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## Pres. Nakayama Expresses Concerns

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—In a letter to Congressman Morris K. Udall, House Interior Committee Chairman, FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama expressed concerns over amendments adopted recently to the resolution approving the Compact of Free Association by the Subcommittee on Public Lands chaired by Congressman John Seiberling.

Nakayama said that some of the amendments "severely restrict the concept of sovereignty and self-government established by the negotiators" and destruct the special measures designed to stimulate economic development."

He said that the amendments "converted the negotiated version of the Free Association into something more closely resembling territorial status", and warned that if that approach is maintained by the full House Interior Committee and finds ultimate Congressional approval, "the FSM Government will not be empowered to implement the compact of Free Association without a resubmission under FSM's Constitutional

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President Nakayama left was visited this month by the Honorable Mane Tupouniua, right, Director General of the South Pacific Bureau of Economic Cooperation. While in the FSM the Director General met with FSM State government leaders.

## ...a sense of shock & calm reigns over Palau

## President Remeliik killed

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—A sense of calm and shock was felt in Palau on Sunday (June 30) following the news that President Haruo I. Remeliik was shot and killed by an

unknown assailant, according to the July 1 edition of the Pacific Daily News.

Remeliik, in his second term and the only elected president the island republic has known, was shot four times as he walked from his car to his home in the hamlet of Ngerchemai on Koror, according to presidential assistant Bonifacio Basilius. Remeliik was returning from a fishing trip with friends.

FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama upon learning of the tragic death of the Republic's first President conveyed on June 30 his deepest sympathies to the family, the Government and the people of Palau for the untimely passing of President Remeliik.

In his telex to Vice President Alfonso Oiterong, Nakayama said, "It was with deep shock and



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# UNTC approves U.S actions

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—The United Nations Trusteeship Council early this month approved U.S. actions towards the Pacific Trust Territories and have decided to make an investigative visit of the territories beginning on July 16, according to a June 14 telex sent here from the Hicom's Office in Saipan.

The UN mission will visit the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republics of the Marshalls and Palau, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Its main purpose this time will be to investigate steps taken by the United States to achieve self-government and development in the territories.

The mission members consist of Richardson Stratton of Great Britain as its chairman; Andre Rochet of France; Jeff Bader and Girma Abebe, principal secretariate of the Trusteeship Council will arrive here at 3:13 p.m. on July 20 (Saturday).

While in Pohnpei, the mission may decide to visit Kosrae State on July 22. It is expected to be in Truk on July 23-25 and travel to Yap State from July 29-30.

Micheal Wygant of the Status ILO office on Saipan and Samuel MacPhetres from the High Commissioner's office are scheduled to accompany the mission members throughout the territory.

The Council's approval of "compacts of free association" on Friday (June 7) between the United States and the trust territories was accompanied by several suggestions for improvement.

These included lowering taxes

and quotas on exports to the United States from the territories, correcting a "disproportion between catches made by foreign boats and local fishermen" within the territories' 200-mile economic zone, increasing electrical power and bringing the disease of leprosy under control.

The Council's report was adopted 3-1 with the United States, France and Great Britain in favor and the USSR opposed. China, also a member of the Council did not participate.

The Soviet delegate, Valentin Berezovsky, said the compacts, which give the United States broad military rights in return for substantial economic aid, are "coverup for the annexation of the territories", according to an Associated Press news report.

Berezovsky protested in particular an article in the Council's report concerning Palau, which has an anti-nuclear provision in its constitution which is incompatible with the military provisions of the compact with the United States.

However, in its final report, the Council said that it appears to be for the governments of the United States and Palau to look for a mutually acceptable solution which would make it possible to bring the compact into effect.

The Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands is the last responsibility of the Trusteeship Council, one of four main UN bodies set up to supervise achievement of self-government for former Japanese and German colonies after WWII.

# Mrs. Mackwelung Passed away

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—Officials at National Government were informed during the month of the irreplaceable loss of the islands' beloved Mrs. Rose Mackwelung who died in Kosrae on June 16.

In his message relaying the sad news, Gov. Yosiwo George of Kosrae State said that Kosrae deeply mourns the untimely death of Mrs. Mackwelung, who is remembered as foremost and pioneer and an active civic leader of his state.



