

Congress adjourns, ratifies treaties

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Sixth FSM Congress adjourned its First Regular Session on June 9 after approving a \$20.9 million budget for the operations of the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary Branches and the agencies of the FSM National Government for Fiscal Year 1990, and approving a supplemental

budget of \$891,366 for the Executive Branch and its agencies for the current FY 1989, FSM Public Information Special Assistant Ketson Johnson said.

Also enacted were legislations appropriating \$2.4 million for the construction of airstrips and for the purchase and operation of aircrafts for the outer islands of Pohnpei,

Truk, and Yap States, prohibiting smoking in all National Government Offices, and appropriating \$35,000 for scholarships as part of an agreement between Continental Airlines Inc. and the FSM.

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New Zealand envoy presents credence

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President John R. Haglglam calls the occasion an "important" occasion representing the goodwill and friendship that has already been

established between FSM and New Zealand through formalized diplomatic relations during the presentation of credence ceremony held June 19 at the FSM Congress Chamber.

The ceremony took place in the presence of Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, U.S. Representative to the FSM, the Honorable Michael Wygant, Governor Resio Moses of Pohnpei, Lt. Governor Moses Mackwelung of Kosrae, Speaker Annes Leben of Pohnpei, Chief Justice Edwel Santos of Pohnpei and FSM national and Pohnpei State cabinet officers.

President said that over the past few years, the Federated States of Micronesia has enjoyed and most certainly appreciated the support of New Zealand in regional and international organizations. Most noteworthy was New Zealand's support for the Federated States of Micronesia for full membership in the South Pacific Forum two years ago, and more recently, the FSM Government is equally grateful to the New Zealand government for supporting Federated States of Micronesia's application for membership in the Asian Development Bank. The FSM is also thankful to the Govern-



NEW ZEALAND'S ENVOY PRESENTS CREDENCE - The New Zealand's new Representative to FSM, the Honorable Brett Lineham, is presenting his credentials to President John R. Haglglam, left, during a June 19 presentation of credence ceremony held at the FSM Congress Chamber. External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaralch, middle, who was the Master of Ceremonies, looks on.

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ment of New Zealand for the assistance it has provided through training opportunities and technical assistance.

"We are pleased to note, and certainly welcome, the few New Zealand citizens and private companies in our country, and we encourage and invite more citizens and private companies of your country to visit the FSM so that the bonds of friendship between our two peoples and our two nations will grow even stronger. It is our earnest hope that the mutual interests our two nations share with our sister states in the Pacific will contribute to preserving the tranquility that we both have enjoyed for so long in the region," the President stated, concluding that "I am indeed very pleased to receive you Mr. Lineham as the newly accredited diplomatic representative of New Zealand, and we look forward to working with you and your government in the pursuit of mutual interests in the Pacific and the world at large."

Representative Brett Lineham, who replaces the former New Zealand Representative to FSM, the Honorable Terence O'Brien, stressed the essential points of the established relations between the two countries, FSM and New Zealand. He pointed out the fact that the relations demonstrated the importance that New Zealand placed in having a direct and close relationship with a significant member of the Pacific community of nations. The relationship also recognized that for many years the two countries have cooperated closely in regional organizations and institutions. "We have worked together in important negotiations on multilateral economic and environmental agreements. We have valued your country's perspectives and your authority both of which flow naturally from your geography, your

political maturity, your respect for democracy, the rule of law and your concern for the rights of all people," Lineham said.

"Today our relationship is being taken one step further. Our contacts will be more frequent. The opportunities for dialogue should come enhanced understanding and stronger mutual support. This will be of great importance to New Zealand and we hope it will be important also to your country.

"New Zealand's interests in Micronesia are multifaceted. Many of the New Zealand government's policies are directed towards the strengthening of Pacific security. We want to make common cause with our Pacific friends and allies in achieving this goal. But it is security in the wider sense. It goes beyond the maintenance of military security even though that is very important in its own right. "The government has embarked on a course which has already seen a strengthening of the New Zealand economy. The New Zealand government hopes that in time, this will make a greater contribution to your development possibly along with the development of other Pacific Island countries," added Lineham.

