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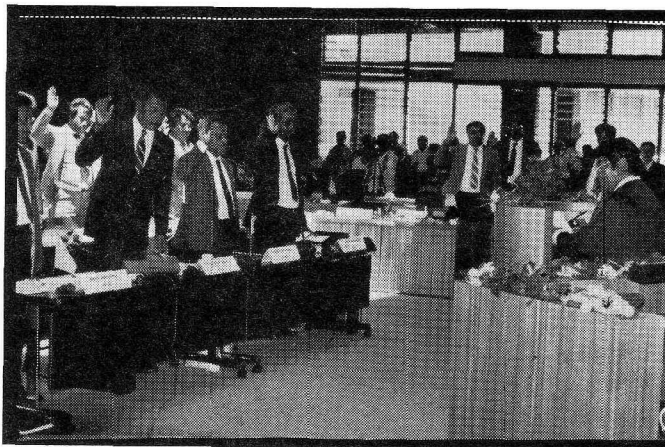
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CONCON elects its officials

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Constitutional Convention (CONCON) of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) convened July 16 in Palikir, Pohnpei with President John R. Haglelgam presiding as Acting President.

The Convention elected Delegates Resio S. Moses of Pohnpei as the Convention President, Yosiwo P. George of Kosrae as Vice President and Chutomu



FSM CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CONVENE - Pohnpei State Chief Justice Edwel Santos (right) is administering oath to the Constitutional Convention Delegates (standing and facing Santos) at the FSM Congress Chamber in Palikir.

Nimwes of Chuuk as Floor Leader.

Opening remarks were given by Haglelgam and Nanmwarki Benito Peter of Kitti, who spoke on behalf of all FSM Traditional Leaders.

Haglelgam in his remarks after welcoming everyone to the capital of the nation said, "It is an honor for me to participate today in the opening ceremonies of this historic Constitutional Convention (See CONVENTION on Page 2)

Stamps issue in commemoration of PATS

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A stamp dedication ceremony commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) and to honor the founder of the school, Father Hugh F. Costigan, S.J. was held at PATS in Madolenihmw, Pohnpei, July 31 this year, according to a release from the FSM Postal Service.

Present at the ceremony were Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses; Ispahu Ilten Selten; Fr. Joseph Cavanagh, S.J., Director of PATS; who spoke, and also Postmaster General Bethwel Henry who delivered the keynote address and hosted the occasion. Others present at the

ceremony include, Iso Nahniken of Madolenihmw Klemens Hadley; Pohnpei State Senator Tesiwo Liwy; Fr. Gary Bradley, S.J., Superior, Jesuits of Micronesia; Postal Inspector Herlino Makaya; Rev. Etwet Rospel and others.

The designs featured on the stamps were taken from actual pictures obtained from the school and represented through the work of Artist Neil Waldman under arrangements made by FSM Philatelic Corp. of New York. The stamps were printed by the House of Questa in England with other technical details provided at the end.

In the fourth panel of the stamps, Ispahu Samuel Hadley of Madolenihmw

is depicted with Fr. Costigan. Hadley was the former high Chief of Madolenihmw where PATS is located. Ispahu is the title for the Nanmwarki of Madolenihmw. It is the highest traditional title in Pohnpei State. This is the first picture of a Micronesian to appear on any FSM stamps. Recent changes in the issuance of stamps policies allow the commemoration of Fr. Costigan in a stamp issue three years after his death.

It is the first stamp to be printed by the FSM without the cent (c) sign. All five panels of the stamps bear only the numerals 25 to indicate the face value of the stamps as well as to commemorate (See 25th ANNIVERSARY on Page 6)

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tion. My brief tenure as the temporary President served to remind me of the importance of this Convention. The convening of the Constitutional Convention marks an important milestone in the development of the people and our nation. And you have been charged by your fellow citizens and traditional leaders with the solemn and difficult task of proposing and deliberating upon revisions to our constitution."

