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**STATUS COMMISSION MEETS IN POHNPEI** - The FSM Commission on Future Political Status and Transition is meeting March 17-21 in the commission building to discuss transition and implementation issues and status of the additional agreements to be negotiated pursuant to U.S. Public Law 99-239 (the Compact legislation), with Chairman Anton Amaraich, second from left, presiding. From right counterclockwise are Transition Vice Chairman Senator Jack Fritz of Truk; CFPST Executive Director Kodaro Gallen; FSM Congress Budget Officer Tom Bussanich; Commission Legal Counsel Greg Swartz; FSM Congress Legal Counsel Gary Takeuchi; Amaraich; Kosrae Lt. Gov. Moses Mackwelung; Senator Isaac Figir of Yap; Senator Peter Christian of Pohnpei, and Senator Tony Otto of Truk. Attending but not in photo were: Special Assistant to Yap Gov., Petrus Tun and Pohnpei State Senator Kasiano Joseph.

## THREE ACCEPT COMPACT CHANGES

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Kosrae State became first to accept changes to the Compact of Free Association after Truk Legislators overturned its Jan. 24 adoption of a similar resolution.

After recalling to the floor its previously approved resolution approving the Compact of Free Association as amended, the Truk State Legislature became one of the three FSM states which accepted the changes proposed to the Compact of Free Association and its related agreements by the United States Government in U.S. Public Law 99-239.

Truk Speaker Simeon Innocente said that after overturning its Jan. 24 adoption of a compact approval resolution, the Truk State

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## **Doone, Mori face opponents in runoff in April**

MOEN, Truk - Former FSM Supreme Court Administration Director Gideon Doone led the field of five gubernatorial candidates but faces an April 29 runoff election with former FSM senator Sasao Gouland as a result of March 11 elections in Truk, said the Truk Governor's Rep. to the Mortlocks and Election Chairman Misauo Petrus, adding that the incumbent Lt. Gov. Bob Mori, who led four candidates in the Lt. Gov. race, is forced into another runoff election with Sapuro Rayphand. Petrus said a runoff election

is scheduled for April 29 for the top two seats since neither of the two leading candidates in both the governor and lieutenant governor races received the required 45 percent of the total votes cast during the election to win.

In another election related activity, incumbent Speaker Simeon Innocenti, who ran unopposed for the single seat in election precinct 12, won, while Hiroko Mori of Uman, the only woman state senator in all FSM, lost her seat

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# Coldstorage Facilities in Pohnpei & Truk dedicated

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The utilization of the coldstorage facility will enhance Pohnpei State capability in catching, marketing and storing fish, vegetables and other agricultural products, said Pohnpei State Conservation and Resource Surveillance Department Director Kikuo L. Apis.

Apis, who accepted the keys to the coldstorage facility on behalf of Gov. Resio Moses and the Pohnpei State government, said, "The success in our development program must depend on the people involved in the business of catching, storing and selling the ocean product, fish," during the coldstorage facility dedication and transfer from FSM to Pohnpei State ceremony held March 14 at Dekehtik at the Pohnpei commercial dock.

The FSM officials reported that the dedication and transfer ceremony in Pohnpei was held a day ahead of similar occasion in Truk State on Dublon Island where External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy handed keys to Truk State Governor Erhart Aten on March 15 in a ceremony dedicating the Truk 140-ton freezer complex on Dublon, some two miles southeast of Moen, which began with a convoy of Truk fisheries boats escorting Gov. Aten and Takesy entourage ashore.

Apis called on government officials and Pohnpei fishermen to exert efforts toward the need to effectively utilize the 147-ton freezer complex.

The Pohnpei facility, whose early stages of construction labor was subcontracted to Pohnpei MIDPAC Company, includes a 147 ton freezer storage, a 37 ton coldstorage, two freezer rooms capable of freezing five tons of commodity in 10 hours also water into 55 lb. ice blocks, an office space, two 3900-gallon water tanks, and an annex building housing two diesel generators each with 350 KVA to alternately



**COLDSTORAGE FACILITIES ON Pohnpei AND Truk DEDICATED** - Cutting the ribbons to the facility in Pohnpei from right are Maeda Construction Co. Project Director Tokuhiro Takada; FSM Asian Affairs Deputy Chief Tadao Sigrah; Pohnpei Conservation and Resource Surveillance Director Kikuo Apis, and D&A Director and General Manager Jiro Hayakawa. Truk facility dedication ceremonies were held March 15 on Dublon.

