

PRESIDENT ASKS JAPAN TO CONTINUE AID

TOKYO, Japan - President Tosiwo Nakayama thanked Japan Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone for grant aid and technical assistance being extended annually to the FSM and requested Japan's continued support for the termination of

the Trusteeship Agreement "so FSM can be free to build on the goodwill between Japan and the FSM," during the former's courtesy visit Sept. 8 to the Office of the Prime Minister in Tokyo, according to a news release by FSM To-

kyo Liaison Officer Jesse Raglmar.

President Nakayama and the First Lady Miter Nakayama arrived Tokyo Sept. 3 for an eight-day visit to Japan at the invitation of the government of Kumamoto as

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TOP OFFICIALS DISCUSS FUTURE OF FSM JUDICIARY

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - High level FSM officials met this week (Sept. 29-30) on Joy Island on the easternmost reef of Pohnpei to explore the future of the FSM judiciary, according to a joint press release by the Offices of the FSM President and Supreme Court Chief Justice.

President Tosiwo Nakayama and FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward C. King called the meeting of top national and state officials, the first ever of its kind, to discuss the FSM judiciary and prepare for the transition to Micronesian leadership.

In July, Chief Justice King wrote to Nakayama that the "time has arrived when transition to Micronesian leadership of the national judiciary should be a top priority."

King, an American who has served as the FSM's first chief justice since 1981, said in his letter that he intends to step aside early 1988 in order to make way for a Micronesian Chief Justice. King said his purpose in giving the extended advance notice is "to assure time and opportunity to provide for a smooth transition."

Although the chief justice post is a lifetime position, King said at his confirmation hearing in 1980 that he would serve until a Micronesian chief justice takes over, which he estimated would be five or six years.

Currently, only two justices sit on the highest bench—King

and Associate Chief Justice Richard Benson in Truk—both are Americans.

The FSM Constitution provides that a maximum of six justices may be appointed.

Nakayama and King both called the two-day conference on Joy Is-

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JUDICIAL SYSTEMS CONFERENCE ON JOY ISLAND, Pohnpei - Posing for a group photo on Joy (squatting) in front from left are Truk Gov. Gideon Doone, Yap Chief Justice John Tharngan, FSM Justice Ombudsman Nick Johnny, Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses and Machine O'Sonis of Truk. Standing from left are: Kosrae Chief Justice Harry Skilling, Truk Chief Justice Soukichi Fritz, Kosrae Senator Donald Jonah representing Kosrae Speaker, Yap Speaker Joseph Ayin, Truk Speaker Fritz Hartman, Yap AG Cyprian Manmaw, Pohnpei AG Reece Halpern, President Tosiwo Nakayama, Dr. Peter Haynes, FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward C. King, FSM Supreme Court Associate Justice Richard Benson, Kosrae Personnel Officer Fred Sigrah representing Kosrae Gov., U.H. Law Professor Jon Van Dyke, Yap Asst. AG Clement Malalap, and Special Asst. to Yap Gov. and former FSM Vice President Petrus Tun. Attending but not in photo were FSM Vice President Bailey Oiter, Pohnpei Chief Justice Edwel Santos and Special Asst. to President for legislative matters Ieske Ie'si.

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guests at the "Kumamoto Green Summit" which was opened Sept. 10 by His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Akihito and Her Imperial Highness Crown Princess Michiko in Kumamoto City.

While in Tokyo, the President met with Prime Minister Nakasone, Foreign Minister Tadashi Kuranari, Liberal Democratic Party Supreme Advisor Susumu Nikaido and LDP's External Economic Cooperation Committee Chairman Ichiro Hatoyama who was the former Foreign Minister, Diet House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Toshio Yamaguchi, U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield, Keisuke Arita of International Cooperation Agency, and Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation president Toshihiko Ohba.

Foreign Minister Kuranari thanked Mr. Nakayama for his efforts in building warm and friendly relations between Japan and the FSM and assured the President of his country's continued cooperation with the FSM noting that "Government of Japan is finalizing its review for the fisheries development project to be in Yap State, FSM."

Kuranari also informed the President that the Japanese Foreign Ministry has extended to the FSM Department of External Affairs assistance for two foreign service officers to undergo a 10-day foreign service training program under the supervision of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, citing existence of cultural and ethnic ties between Japan and the FSM as important in building strong relations between the two nations.