"Fifteen years ago, the founding fathers of Micronesia met in Saipan to debate the shape of the nation that we live in today. They had experience in working for the district governments, but had little experience in organizing the affairs of a sovereign nation. However, they had a goal: a goal to build a unified Micronesian nation. A nation that would bring together the diverse cultures of our region and form a new nation where the whole was greater than the sum of its parts," Haglelgam continued.

"In taking these actions these leaders understood that their plan of government would have to be tested over time and they provided an opportunity within the Constitution for a new convention to be held after the constitution had been in effect for ten years. Last year the people of our nation called for such Convention and today you continue the process of nation building that was begun those many years ago, said Haglelgam, adding, "I know that the lawyers here will tell us that the Preamble to the Constitution has no binding effect. It is the specific articles and sections that guide legislatures in their debates and judges in their decisions. But I feel that it is the Preamble that expresses the aspiration of those who wrote the Constitution. While there may be sections of the Constitution that

should be changed, I believe that the goals expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution remains our goals today."

"First among those goals is to 'make one nation of many island.' By these words, our founding fathers expressed their desire to build a nation united across the sea. This belief is the center-piece of the motto of our nation, 'peace, unity, liberty,' that you see on the seal behind me. It is also woven in the fabric of the Constitution itself. Over the past ten years, we have worked hard to create an environment in which the people of our nation can grow together as one. Whatever action is taken here, our Constitution should continue to provide a frame work within which we can further unify our nation," he said.

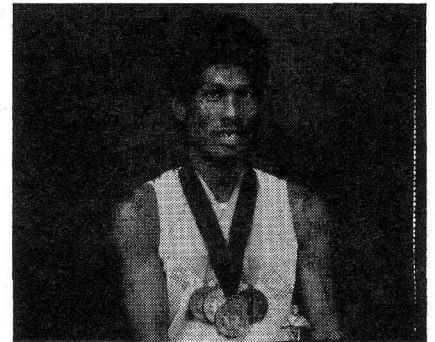
Haglelgam stated that "A second goal in the Preamble is to 'respect the diversity of our cultures.' The delegates to the first Convention knew they each had allegiances to their own families and islands. But these allegiances were viewed as a source of strength, not as a source of division. As they wrote in our Constitution, 'our differences enrich us.' I believe that our differences continue to enrich us today. One of the successes of our Constitution is that it has allowed us to retain our differences while still coming together as a nation. Recent experience in eastern Europe and Africa has shown us that relations between multiple ethnic groups can lead to tension and unrest. In our country, we have learned to recognize and respect our differences. By doing this we have forged a nation when many thought we would succumb to bitterness and infighting."

"This is one of the principal strengths of our country. In my travels and in meetings with foreign leaders who visit our nation, I have been surprised by the number of times that I have been told how impressed others are at the stability of our political system. It is, in part, because of this stability that four countries have established a diplomatic presence here. And it is for this reason that

a number of foreign investors have invested in our islands," he said.

"The genius of the Constitution is that it ensures that all of the diverse views of the Nation will be represented in our governments. When all groups feel that their views are heard, and treated fairly, political stability is possible. Our goal should be to maintain a system that allows the voice of all of our people to be heard in our governments, Haglelgam said adding, "Finally the Preamble states that 'with this Constitution we, who have been the wards of other nations, become the proud guardian of our own islands, now and forever.' Our found-

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OUTSTANDING MALE ATHLETE - Elias Rodriques of Nett, Pohnpei was named "Outstanding Male Athlete" in the July 1990 Saipan Micronesian Olympic Games with four Outstanding Female Athletes, according to Sandra Kostka.

Rodriques who ranked as top 200 among 10,000 marathon competitors about a couple years ago in Honolulu and was fifth place in the 1989 Guam Marathon, received gold medals from Men's 800 Meter dash; Men's 1,500 Meter; Men's 5,000 Meter; and 26 Miles Marathon, and also won a Silver Medal from Men's 10,000 Meter races.