Apis, together with Maeda Construction Co., Ltd., Project Director T. Takada, FSM External Affairs Asian Affairs Deputy Chief Tadao P. Sigrah who represented the FSM national government, and D&A (Domestic and Abroad) Engineering Company, Ltd., Director and General Manager Jiro Hayakawa, cut the ribbons opening the facility to the public and also spoke during the Pohnpei ceremonies.

Those who spoke and cut the ribbons to the new coldstorage facility on Truk, besides Gov. Aten and Deputy Secretary Takesy were: State Senator Chotaro Lika, representing Legislature Speaker Simeon Innocenti; Chief Justice Soukichi Fritz; Dublon Assistant Chief Magistrate Tongei Kosam, and Dublon Municipal Council Chairman Sinchy Kapwich, Takesy said.

National and state officials who spoke during the ceremonies both in Pohnpei and Truk thanked the government of Japan and recognized Maeda Construction Co., and D&A Engineering Company, a consulting firm, and local con-

struction companies as subcontractors, for their outstanding performance in completing the project ahead of the contractual time, according to Takesy.

Like Pohnpei, the three-hour ceremony on Truk was followed by an open house and traditional feast with dancing by the youth groups from Dublon Island, Takesy added.

Hayakawa, who represented D&A Engineering Company to the ceremonies on Pohnpei, congratulated the national and state officials for implementing the Phase II of the Traditional Fishing and Nutrition Improvement Project, which came about as a result of the executed Exchange of Notes that were signed on March 15, 1985.

The \$3.7 million coldstorage construction package by Maeda Construction Company and the D&A Engineering consulting firm for Pohnpei and Truk facilities began Aug. 20 and Sept. 10, 1985, respectively, as part of Japan Foreign Aid package for the FSM during fiscal 1984.

FSM officials said that these coldstorage facilities are designed for storing fish, vegetables and other agricultural products and are capable of expansion to meet the future fisheries needs in the two states.

Pohnpei's administration of the facility is under the Economic Development Authority (EDA) while the facility in Truk is assigned under the State department of Resources and Development.

## Correction

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM Administrative Management Division Administrator Reed Nena said that the FSM Congress Assistant Public Information Officer Robert A. Jackson hails from Tafunsak Municipality, Kosrae, instead of Lelu, as reported in the Feb. 28 NATIONAL UNION.

# Final review expected this week

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Legislature then voted 18 to 1 on March 7 for the resolution accepting the changes proposed to the Compact of Free Association and its related agreements by the United States Government.

The Yap State Legislature's action on March 7 was unanimous, Legislative Counsel Martin Yinug said, adding that seven members voted for the resolution with one absent and two excused.

Yinug said that after lengthy debates on the resolution, the Yap Legislature amended the resolution to delete a resolving clause which deals with the "Agreement on Internal Budget and Finance Procedures under the Compact of Free Association," and the "Memorandum of Understanding with respect to the division of grant assistance among FSM national and state governments" saying that it needs to study the clause before taking further action on it.

The Truk Legislature adopted the resolution saying that it is in accord with the basic principles of Free Association, State Information Specialist Dechuo Jain said.

Jain also said that Truk Legislators expressed "reservation" regarding any agreement on internal budget and finance procedures under the Compact as amended, and the Memorandum of Understanding resolving clause as proposed by the March 2 meeting of national and state legislative representatives on Pohnpei.

The eleven-member Kosrae State Legislature on March 6 voted 10 to 1 in favor of the resolution accepting the changes made to the Compact of Free Association by the U.S. Congress, Public Affairs Director Fred S. Skilling said.

The Pohnpei State Legislature convened March 17, and was recessed until March 21 to await the completion of a workshop being held by members of the leg-

islature and the municipal offices to determine the impact of the Compact amendments as offered by the U.S. Congress.

The FSM Congress was convened on March 17 in a scheduled 10-day special session to take up its review and approval process regarding the Compact of Free Association with the changes, Speaker Bethwel Henry said.

The resolution ratifying the Compact of Free Association and its related agreements with the changes proposed by the U.S. government in U.S. Public Law 99-239, subject to certain understandings, interpretations and policy statements of the government of the FSM...was introduced and assigned to the Committee on External Affairs chaired by Sen. Isacc Figir of Yap.