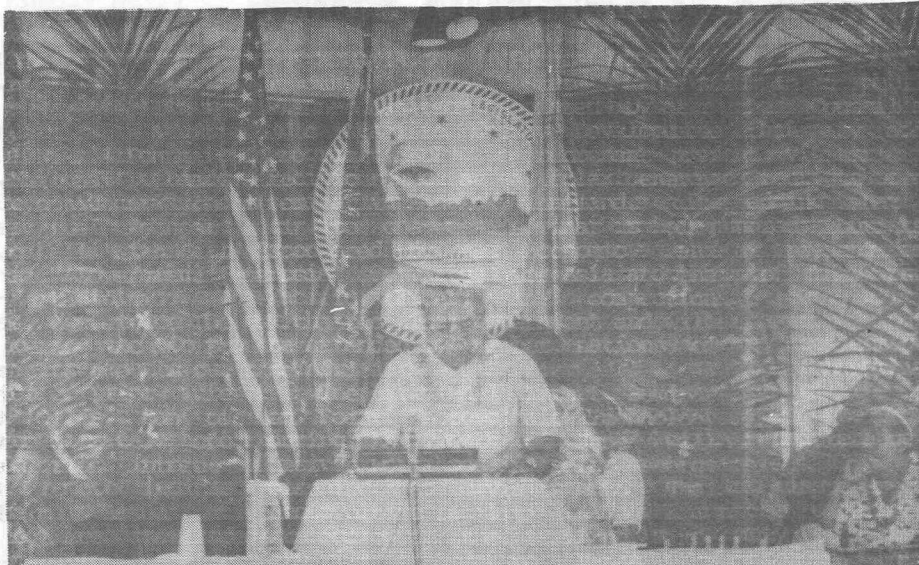
Mackwelung

In 1972 Mrs. Mackwelung was elected to the first regional governing body of the Baha'i Faith in Micronesia. The following year, she travelled to Isreal as a delegate to the elect the International Governing Body of the Baha'i Faith.

While in the Holy land, in addition to visiting Baha'i Holy Places, she visited Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and other Holy places associated with Christ's ministry.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Mackwelung was serving as a member of the local governing body of the Baha'i Faith in Malem Municipality, Kosrae State.

She is survived by her oldest son Lt. Governor Moses Mackwelung, Mrs. Lydia (daughter), Robert Mackwelung and his twin brother Claper Nelper of Pohnpei.



FSM VICE PRESIDENT BAILEY OLTOR CENTER ADDRESSING THE AMERICAN PACIFIC NURSING LEADERS—From Left, Mrs. Ium, President of APNE; Dr. Pretrick, Hadley, Mrs. Rospel and Gov. Moses looking on.

## Leadership meets

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—The Eight State-National Leadership Conference got underway here on July 1 at the Pohnpei Legislature meeting hall with all State and National Government representatives participating.

The conference being chaired by Governor Resio S. Moses of Pohnpei State was rescheduled from May 28-31 by Vice President Bailey Olter, due to early adjournment on May 27 of the Fourth FSM Congress' first regular session.

The main issues at this conference are state and national governments' revenue sharing, continuation of capital improvement projects and the compact funding formula.

# Compact amendments resembles Territorial Status!

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process and very likely, another plebiscite."

Seiberling's Subcommittee on June 5 adopted amendments to H.J. Resolution 187 to be reviewed by the full House Interior Committee which will probably meet in a mark-up session scheduled for the week of June 23-29, according to Epel Ilon, FSM Representative in Washington D.C.

Ilon said "the U.S. Congressional approval process relating to the Compact is now moving quite rapidly and should be completed by October 1 of this year. The FSM still has several more opportunities to influence the process and the final amendments adopted. We are already receiving favorable indications particularly before the full House Interior Committee, when the House Interior Committee and House Foreign Affairs Committee meet to reconcile their differences, and at the expected House/Senate conference on the Compact."

Referring to certain aspects of the amendments causing problems, Nakayama indicated to Chairman Udall that the amendments "not only change the nature of our agreed arrangements but would do so in many ways that hinder our progress towards the goals of the Free Association relationship between our countries."

The President noted that the amendment relating to highly-migratory species of fish, will prohibit the FSM government from licensing U.S. tuna boats within its 200-mile economic zone and "would result in a revenue loss to our government of several million dollars per year," emphasizing that tuna is FSM's only significant economic resource.

Nakayama pointed out that since the very beginning of the Compact negotiations, the FSM's ability to manage and profit from that resource (tuna) has been a condition placed upon the Micronesian negotiators with very little flexibility.

"For the U.S. Congress now to impose upon us a retrenchment in this fundamental area would also send very damaging signals to implications of such a free association relationship for our sovereignty and self-government," President Nakayama emphasized.

He said the amendment which would extend a wide range of U.S. criminal laws to have extraterritorial effect within the FSM and further authorize enforcement in the FSM "reaches far beyond any

action necessary to deal with existing or anticipated problems" and will seriously detract from FSM's own governmental standing.

