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COMPACT MEETING HELD IN HONOLULU

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Federated States of Micronesia Status Commission Chairman Andon Amaraich and other FSM officials concluded a meeting with the U.S. Ambassador Fred Zeder and other representatives of the U.S. Administration held April 21-25 in Honolulu regarding matters related to implementation of the Compact of Free Association and the additional agreements required by the U.S. Public Law 99-238, according to Chairman Amaraich.

While some FSM Status Commission members expressed fear of acrimonious meetings before they left Honolulu, the outcome of these discussions, for the most part, was favorable, Amaraich said.

Discussions during the weeklong meeting included: preliminary U.S. Government comments on the FSM First National Development Plan; U.S. Congress appropriation of Compact funds, and U.S. federal programs, Commission Legal Counsel Greg Swartz said, adding that negotiations were completed on an additional agreement relating to mutual assistance in law enforcement and on modifications to the Fiscal Procedures Agreement as required by sections

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Doone leads in early vote count

MOEN, Truk - Former FSM Supreme Court Administration Director Gideon Doone was leading by a margin of 2,353 votes in the run-off election against former FSM Congress Senator Sasao Goulard in an early unofficial vote count in Truk April 29 gubernatorial election as the Tabulation Committee wound up with the majority of the election precincts counted, according to Election Board Chairman Misauo Petrus.

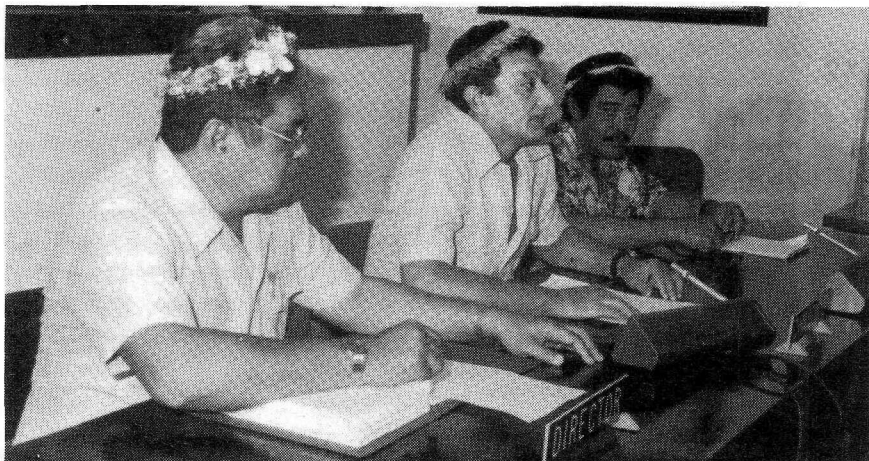
As the National Union went to press, Doone had received 9,832 to Goulard's 7,479; Incumbent Lt.

Gov. Bob Mori received 9,211 or a margin of 1,132 votes over his challenger Saburo Rayphand, who received 8,079 in the Lt. Governor's race, Petrus said.

The unofficial results did not include the ballots from election precincts 11 (Halls) and 13 (Nomonweito). Truk election officials said that the combined totals of the two remaining precincts may not be able to make up the difference between the two candidates in the governor's race.

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SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM FISHERIES COMMITTEE (FFC) MEETS ON POHNPEI - FFC outgoing Chairman Julian Dashwood, center, of Cook Islands, is addressing the opening ceremony of the FFC meeting which was held here April 28-May 3, that this was the first time the FFC is held north of the equator and that he is pleased with the occasion, while the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) Director Philipp Muller, left, and FSM Resources and Development Secretary Bernard Helgenberger, right, looking on. Helgenberger is also the Chairman of the Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA) Board of Directors. The opening ceremony was held at the FSM Congress Chamber while the working meetings were held at the Kolonia Town Hall. FSM International Affairs Chief Masao Nakayama is now chairman of the FFC for the rest of the year.

MATSUTARO APPOINTED MOC PRESIDENT

KOROR, Palau - The College of Micronesia (COM) Board of Regents announced April 23 the appointment of Francis Matsutaro, Micronesia Occupational College Dean of Instruction as the new MOC President, replacing Wilhelm Rengiil who resigned in December to become the Republic of Palau Minister of National Resources, a COM news release reported.

