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CHIEF EXECUTIVES CONCLUDE CONFERENCE - FSM Chief Executives are chuckling at the reference to their posing under the wooden shark which Yap State Gov. John Mangefel, left, personafied as "Mr. Jaws," during the Oct. 17 closing of their sixth conference in the Oceanview Restaurant and Bar in Ponape. From left are Mangefel, Vice President Bailey Olter, President Tosiwo Nakayama, Truk State Gov. Erhart Aten, Kosrae State Gov. Yosiwo George and Ponape State Budget, Planning and Statistics Director Ihlen Joseph who was sitting in for Gov. Resio Moses. (See "Mr. Jaws" story on Page 4.)

FSM Environmental Board approved

KOLONIA, Ponape (Congress Release) - Bills to create an FSM Environmental Protection Board and reapportion funds for Truk State were passed by the Third FSM Congress as it passed the halfway mark Oct. 25 in fourth and final regular session.

The session began Oct. 9 and is scheduled to end Nov. 7.

Passed on first reading was a bill establishing a \$20,000 imprest revolving fund for both the Washington Representative's Office and the Japan Economic Liaison Office.

The environmental protection bill, deferred from the third special session in August, is a transitional bill in nature, according to the Health, Education and Social Affairs Committee report on the bill.

However the report state that "the FSM must ultimately assume full responsibility for the protection of its environment, and to this end it will be helpful if an FSM board became familiar with the present functions of the present Trust Territory Environment-

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Micronesian Olympics Approved

KOLONIA, Ponape - Approval of the first Micronesian Olympics to be held May 10, 1985, is among is among 13 resolutions adopted by the Sixth FSM Chief Executives Conference which ended here Oct. 17.

The Chief Executives also urged the U.S. government in a resolution to fund the construction of a new Community College of Micronesia campus in conjunction with the new FSM capitol construction at Palikir.

In addition to the resolutions, the four governors and President signed Oct. 12 an "Agreement on Internal Budget and Finance Procedures under the Compact of Free Association" which establishes a Federated Development Authority for the investment of Compact funds.

Ponape Gov. Resio Moses was chairman of the conference which began Oct. 10 and was held in the Oceanview Restaurant with Presid-

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tal Protection Board."

The bill creates the FSM Environmental Protection Board which "shall balance the needs of economic and social development against those of environmental quality and shall adopt regulations and pursue policies which will promote both these needs."

The bill received the support of all states, except Kosrae, with Senator Claude Phillip who voted against the bill for the Kosrae delegation, stating that inadequate public hearings were held in the states and that environmental protection is a state matter.

"Furthermore," Phillip said, "I think that this will be just another board which we will have to plug into the budget for funding."

The Congress approved C.B. 3-

3/arrested with dynamite

MOEN, Truk - Three men from Patta Island in the Faichuk area were arrested Oct. 9 while reportedly attempting to load 200 pounds of dynamite powder in bottles at Puluwat anchorage in the Western Islands on the M/S Micro Dawn bound for Moen, according to Peter J. Maipi of WSZC Radio Station.

The names of the three men were being withheld until an investigation is completed, according to a Truk State Public Safety Department spokesman.

Stamp design contest winners to be named

KOLONIA, Ponape - FSM Postmaster General Leo A. Falcum said he will announce the first-fourth place winners in the Christmas stamp design contest when he receives the recommendations by Crown Agents Philatelic, Ltd., artists in London.

The first place winner will accompany Falcum to a U.S. national stamp show which will begin mid November in New York City.

The FSM Stamp Review Committee narrowed the field to four designs, including two by Judykos N. Dawe of Moen, Truk, and one each by Robert A. Wuyoch of Yap, and Sibo Michuo of Moen.

They were selected from 35 entries from the four states, Falcum said.

Falcum said that he delivered the four designs to Crown Agents representatives at the AUSIPEX 84 stamp show in Melbourne, Australia, to take to London "for the artist to look them over and decide which one is best when reduced to stamp size."

311, C.D. 1, which amends Section 1 of P.L. 3-56, Truk State Public Projects, by deleting the requirement of matching funds by the state to trigger the use of funds appropriated by Congress for crop and tree damage caused by public roads construction.

The requirement was deleted because of the fiscal restraints on the Truk state treasury, according to the Ways and Means Committee report.

Deferred to the week of Oct. 29-Nov. 2 were C.B. 3-23, authorizing a \$1 million annual appropriation for marine resources development and C.R. 3-183, C.D. 1, ratifying an amendment to the funds distribution provisions of "An Agreement Among Coastal State Regarding a Fishery Access Agreement with the American Tunaboat Association."

Congressional resolutions adopted include:

- Distribution of goods and services made available under the recently concluded fishing agreement between the Micronesian Maritime Authority and the Japanese fishing associations.

