoy for support

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must submit their resignations. The bill was signed into law by the President on June 9 and designated PL 5-2.

CB 5-26 appropriating \$104,900 for fiscal 1987 to pay for security services for the FSM national government,

CB 5-30 appropriating \$46,450 supplemental budget for Congress. It was signed into law by the President on June 8 and was designated as PL 5-1.

CB 5-35 to amend FSM Code to add a new section 231 to establish procedures for securing and perfecting liens on assets of the FSM Telecom Corp., and

CB 5-49 appropriating \$89,125 to reimburse the state governments for a portion of the costs of their law enforcement activities regarding national crimes; and apportioning the sum as: \$5,188, Kosrae; \$47,144, Pohnpei; \$13,473, Truk; and \$23,350 for Yap.

Other resolutions adopted during the last two weeks of the session are:

CR 5-12 expressing appreciation to and conferring "Honorary FSM Citizenship" on the Rev. Hugh F. Costigan, who was then suffering intestinal cancer in New York City and later died and was buried here on Pohnpei (see story on pp 4-5), for his 40 years of service to Micronesia, since coming to Pohnpei in 1947 and founding the Ponape Agriculture and Trade School here in 1965 to serve all of Micronesia.

CR 5-13 expressing gratitude to Gary Takeuchi for his service since 1983 as a staff attorney and 1984 as legal counsel.

CR 5-15 expressing gratitude to Harold Judd for his service since July 1985 as Resources and Development Committee legal counsel.

CR 5-16 expressing the sense of the Congress that eligibility for U.S. Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance programs should be maintained for all FSM students throughout the Compact period.

CR 5-18 requesting that appropriate FSM national government officials raise the issue of the interpretation of paragraph 8 of Article VI of the Federal Programs and Services Agreement, and to report the results to the Congress prior to the commencement of the next Congress session.

CR 5-19 thanking the Hawaii State Legislature for providing in-service training opportunities to FSM Congress staff.

CR 5-20 urging the executive branch to seek an air service commitment for Kosrae equal to that which is enjoyed by the other FSM states.

CR 5-21 confirming the nomination of Robert Weilbacher to the position of Secretary of FSM Transportation Department.

CR 5-23 confirming the nomination of Luey K. Luey of Kosrae to the Board of FSMDB.

CR 5-28 expressing appreciation to the Honorable Raymond Setik for his many years of dedicated service to the people of Micronesia.

CR 5-29 urging the FSM President to make future funding for the College of Micronesia an immediate priority for the Administration.

CR 5-30 setting forth the sum of the total funds estimated to be available for fiscal 1987 appropriation.

CR 5-42 expressing gratitude to Mrs. Cindy McCain and associates for their donation of medical equipment to the Truk State Hospital.

CR 5-43 approving the fiscal year 1987 Education Consolidation and Improvement Act Grant Applications pursuant to Section 210(2) of Title 55 of FSM Code.

CR 5-45 authorizing \$281,906 to be available to the Trust Territory Security Board from the T.T. Social Security Retirement Fund for purchasing of computer hardware and its installation in each of the office of the successor Social Security administrations.

CR 5-47 conveying heartfelt gratitude to the Honorable Soukisehng, the Namwarki of Kitti, Iso Nahniken of Kitti, Rohsa and the people of Kitti for hosting a party for the FSM Congress in Kitti.

CR 5-51 confirming the nomination of James Lukan of Yap to the Board of FSMDB.

CR 5-52 expressing appreciation to the Honorable Koichi Sana for his many years of service in the FSM Congress.

CR 5-53 extending the First Regular Session of the Congress for additional two days.

CR 5-54 calling for a first special session of the Fifth Congress to be convened on July 13, 1987, for 15 days.

CR 5-57 thanking and commending former President Tosiwo Nakayama for addressing the FSM Congress on June 6.

CR 5-58 expressing appreciation to the Honorable Pedro Harris for his many years of service in the FSM Congress.

CR 5-59 expressing appreciation to Police Officers of the FSM states for ensuring excellent security services during the First Regular Session of the Fifth FSM Congress.

CR 5-60 thanking Mrs. Janet McCoy for her many years of support to the people of Micronesia.

CR 5-61 requesting the FSM Finance Secretary to deposit at least \$4,000 of funds held by the FSM national government in banks within the FSM.

FORUM....

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Apia meeting was to review relationship between the South Pacific Forum and the Forum's official secretariat—the SPEC.

The South Pacific Forum was established in 1971 in a New Zealand meeting to enable the leaders of the newly independent countries of the region to discuss their common problems in a "forum" without the metropolitan powers.