The Regents also announced the appointment of Johnson Toribiong as the new Palau member of the Board and that they would continue to seek a summit of Micronesian Presidents on funding for COM under the Compact of Free Association and that they would continue the freeze which they imposed at their January meeting in Pohnpei on all non-essential expenditures, the release said.

The "Actions and Directives" approved at the close of the three-day meeting state that Matsutaro "represents the youthful potential for long-term service as the College of Micronesia discharges its responsibilities to the people of Micronesia."

Matsutaro, 37, was born on Peliliu Island, Palau, and was graduated from Xavier High School in Truk, the University of Hawaii where he received a Bachelor of Education degree in 1974 and the University of Guam where he received a Masters degree in Education in 1984.

He joined the MOC staff as an English instructor in 1974 and became Acting Dean of Instruction in June 1982, and Dean in January 1983.

Matsutaro served as Acting MOC President from the time Rengiil resigned until the Regents named the Rev. Billy Kuartei, an initial member of the Board and its first Rector, at the January

meeting to serve as Interim President until a new president was selected.

Toribiong, 39, who was a former Palau senator and District Public Defender practicing law here, replaces Rev. Billy Kuartei whose term expired in January.

Vice Rector Damian Sohl of Pohnpei, who presided in the absence of Rector Alfred Capelle of the Marshall Islands, said "We are at a time of crisis, because of the uncertainty of our funding."

Sohl, who is the Pohnpei State Education Director, noted that he sent letters January 31 to the three Micronesian Presidents, requesting a summit on future COM funding and that Palau President Lazarus Salii responded favorably during his welcoming address to the Board, citing the need to identify Compact and outside funds for the COM system.

The Regents followed up with a dispatch sent April 22 to Marshall President Amata Kabua and FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, noting that the compacts are expected to be implemented by October 1 and that this will terminate Interior Department funding and phase out U.S. Student financial aid which provided most of the funding for the COM system.

The COM system includes MOC in Palau, the Community College of Micronesia (CCM) in Pohnpei, the CCM Nursing School which is being moved from Saipan to Majuro, the College of Tropical Agriculture and Science (CTAS) in Pohnpei and Continuing Education Centers in Palau, Marshalls and the four FSM states.

In the dispatch, the Regents cited the earlier request for a summit and asked the Presidents to send representatives to work with their summit task force to develop a proposed funding plan for COM under the Compacts.

"Because time is of the essence in the matter, the Board of Re-

gents begs your indulgence and hereby most respectfully solicits your views and advice on the desirability of holding such a proposed 'summit' and if acceptable, where and when may such a summit be held," the Regents said.

Sohl said that the Board "pledges to continue its efforts to maintain a unified college," because, "the closing of any campus would be detrimental to us economically and socially."

In related actions, the Regents:

- Instructed COM Executive Director Singeru Singeo to initiate supervisory and staff evaluations for review by the Board of its September meeting in Majuro.

- Requested renovation funding from the Palau Government for MOC dorms, shops and housing.

- Agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding with the Marshall Islands Government for execution of Nursing Training there.

- Authorized a review of land grant endowment fund investments.

- Agreed with the need to expand CTAS Extension and Cooperative Education Services, to entities which do not have them.

- Approved the draft COM master plan prepared by William Kinder to be submitted to the College staff and Micronesian governments for comments by the September Board meeting, and

- Designated the Rector to serve as chairman of the COM delegation to the Pacific Postsecondary Education Council, the release added.

Retirement bill introduced

LEIU, Kosrae - The Kosrae State Legislature was introduced a bill amending the Kosrae State Code to provide retirement age at 60 for employees in the executive service, according to a State Information news release.

The bill, if passed, will also provide that the implementation date falls on January 1, 1987, the release said.