- Congratulations to Leo A. Falcum Jr. on his successful completion of the U.S. Marine Corps officers program.

- Investigation of the selling practices of Mobil Oil Co., Inc., by the Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee and to report on suspected violations of the national immigration and naturalization laws and policies.

"Based on the artist's recommendation, I will announce the winners, which is anytime now," he said.

Falcum also reported that he received a cable from Crown Agents Philatelic in London announcing that it is changing its U.S. representation from Crown Agents Philatelic, Montville, New Jersey, to Stanley Gibbons of Long Island, New York, a larger firm whose "catalogue is considered by some the bible of the stamp trade."

He said that he will visit the Stanley Gibbons facilities and principles when he attends the New York stamp show "to satisfy myself, on behalf of the FSM government, that they are a viable agency to market our stamps."

"From all indications, they are," he said, adding that the change in U.S. agents will not effect the Crown Agents contract, nor marketing operations, as "they will move our stock and some staff to Long Island."

Local revenue Increase cited

KOLONIA, Ponape - Congress Ways and Means Chairman Raymond Setik of Truk told FSM revenue officials, during their Oct. 8-13 conference here that he is pleased with the collection of local revenues which will fund at least 47 per cent of the fiscal 1985 national government expenditures.

Setik also predicted that before this fiscal year is completed, more than half of all the national government expenditures will be funded from local revenues.

"Our government could not function at its present level, employ the number of people it does, or assist in the development of our nation without the work you do," Setik said.

The conference brought together all FSM revenue and tax officers to discuss organizational structure, the fiscal 1985 operations budget, tax collections, taxpayer education, staff training and "ways and means of improving the administration and collection of revenues within the FSM, so the government can have more revenues for the development of the nation," Finance Secretary Al Truth said.

Setik said that though the Compact of Free Association will guarantee the FSM a minimum level of financial support for the 15 years of free association, it makes local tax revenues and the effort to collect them all the more important.

He said the Compact terms specify that in the sixth and 11th years, the level of funding will drop, and that the plan is for Compact funds investment which will develop the FSM economy to create larger business and personal incomes and a larger tax base.

"Development is a team effort," Setik said, adding, "you revenue people will have to take your place on this team and ensure that you are collecting all the revenues that legally due your government."

National revenue officials attending the conference were Revenue Division Chief Seremea Arnold; Deputy Chief Benedict Rikin; Tax Advisor W. Allan Lautenan; Compliance Branch Manager Silvester Hadley; Document Processing Branch Manager Soena Weilbacher; national revenue officers Sanser Betiru of Truk, Robert Beengin of Yap, Theodore Joab of Ponape and Wilson Waguk of Kosrae, and tax officers Raymon Fanagiluy of Yap, Angkel Xymoon of Truk and Edwin Santos of Ponape.

Compact lobbying paves way for early 1985 approval

KOLONIA, Ponape - The 1984 lobbying campaign for the Compact of Free Association was successful in paving the way for its enactment by the U.S. Congress as early as spring, 1985, according to FSM Washington Attorney James T. Stovall III.

Stovall and FSM Washington Representative Epel Ilon briefed the Sixth FSM Chief Executives' Conference, the FSM Congress and the Status Commission during the week beginning Oct. 15 on the progress of the Compact lobbying effort.

The 98th U.S. Congress adjourned Oct. 12 with the Compact on the Senate calendar for floor action which did not occur due to a last minute scramble to complete action on 1985 appropriations and with more hearings expected in the House Foreign Affairs and Interior committees.

The Reagan administration is committed to enactment of the Compact and is planning to reintroduce it immediately after the next Congress convenes late in January and to redouble its efforts to gain its passage, Stovall told the FSM Congress in an Oct. 18 briefing.

"It has been a very good year, considering the difficulties we've had to deal with in getting anything done during a presidential election year and close out of a Congress," he said.

Stovall said the FSM strategy of sending delegations to Washington to meet with U.S. Congress members and staff was successful in gaining a favorable impression of the FSM and in familiarizing the delegations with the legislative processes there.

"We now know after a number of hearings and circulating for a better part of a year around Washington that there is no significant opposition to the Compact in the United States, either outside of Congress, or inside Congress," Stovall said.

"What might have been opposition in several cases we have been able to blunt with your help," he told the FSM Congress members who participated in the delegations, citing the intent of the National Council of Churches to try to defeat the Compact, which was changed after meetings with FSM representatives.

U.S. tuna interests also modified their original goal to defeat the Compact "as a result of discussions with us, realizing their best interest being in trying to work with the Micronesian governments," Stovall said.