Forum membership includes all founding members, namely the Cook Islands, Fiji, Nauru, Tonga, Western Samoa, Australia and New Zealand; plus Niue, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and recently the FSM and the Marshall Islands.

Subsidiary organizations or affiliated bodies of the Forum include: the SPEC, Forum Fisheries Agency (FAA), and the South Pacific Trade Commission (SPTC).

As a full member of the Forum, it would mean the FSM has full right and opportunity to participate in making decisions affecting the Pacific region governments.

Costigan, eulogized as an achiever, a tough

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Rev. Hugh F. Costigan, S.J., was buried at noon June 7 in front of the Sacred Heart Church on the campus of Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) which he founded in Madolenihmw.

The burial took place on the green lawn in front of the church overlooking the Madolenihmw Harbor, under a light drizzle with a crowd of little over five thousand mourners, friends, government, church and traditional leaders looking on.

Father Costigan, 72, a native of Bronx, New York, died May 28 while being treated for intestinal cancer at the Jesuit Infirmary at Fordham University, Bronx, New York City.

Father Costigan, who stood six foot four and weighed over 200 lbs., was eulogized as a "dreamer, an achiever, a tough boss and a warm friend," by the Pohnpei Jesuit Superior Rev. Edward Soucie, S.J., and a dozen other speakers who called Costigan as "a man who built the budding PATS community out of a swampy taro paddy" in early 1950's.

Father Costigan, who was given the title of "Honorary Citizen" of Micronesia by the former Congress of Micronesia was recently on May 20 given the title of "Honorary Citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia" by the FSM Congress in recognition of his many contributions and accomplishments, his love, dedication and service in promoting social, educational, economic and spiritual development of the Nation. He was also given the high traditional title of "Lepenseipel" in Madolenihmw, and was once featured in the ABC television series, "Saga of Western Man" for his outstanding contributions to Micronesia.

Father Costigan served as PATS director from its beginning until he retired May 16, 1982, turning the reigns over to the Rev. James



REV. COSTIGAN IS BURIED ON POHNPEI - Ballbearers are carrying the casket bearing the remains of Rev. Costigan to the burial grounds in front of the Sacred Heart Church in PATS which he founded in 1965. "Lepenseipel," Costigan's traditional title from Madolenihmw, was praised by officials in eulogies as founder, molder and builder of communities and was made, before his death, an "Honorary Citizen" of both Micronesia and the FSM by the former Congress of Micronesia and the FSM Congress, respectively, for his outstanding contributions to Micronesia.

P. Stehr, S.J.

After his retirement, he divided his time between PATS and the P.E.A.C.E. Foundation (Foundation to Promote Economic, Agricultural and Community Endeavors) which he established in New York City to raise funds for PATS.

"Father Costigan was able to raise \$1.5 million as part of the PATS 25th Anniversary Campaign throughout the world before his death, an amount which falls short of his aim of \$5 million to be put in the PATS Trust Fund," PATS deputy director Catalino Sam said.

Father Costigan was born June 3, 1914, in the Bronx, New York City. He attended Fordham University in New York, the College of the Sacred Heart, Philippines, and Woodstock College, Maryland, and received a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts in education and Licentiate in Theology degrees.

He entered the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuit Order, on Feb. 1, 1932, and was ordained a priest on June 18, 1944.

The FSM Congress resolution

cites Rev. Costigan as founder, molder and builder of communities whose "tireless and unselfish" efforts provided "concrete block homes to hundreds of Pohnpeians, Pingelapese and Kosraeans and built 90 percent of all government schools and teacher homes" in Pohnpei and Kosrae States.

Father Costigan's remains, which were accompanied by his sister Marie Sunderland and her husband Daniel and a longtime friend of Costigan's family Rev. John Cositine, were flown from Kosrae aboard a Pacific Missionary Aviation (PMA) nine-passenger plane on Saturday, June 6, since the Pohnpei International Airport was closed May 24 to larger aircrafts for repair of the runway.

The remains were flown to Pohnpei for burial at PATS as Father Costigan's last wish, said PATS officials, who added that they were pleased by the turn out at the airport and at the ensuing few hours of "prayer service" at the Our Lady of Mercy Church in Kolonia where thousands of

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Loss, a warm friend, came home to be buried

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friends flocked to pay their last respects and to view the remains before they were brought up in a motorcade to PATS some 15 miles east of Kolonia for the wake and burial.

Father Costigan first arrived in Pohnpei in 1947. He served as Our Lady of Mercy Church pastor in Kolonia and Jesuit Superior for the former Trust Territory district until 1954 when he moved to Madolenihmw to prepare for the establishment of a vocational agriculture and trade secondary school.