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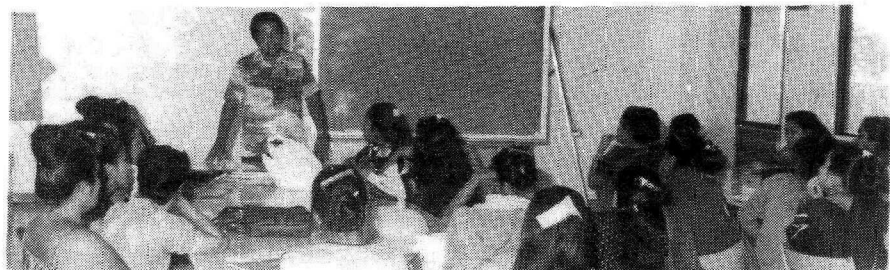
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and the absentee boxes from the special polling places on Guam, Saipan, Pohnpei, Honolulu and those who cast their votes prior to travelling during the election day is expected to be completed in early May, Petrus said.

A ship has been dispatched to pick up ballot boxes in the Halls and the Nonunweito precincts (11 and 13) and is expected to arrive on Moen on May 6, Petrus added.

He said final official results will be available to the public by next week on Wednesday (May 7) and that he expects the results to be certified by the Acting Election Commissioner Iskia Sony by then.



THIRTY FOUR POHNPET STATE AND PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEES RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION - Department of Treasury Director Ihlen Joseph, who was then the Director of State Administration, is addressing the participants of a three-week secretarial/clerical training workshop held March 10- 28, at Pohnpei Hospital Special Ward and conducted by SSP Associates of Saipan, during the closing ceremony. The training was conducted by Mrs. Stacy Pounds and Ms. L. Sam So-faer. Receiving certificates of completion were: Mihna Cahrley, Rufina Damarlane, Dodihs Peter, Dahwa Manuel, Bersiana Saick, and Benida Alex, Health Services; Eunice Hedgar, Ana Rose Reim, Karly Smith, and Swister Minoeske, Conservation and Resources Surveillance; Niomy Phillip, Merlina Joseph, and Malphina Endere, Personnel, Labor and Manpower Development Office; Etilise Edgar, Racheana Eliam, and Loverda Rosario, KOCA; Menister Edwards and Rihta Hinga from Community College of Micronesia; Angkelihna Manuel, Jeanopwu Hedson, and Serena Samuel of Justice Dept.; Eswich Poll, Elsy Rose Santos, Mihner Lorrin, and Melihna Almdn, Treasury; Meriana Hainrick, Senda Hambrosio, Marley Welles, and Sapihna Sallel, Pohnpei State Legislature; Atelia Kinere of Headstart Program; Marley Paul, Federal Relations; Sweeter Aron, Public Affairs; Merlihna Manuel, Tourism, and Benida Wellens of Nett District Government.

Soil management workshop to be held

KOROR, Palau - Palau will host Feb. 2-6, 1987, the Third International Soil Management Workshop being organized by the College of Micronesia, University of Guam and U.S. Agriculture Department soil Management Service (SMSS), according to College of Tropical Agriculture and Science (CTAS) Associate Director Ruben Dayrit.

Dr. Dayrit met here April 22-23 with Dr. Hari Eswaran of Washington, D.C., SMSS program leader; Dr. R. Muniappan, UOG College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Agriculture Experiment Station associate director, and Palau Minister of National Resources Wilhelm Rengil to finalize the dates and tentative agenda for the workshop.

Eswaran said that 30-40 Pacific rim and island countries are expected to participate in the workshop on "Management and Utilization of Acid Soils of Oceania."

He said, "One of our objectives in the acid soils workshop is to try to develop a network of collaborating institutions in the Pacific region so resources and activities can be coordinated to reduce duplication of resources."

Previous workshops were held last year in Senegal, West Africa, on acid and sulphate soil management and in March in Thailand on peat lands management.

In addition to COM, UOG and USDA, collaborating institutions include the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, the International Board for Soil Research and Management headquartered in Thailand, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the International Benchmark Sites Network for Agrotechnology Transfer headquartered in the United States.

1,500 people examined

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - More than 1,500 people were examined by Pohnpei State Dental Services personnel during the month of March, according to Dental Services Chief Olter Paul, a State Information release reported.

A total of 1,675 persons were examined in the clinics and during the field trips with 1,270 receiving treatment, the release said.

Revenue generated from the services totalled \$1,968.25, the release added.

Zarred named manager

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Francis Zarred, a long time employee of WSZD radio, has been named Station Manager by Samson Alpet, head of the Office of the Public Affairs, according to a Pohnpei State Information news release.