The Compact received "respectable outside support" in the con-

gressional hearings from national Jewish and Catholic organizations, plus former Peace Corps volunteers, "so it is not as though we are standing alone, nor that the U.S. administration is simply trying to sell a political bill of goods to the Congress," he said.

The fact that the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee reported the resolution to enact the Compact and put it on the calendar for floor action "represents a perfectly good result," Stovall said, adding "we won't have to replot that ground, again, so we are in good shape in the Senate."

The long series of hearings in the House Interior Public Lands and National Parks Subcommittee which prevented final action in the House established an extensive record on U.S. administration commitments in dealing with Micronesia which "might wind up a very good record to utilize in working with the administration in the years ahead," he said.

The Seiberling subcommittee is planning to hold a hearing before the end of the year on health related issues and a hearing next year for Micronesian witnesses to address issues raised in its previous hearings.

Guam Delegate Antonio B. Won Pat, as chairman of the Interior Subcommittee on Insular Affairs,

is planning a hearing on the relationship between the Compact and U.S. flag territories.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee held one hearing Sept. 18 on the Compact and may hold a second hearing next year, after Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee Chairman Stephen J. Solarz visits Micronesia, according to Stovall who said that both Solarz and committee Chairman Dante B. Fascell of Florida are favorable to the Compact.

The jurisdictional dispute between Interior and foreign affairs committees and agencies is most likely to be resolved with the creation of an inter-agency group to deal with Micronesian affairs, he said.

Ilon said that with a new congress and the number of issues raised during the House and Senate hearings, "It is obvious that we are going to have to do alot more work."

"The game is not over yet," he said. "As long as the Compact is pending before Congress, we have to put in more effort."

Stovall said that the joint Compact coordinating committee in Washington is planning to call on delegations from the FSM to circulate in smaller groups of two-four officials to meet with congressional officials and outside interest group representatives.



STATUS COMMISSION MEETS - The FSM Commission on Future Political Status and Transition is holding a brief meeting Oct. 18 in the commission building in Ponape, following the Sixth Chief Executives Conference which ended Oct. 17. From left, clockwise, are FSM Washington Representative Epel Ilon, Yap State Gov. John Mangefel, Washington attorney James T. Stovall III, FSM Senator Claude Phillip of Kosrae, commission Chairman Andon Amaraich, FSM Senator Peter Christian of Ponape, commission secretary Cathy Route, commission legal counsel Greg Swartz and FSM Senator Jack Fritz of Truk.

1st Micronesian Olympics set, COM plan requested

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ent Tosiwo Nakayama and governors John Mangefel of Yap, Yosiwo George of Kosrae and Erhart Aten of Truk attending. Moses left Oct. 14 to attend a University of Guam advisory board meeting, leaving Aten as the acting chairman.

The Chief Executives designated Aten as chairman of the next conference to be held in Truk with the date to be designated by him and the President.

The resolution, 6-3, endorsing periodic Micronesian Olympics with the first set for Constitution Day, 1985, the sixth anniversary of the May 10, 1979, implementation of the FSM Constitution, does not designate the site for games which "would support our goal of national unity."

It asks the state legislatures

"to appropriate necessary funds to support the organization of the Micronesian Olympics."

Resolution 6-1 reaffirms the FSM policy against nuclear waste and harmful substance dumping or storage in its waters, or anywhere in the Pacific Basin.

Resolution 6-2 asks Air Micronesia, Inc., to reconsider its decision to deny air service Kosrae and asks the President to seek possible U.S. government government action, including sanctions against Air Mike and service by other carriers.

Resolution 6-4 asks the College of Micronesia Board of Regents to initiate development of a long-term academic master plan to meet post-secondary education and manpower development needs of the FSM, Marshalls and Palau under the Compact which will terminate U.S. assistance to COM students and Micronesians studying in the United States.

Resolution 6-5 requests the U.S. government to provide adequate funding under its trusteeship obligations to renovate, upgrade and maintain health and education facilities in the FSM, "including the provision of a new campus for the Community College of Micronesia (at Palikir) in Ponape."

Resolution 6-6 asks the President to "take steps to delineate state and national functions in areas of constitutionally concurrent powers....particularly in the field of health and education that are by their nature local concerns, assigning those matters exclusively to the state governments."

Resolution 6-7 asks the national government with assistance of the states to establish a medical referral center in Ponape to reduce the need for costly referrals outside of the FSM.

Resolution 6-8 asks the President to develop a plan to streamline, coordinate and expedite drugs and medical supplies procurement and to study the feasibility of establishing a pharmaceutical manufacturing plant within the FSM.

Resolution 6-9 supports an FSM proposal to Japan to provide cold storage facilities for Ponape and Truk in its 1984 foreign aid package, with the next foreign aid request to be solely for Yap and Kosrae.