In a meeting with Ambassador Mansfield, President Nakayama expressed his gratitude to the U.S. Government for all the assistance that has brought Micronesia closer to assuming complete self-government or independence.

President Nakayama said that the United States has taught Micronesians the importance of its democratic system of government and society. That the FSM institutions of government are patterned after the U.S. system of government to assure the survival of liberty and independence in our small islands. "We are now practicing what we have learned (from the U.S.)," said the President.

Ambassador Mansfield replied that "perhaps the U.S. has not been perfect in its administration of the Micronesian islands, the U.S. should have done better because a great deal of money was extended during the Trust Territory," adding that he is convinced that at least the direction being put into place for the islands to assume their sovereignty is a correct one, and urged that FSM starts projecting its international character and President to travel abroad more to front the FSM.

President Nakayama hosted a two-hour reception at the Capitol Tokyu Hotel for some 50 selected guests including Mansfield, members of the Japanese Diet, representatives from the diplomatic missions of the Pacific countries including Fiji Ambassador Joseph Gibson and Mrs. Gibson and representatives of private companies and organizations.

The President informed the guests in his prepared remarks that "under this (Compact of Free Association) treaty, my country in all practical purposes is independent and like any independent state, we will conduct our foreign affairs in our own name and right," adding "having not the means to defend ourselves and having been in a strategic location, we have chosen to entrust the defense of our country into the hands of the U.S.; and thus, it can be said, in the hands of her allies as well."

"As equal partners under this Free Association arrangement, or as allies, if you will, the U.S. government and the FSM government will consult with each other in the conduct of their respective foreign affairs, if such conduct is affecting this special defense relationship. Consultation I believe is common practice between and among allies and by doing it, it by no means diminishes one's political independence or sovereignty," President Nakayama said.

"In every step we have taken to reassure our sovereignty or independence, we have faced with certain obstacles. However, it would be quite ironic if the last obstacles would be from within the United Nations itself (referring to the delayed Compact approval process with the U.N. Security Council) which established the trusteeship system to allow some eleven non self-governing countries to freely choose their own political destinies through act of self-determination.

"Our chosen political status of free association with the United States more than meets the criteria for self-government established by the United Nations. Our referendum or act of self-determination was observed by the United Nations. Our new status has been sanctioned by the Trusteeship Council by its affirmative vote on May 28 of this year. We hope, therefore, that the vote at the Security Council will simply reflect the fact that my country is now ready to reassume the helm after 400 long years of tutelage.

"We are grateful to the United States, France and United Kingdom for bringing the trusteeship status to its conclusion and we are equally grateful to Japan and our Pacific-Asian neighbors for their support," the President said, adding that the FSM government continues to "request for your

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continued support in the final phase of this long but peaceful struggle for independence."

The Presidential entourage stayed in Tokyo for several days before departing Sept. 9 for Kumamoto city for the "Kumamoto Green Summit," whose theme this year is "the coexistence between cities and nature."

The President was accompanied by FSM External Affairs Department International Affairs Chief Masao Nakayama, First Lady Miter and Raglmar.

Xavier intern at PIO

KOLOMIA, Pohnpei - Patricia Pedrus, 17, of Pohnpei, one of 31 Xavier High School, Truk, seniors completing their community service projects for graduation, is working as an intern in the FSM Public Information Office, assisting in reporting and news writing, according to Public Information Officer Ketson Johnson.

Pedrus said that contrary to the practice of having the Community Service Project (CSP) held at the last quarter of the school year to be followed by graduation on the students respective islands, the Board of Directors and Principal Rev. Ken Hezel have decided to have the CSP this year held in the beginning of the year so the seniors could have their graduation ceremonies at Xavier High School campus in Truk.

Pedrus, daughter of former T.T. Personnel Director and former Governor Erhart Aten's Administration Special Assistant Podis Pedrus and Sarako Pedrus of Kolonia Town, Pohnpei, began her internship September 1 and is scheduled to continue through October 17.



Pedrus

Compact funding retroactive to fy 1985, with funding decline of 75 % in first year

Kolonia, Pohnpei - The U.S. House of Representatives, on September 30, passed House Joint Resolution 626, approving the Compact of Free Association with the Republic of Palau. The United States Senate is expected to pass similar legislation before it recesses on October 3.

The U.S. Congress action on the Palau Compact is being taken at the urging of U.S. President Reagan and Palau President Lazarus Salii, despite a September 7 decision by the Appellate Division of the Palau Supreme Court affirming an earlier trial court decision that the Palau Constitution required a 75 percent approval vote in the February 21, 1986 plebiscite on the Palau Compact. The Palau Compact was approved by only 72.19 percent of the voters in the plebiscite.