Zarred replaces Dusty Fredrick who resigned in May 1985 after working in the broadcasting services for 16 years to become the administrative officer for Sckehs Municipal Government, the release said.

Zarred has wide experience in broadcasting including trainings in the Philippines, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Saipan and the Community College of Micronesia in

program production and development, magazine program production, newswriting, video taping and management, the release said.

A 1965 graduate of Xavier High School, Zarred is married to the former Mikaila Higgins and has seven children.

U.S concurrence required prior to implementation

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102(a)(b)(c) of the U.S. Public Law 99-239.

"While further work on some matters is still required, I believe that, with the absence of unforeseen circumstances, we can expect to be in a position to implement the Compact upon termination of the Trusteeship Agreement," Amaraich said.

U.S. Public Law 99-239 requires the FSM and the U.S. to enter into additional agreements or modifications to existing agreements in respect to five areas which include: mutual assistance in law enforcement; the submission schedule for economic development plans; General Accounting Office audit authority; the Investment Development Fund (IDF) board of advisors, and exchange of tax information of Compact as modified.

It was decided that the agreements on mutual assistance in law enforcement should track the language of section 102(a) of the Public Law 99-239 exactly, leaving details on mutual assistance to be worked out in future discussions between the FSM and U.S. law enforcement officials, Amaraich said, adding that one exception is to permit U.S. law enforcement officials to participate in direct police arrest actions in the FSM relating to narcotic control efforts, with U.S. participation in specific actions to be determined on a case-by-case basis by the FSM Attorney General.

Amaraich said that while there were numerous technical changes to the Fiscal Procedures Agreement, the primary substantive modifications were the incorporation of a new section on economic development plans and changes to the provisions on annual reports and audits as required by U.S. PL 99-239.

"It is the Commission's belief

that the revised Fiscal Procedures Agreement preserves the essential elements of the agreement as originally negotiated, particularly the opportunities for the one-time drawdown of capital account funds to the Federated Development Authority (FDA) and for investment of the Compact funds," Amaraich said.

He said that the revised Fiscal Procedures Agreement must be transmitted to the U.S. Congress for review.

Regarding the IDF board of advisors, Counsel Swartz said that while the U.S. Public Law 99-239 does not contain any provisions regarding timetable for concluding the agreement or for U.S. Congressional review, FSM Public Law 4-13 requires that Compact may not be implemented until after conclusion of the agreement and its submission to the FSM Congress and State Legislatures.

The Commission expressed its position that the agreement should focus solely on the IDF board of advisors as required by PL 99-239 and that the board of advisors should not have a management role with respect to funds, and that if the agreement is to have any policy guidelines on the use of funds, it should do so in a non-binding manner, Amaraich said, adding "the U.S. representatives agreed with many of our suggestions, and committed to developing a new U.S. discussion draft."

Although the representatives of the two nations reviewed a U.S. discussion draft for the exchange of tax information agreement, no specific timetable has been set for further discussions or negotiations on the agreement which was required by U.S. Public Law 99-239 to be concluded and put into effect prior to January 1, 1987, as a condition for extension of the possession tax credit under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, Amaraich added.

With respect to the FSM First National Development Plan, an understanding was reached with the U.S. Administration representatives that the FSM would file comments on the U.S. preliminary comments, indicating that their concerns on prioritization and the private sector would be addressed in the annual development budget process, and that based on these comments, the U.S. Administration would notify the U.S. Congress of its intention to concur in the plan.

The understanding was consistent with FSM Public Law 4-13 which requires receipt of U.S. concurrence prior to implementation of the Compact, Amaraich said.

Amaraich also said that the U.S. Administration has submitted a Fiscal Year 1986 supplemental budget request to the U.S. Congress which would appropriate additional funding as if the Compact had come into effect on Oct. 1, 1985, subject to certain offsets for previously appropriated Department of Interior funds, prior service benefits, College of Micronesia operations, satellite communications, and capital improvements; the U.S. Administration has also proposed that FY 1987 be treated as the second year of the Compact period.