He broke all previous records from 2:11.30 to 2:07.19 in the 800 Meter; previous record of 4:40.9 to 4:19.08 in 1990 1,500 Meter; 1969 records in 5,000 Meter was 18:18.8 to 17:18.51 in 1990; the previous records on 26 Miles Marathon was not known but 2 hours, 52: 32 in 1990 and 39:38.8 in 1969 10,000 Meter to 37:04.74 in 1990.

Rodriques, 26, was trained for Track and Field under Coach Narciso Kostka and Swimming under Coach Golden Charley who are both from Pohnpei State.

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ing fathers did not write a Constitution for ten years or for fifty years. They wrote a Constitution that was to provide for the Government of our islands for the foreseeable future. A Constitution is not a document for addressing short-term problems. It is a document that should provide the fundamental building blocks for the relationship between the government and the people. In your deliberations, I would hope that you view our Constitution in this light.

"In my Inaugural Address, I noted that the leadership of our nation was passed to a new generation. As a new generation, we have learned to respect the past. In particular, we respect the efforts of those who have come before us in the effort to design a Constitution for the people of our nation. I hope that when our children look back at what is done in this Convention that they view this work with the same respect that we view the work of the delegates to the first Convention" Haglelgam concluded.

Nanmwarki Peter of Kitti welcomed the delegates and told them to go ahead and work on the Constitution because their voters put them there with their (voter's) trust that they will do the best for the Constitution and the nation.

A Credentials Committee was appointed consisting of Delegates Robert Ruecho' of Yap as the Chairman, Yosiwo P. George of Kosrae, Judah C. Johnny of Pohnpei, and John A. Petewon of Chuuk.

The committee reported back to the Convention that the committee had reviewed the credentials of all the delegates and that they were all in proper order.

A motion by Delegate Johnny to amend the permanent rules of procedures to change voting requirements was proposed to the convention.

The Chairmen of each state Delegation: Chuuk, Tosiwo Nakayama; Yap, Robert Ruecho'; Kosrae, Yosiwo P. George; and Pohnpei, Johnny, organized members of their Delegations and underwent the organizations of each Standing Committee according to the rules of the Constitutional Convention.

President Moses and Vice President George were elected the Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively for the Special Conference Committee. Members of the committee include Tosiwo Nakayama and Soukichi Fritz of Chuuk, Wilton J. Mackwelung, Kosrae; Leo A. Falcam and Johnny, Pohnpei; and Ruecho' and Alfonso Luguliol of Yap.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Civil Liberties and Traditions Committee are Delegates Camillo Noked of Chuuk and Salvador Iriarte of Pohnpei, respectively. Members of the committee include Masachiro Christlib and Fichita Bossy of Chuuk; Kun N. Sigrah, Mackwelung and Reed G. Nena, Kosrae; Johnny and Yosuo Phillip, Pohnpei; and Andrew Ruepong, Martin Yinug and Alfonso Luguliol of Yap.

As for the Public Finance and Taxation Standing Committee, Sabino Asor of Chuuk is the Chairman and Mackwelung of Kosrae, Vice Chairman. Members include Sichiwo Kichiro and James Naich of Chuuk; Nena and George of Kosrae; Daro Weital, Phillip and Iriarte, Pohnpei, and Aloysius Tuuth, Luguliol and Ruepong of Yap.

The Chairman for General Provisions Standing Committee is Ruecho' and the Vice Chairman is Weital. Members are Asterio Takesy, Ritis Heldart and Chutomu Nimwes of Chuuk; Mackwelung, Sigrah and George of Kosrae; Ioanis Artui and Dr. Olter Paul of Pohnpei; and Ruepong and Luguliol of Yap.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Style and Arrangement Committee are Yinug and Sigrah respectively. Members of the committee include Nakayama and Nimwes of Chuuk; Nena of Kosrae; Falcam and Bethwel Henry of Pohnpei; and Tuuth from Yap.