Resolution 6-10 asks the President to continuously evaluate and provide information to the states on the availability of foreign financial and technical assistance.

Resolution 6-11 expresses appreciation for the contribution

by the Hawaii Job Corps Training Center to FSM manpower development and urges the U.S. government to assure continued access to the center's programs.

Resolution 6-12 urges the FSM Congress to act promptly and favorably on CB 3-301 to establish a Special Capital Improvement Program Administration Account for CIP administration costs.

Resolution 6-13 expresses appreciation of the conference delegates to the people of Ponape, Ponape state and national government officials and Oceanview Bar and Restaurant owner, Dr. Alex Panuelo, and his staff for their hospitality.

In other action the Chief Executives:

—Agreed that the FSM Health Insurance Committee should continue working on the National Health Care Plan with active participation of state representatives to be named by the governors to be submitted to the FSM Congress in October, 1985.

—Agreed that the President should request technical assistance funding for the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics to conduct a six-month study of five-year CIP program and continuing projects construction deficiencies and program shortfalls.

—Agreed that they would submit their comments on the National Development Plan Working Draft by Oct. 19 to the Plan Task Force and that the states would hasten their efforts to complete the state plans.

—Agreed that the fiscal 1985 Civic Action Team agreement should be reviewed by the states and executed jointly by the governors and President.

—Agreed that each state is to evaluate and indicate to the President whether or not it would like to continue the Peace Corps program, and urged the President to advise the Peace Corps that "the door to the FSM is open," but its presence "is contingent upon each state's needs."

—Asked the FSM Information Office to discuss individually with the states and FSM Telecommunications Corp. its proposal to use computers and satellite communications to transmit state and national government information.

—Reached an understanding that each state will coordinate immigration and labor matters closely with the national government.

—Agreed that the FSM should repeal import taxes on fuel brought in by Mobil Oil Co., as the cost is passed on to the states.

'Mr. Jaws' threat cited

KOLONIA, Ponape - A large Kapingamarangi hand-carved wooden shark hanging from the ceiling of the Oceanview Bar here was personified as "Mr. Jaws" by Yap State Gov. John Mangefel and cited as "a reminder of why unity is both desirable and necessary" for the FSM.

In his closing remarks at the end Oct. 17 of the Sixth FSM Chief Executives Conference here, Mangefel said that "some may say that Mr. Jaws up there represents the inflation and fuel cost increases which literally eat up our budgets."

"Others may say he represents governmental bureaucracy," he said, adding, "I really don't know."

The governor said, "I just want to say that he is a reminder of why unity is both desirable and necessary."

"We all know that Micronesians work cooperatively and most work at the family and community levels is a group effort."

"This principle applies equally to fishing, for example, where group effort provides the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people."

"That is why you rarely see a Micronesian spearfishing alone," Mangefel said.

"Fishing alone can have serious consequences, especially if you run into Mr. Jaws," he said.

He also said that while Yap voted 95 per cent for unity in the 1978 FSM constitutional referendum, "our vote for unity did not mean we gave up the right to disagree on specific issues."

Textile quota Regs in effect

KOLONIA, Ponape - Regulations go into effect Oct. 31 to cut off transshipment of garments assembled in third countries and the U. S. territories which would affect plans to set up assembly plants in the FSM, according to Washington attorney James T. Stovall III.

The regulations affect only the country-of-origin determination for the transshipment of textile garments and not directly the duty-free provisions of General Headnote 3(a) of U.S. customs regulations which allow value-added manufacturing in the U. S. territories for shipment to the United States, Stovall indicated.

The new customs regulations are directed at countries which have negotiated textile quotas, to prevent them from circumventing their quotas by going through other countries without quotas, or the U.S. territories, he said.

The FSM is not assembling garment pieces manufactured in other countries for transshipment to the United States, but interest reportedly has been shown in Truk and Ponape to establish garment assembly plants under General Headnote 3(a) provisions when the Compact of Free Association goes into effect.

The FSM Congress adopted Aug. 10 a resolution denouncing the proposed restriction of transshipped garments, citing fears that other products exported from the FSM "might suffer similar treatment."

Stovall said, "It is probably a good thing that the FSM had not gotten to the point of bringing these kinds of operations on board and then turn around and see money lost over it," during an Oct. 18 FSM Congress briefing.

"Now it is possible to structure a different kind of operation that would in fact meet the regulations," he said.

"We still have the benefits of Headnote 3(a) which have not been changed," Stovall said.

"If you wanted to import raw materials and actually do the manufacturing here in the FSM, you wouldn't have a problem," he said.