Nakayama assured Chairman Udall that FSM will welcome U.S. cooperation in this area but said that a post-Trusteeship continuation of direct enforcement against criminal activity in the FSM "would seriously contravene our Constitution and the expectations of our people under the Compact."

Relating to the "Buy American" amendment, Nakayama said that it is so strict "as to become a weapon against the accomplishment of the very economic goals" envisioned by the Micronesian negotiators as are indicated in the FSM National Development Plan, adding that "it is subject only to a limited waiver at the complete discretion of the U.S. Secretary of the Interior."

He said that FSM recognizes the desire of insuring maximum U.S. involvement in developmental activities which is not only consistent with the Compact as negotiated, but clearly associated with its primary objectives.

The President said that the amendment would place the FSM in a more restrictive position even than under-developed countries receiving U.S. foreign aid. "It is difficult to understand this result, when it would seem that the United States' own interests in the region would dictate a more flexible approach", Nakayama added.

With regard to the amendment on the FSM Development Plan, the President said that the amendment seemed to confuse that plan with a budget for the expenditure of Compact funds, which it is not, indicating that FSM has already agreed in the Compact to report annually on its progress in implementing the plan, and expect that process together with the audit process will hold FSM to a very high degree of accountability.

Nakayama made it clear that the amendment will guarantee regular, comprehensive discussions, prospective in nature, regarding the course of FSM's economic development. He said, "It is no accident, however, that the Compact stops short of placing the U.S. in a dictatorial position in this regard, and that the FSM is acknowledged to be the ultimate arbiter of its economic destiny."

Moreover, he said, that the amendment would displace the FSM from that role and perhaps more than any of the other amendments, put a territorial stamp on the

relationship called "Free Association."

Nakayama said that the amendments expressed 'notwithstanding' the tax incentive and customs provisions of the Compact was designed to comfort the U.S. insular territories, vis-a-vis the Freely Associated States.

He said the FSM government has made it clear over the past weeks that it has no ambition to see the flag territories placed in a disadvantaged position, "but we are not prepared lightly to give back negotiated benefits which form any significant part of the economic package designed to start the severely disadvantaged FSM toward the establishment of an economic base."

Relating to the customs provisions, Nakayama emphasized that the amendment diminishes, significantly, a benefit extended under the Compact, in that the freely associated states will receive, General Headnote 3 (a) benefits, available to Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act customs treatment, rather than U.S. territories and possessions, which means among other things, that "duty free treatment for canned tuna will not be available to FSM."

He said the amendment can only be viewed as "another element in the series of measures now contemplated that would economic development under free association."

"This of course, is not exhaustive of our concerns with the subcommittee amendments", the President said, "but I hope that knowing some of our glaring difficulties, you can better gauge the impact on my country of these and other proposals including those yet to emerge", Nakayama told Chairman Udall.

## Landfill ok

COLONIA, Yap—The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a federal permit on May 21 to the Josman Aquaculture Corporation authorizing construction of dikes for development of an aquaculture facility in the mangrove swamp area of Thol, Tomil Municipality, Yap State, Federated States of Micronesia.

The permit authorizes the placement of fill into the near-shore mangrove swamp to create about 2,800 linear meters of dikes as part of the project to develop a 20-hectare (approximately 50 acres) aquaculture facility for raising shrimp and milkfish.

# Palau's first President dies

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sadness that I learned today of the tragic death of President Haruo Remeliik", adding that the late President Remeliik "was a great leader in this region whose mark will no doubt bear the test of history.

Basilus said the shooting occurred about 12:25 a.m. Sunday. Basilus and Palau Attorney General Russ Weller said as of Sunday night, no arrests had been made but suspects were being considered.

Four shells and one bullet that apparently misfired were found near the shooting site. According to Weller police said the ammunition came from a .32 automatic pistol.

An autopsy conducted at McDonald Memorial Hospital indicated the shots were fired at close range. Remeliik had wounds in the temple, cheek, near the neck and in the torso, Basilus said. And that no bullets were lodged in the body.

Members of Remeliik's family were in the house watching television when they heard the fatal shooting. A neighbor also heard the shots, but Basilus would not say whether anyone saw a suspect or suspect vehicle.

Remeliik, 51, became Palau's first president in January of 1981. He was re-elected to a second term in November, and was sworn in January 1.

Basilus could offer no immediate explanation for the shooting. "The police are holding information close to their chest," he said. "They are not saying whether there is one suspect or more than one. They are following the leads", Basilus added.

Palau leaders do not normally

have bodyguards, but Basilus said police protection has been afforded to legislative leaders, the chief justice and Remeliik's family.