Together with the Rev. Edward Soucie, Father Costigan opened PATS in 1965 with 37 students from throughout Micronesia.

Before World War II, Father Costigan taught in the Philippines where he was an English and social studies instructor at the College of St. Joseph; assistant dean, College of Education, Xavier University; editor of "INSTA" and "The Ambassador," and contributing correspondent to "Cultura Social" Spanish and "The Commonweal" English publications.

After the war, he was assistant director of the Jesuit Seminary and Mission Bureau, New York City, and because of his close association with Guamanian students who had attended the Ateneo de Manila and the College of St. Joseph, he served on fund-raising committees to send clothing and other relief supplies to Guam.

After coming to Pohnpei, Father Costigan concentrated his efforts on rehabilitation and reconstruction of war damaged facilities. The present Catholic Mission in Kolonia was built at this time.

Former Micronesia Jesuit Superior and former president of the East Asian Assistancy of the Jesuits Rev. Bill McGary, S.J., eulogized Costigan as a "man who spent his life with a theme to repair World War II damages in

Kolonia, and who finally moved to PATS to build fixed foundations" as his efforts to help people rebuild their family and improve the quality of life throughout Micronesia.

Rev. Costigan had experience in the construction trades and was a lifetime member of the AFL-CIO Plumbers Union, so he introduced the use of concrete and concrete hollow block in Pohnpei.

He also was active in the organization of cooperatives and credit unions in Pohnpei, including the Madolenihmw Housing Coop-

erative, the Madolenihmw Copra Cooperative Association.

Father Costigan also was instrumental in the development of the Ponape Coconut Products processing plant at PATS, in the establishment of the 1968 Community Leadership Training Program which provided countless elder Pohnpeians with management expertise, mechanical knowledge and scientific agricultural skills required to operate cooperatives and associations, and he served as a founding member of the College of Micronesia Board of Regents.

President submits nominations to Congress

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Robert Weilbacher of Kosrae was confirmed June 3 by FSM Congress as Secretary of FSM Transportation Department during its May session.

President John R. Haglelgam submitted May 25 to Congress Weilbacher's name along with three others of the 13 holdover cabinet members as Cabinet members in his new administration.

Named to their current positions were Robert Weilbacher as Secretary of Transportation Department, Kohne Ramon as Head of the Office of Personnel, Del Pangelinan as Head of Budget Office and Dr. Eliuel Pretrick as Head of the Office of Health Services.

Haglelgam informed Congress Speaker Jack Fritz in his May-25 letter that "he feels strongly that (these nominees) will continue to be assets as Cabinet members in this new administration," adding that upon review of the performance of these men, he found that they have done a good job for the FSM.

The President also submitted resolutions confirming these nominations and asked the Congress to give prompt consideration on the matter so to help his efforts in forming a new administration.

The President unveiled during a

May 21 meeting with holdover cabinet members his plan to reorganize the FSM executive branch by increasing the number of departments from four to eight and eliminating most of the existing offices, all boards, commissions and independent agencies.

If the Congress does not act on the proposed reorganization plan during its current session which ends June 9, temporary secretaries and office heads may be appointed to head existing departments and offices with the intent that some of these nominees may be subsequently appointed as ministers to the new proposed departments, the President earlier said.

Department heads would become ministers, instead of secretaries, if the reorganization proposal is approved by the FSM Congress.

Weilbacher was confirmed by Congress while confirmation of others are still pending in the Congress.

Weilbacher, 39, became the first secretary of Transportation Department which was created in September by the FSM Congress, after his serving as FSM Resources and Development Department Transportation Division

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Yap, Kosrae candidates file

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Kosrae State Legislature Speaker Thurston Siba and Yap Legislature Government Health and Welfare Committee Chairman Robert R. Ruecho have withdrawn from the race after three candidates in Yap and six in Kosrae filed their candidacy for the Congressional special elections to be held July 1 on Kosrae and July 2 on Yap for the at-large seats vacated by the President and the Vice President.

Ruecho, who was reached at the Yap State Legislature, confirmed that he had withdrawn from the three-way race in Yap for personal reasons, while Kosrae national election commissioner's office reported that candidate Thurston Siba, the Kosrae State Legislature Speaker, has withdrawn officially on June 12 from the Kosrae six-way race.

The deadline to request absentee ballots is June 26 in both Yap and Kosrae and the deadline to submit the absentee ballots is June 27 in both Yap and Kosrae.

Yap State Public Works Deputy Director Henry Falan and the Yap Outer Islands High School Counselor Joseph Urusumal are seeking the Yap seat vacated by the Honorable John R. Haglelgam when he was elected the President by the FSM Congress.