Attends food training

KOLONIA, Ponape - Kosrae State Health Services Department Food Inspector Kun Mackwelung, who represented the FSM at a July 27-Aug. 31 World Health Organization funded food and drug training program in Manila, said here that he plans to set up a food analysis laboratory in Kosrae.

FSM gets funds to build capitol

KOLONIA, Ponape - President Reagan signed into law Oct. 12 a U.S. Interior Department appropriations bill which includes \$3.92 million to begin construction of the new FSM capitol in Palikir, according to Budget Officer Del Pangelinan.

The fiscal 1985 continuing resolution for U.S. government agencies signed by Reagan "provides funding for the Interior Department and the Trust Territory for the entire year," Pangelinan said.

"The cash flow problem which the FSM experienced during the first few days of the fiscal year is no longer a problem," he said, adding, "The states are now eligible to draw down on their money."

The Interior appropriations include \$40,342,000 which is \$58,000 less than the Reagan administration requested FSM fiscal 1985 operations. The FSM had requested \$3,336,000 more than the \$40.4 million administration proposal, including \$2 million for communicable disease eradication, \$1 million for telephone upgrading and \$336,000 for the financial management system which were not funded.

"The funding includes \$850,000 for pre-1982 medical referral liabilities," Pangelinan said, "which means we have to absorb whatever liabilities occurred after that."

The appropriations also include \$15.42 million for FSM capital improvement projects with Kosrae to get a total of \$5.37 million, including \$600,000 for an airport terminal, \$1.9 million for its circumferential road, \$120,000 for a hospital annex and communications building, \$400,000 for a dock warehouse, \$900,000 for a fuel tank farm and \$1.45 million for road construction.

Truk will get \$600,000 for an

Salary task force set

KOLONIA, Ponape - Gov. Resio Moses appointed a joint executive-legislative task force to submit by Nov. 31 recommendations for a new state public service employees salary schedule, according to an Oct. 9 Ponape State Information Office release.

When an elected and appointed officials salary act became law Aug. 7, the governor said that the administration would work on a pay plan for all public service employees.

The task force includes Sen. Nelson Pelep; Administration Director Itor Harris; Budget, Planning and Statistics Director Ihlen Joseph; State Attorney Patricia Billington, and Akilino Susaia.

airport terminal; Yap \$2.98 million, including \$600,000 for an airport terminal, \$1.38 million for road construction and \$1 million for water system construction, and Ponape \$2.55 million, including \$600,000 for an airport terminal and \$1.95 million for roads and bridges.

A \$3 million endowment for the College of Micronesia land grant program is included in the U.S. Education, Labor and Health and Human Services departments appropriations to be administered by the U.S. Agriculture Department with only the interest to be made available to the COM College of Tropical Agriculture and Science, according to FSM Washington Representative Epel Ilon.

"The message we received on the 1985 budget indicates the capitol relocation funding of \$3.92 million is the first year installment of a total U.S. commitment of \$13.4 million for construction of new capitol facilities for the FSM," Pangelinan said.

"The \$13.4 million is about \$10 million less than the FSM estimate for the cost of the capitol relocation," he said.

"The FSM plans to seek funding from other sources for construction of the sewer system," Pangelinan said adding that "regardless of what we get from other sources, we will need \$10 million more to complete the project."

The FSM requested \$23.8 million for the capitol construction project and \$12 million for a new Community College of Micronesia campus at Palikir.

The Reagan administration proposed and the U.S. House approved \$13 million for while the Senate included nothing the capitol construction. The FSM asked the conference committee to include \$13,400,073 in fiscal 1985 for the first phase of the construction and \$8,815,701 in fiscal 1986 for the second phase which would include sewers, paving the road from Palikir to Kolonia and connections with the proposed COM campus.

"Due to the drag out nature of the project," Ilon said the FSM developed a new request schedule for the capitol construction which includes the \$3.92 million for fiscal 1985, \$8.35 million in fiscal 1986, \$9.5 million in fiscal 1987 and \$3 million in fiscal 1988.

The fiscal 1986 funding request includes \$500,000 to begin the second phase and the national government would be able to move into the new facilities by the end of 1986, according to Ilon.

Edwin repeats in Kosrae games

LELU, Kosrae - Charles Edwin, top male athlete in the Ponape Liberation Day track and field events in September, won the most points in the men's division and led Lelu municipality to first place in the Oct. 26 U.N. Day Games here, according to Kosrae State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

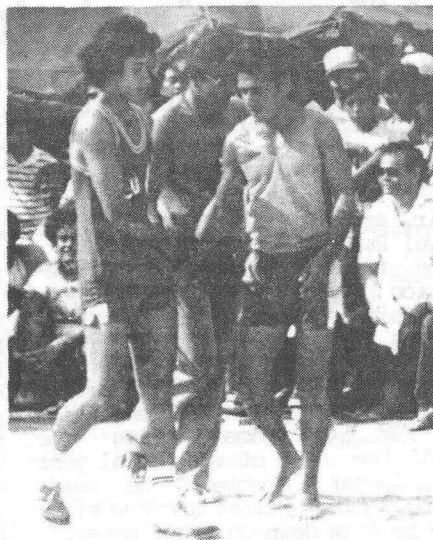
Angie Palik, also running for Lelu, was the top woman athlete. Edwin and Palik received cash prizes and awards from the Kosrae state government, Parks and Recreation Committee and a special award donated by FSM Senator Claude Phillip.