Basilus said things in Koror are calm. "The minister of justice appealed on the radio for calm and patience and everyone is following that."

Palau Minister of Justice Thomas Remengesau has called a meeting of Olbiil Era Kelulau (National Congress) presiding officers and the national cabinet to make preliminary plans for President Remeliik's funeral. But spokesman Bonifacio Basilus said, firm plans will not be made before the return of Vice President Alphonso Oiterong.

Vice President Oiterong, who was in New York, was to return immediately to Palau, said Basilus.

Meanwhile, Remeliik's relatives were beginning a Palauan wake at the home of the president's brother on Koror. Basilus said prayers were offered in Palau churches throughout Sunday.

Remeliik was born and raised on Peleliu, one of the southernmost islands in the chain.

Remeliik is survived by his wife Regina Blaires, originally from Ngarard, children Eleanor, Arthur, Patrick, Mark, Patricia, Gloria, and Lois and three grandchildren.

Republic of Palau Vice President Alfonso R. Oiterong is expected to become acting president Monday (July 1) until a special election can be scheduled and held.

According to Palau constitution, should the president of Palau die more than a year before his term ends, a special election must be called for within 60 days.

## State National Leaders praise Remeliik

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—In its meetings here this week, State and FSM Government leaders adopted a resolution expressing condolences to the family, friends and country of President Haruo I. Remeliik for his untimely passing on June 30.

The resolution, unanimously adopted by the Eighth FSM Leadership Conference said that "The Honorable Haruo I. Remeliik, fell victim to an assassin's bullets in shocking and senseless assassination on June 30, 1985" and that Remeliik was a courageous and respected statesman and leader, who by his wisdom and leader-

ship sought prosperity and self-sufficiency for the people of the Republic of Belau.

It said the late President Remeliik was a beloved friend and colleague of the leaders of the Federated States of Micronesia and that his death is a great loss to his own Republic, to Micronesia and to the World.

The resolution requested President Nakayama to assemble a delegation of FSM leaders to attend the funeral of the late President Haruo I. Remeliik on behalf of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia.

## Appointment Half done

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—The Pohnpei Legislature on June 12 denied the nomination of Dr. Aminis David to the position of deputy director for the State Department of Health Services, according to Speaker Salter Etse of the Pohnpei State Legislature.

The denial of David's nomination was based on the reason that the nominee was not actively seeking the post, and that he prefer to remain in his present position with the Health Department.

The Legislature Committee on Health & Social Services chaired by Senator Nelson Pelep which recommended denial of the nomination indicated that the committee "recognizes and accepts the reluctance of the nominee to accept this new post, and honors his request to remain in his present position where he is performing a very admirable service for the people of Pohnpei."

David's nomination included that of Dr. Itor Harris to the directorship of the Health Department were made to the Legislature on April 10 by Gov. Resio S. Moses.

Moses indicated to the Legislature that both nominees have had training and experience in medicine and dentistry and that both were "conscientious, hard working, dependable" who will be able to support policies of his administration.

Gov. Moses said that he was mindful that certain preferences for those posts have been publicly circulated, but "after a great deal of reflection, on my part, I feel that the qualities of the nominees, in combine sense, will give the state of balanced leadership at the Department of Health Services."

With respect to the nomination of Dr. Harris to the directorship of the State Department of Health Services, the Legislature was partially acted upon on (June 12).

The legislature committee on Health & Social Services to which the nomination was assigned, recommended on June 12 denial of advice and consent to Harris but its recommendation failed to win the required majority vote of the legislature.

Accordingly, the health committee's recommendation is still subject to the final disposition of the legislature, an act which may come about when it convene into special session late in July or in early August.

## Counselors

### Complete workshop

MOEN, Truk—Thirty eight legal minds in Micronesia completed ten days of "enthusiastic" and "grueling" training on June 6 in Truk according to MLSC Executive Director Tom Mattson.

The training involving trial assistance and legal counselors from Attorney General, Public Defenders, Legislative, MLSC and other private and public offices focused on the legal analysis and research, interpreting statutes, spotting issues, case planning and strategy, negotiation, legal drafting, and presenting evidence.

The main objective of legal training is to develop the skills of the members of the Micronesian Bar, trial assistants and counselors some of whom will take a Micronesian bar exam or go to law schools, explained John Cobb.

"Legal problems in contracts, torts, real property and criminal law were part of the analysis taken by the training participants", according to Mattson.

The May 29 to June 6 training was sponsored by the Micronesian Legal Services and the Western Regional Training Center (WRTC) in Colorado. Both MLSC and WRTC are funded mostly by the U.S. Legal Services Corporation. A similar training was held a year ago in Truk.