In Kosrae, the former FSM Congress vice speaker Joab N. Sigrah, former Kosrae State governor Jacob Nena, former Kosrae State senator Donald Jonah, Kosrae State Hospital Administrator Nena S. Nena, and FSM External Affairs Foreign Service Officer Alik L. Alik are vying for the seat vacated by the Honorable Hiroshi H. Ismael after he was elected to become the Third Vice President of the FSM.

The Congress elected Haglelgam and Ismael from among its four at-large members with four-year terms on May 11 and they were sworn into office by FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward C.

King the same day during a brief ceremony at the President's Office prior to formal Inauguration Ceremonies on May 19.

FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz of Truk declared the seats vacant on May 13, giving the Yap and Kosrae National election commissioners 50 days after receiving notice of vacancies to schedule elections.

Falan, 37, is a native of Map Municipality of Yap who formerly served as an administrative officer for the FSM Finance Department, who also served as FSM Student Services Coordinator on Guam, Yap legislator for one year, counselor for Yap Senior High School, and worked for the T.T. Headquarters in Saipan as a secondary school researcher.

Urusumal, 35, is a native of Euripik Atoll, an outer island of Yap, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Police Science from Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Missouri, previously served as a correctional officer for the Department of Corrections in Jackson County courthouse, Missouri.

Sigrah, 55, of Tafunsak, Kosrae, was former vice speaker of the FSM Congress in the First through Fourth congresses but lost his at-large seat to Hiroshi H. Ismael during the last March-3 Congressional general elections. He served as a member of Kosrae Municipal Council, as a member of the Ponape District Legislature when Kosrae was a sub-district center of Pohnpei, and a member of the Council of Micronesia.

Alik, 34, is also of Tafunsak Municipality. He previously served as the chairman of Kosrae State Environmental Protection Board, as a member of Kosrae State Scholarship Board, as Counselor for Kosrae High School, and as a law clerk for the FSM Supreme Court in Summer of 1983.

Jacob Nena previously served as

Two prominent Micronesians receive degrees

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Two prominent Micronesians received honorary doctor degrees from the universities of Guam and Hawaii during recent commencement exercises.

Receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Guam during May 24 commencement exercises was the First FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama and traditional navigator Pius (Mau) Piailug of Satawal, Yap, who received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from the University of Hawaii during the May 17 commencement exercises at Rainbow Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Nakayama, who has been in public service most of his adult life, served, among countless others, as Assistant District Administrator of Truk in 1964 to being the First President of the FSM in 1979 for two consecutive four-year terms and recently retired to become a fisherman.

Nakayama attended the University of Hawaii in 1955-1958, and in 1967-1969. He received the U.H. most distinguished alumni "Rainbow Award" on March 25, 1982, and the East West Center 1984 "Distinguished Alumni" Award.

Piailug, a teacher of traditional navigation in his native home of Satawal Islands, Yap, gained international recognition for guiding the Polynesian double-hull canoe, Hokule'a, in 1976 on a 2,800-mile voyage from Maui to Tahiti and was featured in the motion picture and video documentary, "The Navigators, Pathfinders of the South Pacific," recently returned to Hawaii to welcome the return of Hokule'a from Tahiti under the guidance of Nainoa Thompson, his Hawaiian navigation student.

Piailug, dressed in a red "thu" and wearing a crown of flowers, gave his thanks through an interpreter at the Honolulu graduation.

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Ten Micronesian students awarded scholarships

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The School of the Pacific Islands, at Thousand Oaks, California, recently announced that it has awarded ten scholarships to secondary school age students from all over Micronesia to participate among 250

world community representatives in the Athenian summer International Cultural Exchange Program to be held July 19-August 22 in San Francisco, California, according to SPI Educational Administrator Nancy Goglia.

The five-week program is designed as a voyage of discovery for worldwide group of bright, well motivated and committed students, Ms. Goglia said, adding that each student will select an area of concentration from a va-

riety of offerings or majors and will also have the opportunity to meet and discuss issues with internationally known guest speakers from the worlds of government, business, education and the arts.

The terms of scholarship includes: a roundtrip ticket, personal expenses, tuition fees and board, Goglia said.

Scholarship winners include: Francis Erra and Diane Myazo of Assumption High School and Kathleen Jonathan of Marshall Islands High School, Marshalls Islands; Lotto Ismael of Kosrae High School, Kosrae; Tina Mizukami of Saint John's School and Sunch

Kintaro of Palau from Academy of Our Lady of Guam, Guam; Kanrow Pongliyab of Yap and Bernice Rengulbai of Palau from Xavier High School, Truk; and Margie Ngimmidol of Palau High School and Timothy Santos of Mindszenty High School, Palau.