Henry said the special session will also deliberate on topics including: Fishery Management Agreement among FSM, and the Republics of Kiribati and Palau; legislations submitted by Administration; amendments to appropriations, and funding for the FSM capitol in Palikir.

Congress is meeting to put its final act on the Compact, Speaker Henry said, noting to the senators that "we have spent many years in studying, talking about, deliberating, articulating and discussing about the Compact" and "I am sure the External Affairs Committee will do its best to study it and make final recommendation to the Congress."

## To use local medicines

KOLOMIA, Pohnpei - Pohnpei State Legislature adopted a resolution requesting the FSM National Government to conduct a feasibility study on the use of local medicines and for possible incorporation into the government provided health services system, a State Information release said.

"Because local medicines are deeply embedded in the islands'

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## Salii certifies Palau Compact results

KOROR, Republic of Palau - Republic of Palau President Lazarus Salii declared Feb. 24 that the plebiscite on the improved Compact requires only a simple majority for approval and that an overwhelming majority of Palauan voters in the Feb. 21 Plebiscite voted in favor of the Compact thus approving it in conformance with the constitutional process based on democratic principles, the Palau President's Office release said.

Salii said that a total of 5,796 or 72.2 percent voted for and 1,957 or 27.8 percent voted against the Compact, the release noted, adding that there were 9,905 registered voters for the plebiscite in Palau.

"With my signature certifying the results of the February 21 Plebiscite, the Republic of Palau now fulfills its part and completes its constitutional process in the long and arduous work toward reaching an agreement which would make possible the status of Free Association between Palau and the United States," Salii said during the certification ceremony which was also witnessed by U.N. observers, members of the U.S. Government, and officials from Palau.

"It is my hope and expectation that the President of the United States, after receiving the Palau Compact, would expedite its transmittal to the U.S. Congress for expeditious approval so that termination of the trusteeship status of Palau would take place simultaneously with that of the Marshalls, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas," President Salii added.

The government of Palau is expected to formally present the ratified Compact to the U.S. Government and then to United Nations for their review and approval, possibly in early summer, the release added.

# 70% DISAPPROVES DRAFT

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in precinct 4 to Fasy Nethon.

Twelve veteran senators lost their seats to challengers in their bid for reelection during the March 11 voting, Truk State Public Affairs Director and Election Commissioner Iskia SONY said.

Doone received 5,188 or 26 percent of total votes cast to 4,743 or 24 percent for Gouland; 4,158 or 21 percent for Tadashi Wainit; 3,026 or 15 percent for Nachsa Siren, and 2,875 or 14 percent for Kasio Mida, SONY reported.

In the Lt. Governor's race, incumbent Mori received 7,075 or 42 percent of the votes cast to 3,928 or 24 percent for Rayphand; 3,469 or 21 percent for Kirion Hengio, and 2,248 or 13 percent for Valentine Harper, SONY added.

In the senatorial races, 93 candidates ran for the 28-seat legislature.

The unofficial winners are as follows:

In Precinct No. 1: Incumbent Senators Kisande Sos received 817 votes; Rommy Robert, 958; and newcomers Roosevelt Kansou, 1,026; Nelson Killion, 1,006, and Yosi Ludwig, 859.

In Precinct No. 2: Incumbent Senators Hayashi Naka received 1,020 and Endy Dois, 798.

In Precinct No. 3: Incumbent Senators Jonathan Salle received 936, and Fritz Hartman, 808; and newcomer Basiano Simo, 725.

In Precinct No. 4: Incumbent Senator Detor Santos received 668 while newcomer Fasy Nethon received 626 votes.

In Precinct No. 5: Incumbent Senators Akiki Irons and Joakim Kaminaga retained their seats with 636 and 550 votes respectively.

In Precinct No. 6: Incumbent Senator Tomiyo John received 629; and newcomers Esetang Kimuo and Komber Kumo received 723 and 606 votes respectively.

In Precinct No. 7: Otoshy Baelo, 766; and incumbent Resty Sho-

taro received 564.

In Precinct No. 8: Incumbent Senators Helbert Dereas and Kenchy James retained their seats with 936 and 596 votes respectively.

In Precinct No. 9: Incumbent Tadasy Terry, 497 votes and newcomer Isiro Choram 381 votes.