Lineham also added that "Our private sector has also benefited from these policies. No longer is production propped up by an extravagant structure of protection and subsidies. New Zealand businesses are now better equipped to pursue the many opportunities that your development is creating. It would be patronizing to suggest that all the benefits from our close relationship will accrue to your country. This is far from the truth. Our Pacific region has moved far beyond that sort of reasoning. As we move towards the Pacific of the 21st century we will all be benefiting from working together in a partnership based on equality.

"We may be different in terms of size and we may have different economic and physical endowments, but these only add to the richness and strength of the Pacific region. Perhaps some of them will be different in nature but the New Zealand government is confident that benefits of closer relations between our two countries will be fully shared."

In conclusion he said, "Mr. President, the New Zealand Prime Minister, the Right Honorable David Lange (Lang-ee), and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honorable Russell Marshall, send their best personal wishes to you and your people on this important day.

"They hope that the relationship between the Federated States of Micronesia and New Zealand will go from strength to strength and make a tangible contribution to the security and well-being of our Pacific region as a whole."

Representative Lineham was a lecturer in Economics at Canterbury University, and later joined the Department of Trade and Industry in his country. He was posted to Washington as Assistant Trade Commissioner and later on to New York. He was also Research Director in the Legislative Department prior to joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was Assistant Head for the Asia Division, and a counselor to Tokyo. Then he became the Deputy Permanent Representative to Geneva. He was also director for Disarmament and International Security Division in Wellington. He is the New Zealand Representative to FSM and Representative-designee to Majuro. He's also the High Commissioner in Tarawa, Republic of the Kiribati.

Representative Lineham was accompanied by the Tarawa New Zealand Representative Office's Second Secretary Claire Robinson, his fiancée.



APPLICATIONS IN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SOUGHT

HONOLULU, Hawaii (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The University of Hawaii is launching a new leadership development institute for ministers of education, university and college presidents, rectors, chancellors, vice rectors, vice presidents, deans and directors from throughout the Asia-Pacific region this fall, according to a release from the Pacific Asian Higher Education Leadership Institute (PAHELI).

The PAHELI will be held in Honolulu from November 26 to December 13, 1989, and will emphasize professional development, academic management skills and cross-cultural awareness, however, the applications for participation in PAHELI are being accepted now through July 30, 1989.

PAHELI was initiated by the University of Hawaii in response to the growing interest in leadership development by top college and university administrators from throughout the Asia/Pacific region. The expanding role assumed by academic administrators in the international arena will also be addressed in the seminar sessions because today's academic leaders regularly interact with government officials, foreign dignitaries, executives and colleagues from other academic institutions.

Asian and Western academic management philosophy and perspectives will be integrated throughout PAHELI's case studies, lectures and small group collaborations. The seminar sessions will focus on: Global issues as they affect higher education and the evolving role of universities in the international arena; professional development with an emphasis on comparative leadership skills and academic management; and contemporary issues in higher education.

Class size will be limited to balanced mix of 45 participants from Asia, the Pacific and the United States, and the sessions will be led by experienced academic administrators from throughout the region.

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AUSTRALIA AWARDS GRANTS - Australia's Minister to FSM, the Honorable Richard Smith, far left, is giving FSM Office of Administrative Services Director Kohne Ramon a \$4,000 check in Australian dollars as contribution to Pohnpei Public Library. As of that May 1989 presentation, Australia has given some US\$3,185.20 to the Pohnpei Public Library for its development, Ramon, who is the president of the Friends of Pohnpei Public Library, said. Minister Smith was accompanied by Mrs. Janet Smith. Others in the photo from right are: Mrs Smith (partially hidden), Pohnpei Public Library Staff Ebinisel Soulik, Mike Chipen and Eline Samuel. Minister and Mrs. Smith also presented \$4,000 grant to Pohnpei Catholic School Principal Nelsin Iriarte for curriculum development on a separate occasion during their recent trip through the FSM Capital.

PATS GRADUATES 26

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) held its 21st Graduation Commencement, May 13, 1989 with 26 students graduating which brings the total of PATS graduates up to over 600 since its establishment in 1965.