John W. Cobb, the Boulder, Colorado training leader who assisted the training in Truk said the enthusiasm of the participants was unequalled to similar training experiences he has conducted earlier in 20 U.S. States.

Jonas Olkeriil, a private trial assistant from the Republic of Palau termed the training as the "most impressive" of any training he has gone to in his 30 years experience as a trial assistant.

The course participants were men and women from the Republics of the Marshalls and Palau, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the FSM states. For some of the participants, the Truk training was their first legal training in their careers.

Program coordinators were the training were MLSC Acting Deputy Director John Silk of the Marshalls and Truk Counselor Camilo Nuket. Herb Whitaker, Truk State's MLSC Directing Attorney assisted in the two-week legal training.

## U.S Tuna Boat illegally fishing in FSM waters

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—Recent events concerning the U.S. flag tuna purse seiner Ocean Pearl and the FSM's surveillance vessel Arctic which occurred at sea within the FSM's 200-mile zone have led President Nakayama to suspend surveillance activities until further notice.

The President's decision to suspend surveillance was based on his concern for the safety and well-being of crew members and

### Workshop successful

MOEN, Truk —A mental health workshop in Truk State that incorporated traditional and cultural approaches to problems was termed a success by its organizers, according to an article in the Pacific Daily News.

Dr. Mary Jane Amundson of the University of Hawaii said the response was "truly amazing", among both the clients and the participants.

The workshop, which focused on counseling, began on June 3, and after a week of preparation the participants were each assigned a client to counsel. The eight clients, each having some degree of mental illness, were located in the jail, the hospital, and in the community at large.

Linda Mori, founder of the Truk Fairo Institute which hosted the workshop, also used the word "amazing" to describe the results of the one-on-one counseling sessions. "This was the first time that any serious counseling has been conducted in our state. The response to our honest, straightforward approach has been really amazing", Mori state.

Apparently the workshop participants, all of whom are engaged in counseling-type occupation, agree. They will continue meeting their clients and they will try to maintain the mutual support system that has developed among the trainees themselves.

Amundson also noted the degree to which traditional Trukese approaches were incorporated into the basically Western approach to counseling. "This is large part responsible for the success we've noted here", she said.

Dr. Amundson acted as consultant for the two-week workshop, with the support of the National Institute of Mental Health. She will be visiting other Pacific islands following the close of the Truk workshop in a continuation of the program.

FSM officers on board the Arctic according to Lawrence E. Bertoncini, FSM Acting Attorney General.

The Ocean Pearl was spotted on June 24 by the FSM's surveillance vessel Arctic illegally loading fish on aboard in the vicinity of Nukuoro, within FSM's 200-mile zone according to reports received by Bertoncini. Bertoncini said that reports indicate that attempts by FSM officers to board the Ocean Pearl for the standard investigation did not materialize because a man who identified himself as Captain of that vessel refused to grant permission and threatened to drop a speedboat rigged to a boom on the FSM officers. He added that the Ocean Pearl's Captain also reportedly threatened to ram the Arctic several times and further threatened to use firearms against the Arctic. Fortunately, the Arctic was not rammed and firearms were not used and both vessels departed the area unharmed. Conduct of this nature, according to Bertoncini is a serious violation of FSM law.

During the course of these events, the Arctic lost radio contact with FSM officials here on Pohnpei. This prompted FSM Vice President Bailey Olter, acting on behalf of President Nakayama, who was in Hawaii at the time, to launch a search and rescue mission involving a chartered PMA airplane and the MV Caroline Islands. Olter also contacted the TTPI High Commissioner for assistance who put military authorities in Guam on alert. When the Arctic was finally contacted on June 27, the search and rescue mission was called off.

Deputy Secretary of FSM's Department of External Affairs, Asterio Takesy, left Honolulu Sunday June 30 for Washington D.C. to meet with high level government officials of the U.S. State and Interior Departments to discuss the matter. Meanwhile, the FSM Attorney General's Office continues its investigation.

According to FSM officials, the Ocean Pearl was licensed in 1984 to fish in FSM waters, but its license expired and was not renewed.

Bertoncini pointed out that licenses to fish in this Nation's 200 mile zone are available to U.S. Tuna boats on an individual basis and eleven such boats are now licensed or in process of being licensed. The availability of these licenses has been well communicated to the U.S. boat owners Bertoncini said.

# Mangefel: comparison not worthy

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—Gov. John Mangefel of Yap in a May 1, letter to the Honorable Fofo I. F. Sunia, American Samoa's Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives thanked him and other members of Congress who seemed to feel that certain compact provisions place the flag territories at a disadvantage.