Edwin, who competed for Sokehs in the Ponape games, won 32 points in men's competition, winning broad jump, triple jump, 200-meter dash and 400-meter run; was on the winning men's relay team, and was second in the 100-meter final.

Palik won 35 points in the women's competition, winning the 50, 100, 200 and 400-meter races and was on the winning relay team.

In team competition Lelu received 321 points; Tafunsak, 228; Malem, 67, and Utwa, 60.

The competition, held at the Lelu Elementary School, was moved from Oct. 24, U.N. Day, to Friday, Oct. 26, so the whole island could fully participate, according to Phillip.



KOSRAE GAMES WINNER - Charles Edwin, left, is congratulated by other competitors after winning his first 100-meter dash heat in the Oct. 26 U.N. Day Games in Kosrae. Edwin went on to place second in the 100-meter final and win four other events and run on the winning men's relay team to gain 32 points and lead Lelu to the team championship.

Kolonia convention set

KOLONIA, Ponape - The Kolonia Town Council adopted during a special meeting Oct. 26 a resolution calling for a Nov. 12-23 town constitutional convention, according to WSZD Radio here.

The 10-day convention will be attended by 28 delegates, including the 14 council members and 14 delegates appointed by Mayor Victor Edwin and confirmed by the council.

The council confirmed the appointments of the mayor, FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, state senators Relio Yamada and Yosuo Phillip, Nelson Joseph of the state court staff, State Director of Administration Itor Harris, State Public Lands Authority Commissioner Yasuo Yamada, Ponape State Legislature aide Akilino Susaia, Ponape Community Action Agency Executive Director SeNellie Singeo, businessman Martin Christian, secretary to the mayor William Ladore, Constantino Victor of the State Hospital staff, State Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator Kasiano Shoniber and Dais Lorrin of the state Community Development Office to be delegates to the convention.

Braiel named To Budget post

KOLONIA, Ponape - Herner Braiel, a former Truk High School and Community College of Micronesia business instructor, began serving Oct. 22 as management analyst in the FSM Budget Office, according to Acting Budget Officer Reed Nena.

Braiel, 30, a native of Oneop, Mortlock Islands, and Truk High School graduate, taught business courses at that school after graduating in 1979 from Western Michigan University with a Bachelors' degree in business administration.

After returning to Western Michigan in 1981 and completing an MA in international economics in 1983, he taught business administration and economics at the CCM Continuing Education Center in Moen, Truk.

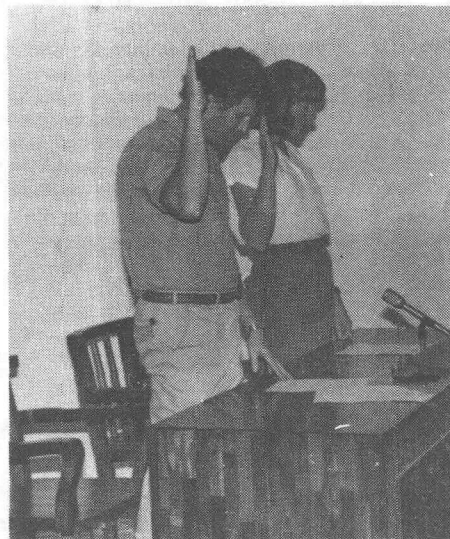
Braiel is married to the former Matela Daunny of Oneop.



BRAIEL

Attends soil forum

LELU, Kosrae - Assistant Kosrae State Agriculture Chief Glasstine Cornelius attended a Sept. 3-14 International Forum on Soil Taxonomy and Agrotechnology in Guam, according to a Kosrae State Release.



SWORN IN TO FSM BAR - Ponape State Attorney Ed Rauzi, left, and FSM Assistant Attorney General Kristine Henderson are being sworn in Oct. 3 to practice in the FSM Supreme Court by Chief Justice Edward King, as a result of their passing the FSM Bar Examination on Sept. 20.



COMPLETE TRAINING - Ponape State Health Services Director Alex Panuelo, left, is presenting certificates to Magdalehna Walter, center, and Andereias Henry for completing Sept. 24-28 training common disease and emergencies assessment which was coordinated by Kun Isaac.