The invocation was given by graduating senior Richiuo Robon of Truk, the Welcome Address was by Lincoln Porter of Pohnpei who was also the student body president while the Salutatory and valedictory speeches were given by Willy Selifis of Truk and Mike Bayow of Yap respectively.

Guest speaker was Oliver Joseph, a 1972 graduate of PATS who later became a staff for three years and the principal for a year.

The graduates are Isaac Abraham from Kosrae; Francisco Kermen, Jacobus Emdund, Anthony Bermanis, Bronson Sam, Hebel Saul, and Lincoln Porter, Pohnpei; Max Mida, Andy Binios, Bengka Aliwis, Franklyn Fernando, Gabriel Rosokou, Mickenson Net, Richiuo Robon, Willy Selifis, and Jessy Kaius, Truk; Albert Phillip, Laurenti Sariemal, Raymond Fagaltamow, and Mike Bayow, Yap; Bruce Kijiner, and Ramen Anej, Republic of the Marshalls; Devon Andreas, and Arvin Rengulbei, Palau; and Nautonga Anterea, and Bauro Takee of the Republic of the Kiribati.

Others who graduated as staff trainees were Bailey Kephas of Kosrae, Ringlen Hadley, Pohnpei and Aloysius Wag, Joseph Hafler, and Peter Hagileisa of Yap.

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islands, \$900,000 will go to Yap State to construct airports in Ulithi, Fais, and Woleai, 900,000 to construct airports in Ulul, Ta and Pwuluwat in Truk State, and \$600,000 for the construction of airports in the outer islands of Nukuoro and Sapwufik in the state of Pohnpei.

Continental Airlines scholarships

The agreement between the Continental Airlines Inc. and the FSM Government on May 7, 1987 provides an annual scholarship funding of \$35,000 to be used to enable up to 30 individual post-secondary scholarships for FSM citizens.

After reviewing the guidelines for the administration of the scholarship, Congress decided to do away with the 10 different fields of study, as proposed by the agreement because it would spread the limited amount of scholarships too thinly, and therefore decided that scholarships should be awarded only in the fields of aviation for graduates or undergraduates, civil engineering also for graduates or undergraduates and medicine and law for graduates only. The Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs (HESA) which has jurisdiction over the subject matter suggested that these are the priority areas which are needed to be developed in the FSM.

No smoking bill passed

If becomes law, bill no. 6-53 sponsored by Senator Redley Killion of Truk and four others will ban smoking in all National Government Offices, including facilities that are rented or leased by the National Government for use as offices.

CAA measure deferred

Congress decided not to take action on an appropriation of \$300,000 for the Community Action Agencies (CAA's) programs, deferring the legislation to the next Special Session for further consultation with the respective states on their commitment regarding the continuation of these programs.

The CAA is one of those U.S. Federally funded programs that are phasing out at the end of this fiscal year under the Compact. The CAA has been providing small scale projects to the low income and disadvantaged citizens out in the villages and the outer islands in the FSM.

Measure to terminate CAT TEAM introduced

A resolution offered by the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, Senator Isaac V. Figir of Yap to terminate the services provided by the Civic Action Teams in the FSM was adopted by the FSM Congress during its last day June 9 of the First Regular Session.

The Compact of Free Association provides that the government of the United States will make available to the FSM the services of the United States Military Civic Action Teams to assist with development projects and provide training and apprenticeship opportunities for the FSM citizens.

Pursuant to such agreement, the FSM Government will contribute an annual amount of \$250,000 for each deployed team for support.

The resolution says that it is the sense of the FSM Congress that the amount of \$250,000 can be utilized for more beneficial endeavors.

"The Civic Action Teams operating in the FSM has not provided the level of assistance anticipated by the government of the FSM," the resolution said, adding that the FSM Government can request the termination of the CAT Teams according to agreement concluded under the Compact of Free Association.

Measure to set up FmHA in Kosrae passed

On the other hand, the FSM lawmakers are asking that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration Division establishes a full office in the State of Kosrae.

Other measures passed

The Congress adopted a lot of legislations during the last two days June 8-9 of the First Regular Session.