In Precinct No. 10: Oneop Chief Magistrate Anther Phillip received 538 and incumbent Senator Singkoro Harper received 1,070 votes.

In Precinct No. 11: Former FSM senator Masachiro Christlib won with 232 votes.

Speaker Simeon Innocent ran unopposed in Precinct 12, received 665 votes.

In Precinct No. 13: Tony Rosokow won with 171 votes over incumbent Pisek Robert, who received 144 votes.

The winners in the legislature race are still unofficial until certified by the election commissioner.

Seventy percent or 12,304 of the Truk voters in the March 11 elections who were asked to decide on the Truk Draft Constitution did not approve it, SONY said, adding that only 5,386 or 30 percent of the ballots cast on the referendum voted for the draft constitution.

## Berea won in debates

MOEN, Truk - Berea Christian School in Truk won the first two rounds of the annual scholastic debate tournament held Feb. 21 among the state secondary schools on Moen, Truk, with Truk High School winning the third round, a State Information Office release said.

The seniors debated in a three-round bout on the topic resolving that foreign investment be encouraged in Truk State.

The second part of the tournament for juniors, sophomores and freshmen categories is scheduled for April 8-11, the release said.

## Order dismisses petition

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Pohnpei State Court Associate Justice Judah C. Johnny ordered dismissed on Feb. 4 a petition for prerogative writ of mandamus against the Pohnpei State Legislature, stating "The Court has no jurisdiction" to direct the Pohnpei Legislature by mandamus to enact a budget act to include a 30 percent municipal governments share of Pohnpei State local revenues.

The court dismissal order came down as a result of a controversy raised by the 10 Pohnpei State chief magistrates and Kolonia Town mayor in a class action petition seeking their complete share of the state constitution required 30 percent in Pohnpei State collected local revenues.

The finding on lack of jurisdiction is based on the structure of the State's constitutional government which has three separate but coequal government branches similar to that of the U.S. government, Johnny, who was one of the framers of the Pohnpei State Constitution, said.

The petition filed in the State Court on Sept. 30 on behalf of the chief magistrates and mayor by counsel James P. Hagerstrom, requested the court to order and command the legislature to enact a budget law to provide local governments "not less than 30 percent" of revenues as required by the state constitution.

The petitioners contended that the revenue sharing clause in the constitution has given the legislature non-discretionary mandate to enact annual budget laws that would send them 30 percent of all the revenue collected annually in the state since the effective date of the Pohnpei Constitution on Nov. 8, 1984.

The petitioners also claimed that because of the constitutional mandate, the legislature has

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# Mandamus not to be issued

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no choice "but to appropriate up to thirty percent" noting that is a purely ministerial act which can not be ignored.

Pohnpei State governor's office staff and the petitioners earlier reached a consensus through a series of discussions held in January and February that "the 30 percent revenue sharing including taxes from the FSM" would be appropriated to the local governments, the petition said, adding that "the legislature has failed to appropriate the 30 percent revenue share" intended for them.

A motion to dismiss the petitioners' application for writ of mandamus was filed Oct. 17 at the state court by Michael Berman, the counsel for the defendant (Pohnpei State Legislature) counterstating that the judicial branch of the State Government "should not issue a writ of mandamus to compel the legislature branch of the government to perform duties or functions which are legislative in character" for lack of jurisdiction over the subject matter because the petitioners have failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

Johnny said the court sympathizes with the plight of the petitioners if it is the fact that they have not been getting their full share of 30 percent revenue in the midst of their perpetual financial crises.

Johnny ordered that "At common law, the writ of mandamus did not issue to parliament. It is established in the United States that in view of the separation of the judicial and legislative departments each being independent of the other, mandamus will not issue to compel a state legislature or its officers to exercise their legislative functions, or to control its action with respect to duties involving the

exercise of discretion.

"Thus, a state legislature may not be compelled by mandamus to enact a law, even though the constitution expressly commands it," Johnny noted.

However, the responsibility to a constituency and sense of public duty, are the only incentives which can prompt legislative action and that mandamus as requested by the petitioners may be "resorted to only for the purpose of enforcing the performance of legal duties of public nature, which arise from an office, station, or trust and are ministerial in character," Johnny stated, adding that the act the petitioners seek "is not ministerial, but one of discretion, to enact a law."