Mangefel wrote, "it is unfortunate that you and some other Members of Congress have the impression, to compare the entities of the Trust Territory of the Pacific to the American Flag Territories is like comparing "pineapples and coconuts."

American Samoa Delegate Fofo I.F. Sunia objected to the tax credit and tariff provisions of the Compact which have been denied the flag territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Marianas, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, according to a Gannett News Service article.

They reportedly said that the special tax incentives and lower minimum wages in Micronesia would entice industries away, wrecking their economies and asked for equal treatment.

Gov. Mangefel said he has visited both American and Western Samoa and "the level of development and standard of living American Samoa far exceeds that in Yap, or the rest of the FSM and with regard to economic development, he said "nothing has been done, and a part of the Compact funds are set aside just for this purposes."

The Yap Governor made it clear that unlike the Flag Territories, FSM will not have a Delegate who can vote in Committees of the U.S. Congress and said that he believes in doing things the "Pacific Way" through consensus, not confrontation.

He said the Pacific can be very small sometimes, and "we island entities all need to stick together, no matter what our political situation adding that the Government of Guam has recognized that fact, and hope other island governments will come around to the same view.

Gov. Mangefel who has been involved in the status negotiations over the past twelve years said he knew that the U.S. Administration over those years continually briefed key members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and he found it "disappointing that some members seem uninformed about the pact which the people of the FSM have

already ratified by a large majority."

Mangefel noted by saying that disagreement within, and even disapproval of the Compact by the Congress whatever reasons, may send unwanted signals to the United Nations which is not only keenly watching the Compact's progress but which also holds the power of final approval.

## Skilling appointed

LELU, Kosrae—Sidney Skilling of Kosrae State has been appointed as Assistant Public Defender for the Kosrae Defender's Office according to a state information press release.

Skilling's appointment became effective in late May this year.

He is a graduate of Lelu Elementary School in 1969 and the Kosrae High in 1973.

In 1974, Skilling attended Soumi College at Hancock, Michigan where he received his BA degree in Social Science in 1976.

the Assistant Public Defender attended the Northern Michigan college and received his BS degree in Political Science in 1979.

In 1980, Skilling joined the Kosrae state department of education working there as a student services coordinator until 1974 when he went back to school prior to his new appointment.

Eight Kosraens will represent the State in trainings sponsored by the JTPA in Guam beginning on June 10 to last for 16 weeks.

The trainees includes: Qulick Alikxa, Abraham Phillip, Marleen Tosie, Isaac Isaac, Curtis Abraham, Shruve Musrasrik, Joince Nena and Heine Nena.

The participants will be learning special skills in electronics, restaurant and hotel management and operations, drafting, sewer and water inspections and in maintenance of water pipes.

The Kosrae State Office of the Attorney General has produced a newsletter entitled: THE LAW AND YOU in the English language.

The monthly newsletter will serve as an educational forum, where people of the State will be informed about traffic laws, police operations, disposition of criminal and traffic cases normally prosecuted in court and how these areas will affect the community life, according to a state public information public release.

## T3 awards Certificates

MOEN, Truk—Seventeen participants in the second U.N. Development Program and International Labor Organization sponsored Trade Training and Testing Program classes in Truk were awarded certificates for completing basic and intermediate training on June 13, according to FSM T3 Program Coordinator Henry Hickey.

In an awards ceremony witnessed in Truk by the T3 Program Coordinator, Henry Hickey and the International Labor Organization Chief Technical Advisor, Frank Lunn, FSM Senator Raymond Setik presented Trade Testing certificates to Kernes Ludwig, Berty Haluky, Josephino Joseph, Ninwan Os, Weiting Siren, Baska Fred and Kaslanthy Umwech who completed the basic course in construction; Aliphios Kannis and Leo Osomai completed the basic course in electrical and John Kansou completed the intermediate course in electrical; Waiting Nedlec and Titeuo Senip completed the basic course in mechanics and Kitomy Aisek, Jetano Sandy, Fares Nowell, Emanuel Soulang and Adan Hetiback completed the course in intermediate mechanics.

The ILO representative was sent here primarily to assist with the implementation of the T3 Program in Yap where him and Hickey will visit on June 20 to 22.

While in the FSM, Lunn gave final level tests to three trainees, two of which were Training Officers, Welly Welles and Serihno Xymon.

"As the third quarter of fiscal year 1985 comes to an end, 138 T3 trainees would have earned Trade Test Certificates out of the 245 who have earned Trade Test Certificates out of the 245 who have taken the various level courses," according to Henry Hickey, program officer for the FSM T3 Program.