Legislations setting forth the sum of the total funds estimated to be available not exceeding \$24.5 million for appropriation from the FSM General Fund; approving the technical assistance funding request to the U.S. Department of the Interior for establishment of an FSM National Crime Laboratory; setting the ultimate goal of establishing a crime laboratory having central repository of expertise and records to allow the use of fingerprint identification in criminal

prosecutions; and approving the Fiscal Year 1989 and 1990 community services block grant application.

Block Grant

The block grant will go towards implementing programs and projects on practical skills training through small scale projects at the village level and in the communities in the FSM. These projects are designed to reach low-income citizens and to help promote self-reliance and involvement at the grassroots level. Such projects include water catchments, water-sealed toilets, fish aggregation devices, concrete sinks, and bus shelters.

Special Session

Another resolution passed final reading was to authorize Speaker Jack Fritz to call a First Special Session to be held at the new FSM Congressional chamber at the new FSM Capital at Palikir on any dates he chooses.

Three Commended

Also adopted were three other congratulatory resolutions commending Takeo N. George of Kosrae for his services during his tenure as administrator for the FSM Social Security System, and Congress staff attorneys Gary Takeuchi and Jenny Van Lee for their services to the FSM Congress.

COM treaty

The FSM Congress on June 9 was able to ratify an agreement to amend the treaty among the three Micronesian entities of the Marshall Islands, Palau, and the FSM regarding the College of Micronesia.

The treaty between the three governments was ratified in 1987 which provides for contributions from the three governments for the operations of the College of Micronesia (COM). The treaty will expire on September 30, 1989.

The representatives of the Marshall, Palau, and the FSM signed an agreement on May 5 in Majuro to amend the treaty to provide for the funding continuation for the College of Micronesia for two additional years through September 30, 1991.

The treaty also provides for a reduced level of government contributions in order to shift to College of Micronesia students a portion of the responsibility of paying their educational expenses.

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Taiwan Fishing Treaty

The Congress also ratified a fishing agreement between the Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA) and the Fishing Association of Taiwan.

Concern over Rep Mar project

Congress also adopted Resolution 6-7 expressing the concern of the Congress of the FSM to the use of part of the Republic of the Marshall Islands as a storage or dumping ground for hazardous radioactive nuclear wastes.

Bills passed include:

C.B. 6-27, appropriating the sum of \$891,366 as supplemental funding for the Executive branch and agencies of the National government.

C.B. 6-31, to further amend Public Law No. 5-52 to appropriate \$350,400 as supplemental funding for the legislative branch of the National Government; and adjusting employment ceilings.

C.B. 6-36, to further amend the FSM Code to assure the continuous existence of the Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA) and the National marine conservation laws.

C.B. 6-42, to appropriate \$35,000 to fund scholarships for post-secondary students as established pursuant to the settlement with Continental Airlines entered into on May 7, 1987.

C.B. 6-43, to further amend Public Law No. 5-89 to modify the uses of funds appropriated for public projects in Truk State.

C.B. 6-51, to appropriate \$3 million to construct airports in the outer islands of Pohnpei, Truk, and Yap.

C.B. 6-52, to amend Public Law No. 5-85 by amending section 3 to remove reference to vetoed appropriations, to extend the lapse date.

C.B. 6-53, to further amend the FSM Code to prohibit smoking in all National Government buildings, offices and facilities.

C.B. 6-55, to further amend Public Law No. 5-67 to allocate funds appropriated therein and modify the designation of allottees.

C.B. 6-61, to further amend the FSM Code to revise the fisheries laws of the FSM.

C.B. 6-65, appropriating \$20.9 million for operation of the Executive, Legislative, and Judiciary Branches and agencies of the

FSM National government for fiscal year 1990.

Resolutions adopted include:

C.R. 6-1, confirming the nomination of Mr. Bill R. Mann to the position of Attorney General of the FSM.

C.R. 6-2, confirming Mr. Donald Jonah of Kosrae to the FSM Social Security Board.

C.R. 6-3, confirming the nomination of Mr. Charles Chieng of Yap State as member of the FSM Social Security Board.