Church, state face

Same challenges

LELU, Kosrae - Lt. Gov. Moses Mackwelung said the church and state face "identical" challenges and responsibilities as the FSM moves toward free association status, in welcoming Micronesian church leaders to the Oct. 8-11 Three-Way Consultation Conference here, according to State Information Officer Alex Phillip.

Mackwelung, who welcomed the church leaders on behalf of Gov. Yosiwo George who was in Ponape for the Sixth FSM Chief Executives' Conference, cited the "vital role" the Christian church has played in social development in Kosrae and throughout the world.

He noted that the Kosrae church was represented as one of five delegations to the first state leadership conference in October, 1983, indicating that it would be represented in the next leadership conference here in January.

"Like the government, it is also foreseen that the church will have greater challenges in the near future when our political status is changed from the current trusteeship arrangement to that of the free association status with the U.S. government," he said.

"In our opinion, the nature and magnitude of the responsibilities of these institutions are quite identical and almost inseparable," the lieutenant governor said.

The conference was the first three-way consultation held in Kosrae and was based on similar conferences in other parts of the Pacific and the FSM.

It was attended by representatives from New York, Hawaii, Japan, Fiji, the Marshall Islands, Palau, Ponape, Truk and Yap and included workshops on areas of differences and doctrines of various Christian denominations and church administration.

The Rev. Kum Sigrah coordinated conference arrangements in Kosrae, the Rev. Elden Buck was the conference coordinator with Dr. Chet Terpstra, Dr. Teruno Kawala and the Rev. Myles Walburn of the United Church of Christ in Honolulu; the Rev. Herman Buckler, director of the Liebenzell Mission in Guam, and the Rev. Richard Engstrom as leaders.

CORRECTION

KOLONIA, Ponape - The Sept. 30 and Oct. 15, 1984, editions of THE NATIONAL UNION were incorrectly numbered Volumes 17 and 18.

Sept. 30 edition is Volume 18 and Oct. 15, Volume 19.

PCVs assigned to marine resources

KOLONIA, Ponape - Six Peace Corps volunteers who completed training here in September are assigned to a new Ponape outer islands marine resources development project, according to State Economic Development Administration Executive Director Anson Chong.

Five, who were introduced to their outer islands counterparts, traditional leaders and elected officials at a Sept. 16 dinner at the Village Hotel attended by Gov. Resio Moses, are Charles Sayon who is assigned to Pingelap; Theron Moore, Mokil; David Zoutendyk, Ngatik; David Rogers, Nukuoro, and Dennis Linebarger, Kapingamarangi.

Teresa Herring is assigned to Kolonia to coordinate the project which is part of the state five-year marine resources development program funded by the FSM Congress and Ponape State Legislature.

Other Peace Corps volunteers who completed training and were sworn in Sept. 8, according to Peace Corps Micronesia Country Director Jerry Penno, are:

Lorna Amdal, cooperative advisor, Ponape proper; Jeffrey Girdner, small business advisor, FSM Development Bank; Cynthia Hall, municipal advisor, Kitti; Royal Hassrick, cooperative advisor, southern islands; Dennis McCarthy, municipal advisor, Ponape Outer Islands Affairs Office; Martha Murphy, business instructor, Community College of Micronesia.



OUTER ISLANDS VOLUNTEERS - Six Peace Corps volunteers assigned to outer islands marine resources development in Ponape state are from left David Rogers, Nukuoro; Theron Moore, Mokil; Charles Sayon, Pingelap; Teresa Herring, project coordinator, Kolonia; David Zoutendyk, Ngatik, and Dennis Linebarger, Kapingamarangi.

sia; Jeffrey Northen, cooperative advisor, Mokil-Pingelap; Andrea Novak, business advisor, Kolonia, and Douglas Smith, municipal advisor, Nett.

Assigned to Kosrae are: Timothy Allen, village development advisor, Lelu; Thomas Becker, systems accountant, State Finance and Treasury Department; Carlos Cianchini, extensionist, State Marine Resources Division; Britt Dveris, business management trainer, Kosrae Terminal and Stevedoring Co.; Barbara Hellier, animal husbandry specialist, State Agriculture Division; Christopher O'Connor, restaurant and hotel management trainer, Skilling Restaurant and Hotel; Janean Robinson, extensionist, Marine Resources Division, and Mark Want, business management advisor, William's Enterprise, Lelu.

Assigned to the Marshall Islands are: Arthur Demers, Teresa Descher, Jean Downie, James Hamilton, Alan Ickler, Carol Lillie, Joel McCravy, David Nettleton, Karen Stetson and James Tolendano.