The Standing Committee on Governmental Structure and Functions named Henry of Pohnpei as its Chairman, and Fritz of Chuuk as the Vice Chairman. Members are Petewon and Suda Rayel of Chuuk; Sigrah, Nena and George of Kosrae; Paul and Falcam of Pohnpei; and Ruecho', Yinug and Tuuth from Yap.

FSM & KOREA NEGOTIATES IN GUAM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA) and the Korean Deep Sea Tuna Fisheries Association, representing all the Korean purse seine vessels that had been operating in the FSM 200 mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), met in Guam July 4 to 7 this year for access fisheries negotiation. The meeting failed to reach agreement on several major issues advanced by the MMA to be included in a new agreement if there was going to be one, according to MMA Executive Director Peter Sitan.

These issues include new minimum terms and conditions to limit the number of purse seine fishing vessels by country operating in the zone, to prohibit transshipment at sea by purse seiners, to report catch from the high seas, other reporting requirements and higher fee level. These new terms and conditions were being imposed for better monitoring of the fleet and its catch for management purposes.

The Delegation from the Korean Deep Sea Tuna Fisheries Association wanted to increase the number of vessel while maintaining the same fee level, according to Sitan. Since the meeting was unable to reach agreement, the Korean Agreement ran itself out and expired on July 15 this year.

The two sides are still trying to get back together to further discuss the issues and see if an agreement can be reached and an arrangement be put in place, said Sitan, adding that the MMA also met with a representative of a Philippine Company, Frabelle Fishing Corporation while in Guam. An arrangement was put in place to cover one small size seiner operating under the company.

Attending the July 4-7 meeting were: Chairman Andon L. Amaraich of Chuuk; Vice Chairman Ieske K. Iehsi, National Government; and members Sebastian Anefal, Yap; Spensin James, Pohnpei; Likiak Wesley, Kosrae; and Sitan.

COM Board approves grant-in-aid

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) -The College of Micronesia (COM) Board of Regents (BOR) concluded its July 2-4 meeting here in Pohnpei by adopting several directives and resolutions including schedule of grant-in-aid, faculty workload, organization of BOR and other important administrative policy direction, according to the COM Chancellor Singe ru Singeo.

The 3-day meeting approved over 12 introduced and amended policies and directives, and directed the Chancellor to take appropriate actions to implement them as appropriate throughout the COM system. It also discussed strategies regarding the new accreditation standards adopted in June 1990 which will apply to Micronesian Occupation Center (MOC) and the Community College of Micronesia (CCM) during their 1992 re-accreditation visits.

BOR approved a grant-in-aid schedule which sets a fixed amount of the cost for room or meals that would be waived for the Micronesian students at the COM campuses in Belau, Pohnpei and the Marshall Islands. The grant-in-aid or waivers is made possible because the three Micronesian governments provide \$1.3 million under the COM Treaty to the COM system which is then distributed to the campuses based on number of students, according to Singeo.

Another important policy approved by the BOR is the faculty workload which set 15 credit hours or equivalent as workload for a teaching faculty each semester. The workload schedule is expected to provide a standard for equating workload not only among the faculty members but also between the faculty and the other categories of employees such as classified and management. This policy will also allow flexibility in the scheduling of faculty working hours which could include evening classes. The flexibility of scheduling provided by this policy is clearly a reflection of a community college philosophy in that our campuses and centers are not open only from 8 to 5, Singeo said.

The Board also adopted a draft FY91

Consolidated Budget for COM and directed the Chancellor to submit it to the governments as required by the Treaty. Any comments by the governments will be considered at the next BOR meeting.

The Board authorizes the Chancellor to seek funds to purchase a PC-based computer program called MIP Fund Accounting to be installed on a module by module basis. The earlier plan by OTIA to hook up the college campuses with the governments' Wang computers has not materialized yet. By going the PC route, we expect to minimize the initial cost of our hardware, software and services but get the same results in the end because of the very powerful PCs that have come to the market recently, Singeo said.