"The Administration did not request funding for the various add-ons in U.S. Public Law 99-239, including funding for education program transition, prior services benefits, indefinite land use payments, medical referral debts, and communicable disease control programs," Amaraich noted, adding that FSM strongly expressed its position that funding should be appropriated for the add-ons in U.S. Public Law 99-239, particularly for education program transition, as well as for other Trusteeship obligations, including the nation-

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Grads urged to apply Pell Grants

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al capital, the College of Micronesia and war claims.

In other related subjects, the U.S. Administration representatives indicated that they support an amendment to U.S. Public Law 99-239, which provided for a cut-off of U.S. federal programs in areas of health, education and labor after the enactment date, Jan. 14, 1986, of the Compact, to continue at least until the effective date of the Compact.

The Commission also raised the question of parity with the Compact recently approved in the Palau plebiscite, stating its intention to explore the possibility of seeking advantageous amendments to the FSM Compact consistent with the certain provisions of the Palau Compact, Amaraich added, noting that the question of terminating the Trusteeship Agreement will be raised during the 53rd session of the United Nations Trusteeship Council which opens on May 12.

New Travel Service

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Pohnpei Transfer and Storage Inc. announced late April that it has established an operation division called "Pohnpei Travel Service" to give an alternative selection in travel consultancy for Pohnpeians and others who may plan to travel within Micronesia and throughout the world.

Assistance in fast, efficient travel information and airline ticketing are some of the things offered by this new travel service, Ms. Baybee Moreno, who had extensive experience with Thomas Cook and Sons of London, said.

Moreno said TC&SL is one of the world largest travel agencies in planning and arranging airline tickets and tours for the United Nations personnel in the Philippines, where she formerly worked.

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - All high school graduates and graduating seniors in Micronesia are urged to apply as soon as possible through the College of Micronesia (COM) for Pell Grants to attend Micronesian or U.S. colleges or universities, according to COM Executive Director Singeru Singeo.

This is the last time Micronesians will be eligible to apply for the U.S. Basic Education Opportunity Grants (BEOG) which will be terminated for the new republics and the FSM when the Compact of Free Association with the United States goes into effect.

"We are encouraging all high school graduating students to prepare Pell grant applications and send them out as soon as possible, because the Compact may be implemented as soon as July 1 for the FSM and Marshalls and Oct. 1 for Palau," Dr. Singeo said.

This also is the last chance for Micronesians who have graduated from high school in the past and who have not attended a college or university to apply for the grants, he said.

Micronesians applying for Pell Grants are encouraged to list either the Community College of Micronesia in Pohnpei or Micronesian Occupational College in Palau as one of the three choices of colleges or universities which they wish to attend, Singeo said, noting that after they are certified as eligible, they would be able to transfer their eligibility to an institution outside of the COM system, if they prefer.

"The point is to get their names on the eligibility list before the effective date of the Compact," he said. "Otherwise, they would have lost their eligibility for Pell funding for good."

Information about the Pell Grants and applications may be obtained from COM, MOC or any of the COM Continuing Education Cen-

ters in the Marshall Islands, Palau, Yap, Truk, Pohnpei and Kosrae.

The Pell Grants provide up to \$2,100 a year for tuition and expenses for each recipient, depending on financial need, for up to four years of fulltime enrollment in a U.S. accredited college, university or vocational school.

This announcement is a public service of the COM system.

Benjamin sentenced

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Jany Benjamin of Nukuoro Island pled guilty and was convicted of reckless burning when he recklessly started a fire, destroying the home of James Kimel on Nukuoro on Feb. 28, according to National Justice Ombudsman Nickontro Johnny.

Benjamin, 22, was sentenced on April 09 by FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward C. King to Nukuoro jail and fined \$250 and was ordered to rebuild Kimel's house, or serve up to nine months.

King told Benjamin to provide all necessary materials to construct Kimel's house, which should be built by him while under the supervision of Kimel, during the period of his imprisonment.

Benjamin is to remain in jail at night and Sundays, but may be released each day Monday through Saturday, to rebuild Kimel's house, Johnny said.

Benjamin was advised that if his food while in jail is provided by his family and friends at no cost to Nukuoro Municipality or the Pohnpei State Government, then he will not have to pay for the \$250 fine.

If Benjamin satisfactorily complies with all the conditions, the Court may expunge the record of this case, Johnny added.