The T3 Program will soon be implemented in the States of Yap and Kosrae, Hickey said.

Yap officials have advised that bids are being sought to refurbish a building which Governor Mangefel has offered for use to implement the program there and it is expected that the T3 program will be ready by mid-July, at which time he and the T3 team will depart for Yap State to set up the program.

# Fees proposed To Nan Madol

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—Pohnpei State's Madolenihmw Municipal Council is looking at a proposed ordinance for Madolenihmw Municipality that would set tourist rates for visiting the ruins of Nan Madol at \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, \$25 for a tourist with camera, \$500 per painting of the ruins and \$2,500 for visitors conducting video recording of the ruins.

The proposed ordinance, which currently is the subject of hearings being held by the Council's Finance Committee, is being opposed by Pohnpei tourism officials who testified before the committee earlier in the month.

The proposed ordinance provides that the municipal government would collect the fees and 50 percent would go to the Nammarki and Nahnken of Madolenihmw and 50 percent would go to the municipal government.

The municipal council is considering this action because under the newly ratified Madolenihmw Constitution that went into effect on May 1st the ancient ruins of Nan Madol, the prime root of Madolenihmw and Pohnpei's cultural setting is being placed under the direct ownership of the Nammarki, Nahnken and the municipal government.

Currently, tourists to Nan Madol pay \$3 per person, which is collected from the boats with tourists by the elder son of the present Nammarki who lives on Temwen island near the ruins.

Bismark Weilbacher, Executive Director of the Pohnpei Tourism Office said in a public hearing before the Council's Finance Committee that any addition to the present visitor's fee may discourage tourists from visiting the ruins adding that for every three hundred tourists visiting the state at present one hundred and fifty of them usually visit the ruins.

The money collected presently goes to the Nammarki and it is unclear which of the 50 percent proposed under the ordinance will accommodate maintenance of the ruins.

The big issue regarding the ruins is its ownership question. State Attorney Reece Halpern, who testified before the Council's Finance Committee early this month said his office had not had time to review the ownership question.

# Thousands still due to Telecom

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—The FSM public auditor's office on April 30 released its recent audit report of the FSM Telecommunications Corporation saying that "tremendous strides" have been made in the improvement of the Corporation's financial and reporting systems.

The report recommended that the corporation pursue collection of about \$100,000 due it from the various states in the FSM; implements procedures for disconnecting subscribers whose accounts are delinquent; give priority attention in computerizing of billing and accounting functions; invest excess idle funds to yield additional interest income; formalizing capitalization policy for assets; and to update authorized signatories on the corporate accounts and to make follow-ups on outstanding travel advances.

The report also recommended that the policy of giving employees a Telecommunications Holiday while the Corporation is still receiving public funds should be reconsidered.

The audit said that October 1, 1984 was made a holiday for all Telecommunications Corporation employees to celebrate its first year of operation. And that the Corporation also recognizes all FSM Government holidays.

The report did not question the authority of the Corporation to grant its employees compensated time off but felt that granting a corporate-wide holiday while operating under public subsidy "may not be the most effective use of public funds."

Relating to uncollected receivables, the report said that the Corporation began its operations on October 1, 1983, personnel and facilities were transferred at that time from the various states to the Corporation but outstanding receivables and liabilities incurred by the states to the date of transfer remained the assets and liabilities of the respective states.

"As payments for telephone bills were remitted to the Corporation, payments for amounts due September 30, 1983 and prior were remitted to the states. Many of these payments were for telephone charges resulting from international calls," the report indicated.

It said liabilities incurred as a result of long distance charges prior to the date of transfer "should have been turned over to the states also", adding that if the Corporation chose to

pay the bills, it should have sought reimbursement from the states immediately.

The report emphasized that timely collection of receivables is critical for a corporation, government, or any other organization since "Cash is the lifeblood for any ongoing economic activity."

It recommended that the Corporation formalize procedures to customers to be followed once a customer becomes delinquent and that the same is applied in the cancellation of credit due to chronic delinquencies.

The report also recommended that the accounting and billing systems of the Corporation are automated to provide "timely and accurate billing and accounting information." It added that the sooner billings get processed and sent out, the sooner the collections will be received and that access to timely financial information "is essential for management to be able to plan and evaluate corporate fiscal activities."

With regard to idle cash, the audit report recommended that the Corporation develop cash flow and investment plans, at a minimum to deposit station receipts to interest bearing accounts.

It said doing this "will allow management to more effectively manage its cash resources" which are collected at each of the four stations and deposited to separate bank accounts, causing the loss of interest earnings.