The Board adopted an amendment to the Personnel Manual which clarifies that the College is not required to offer a contract renewal to an employee whose contract had expired. Another Manual amendment approved by the board stipulates reimbursement guidelines for an off-island employee who terminates his/her contract within one year upon arrival on campus.

The Board also adopted policy regarding disposal of College properties a procedure modeled after the one used by Peace Corps here in Pohnpei. Singeo said, the procedure is simple and allows a lot more people the opportunity to bid for the surplus properties.

A new organizational structure chart of the COM-Majuro was adopted by the

Board for implementation in connection with the transfer of functions from CCM to COM in Majuro. The organizational structure mirrors that of CCM's which streamlines functions under the categories of students services, instructional service, and administrative support. These functions which in the past CCM performed for the COM-Majuro are being transferred so that the Majuro campus will be ready for its accreditation review in April 1991, concluded Singeo.

The Board elected Damian Sohl of Pohnpei as Rector; Phillip Muller, Marshall Islands, Vice-Rector; and Johnson Toribiong of Palau as Secretary/Treasurer.

The BOR Committees were organized as follows: Chairman of the Committee on Program is Sebastian Anefal and members include Sohl and Alfred Capelle; Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Investment, Katharine Kesolei; members include Toribiong and Ansito Walter; Chairman of the Committee on Personnel and Organization, Dr. Eliuel Pretrick; members include Anson Sigrah and Muller; and the members of the Executive Committee are Sohl, Muller and Toribiong.

The Board authorized the Executive Committee to represent the Board during the upcoming COM Treaty talks in September between the governments of the Republic of Palau, FSM, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

The next BOR meeting will be determined by the Executive Committee after the Treaty talk.



A TOAST FOR U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY - Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael (left) at the July 4th reception held at the residence of Charge d'Affairs Edward Michal, proposed a toast for the 4th of July. From left to right are: Ismael, Michal, Second Secretary Mary C. Shoemaker, and Associate Peace Corp Director for FSM and Palau Robert D. McCleery.

SPC headquarter looks for re-location

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Representative of South Pacific Commission (SPC) member governments, at meetings held in Guam last year and in Noumea, May this year, agreed that there was an urgent need to reconstruct the SPC's headquarter, according to an SPC release.

The present headquarter was originally built as temporary headquarter for the U.S. Army during World War II and is now both too old and small for the rapidly growing needs of this important regional organization, of which all Pacific Island countries and territories are members.

The 12th meeting of the Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations, held in Noumea, New Caledonia, May this year, established the SPC Headquarters Sub-Committee consisting of Representatives of American Samoa, Australia, FSM, Fiji, France, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, together with the Secretariat. French Polynesia was represented at the Sub-Committee meeting by an observer. The Sub-Committee's mandate is to explore and consider fully all the options available on the reconstruction of the headquarters building, including: building on the present site, rebuilding on a different site in Noumea, and rebuilding in another country.

The present headquarters site is the subject of an Agreement signed in 1957 by the High Commissioner for the French Republic in the Pacific and the Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission. The Agreement provides for SPC to own the site as long as it remains on it.

The headquarters Sub-Committee held its first meeting at SPC headquarters in Noumea from July 2-6, under the Chairmanship of the Representative of American Samoa HTC I.S. Muli-tauapele, to receive proposals from various government entities and obtain relevant information on land and building issues and costs and to consult the relevant authorities in New Caledonia.

The Sub-Committee reviewed background documents on the present site and buildings, and on future requirements.

During its consultations with local authorities, the Sub-Committee heard a presentation by Jacques Iekawe, prefect responsible for economic development and regional co-operation, speaking on behalf of the High Commissioner (Representative of the French State and Head of the Executive of New Caledonia.)

The Mayor of Noumea Jean Le'ques accompanied by a delegation from the Municipality of Noumea, the South Province and the Territorial Congress, addressed the Sub-Committee. He outlined the plans of the local authorities for tourism development in the area of Noumea where SPC headquarters is sited and proposed two alternative sites for consideration by the Sub-Committee. The sub-Committee accompanied by technical experts, visited the two proposed sites.