Aquaculture workshop held in Kosrae

LELU, Kosrae - An FSM Aquaculture planning workshop to review all past and present Pacific Island aquaculture projects, and to prioritize aquatic species to be cultured and to plan the scope and directions for aquaculture in the FSM was held April 7-9 on Kosrae, according to a State Information news release.

The workshop, which was made possible by grants from the FSM Congress and the United Nations, brought into Kosrae some of the world's leading authorities on mariculture of giant clams and Pacific Island Aquaculture and reached a consensus requesting the FSM National Government to locate its Aquaculture Research and Training Center in Kosrae, the release said.

Extensive discussions were held on management of living aquatic

resources, research and commercial aspects of the culture of eucheuma seaweeds, milkfish, giant clams, sponges, mullet and black lip pearl oysters, said the release.

World's leading authorities and others who donated their time and expertise to help FSM during the workshop include: Gerald A. Heslinga of the Micronesian Mariculture Demonstration Center in Palau; South Pacific International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management Project Manager Dr. John Munro of Townsville, Australia; Steven Why and Tukabu Teraroko, leading island experts on research and commercial aspects of Eucheuma seaweed and milkfish, respectively, from Kiribati; FSM Marine Resources Division Chief Mike Gawel; resource persons from University of Hawaii, University of Guam, College of Micronesia and Community College of Micronesia, and representatives of FSM State Marine Resources divisions and Pohnpei State Economic Development Authority, including Dr. Roger Uwate and William Fitzgerald, regional aquaculture economics specialists.

The workshop ascertained that species which are found most likely to be successfully cultured and could show immediate promise for successful culture include: giant clams, seaweed, sponges, milkfish, mullet and black lip pearl oysters, the release said, adding that others, which show promise of cultivation but require significant research and development, include trochus, green shell, grouper and snapper.

Those species which are possible to cultivate but are uneconomical to grow or will require long periods of research and development are: rabbitfish, baitfish, mangrove crabs, shrimp, mussels, mahimahi, oysters, eel and prawn, while technical problems prevent lobster and tuna to be cultured, the release added.

George joins FSM PIO

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Trust Territory Archives Division Assistant Director Jones George of Pohnpei has been appointed as FSM Microfilm Administrator, according to FSM Public Information Officer Ketson Johnson.

George, who has had six years of experience in microfilming at the T.T. Archives Division, joined April 21 the FSM Public Information Office and is in charge of developing and maintaining an FSM central file system including the microfilming and disposing of all files for the FSM government.



GEORGE

George, 35, previously served as Administrative Specialist in the Trust Territory Government for Marine Resources Division and also worked at various times in Pohnpei as a construction helper under the Six Star Construction Company during summer of 1976 and fisherman for one year in a private fishing company, and assistant manager and bookkeeper for "Ponape House" in 1974-1975.

He graduated from PICS high school on Pohnpei and took undergraduate studies specializing in marine studies at the University of Guam and attended workshops in Spill Oil and Dangerous Substances by U.S. Coast Guard; Dale Carnegie Course on Public relations and management; Mariculture by

UOG at the Marine Lab, Guam; Small Business by CNMI and U.S. Small Business Administration, and took a six-month course in Small Engine by the CNMI Education Department.

George is married to former Nesiha Solomon and they have two children.



POHNPET WEATHER STATION RECEIVES 1985 "BEST IN MICRONESIA" AWARD - Vice President Bailey Olter, left, is presenting, on behalf of the National Weather Service Pacific Region Headquarters in Honolulu, a plaque to Officer in charge Akira Suzuki of Pohnpei Weather Station for achieving second place among all Pacific Region First Order Stations for 1985 surface and upper observation. Pohnpei Weather Station employees also receives \$50 cash award each for maintaining high level of excellence in weather observation and meeting the criteria of being "Best in Micronesia" during a calendar year. Pohnpei Weather Station employees include: Suzuki; Hamlin Simon; Wright M. Abraham; Edwin Rudolph; Seperiano P. John; Eden H. Sidding; Claudio H. Wilson, and Carlos Neson.

200 receive construction certificates

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - More than 200 Pingelapese were awarded certificates of completion by Farmers Home Administration Office after completing a weeklong training workshop held April 21-25, on Pingelap Island some 163 miles east of Pohnpei, according to FSM Public Information Office staff Angie Mualia and Esi James.