PBMOTP seeks applicants for 1988

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program is now accepting applications for its second class entry which is slated to begin here in January 1988, according to Project Coordinator Doctor Greg Dever.

The program, which began here Jan. 15, 1987 and dedicated by the then FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama and Gov. Resio Moses of Pohnpei on March 17, is a U.S. Federally funded project designed to train the next generation of physicians for the Federated States of Micronesia, The republics of Belau and the Marshall Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas and American Samoa.

Presently, 23 students from Pohnpei, Truk, Kosrae Yap, the republics of Belau and the Marshall Islands are enrolled in the program.

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.

The program is administered by the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii, and is geared in the first year to rapidly introduce students to the working health care environment.

The second and third years of the program focus on a problem-based organ system approach to health and the disease process and also emphasize community medicine and public health.

In the fourth and fifth years, students will act as interns at assigned locations within Micronesia and the Pacific region.

Persons who wish to apply must have completed at least two years of college or have related work experience and be prepared for a rigorous five-year training program, said Dr. Dever, who added that persons interested in applying to the program may obtain ap-

plications from the directors of health services in Micronesia and American Samoa - all of whom are members of the Board of Advisors for the program.

Interested candidates should contact their state or republic's Director of Health, as recommendation for enrollment must come from these officials, or write to Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program, P.O. Box 1298, Kolonia, Pohnpei 96941, for further information.

The names and applications submitted by the directors will be reviewed by the program Advisory Board who will make the final selections. Notifications of acceptance for the January 1988 class will be made in October, 1987.

The deadline for submission of applications is September 15, 1987.

EAC graduates 13

THATCHER, Arizona - Thirteen Micronesian students were among the 147 graduates who received degrees from Eastern Arizona Col-

lege during the 97th Annual Commencement exercises on May 15, according to EAC International Student Committee Program Chairman Joseph Race.

Race, who was formerly the FSM Division of Safety and Investigation chief, said that among the 13 were six Pohnpeian students who received Associate of Arts

degrees, including Edward David, Mardany M. Handy, Morgan John Solomon, Glorina H. Susaia, Relina Iigohr Wilson and Merins Hadley Race.

Five others from Palau, one from the Marshall Islands and one from Saipan also received Associate of Arts degrees from Eastern Arizona College during the commencement exercises, Race said.

Candidates....

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Deputy District Administrator and District Administrator for Kosrae District until he became the first elected governor of Kosrae State in 1979 but was defeated by Yosiwo George in the 1983 Kosrae gubernatorial elections and during his second attempt to win the governor's seat in the Kosrae State November 1986 elections. He has been a businessman since he left politics early this year.

Jonah, 52, former Kosrae State senator was a teacher for Kosrae elementary and Intermediate schools in the 60's and also served as a Librarian/teacher at PICS Pohnpei, worked at the Kosrae Community Development Office, was elected as Kosrae representative to Ponape District

Legislature when Kosrae was a sub-district center for Ponape, served as a member of Kosrae State Legislature where he became the vice speaker for six years and later became the chairman of the Finance, Budget and Development Committee. He has been a businessman since he left politics early this year.

Nena S. Nena, 37, who receives a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Hawaii in 1984, previously served as a classroom teacher for Kosrae High School, as a member of the First Kosrae State Legislature (1977-1979), and formerly worked as the State Health Planning Office prior to becoming the State Hospital Public Health Administrator.

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Chief.

He previously worked for the Trust Territory Government under the Bureau of Transportation and Communications as Air Transportation Division Chief, Aviation Branch Acting Manager and Manager, Air Operations Supervisor and served in command and as Mate of various T.T. vessels on short term assignments in 1970-1971 and in 1980.

Weilbacher, who holds an unlimited Master's license, operates all navigational both conventional and electronic equipment and a licensed Harbour Pilot

in all T.T. ports, also received a qualified solo flight certificate from the Naval Air Station (NAS) on Guam in 1974 and certificates from trainings sponsored

by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Airport Engineering and Aeronautical Information.

Originally from Kosrae, Weilbacher was graduated from Xavier High School in Truk and received a Bachelor of (nautical) Science in Marine Transportation (BSMT) from the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy.



HAGLEIGAM SWEARS IN WEILBACHER - President John R. Haglelgam, left, is swearing in Robert Weilbacher, center, as Secretary of FSM Transportation Department while Mrs. Josepha Weilbacher, holding the bible, looks on.

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