Sitting on the Palau Court Appellate panel were Palau Supreme Court Chief Justice Mamoru Nakamura, Associate Justice Loren A. Sutton, and FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward C. King. The lawsuit challenging the Palau plebiscite was brought by Palau's traditional high Chief Ibedul Yutaka M. Gibbons, and three other Palau citizens.

Approval of the Palau Compact by the U.S. Congress will probably set the stage for further efforts to resolve the Palau situation, according to FSM Status Commission Counsel, Greg Swartz, although the approach to be taken, whether further amendments to the Compact or a Palau constitutional amendment and another plebiscite, is unclear.

Approval of the Palau Compact should also set the stage for efforts to secure partial termination of the U.N. Trusteeship for the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, according to Swartz, who noted that the United Nations Trusteeship

Council adopted a resolution approving termination in May.

The House legislation approving the Palau Compact included provisions authorizing a transition period for all U.S. federal programs operating in Micronesia, including the Federated States of Micronesia, Swartz said. The legislation pending before the Senate includes similar provisions. The provisions authorize a three-year phaseout of U.S. federal programs, with funding declining from 75 percent of the FY 1985 or 1986 funding level in the first year of the Compact, to 50 percent in the second year, and 25 percent in the third year.

In other action, the U.S. Congress passed a five-day continuing resolution extending FY 1986 funding levels for the Trust Territory (\$38.763 million) into FY 1987. The Congress is expected to pass a longer term continuing resolution, with the timetable for final action on a FY 1987 budget still unknown as President Reagan and the U.S. Congress continue to debate defense spending and other issues.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Congress passed H.R. 4515, the Urgent Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1986, which provided for first year Compact funding to be made retroactive to October 1, 1985. FY 1987 would then include second year Compact funding. This approach is still being proposed by the U.S. Government, Swartz said, noting that the continuing resolution recently passed by the U.S. Congress removed the previous September 30 lapse date on first year Compact funding appropriated in H.R. 4515. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget has taken a firm position that Compact funding can not be made available until the Compact comes into effect which in turn depends on termination of the Trusteeship, Swartz said.

Regents adopt measures for Micronesian presidential sum

MAJURO, Marshall Islands - The College of Micronesia Board of Regents adopted measures to prepare for a Micronesian presidential summit on future funding for the college, during their Sept. 22-24 meeting held in Majuro, Marshall Islands, according to College of Micronesia (COM) Executive Director Dr. Singero, a COM release said.

The meeting was held in the Majuro Public Library in conjunction with the Sept. 22 dedication of the new Community College of Micronesia School of Nursing campus in the former Amer Ishoda Hospital which is being renovated by the Republic of the Marshall Islands government.

The COM system also includes the COM and CTAS central offices and COM campus in Pohnpei, the Micronesian Occupational College in Palau and Continuing Education Centers in the Marshalls, Palau and four states in FSM.

The Regents also adopted directives to streamline its executive committee, prepare of upcoming accreditation review and designate two firms to manage the \$3 million COM Land Grant Endowment Fund.

In the "Actions and Directives" adopted during the Sept. 24 closing session, the board designated Rector Alfred Capelle of the Marshalls, one regent each from Palau and the FSM, the COM executive director and legal counsel to be its delegation to a pre-summit task force meeting.

A task force meeting was proposed for October, but delayed at the request of the Marshall Islands government until a date is set by the U.S. and Micronesian governments for implementing their Compact of Free Association, according to Dr. Singero.

"I think that when the Compact is not certain, a meeting should take place," Singero said.

"We expect that if the Compact is not implemented soon, our

sources of funding will continue as they have been, such as DOI (Interior Department) grants and Pell (Basic Education Opportunities) grants," he said.

Singero said that Trust Territory government officials agreed to help prevent COM from being "lost in the shuffle," during the period before implementation of the Compact.

Capelle said in a press briefing that the Regents decided to continue the freeze on salaries and unnecessary travel throughout the system, due to the uncertainty of future funding.

The freeze was imposed by the Regents during their January annual meeting in Pohnpei when they first called for a Micronesian summit on COM funding and continued during their April meeting in Palau.