In his address to the Sub-Committee, the Mayor categorically stated that he was not prepared to grant SPC a building permit for reconstruction on the present site.

The Sub-Committee also heard from Iekawe and Le'ques' indications of possible financial contributions by the local authorities for reconstruction of SPC headquarters.

The Sub-Committee further heard a presentation by a representative of French Polynesia, concerning two sites in Tahiti which the Government of French Polynesia would officially offer to the Commission if a decision was made to adopt the third option of rebuilding outside New Caledonia. The Representative of French Polynesia invited the Sub-Committee to visit his Territory to inspect the proposed sites.

The Sub-Committee noted the long association of the South Pacific Commission with the present site and the fact that the site is owned by the Commission. The Sub-Committee also noted the value of the presence of the Commission, as an important regional organization, to the city of Noumea and the Territory of New Caledonia. Bearing in mind the historical associations of the site and the organization, the Sub-Committee will continue to explore all options, including rebuilding on the present site, which is owned by the SPC as long as it remains in occupation.



VICE PRESIDENT CALLS ON GOVERNOR - CNMI Governor Lorenzo Guerrero (right) is accepting a wallplate decor from Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael (left) and Mrs. Ismael (center) who visited the Governor while attending the 1990 Micronesian Games in Saipan.



25th Anniversary

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the Twenty Fifth Anniversary of P.A.T.S.

Panel number one portrays the landmark school administration building at P.A.T.S. and the P.A.T.S. logo. The administration building was one of the first buildings built at the school and stands high on a hill overlooking a very picturesque bay about twenty three miles from the State Capital center in Kolonia, Pohnpei.

Panel number two portrays the early and perturbing interest in development especially agricultural development at P.A.T.S. Fr. Costigan's knowledge and abilities were always at the service of the people of Pohnpei and the other areas of Micronesia.

Panel number three portrays a picture of Fr. Costigan based on a photo taken shortly before his death.

Panel number five portrays and commemorates the fact that the story of the first twenty five years at P.A.T.S. is not limited to Micronesia alone. Supporters of P.A.T.S. can be found from all over the world. The earliest supporter of Fr. Costigan were members of the New York City Police Department. "They are

continuing their support for P.A.T.S. with their off-duty efforts to be partners of development with the people of Micronesia. One of their principal efforts each year has been a benefit boatripe around Manhattan Island. This panel commemorates their efforts.

Father Costigan was born in 1914, entered the Jesuits in 1932 and was ordained a priest in 1944. He first came to Micronesia in 1946 where he is long remembered for his great and lasting contribution to Micronesia through the establishment of P.A.T.S. and the skills and development available through the school. Fr. Costigan died in 1987, the release stated.

P.A.T.S. is the only four year vocational high school in all of Micronesia. It specializes in agriculture, mechanics and construction. Its focus is on training the much needed work force of Micronesia. At this time there are approximately 650 graduates at work for the development of the new governments in Micronesia. It is a private school with an enrollment of 165 students each year. It is run by a Board of Directors that is mostly Micronesians

and entrusted to the direction of the Jesuits of Micronesia. Finding the funds needed for the yearly budget is the responsibility of the Director and the Board of Directors. The present Director is Fr. Joseph A. Cavanagh, S.J.

July 31 was chosen to be the issue date because Fr. Costigan was a Jesuit and Ponape Agriculture and Trade School is directed by the Jesuits. On

July 31 each year, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. This year Jesuits around the world are celebrating important anniversaries, the 500th Anniversary of the birth of Ignatius of Loyola and the 450th Anniversary of the founding of the Jesuits. Therefore, this day was chosen to commemorate the educational work of the Jesuits in the FSM.

For more information regarding the stamps contact the Philatelic Bureau, FSM Pohnpei, FM 96941. Phone number (691) 320-2614, FAX: (691) 320-2612. Alternatively, contact your stamp dealers for the stamps or other stamps from the FSM.