C.R. 6-4, Inviting President John R. Haglegam to deliver his State of the Nation Message.

C.R. 6-5, Appointing Mr. Dennis Yamase as Legislative Counsel for Congress.

C.R. 6-7, expressing the concern of the FSM Congress to the use of part of the Republic of the Marshall Islands as a storage of dumping ground for hazardous radioactive nuclear wastes.

C.R. 6-8, approving the FY 1989 Block Grant Application for the Community Health Center Perinatal Care Program.

C.R. 6-10, approving a Technical Assistance funding request for an FSM National Crimes Laboratory.

C.R. 6-11, requesting the United States Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration program to establish a full office and extend full services to the people of the state of Kosrae.

C.R. 6-12, setting forth the total funds estimated to be available for appropriation from the General Fund of the FSM for Fiscal Year 1990.

C.R. 6-15, approving the Fiscal Year 1989 and 1990 grant application for continuing education for nurses.

C.R. 6-16, approving a fishing agreement concluded between the Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA) and the Fishing Association of Taiwan.

C.R. 6-18, respectfully requesting that the President of the FSM joins the Congress in the creation of a task force on the Community College of Micronesia (CCM) campus, to advise in the planning of the new campus, and to coordinate and assist in obtaining funds to build the new Community College of Micronesia campus in Palikir.

C.R. 6-21, confirming Mr. Alik L. Alik as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Fiji.

C.R. 6-22, expressing sincere gratitude and appreciation of the Congress of the FSM to Takeo N. George, for his dedication and exemplary service to the Nation, and wishing him all possible success in the future.

C.R. 6-24, ratifying the "Agreement to Amend the Treaty Among the Governments of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau Regarding the College of Micronesia."

C.R. 6-25, commending and thanking Gary Takeuchi for his hard work and exemplary performance as an attorney for the FSM Congress during its First Regular Session.

C.R. 6-26, expressing sincere gratitude and appreciation to Jenny Van Le for her hard work, dedication and exemplary service to the FSM Congress and the Nation, and wishing her all the possible success in the future.

C.R. 6-28, authorizing the Speaker of the FSM Congress to call a First Special Session to be held in Pohnpei State on such dates as he chooses.

Senator Bossy improving

MOEN, Truk (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Congress Chairman of Committee on Resources and Development Senator Nick Bossy of Truk suffered May 27 a mild stroke in Truk.

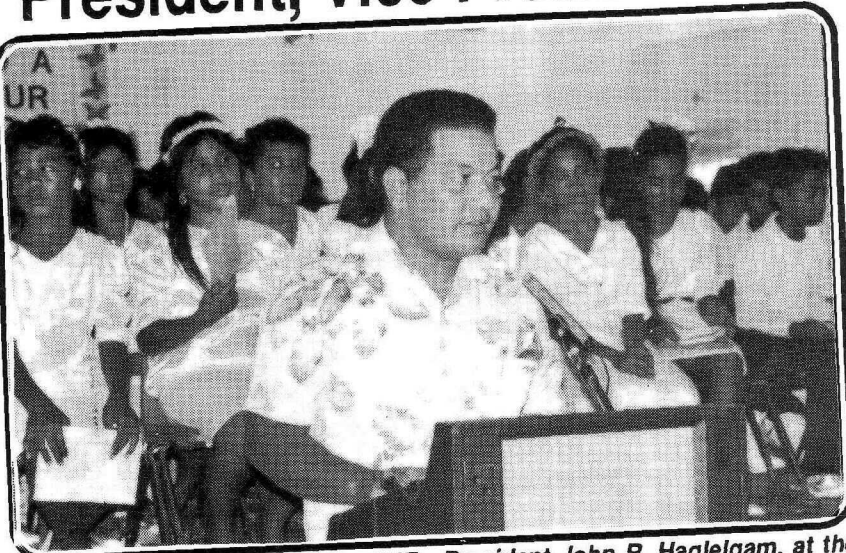
Truk Health Services Director Nacha Siren said that Bossy collapsed after delivering keynote remarks at the dedication ceremony of a church in Sapuk, the eastern most village on Moen, the State center of Truk.