In order to streamline its executive committee, previously made up of five or more of its eight members, the board disbanded all previous committees and replaced them with a new executive committee comprised of the Rector and Vice Rector Damian Sohl of Pohnpei to review all policy issues and recommendations prior to its next annual meeting Jan. 19-21 in Pohnpei.

The action was in response to a request by the chief executives of the COM branches to establish a committee on programs and systems coordination, according to Singero.

The board also approved the chief executives' proposals to adopt audit report recommendations for improving accounting systems and to work with the campus Special Project Officers in research and development planning.

In preparation for an accreditation review which is scheduled to begin in April, the board directed the Rector and Executive Director to initiate communications with the Western Associa-

tion of Schools and College for advice on how to comply with its new standards for multiple-campus systems such as the University of Hawaii, according to Singero.

"This is the first time the accrediting commission will focus on the system campus relationship," he said.

The board selected from among seven entries Atalanta-Sosnoff Capital Corp. and the Common Fund as agents to manage on a 50-50 basis the \$3 million Land Grant Endowment Fund which was allocated last year to COM by the U.S. Education Department, after being appropriated by the U.S. Congress, the release said.

The board also adopted its Resolution 5-86 expressing appreciation to Joseph A. Stoll, Jr., assistant vice president and resident manager for Merrill Lynch, a brokerage and money management firm, who was retained after the April meeting in Palau to analyze the applications to manage the endowment fund for his services which were provided without charge.

The Regents asked its secretary-treasurer, Dr. John C. Salas of Guam, who was named to the COM Board by the Trust Territory High Commissioner and who is vice president for personnel of the Duty Free Co., review the recommendations of the COM and COM joint personnel committees and report his recommendations in the January meeting.

The board adopted its Resolution 6-86 commending all COM staff members in Majuro for their contributions to the School of Nursing transition and Resolution 7-86 thanking the Marshall Islands President, cabinet and agencies for their support and commitment to the School of Nursing.

In addition to Capelle, Sohl and Salas, the meeting was attended by Regents Sebastian Ana-

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fel of Yap, Dr. Ansito Walter of Truk, Johnson Toribiong of Palau and Kathy Kesolei of Palau who also represents the High Commissioner on the board. Singkichy George of Kosrae was absent because a Tropical Storm Ben caused the cancellation of a connecting flight to Pohnpei, officials said.

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land an extraordinary experience.

There was frank and open discussion about the FSM judiciary, according to Nakayama, who said that the 23 participants spoke honestly about judicial independence, court jurisdiction and structure, the proper rule of custom and tradition within the FSM judiciary, and other issues concerning appointment of Micronesian justices.

The participants also discussed whether the present system, with its jurisdictional issues, various courts of appeals and separate administration is too expensive and cumbersome. One of the problems identified in the judiciary system is that judges sit on appeals of each other, both in the state and national courts.

King suggested that many of the current problems might be solved by legislation allowing state court chief justices to be assigned to serve as national trial court judges to hear cases now assigned to the FSM Supreme Court trial division. He suggested also that consideration should be given to eventually assigning all trial cases to the state courts with the FSM Supreme Court then handling all appeals.

When asked if any decisions had been made as to a Micronesian chief justice being named, President Nakayama said no. There was discussion about a Micronesian associate justice being appointed in the near future, however, the release concluded.

bank's grand opening held

LELU, Kosrae - A grand opening of the Bank of FSM at the second floor of Skilling's Hotel in Tofol, Kosrae, was held on July 23, according to a Kosrae State Information release.

The event was witnessed by FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, Gov. Yosiwo George, bank's board of directors president Leo A. Falcam, dignitaries from the FSM national and Kosrae state governments and many others from the local community.

Bank of FSM began its operation on March 17 in Tofol as the second commercial bank doing business in Kosrae. Bank of Hawaii, which began operation in April 1985, was the first commercial bank established in the State of

Kosrae. The establishment of the commercial banks came as an addition to the FSM Development Bank which began economic development loan operations in Kosrae since February 1982.

In his remarks, President Nakayama re-affirmed his personal support for the bank and encouraged the people of Kosrae and the

FSM citizens to invest and patronize the bank, the release said, adding that Gov. George and Board president Falcam also spoke during the event.

The Bank of FSM has over 1,300 shareholders, 500 of whom are from Kosrae, Executive vice president and Chief Executive Officer Ron Jenkins said.