The trainees, 27 of whom were women, received certificates in building construction and inspection under areas of planning, programming, cost estimating, construction and lay-out, and contract management, Farmers Home Administration Area Supervisor Shelten G. Neth said.

Neth said similar trainings were completed on Pohnpei Island in Nov. 1985 and on the southern outer islands of Sapwuhafik, Nukuoro and Kapingamarangi earlier in April.

The training workshops on Pohnpei and the southern outer islands were funded by Pohnpei State Legislature while the Pingelap training was jointly funded by the FSM Congress, Pohnpei State Legislature and Pingelap Waien Sapw (Municipal Council), Neth said.

The Pingelap training was conducted by six construction instructors and under categories of educational backgrounds attained through Japanese education up to the present and provided the trainees certification on various level skills, Neth added.

Trainees receiving high honors in various levels include: Johnny Isaac and Mwakehl Capelle, college category; Johnsin Fred, Rosaly Isaac, Andreas Soaz, Ilaidier Ilai, Brens Solomon, and Menain William, high school category; Robert Robert, and Rickson James, elementary category; and Pisalem Charley, Japanese education related category, Mualia and James reported, adding, that there were elementary teachers and other professionals who received high

honors from night classes during the week including: Anspier Diopulos, Inalesin George, Ipraim Capelle, Kamisy Boaz, Kohper Biza, Sidos Isaac, Shaid Jerry, Smither Clark, Sohsy Isaac, Yosimy James, and Yukiwo Salomon with Ekella Darra, Kimiko Jerry, Mercy Solomon, Serlihna Charley and Siliana George receiving high honors in the special women category.

In another FMHA related activity, Neth has announced the promotion of Francis Sohl as FMHA Construction Management Deputy Chief replacing Daniel J. Lebehn who resigned in March to accept employment at the FSM Development Bank.

Sohl, who previously served as Construction Inspector Assistant, graduated from Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) in Building Construction and took courses in Concrete technology, Building Estimates, Construction Management, Advance Building Design, Electrical and Plumbing trades, Architectural Drawing and Surveying.

Sohl received high honors in academic and vocational areas and general excellence for outstanding performance student, Neth said, adding that Shol is a real asset to the Farmers Home Administration Program in Pohnpei.

Kapinga mapped

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The aerial mapping of the island of Kapingamarangi has been completed, according to Pohnpei Acting Senior Land Commissioner Nieves Pelep, a State Information news release said.

Kapingamarangi is located some 423 miles southwest of Pohnpei and was photographed by contractor Ron Perry and Associates, Inc., the release said, adding that the aerial photograph survey was completed in March with maps, according to Pelep.

T3 erects FSM Training Center

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM Trades Training and Testing (T³) Program began April 21 the construction of the FSM National Training Center at the back of the PICS High School campus, according to Acting T³ Program Coordinator Jesse Y. Sidney.

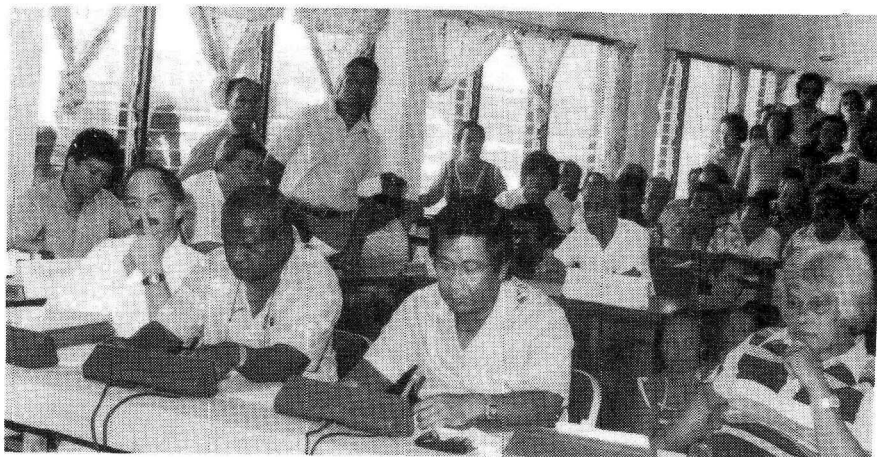
When completed, the center will become one of the three subregional centers in the Pacific established under the U.N. International Labor Organization (ILO) scheme to upgrade the skill laborers and to provide testing and certification at various levels of skills.