Bossy was assisted by Truk Governor's Special Advisor Dr. Ngas Kansou, who was also attending the ceremonies

Senator Bossy, who was taken to the Truk State Hospital for treatment, was partially paralyzed in the face and the limbs at his left side.

Bossy was medvaced to Guam Memorial Hospital on May 31 for treatment and was referred on June 22 to Straub Hospital in Honolulu for further treatment. Bossy's condition is improving according to sources close to the family.

President, Vice President address graduates



PRESIDENT ADDRESSES OHMINE - President John R. Haglegam, at the podium, is addressing the graduating class of 1989 during Ohmine Elementary School commencement exercises held on June 15 at the school Cafeteria.

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM President John R. Haglegam, Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael and Speaker Jack Fritz during the months of May through June presented keynote addresses to various elementary and high school graduating classes throughout Pohnpei and Kosrae states.

Both President and Vice President congratulated the graduates upon passing an important milestone in their education.

President told the graduating class at Ohmine Elementary school during commencement exercises held on June 19 that "Next school year, you will start high school — a crucial step in your education. It is crucial because if you go wrong in high school you will encounter problems in your quest for college education. In high school you should listen to the advice of your parents and avoid the kind of things that would divert your attention away from your school works. You should set your goal and work hard to achieve it. You should remember that nothing is impossible if you dedicate your self to your work to achieve that goal. You should also remember that you are the future of your state and your nation. You should work hard to successfully complete your education so you can lead your state and your nation in the future.

Haglegam concluded his remarks to the graduates at Ohmine Elementary School by saying "I would like to congratulate all of you

for working hard to complete your elementary education. You have reaped the fruit of your hard work. I encourage all of you to keep those words of advice from your parents close to your heart as you start your high school education.

Vice President told the Eighth Grade graduating class at Seventh Day Adventist Elementary School that "After this graduation most if not all of you will continue on to higher grade levels. I encourage you to always try your best and not to give up easily in your efforts. If you are beginning to or have already chosen a specific career to pursue, it is always better to make up your mind and focus in on that career at an early age."

Ismael concluded his address by saying that "I want to congratulate you once again for a job well done and I am certain you will begin to be seriously thinking about what you can contribute to better yourself, your family, your church, community, state and your country."

President Haglegam was also the key speaker at Seventh Day Adventist High School graduation.

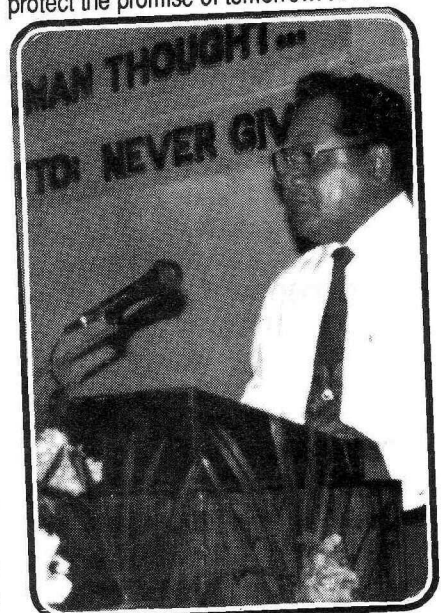
Speaker Fritz was invited to speak to the graduates of Kosrae High School on theme "The Young Generations Role in Bringing the Compact Goal of Self-Sufficiency Into Reality".

In his speech, the Speaker pointed out two things, "first we are not self-sufficient,

second we can never be completely self-sufficient." He said "I suppose there was a time long ago when our ancestors were almost self-sufficient, when all that was necessary for their lives could be found on our verdant green islands and in our teeming blue seas. But even then, our legends tell us how these islands were populated by voyagers from distant shores, and how a system of interaction and trade existed between flung lands. So it is doubtful there was ever a time when total self-sufficiency existed here, even on the most remote islands. And certainly today, in the context of the modern world, it is almost impossible to imagine an existence without any outside influences or assistance.