British Hicom visits FSM and Kosrae

LELU, Kosrae - British Government High Commissioner to the Republic of Kiribati, Charles Thompson, visited Kosrae on July 29 as part of an FSM-Palau-Marshall Islands orientation trip, a

Kosrae Information release said.

Thompson met and held discussions regarding topics of mutual interest with Kosrae State officials and also toured the Lelu Ruins and the state museum.



FSM NATIONAL GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAL WORKSHOP COMPLETED - Fifteen FSM national government employees received certificates of completion following a five-months-and-a-half secretarial workshop conducted by the President's Secretary Melody Musrasrik at the President's Conference Room from March 12-July 30. Posing for a group photo from left are Melody, Kikulynn Hebel of Education Division, Reliner Legitimus of the T3 Program, Masihna Solomon of Commission on Future Political Status and Transition, Andonia Ladore of Revenue Division, Elihter Edgar and Melita Likor of Health Services Division, Margaret Kishiawwa of Education Division, Eliorida Marcus of Finance Dept., Maryallen Manuel of Public Information Office (PIO), Rumina Edwin of Budget, Maria Shoniber of Personnel Office, Elaine Hadley and Konsuelo Panuelo of Attorney General's Office, Esi James of PIO, FSM Personnel Officer Kohne Ramon, and FSM Employee Development and Training Officer Paul Gallen. Not pictured is Selerina Samuel of FSM Development Bank.

Survey held on malnutrition and policies

KOLOMIA, Pohnpei - The FSM government is conducting a National Nutrition Survey to determine the extent of malnutrition and to establish future food policies, according to FSM Health Services Administrator Dr. Eliuel Pretrick.

Phase I of the survey, which is being funded by the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), began Aug. 11-29 in Kosrae and will be continued Sept. 15-Oct. 10 in Pohnpei, Oct. 20-Nov. 7 in Yap, and Nov. 10-Dec. 19 in Truk under the direction of FSM Nutrition Specialist Jane Elymore.

Phase I includes canvassing population samples established for the centers and outlaying villages of the four FSM states, including the Truk Lagoon islands, while Phase II will include more extensive trips to the Truk, Yap and Pohnpei outer islands. Phase III data tabulation and analysis which are expected to be completed by mid-1987, and Phase IV, policy recommendations, a CTAS news release said.

The target population for the survey includes child-bearing women, 15-44 years old, and children, newborn-4 years old, according to Mrs. Elymore, who said that "these two groups were chosen as being the most sensitive indicators of the nutritional status of the overall population."

As survey coordinator, Elymore is spending the first week of each Phase I survey period training the interviewers in the methods for conducting the survey and the information being sought by each question on the four-page questionnaire, the release said.

The first page is devoted to information about each woman and her youngest child. The second page includes questions about the number of children each woman has, how many are still alive, stillbirths, miscarriages, prenatal medical care, marital status and breastfeeding. The third page includes more questions on

breastfeeding, weaning and the kinds of soft foods used and whether the mother is smoking and drinking alcohol. And the fourth page includes questions about what foods women avoid for cultural reasons during pregnancy and lactation.

The interviewers also are asked to record the weight, height and hemoglobin concentration of each woman and her youngest child and the birthweight of that child.

Mrs. Elymore was assisted by 10 members of Kosrae State Health Services Department staff and will be utilizing local health services personnel in each of the other states.

She is being assisted by Trust Territory Food Services Director Linda Parkinson, FSM Statistics Chief Michael Hartman and her husband, FSM Health Services Statistician Amado Elymore in devising the questionnaire and compiling the data received.

Planning for the survey began in 1983 with the assistance of UNICEF consultants Steve Umemoto and Dr. Jaque Badcock of the South Pacific Commission headquarters in New Caledonia as the result of a resolution introduced by Mrs. Elymore and approved by a 1981 State-National Leadership Conference in Kosrae, requesting an FSM nutrition policy. Judy Otto of Fiji replaced Umemoto last year as a consultant to the FSM survey.

The survey is headed by a National Nutritional Survey Steering Committee with Pretrick as its chairman and the FSM Health Service Division's Deputy Administrator Dr. Kiosi Aniol, Federal Programs Manager Isamu Abraham, Maternal and Child Health Coordinator Sizue Yoma and Mr. and Mrs. Elymore, its members.

The survey is being conducted independently of an FSM National Food and Nutrition Policy Workshop which is being organized with the support of the U.N. Food

and Agriculture Organization regional office in Tonga, though its findings will be incorporated in the workshop, Pretrick said.