Yoma family responds

KOLONIA, Ponape - On behalf of the family of the late Ponape Lt. Gov. Strik Yoma, the following statement of gratitude for assistance in their time of grief was issued Sept. 26 by his brother, Fred, and widow, Sizue:

"The family of the late Lt. Gov. Strik Yoma would like to express the sincere gratitude and appreciation we feel toward the people of Ponape, the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Saipan, Guam, the Marshall Islands, the Trust Territory government and the United States at the outpouring of love, prayers and assistance which we received during our time of need. Your help has made our loss much easier to bear.

"Although our family is small, we pray that we can repay all of you in some way. We ask God to bless you for your kindness and prayers. We shall never forget the help you have provided us. Thank you."

In addition, President Tosiwo Nakayama reported that Palau President Haruo Remeliik sent his special assistant, Raymond Ulu-chong, to represent him at the Sept. 8 funeral for Mr. Yoma, but Ulu-chong could not get an Air Micronesia flight out of Guam, so he arrived after the funeral and paid his respects to the family and visited Nakayama and Gov. Resio Moses.

Skills program set, Truk next

KOLONIA, Ponape - The FSM Trades Training and Testing (T3) program is well established in Ponape with the certification of 63 trainees, according to Chief Technical Expert Frank Lunn of the sponsoring International Labor Organization and U.N. Development Program.

Three counterpart instructors from Truk were scheduled to arrive here Oct. 29 for three months of training to set up the program in that state in February, or March. They are Karenef Ludwig in construction; Kuil Sivilis, mechanical, and Dercwick Francis, electrical skills.

The T3 program began here in June with Lunn training his electrical counterpart instructor Welly Welles and five classes, certifying 35 trainees, including six in intermediate and 29 in basic skills.

Construction training under ILO expert Rusi Raiwalui was completed by 20 trainees certified in

basic skills. Counterpart instructor Joanis Bartolome will receive one month of additional training under Raiwalui in Majuro.

One class of eight trainees, including seven intermediate and one basic, has been certified, after completing training under ILO expert Bill Brown. Jessie Sidney is being trained to be the counterpart instructor.

Applications are being received by the FSM Labor Division in Kolonia for the next electrical class under Welles and mechanical class under Brown which are scheduled to begin Nov. 5. The next construction class will begin in January, after Bartolome returns from Majuro.

Lunn is scheduled to leave Ponape Nov. 10 to look into setting up the program in Palau and then go to the Marshall Islands and Tonga, leaving Brown as the last ILO expert in the program here, until Raiwalui returns in 1986 to upgrade the construction training.



ELECTRICAL TRAINING - Counterpart instructor Welly Welles, center, is demonstrating the wiring of an electric oven to trainees Marsefino Sue, left, and Clevenger David at the Trades Training and Testing (T3) center in Ponape.

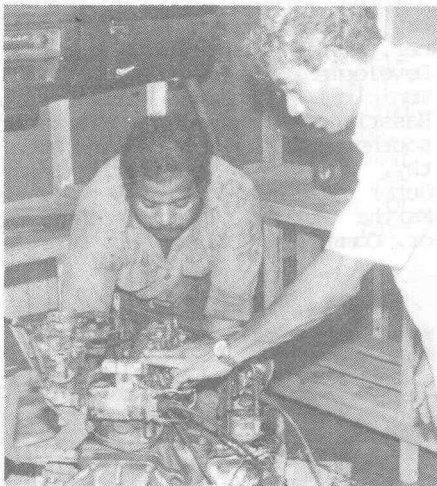
Sewer sites inspected

KOLONIA, Ponape - FSM and Trust Territory planning and statistics office officials visited Kosrae on Sept. 24 to inspect oxidation pond sites for preparation of bid contracts for Kosrae sewer system construction, according to a Kosrae State Release.

The team included FSM Construction Chief Amos Coffelt and Construction Division engineer John Crooks, plus Ron Fusco and Soenke from the Trust Territory Office of Planning and Statistics.

Gets CNMI resolution

LELU, Kosrae - Gov. Yosiwo George received a resolution adopted Sept. 4 by the Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature House of Representatives commendation and appreciation to the governor, Speaker Gaius Nedlic and their staffs for hosting the July 25-29 Association of Pacific Islands Legislature board of directors meeting, according to Kosrae State Information Officer Alex Phillip.



MECHANICAL TRAINING - Mechanical trainees Fred Joe, left, and Yosiwo Samuel are tuning an automobile engine at the ILO-UNDP sponsored Trades Training and Testing center in Ponape.



CONSTRUCTION TRAINING - Counterpart instructor Joanis Bartolome, left, is observing as construction trainee Soas Manasa paints a cabinet at the ILO-UNDP sponsored Trades Training and Testing program in Ponape.

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