# Palau announces election in Ngeraard

KOROR, Palau - An election for governor and members of Ngeraard State Legislature in Republic of

Palau is scheduled to be held on April 4, 1986, according to a telex from the Republic of Palau Election Commissioner's Office.

All Ngeraard voters abroad should request absentee ballots from Ngeraard Election Board, P.O. Box 100, Koror, Palau 96940, Commissioner's Office said, add-

ing that all absentee ballots must be returned no later than 4:30 p.m., April 11, and must be postmarked no later than than 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 4, 1986.

## FSM Supreme Court Calendar

TRIAL DIVISIONS-STATE OF Pohnpei			
DATE/TIME	CASE NAME	TYPE	PROCEEDINGS
March 14/9:00	FSM v. Rodriguez	AWD	Trial
March 21/	FSM v. Hebel, et. al.	Sexual Assault	Responses
March 24/9:00	Panuelo v. State of Pohnpei, et. al.	Damages	Hearing
March 25/9:00	FSM v. Vessel Juin Yu, et. al.	Fishing Violation	Pretrial
March 26/9:00	FSM v. Primo	Murder	Trial
March 27/9:00	FSM v. Alfons	AWD	Trial
April 07/9:00	George v. State of Pohnpei	Damages	Hearing
April 07/10:00	George v. State of Pohnpei (Deposition requested by Michelsen)		
April 08/9:00	George v. State of Pohnpei (Deposition requested by Michelsen)		
April 09/9:00	FSM Dev. Bank v. Rodriguez Corp.	Debt	Trial
April 11/	FSM v. Poll, et. al.	Burglary	P/T Motions
April 18/	FSM v. Poll, et. al.	Burglary	Responses
April 22/9:00	FSM v. Poll, et. al.	Burglary	Pretrial
April 25/9:00	FSM v. Poll, et. al.	Burglary	Trial
April 29/9:00	Chua Eng Chuan v. Island Hardware	Debt	Trial

# Gramm-Rudman Act "devastating"

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The mandatory U.S. congressional budget cuts under the Gramm-Rudman Act could mean a "devastating" reduction in fiscal 1987 funding for College of Micronesia Land Grant program, according to University of Florida Agronomy Professor Raymond N. Gallaher, a COM news release reported.

Gallaher visited Pohnpei March 5-7 to interview College of Micronesia and College of Tropical Agriculture and Science on video tape for producing educational programs to promote the Land Grant system in the United States, the release said.

The trip through Micronesia with his wife, Wanda who assisted with the camera work, brought Dr. Gallaher near the end of his three-year journey to the 56 Land Grant institutions in the United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Micronesia, Guam and American Samoa.

They were scheduled to visit the University of Guam College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, March 10-11; American Samoa Community College, March 13-14; and the University of Hawaii, March 17-22, the release added.

Gallaher received a W.K. Kellogg National Fellowship on Aug. 3, 1983, to conduct a three-year study of agricultural research, teaching and extension services at the state and national levels under the Land Grant system funded by the U.S. Congress through the U.S. Agriculture Department.

COM and American Samoa Community College are the youngest of the Land Grant institutions, as they were given Land Grant status by the U.S. Congress in 1980.

"I hope to head up a national conference on funding of agriculture and the future of the Land Grant system," Gallaher said, citing February 1987 as the target date for the conference.

"My main objective is to promote the Land Grant philosophy

and system through video-taped education programs," he said.

Gallaher said that he is concerned about the effect the U.S. congressional mandatory budget cutting under the Gramm-Rudman Act will have on the Land Grant system and its agricultural research and training programs.

"My first impression is that the cuts coming to funding the Extension Services is to be devastating here," he said, adding that the Gramm-Rudman Act may result in about a 50 percent cut in fiscal 1987 for COM which is scheduled to receive up to \$550,000 for fiscal 1986 research, extension services and resident teaching programs.

"There is so much knowledge (developed by the Land Grant schools on agriculture and home economics) that's applicable to Micronesia," Gallaher said.

"The problem is getting this information to the people," he said, suggesting using video taping to distribute agriculture and nutrition information in Micronesia.

Gallaher interviewed COM Executive Director Singeru Singeo and CTAS Associate Director Dr. Ruben Dayrit on administrative problems of the Land Grant program here and its agricultural research and extension programs.

He also toured small farms near Kolonia to interview local producers about what services they would like to receive from the Land Grant program here.