"We want to develop specific nutritional health programs to tackle the nutritional problems we have in the FSM," he said citing possibilities of new policies in food production and imports and emphasis on consuming local foods.

The survey is designed to identify the degree and nature of nutritional problems in the FSM, produce estimates of child malnutrition in each state and identify by geographic location groups most affected by malnutrition, according to Mrs. Elymore.

Some of the problems to be explored by the survey are the extent of premature births, teenage pregnancies, food taboos in pregnancy and lactation, lack of vegetables in diets, health and nutrition awareness, bottle feeding and associated problems, weaning timing and methods, food distribution in families (with children getting little and fathers the best food) and high "rubbish" food consumption, she said.

Three awarded Kosrae scholarships

LELU, Kosrae - Three out of 17 applicants were awarded scholarships for school year 1986 by Kosrae Scholarship Board during its July 9 review.

They are Sasaki George, in medicine; Arthy Nena, in Public Health, and Preston George, in field of civil engineering.

Seven others were granted student loans. They are Johnson Asher to study pre-law; Grossley Kinere, in business; Yosiro Alo-ko and Johnson Benjamin in computer science, and Jackson Albert in agriculture, a Kosrae State Information release said.

USIA Pacific Islands Program New Director Visits

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The U.S. Information Agency (USIA) Pacific Islands Program new Office Director Louis E. Polichetti visited Pohnpei Sept. 17-21 as part of the Micronesia familiarization trip and to follow-up on arrangements regarding the agency's program in FSM.

Polichetti replaces former director Leon M.S. Slaweksi who left the Honolulu office in June of this year for mainland China to become the American co-director of the Johns Hopkins-Nanjing University Joint Center for Chi-

nese and American Studies in Nanjing, Peoples Republic of China.

Polichetti said he is interested in developing mutual programs and to identify areas of interest and to see what kind of resources his agency has and in what areas can FSM and his agency interface.

"Hopefully as we develop and find out what we would offer the islands in terms of development, we would then be glad to offer them in a cohesive way," Polichetti said, adding the agency is currently offering programs under the International Visitor Grants,

educational grants, and visiting lecture program, while the electronic exchange of health, education and cultural events program is being considered in the future.

The USIA Pacific Islands Program was opened August 12, 1985 in Honolulu to provide information, education and cultural exchange services to the three emerging Micronesian nations and seven other Pacific countries, including Kiribati, Tuvalu, Nauru, Tonga, Vanuatu, Western Samoa and the Solomon Islands.

Polichetti is a veteran of 20 years in U.S. Foreign Service where he served two years in Washington as USIA Aquisition Manager for T.V. and Films and seven years as Senior Editor and Writer for Voice of America (VOA) also in Washington, five years in Thailand as Radio T.V. Officer, two years in Vietnam as Field Representative for the joint U.S. Public Affairs Office, three years each as Information Officer and Public Affairs Officer for USIA in Afghanistan and Malawi, respectively.

He also previously served for four years in India where he co-ordinated programs and cultural presentations, exhibits and audio visual services for USIA, and 16 months as special assistant manager to the Director of Office of International Trade, in Los Angeles, California.

Polichetti visited the Marshall Islands on Sept. 14-17 and is scheduled to visit Palau, Saipan, and Truk, before he returned to Honolulu early next month.

Alpet resigns to teach

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Gov. Resio Moses has accepted the resignation Sept. 30 of the Special Assistant to Gov. for Office of Public Affairs, Samon Alpet of Madolenihmw, and has appointed Legislative liaison officer Hainrick Stevenson of Kitti to direct the office pending legislature confirmation, a State Information release said.

Alpet resigned to resume teaching at Wapar Elementary School.

Medical officers training open for applicants

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Applications are being accepted through Oct. 15 to enroll in the University of Hawaii-sponsored Medical Officers Training Program which is scheduled to begin here in January, according to FSM Health Services Administrator Dr. Eliuel Pretrick.

Pretrick said the program is open to students who have completed at least two years of college studies and are recommended by their local screening committees in the four FSM states, the Marshall Islands, Palau and American Samoa.

Applications and further information may be obtained from the health services offices in those jurisdictions; Dr. John Wellington, Assistant Dean, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii, or Dr. Eliuel Pretrick, Administrator, FSM Health Services Division, Kolo- nia, Pohnpei FSM 96941, a College of Micronesia information release said.