Singeo as Special Assistant to Governor

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei - SeNellie Phillip Singeo, a native of Pohnpei who served on the U.S. House Interior Committee staff, 1980-83, became the first woman Pohnpei Community Action Agency (CAA) executive director on Oct. 3, 1983, was confirmed on June 18 by Pohnpei State Legislature as Special Assistant to Governor for Federal and Foreign Relations for Pohnpei State.

Mrs. Singeo replaces Santiago Joab who assumed the position of the Director of the Department of Land, a position which was left vacant when former director Wagner (Moses) Lawrence was elected to the FSM Sixth Congress.

Mrs. Singeo, 40, served as secretary on the Pacific Affairs Subcommittee which was chaired by former Guam Delegate late An-



SINGEO JOINS FOREIGN RELATIONS - SeNellie Singeo, (standing, right) is taking the oath of office as Director of Foreign Relations with Singeru Singeo (center) holding the bible. Administering the oath is Governor Resio S. Moses (left). In the back sitting witnessing the swearing-in are FSM Health Service Secretary Dr. Eliuel Pretrick and Family Health Project Coordinator Williana Gideon.

tonio B. Won Pat, 1979-80, and on the Public Lands and National Parks Subcommittee, chaired by John Seiberling of Ohio, between 1981 to 1983.

Mrs. Singeo was Interim Congress of Micronesia and FSM Congress librarian, 1978-79, and previously served as a Pohnpei CAA community organizer; teacher at Pohnpei Islands Central School (PICS); and an elementary teacher in Guam.

She was the executive director of Pohnpei CAA for seven years prior to her nomination by Governor Resio Moses and confirmation by Pohnpei State Legislature on June 18.

She is married to Dr. Singeru Singeo of Palau who was the former executive director for the College of Micronesia now the Chancellor since January 1989.

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NFC & Chuuk sign Fisheries Tuna joint venture

WENO, Chuuk (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A Fisheries Joint Venture between Chuuk State Government and the National Fisheries Corporation (NFC), was formalized in Chuuk, July 19 this year, according to a press release from NFC.

Chuuk State Governor Sasao Gouland signed a Joint Venture Agreement on behalf of Chuuk State and MMA Executive Director Peter Sitan who is the NFC Secretary/Treasurer signed on behalf of NFC.

Witnessing the signing ceremony include Chuuk State House Speaker Kisande Sos; Chairman of House Committee on Ways and Means Representative Nelson Killion; Chairman, of

House Committee on Resources and Development, Representative Jonathan Salle; and Representative Rommy Robert; Acting Director of R&D Marion Henry; Acting Chief of the Marine Resources Division Mark Mailo; and Fisheries Advisor to NFC Chris Friberg.

The name of the Corporation is "Chuuk Fresh Tuna Incorporated." The corporation will develop and operate a multi-million dollar tuna longline fishing base on Weno Island and will provide supplies and services to foreign and local tuna longline vessels.

The base is part of the overall National and State objective to maximize the benefits from the important tuna

resources of the FSM. It is expected that the base will earn significant revenue from export, create numerous employment opportunities and encourage FSM citizens to participate in commercial tuna fishing. The project is one of the first joint effort project between the National Fisheries Corporation and the State in the FSM. It is expected that similar projects will be formalized in the other states.

Financing of Chuuk Fresh Tuna, Inc., will be through a combination of commercial financing and public appropriations. The National Congress and the Chuuk State Legislature have equally appropriated \$500,000 each for the initial capitalization of the Corporation.

ESCAP conference held in Bangkok

BANKOK, Thailand (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in its 46th session held in Bangkok, Thailand, adopted eight resolutions on economic, social and development issues, and its report, according to a press release by ESCAP Information Service.

The 10-day meeting ended with closing remarks from ESCAP Executive Secretary S.A.M.S. Kibria and Chair-

man of the 46th Commission session Berenado Vunibobo, Fiji's Minister for Trade and Commerce.