He also added that even though we cannot be completely self-sufficient that does not mean we must become totally dependent. "Self sufficiency should mean that every local citizen who wants a job has a job. That every young person graduating from high school can find a meaningful way to contribute to society. That opportunities are provided to every citizen to make the most of their human potential."

Fritz concluded his speech urging Kosrae High School graduating class "...to preserve the heritage of the past, and to protect the promise of tomorrow."



ADDRESSING SDA - Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael is addressing the Eighth Grade graduating class of 1989 at the Seventh Day Adventist Elementary School

FAA visits FSM, meets officials

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A federal aviation administration (FAA) Team met with FSM officials, including President John Haglegam, June 1 and 2, to discuss FAA aviation assistance to the FSM, according to a news release by the U.S. Representative's Office here.

The team, composed of personnel from Washington, D.C. headquarters, Western-Pacific region in Los Angeles and the Guam airways facilities sector field office, consulted with FSM Transportation Secretary Robert Weilbacher, Civil Aviation Director Dal Stefensen, Assistant Attorney Generals Audrey Straight and Joses Gallen, and U.S. Relations Division Chief Epel Ilon.

They also met with Air Micronesia Pohnpei Manager Johnny Hawley and Pohnpei Airport Manager Paulus Donre.

Before departing Kolonia, the team paid a courtesy call on President Haglegam to discuss their mutual interest in aviation safety.

Under agreements made between the U.S. Government and the FSM in the Compact of Free Association, the FSM National and State governments are eligible for FAA assistance.

Already, the FAA is working to upgrade and modernize navigational aids located at airports in Yap, Truk, Kosrae and Pohnpei.

In addition, the FAA will be installing an aeronautical fixed telecommunications network. This network will help the airports provide reliable information on arrival and departure times for scheduled air service, as well as assist search and rescue efforts.

After concluding its work on Pohnpei, the FAA team will move on to Guam to participate in the Pacific Subregional Aviation Directors' workshop, June 5-7. FSM National and State Government officials will also attend this meeting.

The workshop will deal with aviation medicine, aviation security, air worthiness and flight standards, airports programs, airway facilities and other aspects of aviation safety.

The meeting will be chaired by Regional Administrator of FAA Western-Pacific Region Mr. Jerold Chavkin.

FAA Team members include Ronald Riberal, Resident Director, FAA Airway

Facilities Sector Field Office, Guam; Barry Brayer, Manager, Planning and International Aviation Staff, FAA Western-Pacific Region; Charlotte Zakour, Micronesia Pro-

gram Manager, FAA Headquarters; and George Novak, Attorney-Advisor, Office of International Affairs and Legal Policy, FAA Headquarters.

IDF ink guidelines for millions\$

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Advisory Board for the \$20 million Investment Development Fund (IDF) had its organizational meeting on June 20 and approved proposed guidelines and procedures for the use of the fund, according to FSM Public Information Special Assistant Ketson Johnson.

The guidelines and procedures will be considered by the Federated Development Authority (FDA) during its June 30-July 1 meeting. The FDA is composed of the President and the four governors.

If the document is approved by the FDA, the \$12 million of the fund will be available for lending within the Federated States of Micronesia immediately. Another \$8 million in funding will become available next year.

The IDF Board, which is composed of five FSM and three U.S. representatives, including Kosrae State Lt. Governor Moses Mackwelung as Chairman, U.S. Representative to FSM, the Honorable Michael G. Wygant as Vice Chairman, and Yap Administrative Services Director James Gilmar, Pohnpei State Legislature Speaker Annes Leben and Pohnpei Federation of Cooperative Association (PFCA) General Manager Higinio Weirlangt as members, also is rec-

ommending that the IDF program commences August 1, 1989.

IDF members Director Joe Suka of Truk State Resources and Development and a U.S. Tuna Industry Attorney David Burney of Washington, D.C. could not attend. The nomination of a third representative for U.S. is still pending FSM's confirmation.

Chairman Mackwelung noted that "we have waited two years to make the IDF a reality. Assuming the FDA approves our actions, \$12 million will be available for loans within the FSM to promote cooperation and better relations with the citizens of the United States."