Micronesians and Samoan students residing in Hawaii and the U.S. mainland may apply through Dr. Wellington at U.H., Pretrick said.

The training will begin on a date to be set in January at the former Maeda Construction Co. camp adjacent to the Pohnpei State Hospital here provided by

the state government, according to Pretrick who said the site is being renovated to provide dormitories, classrooms and offices for the program.

He said that 15-20 students would be accepted each year for five years to begin the five-year training program which is expected to graduate five classes totalling about 70 students by the end of 10 years.

The U.S. Congress authorized \$9 million for the 10-year program and appropriated \$2.5 million for its first three years, Pretrick said.

"The candidates are to be screened by the local committees and endorsed by their state or entity to assure that when they graduate from the school, there will be jobs available for them.

"The final determination will be made by the Advisory Committee to the program which is composed of all of the health service directors (in Micronesia and Samoa) and a few people from the U.H.," Pretrick said.

The UH medical school faculty "is working with the College of Micronesia to modify its curriculum, especially its science courses for those students who wish to apply in the future," Pretrick said.

T3 NEW HOME TO BE COMPLETED SOON

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Construction of the new home for the FSM Trade Training and Testing (T³) Program is proceeding according to schedule with the completion date expected in October 1986, says Program Coordinator Henry Hickey.

The T³ Program is funded by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and executed through International Labor Organization.

It is anticipated that the IIO will designate the FSM facility, now being constructed behind PICS High School campus, as a Regional Training center for all of Micronesia, Hickey said.

Hickey, who left FSM last December for several months in the U.S. on personal business returned early last month to wind up construction of the national T³ center, said it was gratifying to see the extent of work that had been accomplished towards building a National T³ training center under the direction of the then Acting Program Coordinator, Senior Trade Training and Testing Officer Jesse Y. Sidney of Truk.

The Fourth FSM Congress allocated \$60,000 during fiscal 1986 for construction of the national center that will include offices, individual workshops for construction, electrical and mechanical trades; dormitory, kitchen/dining hall, restrooms, bath, laundry, game room and a recreation area, and is one of the three Pacific regional centers, two others of which are located in Vanuatu and Kingdom of Tonga to service the Melanesian and Polynesian Island groups, respec-

tively, Hickey said.

Designed by and being constructed under the supervision of IIO construction expert Mr. Rusi Raiwalui of Fiji, the facility when completed in October is expected to be the most modern in the Western Pacific and the model for other similar training centers in the area, Hickey said, adding that the center is being built by the FSM T³ Construction training officers Joanis Bartolome of Pohnpei, Felix En of Yap, Mike Martin of Truk and J. Sacheus of the Marshall Islands, using only unsalaried trainees for labor with IIO Plumbing expert Mr. Joseph Mailulu incharge of plumbing work.

Actual construction on the center began on April 21 under the direction of Sidney and early last month, trainees in carpentry and plumbing began work on the second phases of the project under supervision of Raiwalui and Mailulu, said Hickey, who noted that once completed, the facility will be able to berth, mess, train and provide recreation for up to 12 trainees in a self-sufficient atmosphere and that this will not only accrue savings by circumventing per diem costs for out-of-town trainees but will provide a home-like environment so trainees will not be lured into less desirable areas.

It is expected that had construction of the center been let out to contract, the total cost would have exceeded \$125,000; however, under the present system it will be built for approximately \$60,000, according to Hickey.

The T³ program, which has been implemented in Pohnpei, Truk and Yap with implementation in Kosrae pending completion of a suitable site, is providing a heretofore undenied opportunity for young Micronesians to learn marketable skills in areas of construction, electrical and mechanical which are expected to be in great demand when construction of the new FSM Capitol commences, Hickey added.

In addition to the professional skills in the major trade areas, the FSM trainees will be bringing home expertise of great values to their local economy including the learned tasks of raising and production of poultry, pigs and agricultural products which will become sort of proposed side projects to make the center as self-sufficient as possible, Hickey commented.

Some of the related ongoing aspects of the T³ Program include: a two-week supervisory course being conducted by IIO Training Advisor Mahmud Quraishi at the local T³ Training Centers commencing on August 25 for 20 trainees from all over Micronesia; Sidney to travel to Vanuatu to attend a supervisory and middle-management

course in September and to Cook Islands for a T³ seminar and exchange ideas with his counterparts, and mechanical training officers from Yap and Truk to attend a training course in Cook Islands to be conducted by IIO Mechanical expert Bill Brown.

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