The Commission, in a resolution on strengthening population activities of ESCAP in the 1990s, urges countries to strengthen their support for the Commission's population program.

The Commission, in a resolution on urbanization strategies in the ESCAP region requests the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on the state of urbanization in the region and develop a re-

gional plan of action. The Commission decides to convene a regional conference on urbanization in 1992.

Another resolution addresses the priorities and operation of ESCAP. In it, the Commission urges members and associate members to address continuously priorities for the work program emerging from their changing needs and requests the Executive Secretary to functioning of the Secretariat and to facilitate close interaction of relevant in-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Department of Human Resources would like to announce the following Public Notice:

"The public is invited to review and comment on the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant Application for Fiscal Year 1991, specifically with respect to the three (3) project components of Preventive and Primary Care Services for Pregnant Women, Mothers and Infants up to Age one; Preventive and Primary Care Services for Children and Adolescents; and Family Centered, Community-Based, Coordinated Care and the Development of Community-Based Systems of Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs. Additional information include program budget information for each of the three components plus and aggregated budget; assurances, i.e., new and existing; annual plan; and Fiscal Year 1989 MCH Annual Progress Report.

Copies of the MCH Block Grant application are available at the office of the Secretary, Department of Human Resources, FSM National Government, Palikir, Pohnpei. The Secretary can be reached at telephone number (691) 320-2619/2643 or Fax (691) 3205263.

Written comments may be sent to Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick, Secretary, Department of Human Resources. Comments received after August 15, 1991 will be forwarded directly to the Maternal & Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Rockville, Maryland."

/s/ Eliuel K. Pretrick, M.O., M.P.H.

Secretary, Department of Human Resources

17th ATOSCOM held here

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 17th Annual General Membership Conference of the Association of Terminal Operators & Stevedoring Companies of Micronesia (ATOSCOM) was held here for three days from July 16 to 18, this year. The ATOSCOM adopted its minutes of last year's conference which was held in Guam. The ATOSCOM members attending the conference include the representatives from the Iris Limited; Pohnpei Transfer & Storage; Kosrae Stevedoring Co.; Micronesian Shipping Commission; Kyowa Shipping Lines; Matson Navigation Company; Saipan Stevedoring Co.; Golden Bridge Corporation; Development of Tuna Transshipment Industry; Terminal Operators & Stevedoring Companies; ZIM Israel Navigation Inc.; Sea Bridge Pacific Inc., etc.

This year's Conference hosted for the first time by FSM Department of Transportation was welcomed by ATOSCOM President, Alfred Santos.

The Conference also adopted last year's financial status reports of the association, new memberships, and policies. Issues discussed include the presentations by guest speakers including U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Colonel Donald Wynn; Risk Management Specialist of Iris Limited Mike Moody; the Golden Bridge Corporation Official Harry Guzman and the Legal Counsel of ATOSCOM. The conference elected its new officials for the association including Alfred Santos from Saipan Stevedoring Company as President; Bill Wade, Pohnpei Transfer & Storage Company, Vice President; David Tydinco, Guam Ports Authority, Secretary; and Bill Acker, WAAB Transportation as Treasurer.

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formation between members and the Secretariat.

Another resolution deals with the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed countries which will be held in Paris in September of this year. The Commission asks the Secretariat to monitor the plan of action for the 1990s for the least developed countries.

A resolution on the regional follow-up of the World conference on Education for All which was held early this year in Jomtien, Thailand endorses the Executive Secretary's proposal to convene a meeting to formulate a program of action in support of education

for all in the ESCAP region.

The Commission in a resolution dealing with the integration of women in all aspects of development decides to consider "Women in Development" as the theme topic at a Commission's session in the near future. The Executive Secretary is requested to convene in 1993 a regional intergovernmental meeting on this issue, and subject to available resources-formulate action proposals for the meeting's consideration.

Representing FSM to ESCAP was FSM Ambassador to Japan Masao Nakayama who was staffed by FSM External Affairs Acting Chief for Multi-lateral Affairs Jeem Lippwe.

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