The IDF was created in 1985 as partial compensation for the loss of certain tax and trade advantages which were taken away by the U.S. Congress in approving the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the FSM.

The funds were made available to promote cooperation between citizens and commercial enterprises of the United States and the FSM. A further \$40 million in IDF funds may be made available in future years to the Federated States of Micronesia from the U.S. upon showing of a greater adverse impact on the FSM.

Residents warned of credit card scam

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Residents of the Federated States of Micronesia are warned by FSM Attorney General's Office not to give out the number of their credit cards to anyone calling to inform them that they had won \$12,500 in cash or prizes but had to give the number of their credit cards in order to collect.

At least eight households in FSM have received calls from the United States promising winnings in

sweepstakes and asking for credit cards. Several of these callers identified themselves as representing a Las Vegas company.

FSM Assistant Attorney General John Brackett advises all FSM residents not to give out their credit card numbers to unknown telephone, wire or letter solicitors, adding that it is a good policy not to give credit card numbers to a stranger who says you have won a sweepstake which you never entered.

Alik as first FSM ambassador

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Congress on June 8 unanimously approved the nomination of Alik Likiaksa Alik of Kosrae State to be the first FSM Ambassador Extraordinary Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Fiji and other South Pacific countries.

Alik was administered the oath of Office in a June 9 ceremony held at the President's Office in the presence of the Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael and the cabinet officials.

As an employee of the Department of External Affairs, Alik was noted as being a trained foreign service officer and more qualified to perform foreign services and to conduct foreign relations.

Alik is a native of Kosrae who attended Kosrae High School, U.S. International University, U.S.A., Graceland College in Iowa, and a paralegal program at the University of Hawaii Law School in 1982 and 1984.

He worked as a school counselor for Kosrae High School and served as a law clerk for the FSM Supreme Court for four months and as chairman of Kosrae State Environmental Protection Board, also served as a member of Kosrae State Scholarship Board for two years beginning in 1980, served as Foreign Service Officer for South Pacific Affairs from 1984-1987 and later became the South Pacific Affairs Deputy Chief in the Department of the External Affairs, FSM National Government, a position he held until his appointment in 1989 as Ambassador.

Alik also completed a three-month internship paralegal program with the Hawaii House of Representatives, the Dale Carnegie Course in Human Relations and Public Speaking in 1981, the Australia Diplomat Training for three months in 1985 and the U.S. Diplomat Training in Washington, D.C., for two months in 1988.

Alik represented the FSM Government in a number of meetings in the South Pacific Region and chaired the Forum Secretariat Meeting early this year.

Alik, 36, is married to former Shra C. Lonno of Malem, Kosrae, and they have two children: daughter Ursula, and son Greg.



ALIK SWORN IN AS AMBASSADOR - President John R. Haglelgam, left, is administering the oath of office to Alik, right, as the first FSM Ambassador Extraordinary Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Fiji and the South Pacific countries during a June 9 ceremony held in the presence of the Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael and the cabinet officials. Holding the Bible, center, is Ambassador Alik's adopted mother, Mrs. Tulpe Alik.

Yiftheg ordained priest

COLONIA, Yap (FSM Information Office) - Father Cuthbert (Bert) M. Yiftheg was ordained to Catholic priesthood on June 24, 1989, in Yap. He is the fourth native priest ordained in Yap and the fourth diocesan priest ordained in the Diocese of the Caroline and Marshall Islands. Fr. Yiftheg said his first Mass on Sunday June 25.

The son of Francis Funwo' and Maria Gurwan of Rang village, Fanif Municipality, Yap, Yiftheg ranks second youngest in a family of six brothers.

Yiftheg, 28, graduated from Alaw Intermediate School in Weloy, Yap in 1975 and from PATS in 1979 with a diploma in mechanics and attended University of Guam for two years. After the two years at UOG, he went on to Fiji to attend the Pacific Regional Seminary from 1982-1988 where he earned a

Bachelor of Arts degree in Divinity. He spent one year off in Yap doing parish work prior to his ordination to priesthood.



Yiftheg said shortly after the ceremonies on June 24 that his only plan is "to work in Yap as a priest for many years to come."

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