The FSM center, which is aimed at serving the Micronesian Island group, will be comprised of three workshops, an office building and a dormitory and is one of the three Pacific subregional centers, two of which are located in Vanuatu and Tonga to service the Melanesian and Polynesian Island groups, respectively, Sidney said, adding that construction of

the center in Pohnpei is under the supervision of International Labor Organization Senior Construction Expert Rusi Raiwalui of Fiji and T³ construction Testing officers J. Sacheus of Marshall Islands, Ioanis Bartolome of Pohnpei, Michael Martin of Truk, and Felix En of Yap.

Sidney said precutting to size of the bottom plates, wall frames, trusses and other structural frame work for the four buildings have begun by seven trainees who will transport the materials to the construction site at PICS for assembling and actual construction.

The construction is anticipated to be completed and the buildings ready for occupancy by Oct. 1986, Sidney added.



WAR CLAIMS HEARING PACKED - Hundreds of Pohnpei residents and members of the "Old People Square, Level and Justice Organization of Pohnpei and Kosrae" (OPSL & JOOPK) packed the FSM Congress Chamber and grounds, encircling the building, during the April 16 FSM Ways and Means Committee hearing regarding allegations that officials of the FSM National Government have illegally used or mishandled large sums of money due to individual FSM citizens as payment for war claims. Seated at the foreground, FSM War Claims Task Force Chairman Masao Nakayama, second from right, is making a statement that "FSM has not received any money as payment of the war claims" since its inception in 1979. Others who were also questioned by Chairman Peter Christian and the members of the Committee included: FSM Budget Officer Del Pangelinan, right, FSM Finance Secretary Aloysius Tuuth, third from right, and FSM Attorney General Carl Ullman. Representatives of the OPSL & JOOPK also testified before the Committee.

Pohnpei State seeks Coldstorage bids

KOLONIA, Pohnpei -The Pohnpei State Economic Development Authority (EDA) is inviting bids from interested parties for privatization of its newly built 147-ton coldstorage facility, according to Acting Director Alex Luzama.

Luzama said the facility consists of: 130 metric ton of frozen storage with additional 40 metric ton of cold storage; 10 metric ton a day blast freezer and another 10 metric ton a day block Ice machine with crusher; an Ice Store; two 3900-gallon water tanks, and an annex building housing two diesel generators each with 350 KVA.

The bids submitted in English, should include: (1) Presentation of all necessary evidence that

the applicant is financially and technically capable of carrying out the operation of the facility; (2) Declaration of applicant's willingness and company's plan to benefit Pohnpei State in terms of employment and business operations including involvement of businesses and individuals from Pohnpei state; (3) Presentation of possible joint venture agreement with EDA in case total privatization is unacceptable; (4) declaration of interest indicating component provisions to benefit local fisheries and agricultural marketing.

All bid proposals should be sent by May 31, 1986, to: Economic Development Authority, P.O. Box 738, Kolonia, Pohnpei FSM 96941.

CCA announced registration

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Calvary Christian Academy in Pohnpei announces April 28 that it is accepting enrollment applications for Kindergarten through 10th grade for school year 1986-1987 beginning May 15, according to CCA Principal Sonny Padock.

Applications, which will be accepted on first-come first-served basis, can be picked up at the Calvary Christian Academy and return to the same office with a non-refundable registration fee of \$20, Padock said, adding that other fees, such as textbooks, can be paid at the office when the school begins.

Calvary Christian Academy accepts students regardless of race, color, religion or of ethnic background, Padock added.

Awareness workshop held

LEIU, Kosrae - A workshop to develop among parents a sense of responsibility toward education of their children was conducted by Kosrae Bilingual Education Program middle of March in Kosrae, according to a Kosrae State Information Office news release.

Objectives for the workshop included: Importance of parents involvement in their children's education; How and why must parents be involved in their education, and ways to tell how good a school is, the release said, adding that the workshop was held to allow the parents and the community to reflect upon the weaknesses in their involvement in the school and at home.

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