## medicine.....

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traditions and are taken as substitutes for health services prescribed drugs, the benefits of local medicines should be studied," the resolution stated, adding that much of the local medicines, tried and tested by practical administration through 100 years of Micronesian history have proven themselves to have definite curative properties.

# Nine receive 1986 Australian Scholarships

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The calendar year 1986 marks the FSM's fifth year of participation in the Australian education and training aid program designed and administered by the Australian Development Assistance Bureau (ADAB), according to FSM Training and Employee Development Division Administrator Paul Gallen.

Designed to alleviate the manpower development needs in developing countries, ADAB provides scholarships for mid-career personnel to attend 10-week to one year courses in Australia.

The FSM also sends students to regional institutions like University of the South Pacific in Fiji and University of Papua New Guinea under another Australian training aid scheme known as the Australian Third Country Award (ATCA), Gallen said.

The ADAB scholarship recipients for this year for 10-week courses to be held at the Australian International Training Institute in Sidney, include: Tholman Iuey of Kosrae and Joseph Felix of Pohnpei for an in-service education course; James Lukan of Yap and Sanphy William of Truk in Project Planning and Management, and Moses Charley of Kosrae on Finance and Management.

FSM External Affairs Foreign Service Officer Emilio Musrasrik of Pohnpei was the recipient of a three-month Foreign Service training course grant to be held at the Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Gallen said.

The ATCA scholarship recipients include: Arthur Yolwa of Yap for a four-year academic scholarship to study medicine at the University of Papua New Guinea and Rayner Jim and Diaz Joseph of Pohnpei for four-year academic scholarships to enroll in the Science Foundation program at the University of South Pacific in Fiji, Gallen added.

# Truk Fairo receives \$30,000 in Aid

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Truk "Fairo" Institute which was inaugurated last year to provide outer and lagoon youth with skills and traditional cultural training, and suicide prevention therapy has been given a \$30,000 funding by Ferguson Foundation of California "to help get these projects off the ground," according to Washington, D.C. Micronesia Institute Executive Director and Board Chairman Patricia Luce Chapman.

Chapman who was accompanied by Doctors Jack Millar and James Marsolf, two leading American specialists in tropical medicine and preventive health care, visited Pohnpei and Truk early February to hold discussions with the FSM and Truk medical, traditional and governmental leaders on how to collaborate with the current activities of the governments in developing an appropriate community health program in Truk.

Millar, who started and ran the Trust Territory leprosarium on Tinian under the U.S. Navy in 1948, is a professor of epidemiology and environmental health at George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C., and was a former teacher and now colleague of Marsolf, who is Medical Director for Hawaii Medical Services Association, Chapman said, adding that each holds an MPH as well as an MD and are consultants to the Micronesian Institute and contributed their time during the trip.

"We are here to talk to the Trukese and to find out what they might want us to help them with their health problems and possible solutions," Marsolf said, adding that their aim is not to take over existing government health care activities, but to help government in its efforts to help the youth and village people.

The team was scheduled to visit some of the islands in Truk lagoon, but the hope is to develop a program that will benefit people on all the islands, including outer islanders in Truk, Chapman said.

She said the \$30,000 funding, some of which is being used to fund the team's transportation costs, will be used to improve

and expand the facilities of the "Fairo" concept created by its director Linda Mori of Moen, Truk, as a privately-run center with rotating programs involving

outer and lagoon island youth and villagers in simple health maintenance, skills and traditional culture training and suicide prevention therapy.

## Protection & Quarantine Program

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization and U.S. Agriculture Department in cooperation with the University of Guam and College of Micronesia jointly are preparing the new na-

tions of Micronesia to conduct their own plant protection programs through training in pest control and quarantine procedures, according to FAO entomologist Bernhard Zelazny.

Zelazny, a German national who is assigned to the U.N. Development Program/FAO Plant Protection and Root Crops Development Project in Suva, Fiji, visited Pohnpei March 2-4 to discuss plans for a four-six week pest control and quarantine training program tentatively scheduled to begin in June at the University of Guam College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for officials from the Marshall Islands, Palau and the FSM state and national governments.

The training is being sponsored by UNDP as part of the Suva-based project and will be conducted by Zelazny, UOG faculty members, USDA quarantine officials in Guam and USDA international program officials in Canberra, Australia.