# Timothy to Bangkok

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—Timothy Timothy, Kosrae State's Energy Planner has been appointed by the UN's Pacific Energy Development Program (PEDP) to represent the Pacific region at a solar energy seminar in Bangkok, Thailand.

The one-week seminar is being sponsored by the Economic and Social Committee for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in conjunction with the Thai government and will be attended by member nations of ESCAP.

The regional Expert Seminar on Solar Photovoltaic Technology during the month of June will include workshops in solar energy planning and visits to Thai Photovoltaic facilities.

Following the training, Timothy will travel to Papua New Guinea and Fiji to represent the FSM in a training in renewable sources of energy, according to a Kosrae state information release.

# Kosrae Gov. George addresses CCM grads

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—"You have the essential credential to assume your rightful role in your society, chart and control your own destiny", were the words of Kosrae State Gov. Yosiwo George as he spoke to the 107 CCM graduates in a June 20 commencement address.

In his address Gov. George shared particular areas of needs and challenges that he said every FSM citizen could contribute to the growth and welfare of the FSM, adding that the occasion was a memorable one.

He spoke on various historical milestones in the political development of the Federated States of Micronesia by pointing to and enumerating the following points to the CCM graduates:

Point 1. May 10, 1978 was the date where the whole Trust Territory was conducting a TT-wide referendum on the Micronesian Constitution in preparation of Constitutional governments under the Trusteeship status. "At this time", he told the graduates, "you were also in your last few weeks of Elementary education and busily preparing for your entrance to secondary education."

Point 2. May 19, 1978 was when the then districts of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Truk and Yap had ratified the Micronesian Constitution and thereby inaugurated new FSM Constitutional Government.

Point 3. After 13 years of often difficult and soul-searching negotiation, FSM negotiators finally initialled the Compact of Free Association with the U.S. negotiating team. "At this time", the Kosrae Governor said, "You on rather parallel growth went through 1 year of Head Start. Eight years of elementary and was in your senior year within reach of your goal of obtaining a High School Diploma."

Point 4. June 21, 1983 was the date when FSM conducted a referendum on the Compact of Free Association. An exercise, in

quest of the sovereign rights of self-determination, self-rule and the rights to chart and control the national destiny. This was the year in which the 1985 CCM graduates entered CCM in quest of preparing themselves to chart and control their own destiny - a right that is guaranteed to them by the FSM Constitution.

Point 5. June 20, 1985 is exactly two years ago to date of FSM-wide referendum on the Compact. FSM having ratified the Compact, awaits impatiently for the ratification of the Compact under the U.S. Constitutional processes.

Gov. George emphasized to the graduates that their successful achievement in their educational efforts marks yet another phase of their development.

Dr. Catalino Cantero, president of CCM who also spoke at the commencement exercises said CCM has not been able to accept greater number of students because of the lack of funds to facilitate construction of more dormitories and classrooms for the college.

He said this year, 745 high school graduates took the CCM

admissions tests and out of that number 107 were accepted. And in the previous year, 53 students graduated with degrees compared to this year's 104, an increased of fifty one per cent.

## Dancers in Tahiti

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—Thirty five dancers and craftsman including State and National Government officials left the FSM capital on June 27 to participate in the Pacific Festival of Arts scheduled for June 29-July 22 in Tahiti, according to FSM Micronesian Affairs Chief Johnny Hadley.

Hadley said the FSM states of Yap, Truk and Kosrae have decided not to send participants to the Festival of Arts due to lack of funds to defray transportation expenses to and from the festival site.

The Fourth Pacific Arts Festival scheduled for December last year is rescheduled to be held in Papeete, Tahiti due to political violence in New Caledonia where it was originally scheduled.

FSM Education Division Chief Daro Weital will be the official representative of the FSM National Government to the Festival of Arts in Tahiti, according to Hadley who is also travelling representing the FSM Department of External Affairs.

Hadley is currently the FSM representative to the Pacific Arts Council, which met in Papeete, Tahiti in February to finalize plans for the Fourth Pacific Arts Festival.

Representing the Pohnpei State Government to the Festival of Arts were Salter Etse, Speaker of the Pohnpei Legislature; Santiago Joab, Special Assistant to the Governor on Federal Relations; the Honorable Edwel H. Santos, Chief Justice of the Pohnpei Supreme Court; Iso Nahniken of Madolenihw, representing Pohnpei's traditional leaders and Senator Joseph Moses, Chairman of the Legislature committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.



COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA GRADUATION CEREMONY—Kosrae State Governor Yosiwo George is addressing the CCM Graduating Class of 1985 on June 20 in the Pohnpei Catholic Church.

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