It is the second phase of plant protection and quarantine training which began with a two-week initial quarantine workshop at

UOG last year when the FSM, Marshall Islands, Palau, Northern Marianas and Guam participants were sponsored by the South Pacific Commission, UNDP and the COM College of Tropical Agriculture and Science (CTAS) in Pohnpei.

The more intensive training this year will prepare the plant protection specialists to conduct a pest and disease survey in Micronesia during the next two-three years, while continuing to train quarantine officers, Zelazny said.

CTAS will become more involved with the training and survey when it requires an entomologist and a plant pathologist which are currently being recruited, he said.

The Micronesian governments are now using pest control laws and quarantine regulations enacted by the Trust Territory government, Zelazny said, noting that "every country wants to modify the regulations to meet their needs."

In Pohnpei, Zelazny met with FSM Agriculture Chief Sailas Henry, State Agriculture Chief Adelino Lorens, State Extension supervisor Kenneth Hadley, CTAS Director Ishmael Lebehn and COM Executive Director Singeru Singeo.

He visited Palau and Yap before coming to Pohnpei and was scheduled to go to Majuro before returning to Suva.

# FDA organizes and adopts By-Laws in Yap

COLONIA, Yap - Approval of its by-laws, the adoption of "The Yap Agreements" amending the Agreement on Internal Budget and Finance Procedures under the Compact of Free Association and the election of President Tosiwo Nakayama as its first chairman of the Policy Board, were among major topics of consideration by the organizational meeting of Federated Development Authority (FDA) held in Yap on March 3-4, according to Special Assistant to the FSM President for Legislative Affairs Ieske Iehsi.

The FDA, whose membership is limited to the FSM state and national governments chief execu-

tives or their designated representatives, was mandated by the agreed fiscal procedures agreement and was worked on by staff from national and state governments, including FSM Congress staff, to monitor and implement the Internal Budget and Finance Procedures under the Compact.

quorum for the Policy Board to four representatives, providing further that decisions of the Board will be by "majority vote," and providing for designation of the FSM Chief Planning Officer as the director of the FDA.

"Article IV, subsection 2 was amended to provide that requirements of the Agreement will not be construed or interpreted as applicable to any funds until the effective date of the Compact," the Board declared, Iehsi said.

The Board also approved the FDA By-Laws providing for, among other things, that principal office for the FDA to be located at the seat of the government of the FSM, also providing for regular meeting of the Policy Board to be held annually on third Monday in June.

Other item of consideration included the adoption and forwarding of the guidelines on investment policy to FSM Secretary of Finance and FDA director for their utilization pursuant to the FDA Agreement and its by-laws, Iehsi added.

The board also selected Siebel Capital Management, Inc., of Larkspur, California, as lead investment advisor and Atlanta-Sosnoff Capital Corporation, as back-up investment counsel, Iehsi noted, adding that the Secretary of Finance was recommended to use his discretion in deciding when and how to utilize the back-up advisor and is required to promptly report to the Policy Board regarding his reasons for any decision to place funds with the back-up investment advisor.

## PMA plane rescues burnt victims on Mokil

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Pacific Missionary Aviation (PMA) six-passenger twin-engine Britten-Norman Islander plane landed safely on the partially completed Mokil Island airstrip some 90 miles east of Pohnpei during an emergency medical evacuation of two burnt victims March 14, according to a Pohnpei State Information release.

Acting on a request for emergency medical evacuation, PMA pilot Peter Reichert and Dr. Steve Ostroff of Pohnpei State Hospital flew to Mokil at dawn on March 14 and were able to land safely after they flew over the island several times and touched down the wheels once to test the strength of the newly poured cement, the release said.

This was the first time ever a plane landed on the Mokil airstrip whose construction is near-

ing completion, the release stated.

The medical evacuation of Pelihser Joel, 35, and her 14-year old daughter, Ruth, who were severely burnt evening of March 13 when their kerosene refrigerator exploded, was delayed one hour on Mokil by bad weather, PMA ticket agent Barbara Pace said.

The patients were transferred to the Pohnpei State Hospital where Ruth was listed in good condition with burns on her legs while her mother was listed in serious condition with burns covering 60 to 70 percent of her body, the release said.

Mrs. Joel was flown to Guam Friday evening by a U.S. military medevac and was transferred March 15 to Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, where she is receiving care and treatment, the release added.

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