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## *FSM to host APPU in December 1990*

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Congress will be hosting the Asian Pacific Parliamentarians Union (APPU) General Assembly Meeting here, December 3-5 this year to consider the passage of 30 Resolutions adopted by the Council Meeting recently held in the Kingdom of Tonga, according to FSM Congress Legal Counsel Dennis (See APPU, Page 2)

## Con Con concludes session

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) The Federated States of Micronesia Constitutional Convention conclude its convention after forty five calendar days of reviewing and proposing amendments to the ten years old FSM Constitution, as provided for in Public Law No. 6-24. The Convention passed on Final Reading, twenty four Proposals which, if ratified by the voters of the FSM, will amend certain provisions of the existing Constitution. Twenty one resolutions were also adopted.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

C.P. No. 90-2, SD1, to amend the title of article I of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to add certain words.

C.P. No. 90-4, CWD1, SD1, to amend section 3 of article V of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of establishing a chamber of traditional chiefs.

C.P. No. 90-5, SD1, to amend section 3(a) and (d) of article V of the (See CONVENTION, Page 2)



**CON CON DELEGATES:** The Delegates pose for a group photo in front of the FSM Congress Chamber. 1st row, left to right: Kun N. Sigrav, Kosrae; Suda Rayel, Chuuk; Tosiwo Nakayama, Chuuk; 1990 Con Con President Resio S. Moses, Pohnpei; Ioanis Artui, Pohnpei; Soukichi Fritz, Chuuk; Aloysius J. Tuuth, Yap; Alfonso Luguliol, Yap; and Salvador Iriarte, Pohnpei. 2nd row, left to right: Reed G. Nena, Kosrae; Ritis Heldart, Chuuk; Wilton J. Mackwelung, Kosrae; Judah C. Johnny, Pohnpei; Daro Weital, Pohnpei; Susumu Aizawa, Chuuk; Leo A. Falcum, Pohnpei; Yosuo Phillip, Pohnpei; and Andrew Ruepong, Yap. 3rd row, left to right: Robert A. Ruecho, Yap; Sichiuro Kichiro, Chuuk; Martin Yinug, Yap; Asterio Takesy, Chuuk; Masachiro Christlib, Chuuk; James A. Naich, Chuuk; Oter Paul, Pohnpei; Camillo Noket, Chuuk; Bethwel Henry, Pohnpei; Sabino Asor, Chuuk; and 1990 Con Con Vice President Yosiwo P. George of Kosrae. Missing from the photo are Floor Leader Chutomu Nimwes and John Petewon of Chuuk.

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Yamase.

The APPU is an organization of Parliamentarians or Legislators from countries in the Asian Pacific Regions which its members include the Republic of China (Taiwan), Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Fiji, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Kingdom of Tonga, Republic of Vanuatu, Western Samoa, and the FSM. Associate Groups including the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Palau, and Kiribati.

The APPU consists of three bodies with different functions including the Central Secretariat, the main Administrative Body which helps set up meetings and disseminate information; the Asian Pacific Cultural Center which publishes a magazine on Cultural Research and sponsors Youth Exchanges; and the Pacific Development Center which assists in the Economic Development and exchanges in this area.

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Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of extending the term of the Public Auditor, prohibiting the Auditor from serving consecutive terms and redefining "cause" as "good cause" for purpose of removal from office.

C.P. No. 90-6, SD1, to amend article XIII of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of adding a new section 8 to provide for the full faith and credit in each state for the statutes, records, and judicial proceedings of every other state.

C.P. No. 90-7, SD1, to amend section 2(c) of article X of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide for a condition upon which the President may grant pardons and reprieves to persons convicted under state law.

C.P. No. 90-9, SD1, to amend article XV of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of

The APPU meets twice annually, first as the Council Meeting of usually three or four delegates from each nation who meets to discuss and present resolutions which if adopted will later be submitted to the General Assembly, according to Yamase.

The APPU meeting here is expected to bring in about 80 delegates with five members from each founding group including Taiwan, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand; four delegates from each member group, two from each associate group; and two from each organization and observer countries.

Measures to be discussed include the Preservation of Global Environment and calling upon the contending parties in the present Middle East confrontation to seek just and peaceful solution to answer their problems, urging Communist China to respect human rights and the reformation of North Korea, said Yamase.

Yamase added that the FSM Resolutions adopted by the Council Meeting

repealing sections 4 and 6 on local governments and the first congressional election, and renumbering section 5.

C.P. No. 90-10, to amend section 2(g) of article IX of the Constitution of the FSM to provide each State the exclusive authority to grant foreign investment permits.

C.P. No. 90-13, SD1, to amend section 2(p) of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of repealing the power of the national government to define major crimes.

C.P. No. 90-14, SD1, to amend section 2(q) of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that the override of a Presidential veto requires the vote of not less than three-fourths of all members of the Congress.

C.P. No. 90-16 To repeal section 4 of article III of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia and renumbering sections 5 and 6.

and which will go to the General Assembly as they meet here December include: opposing the shipment of the highly illegal obsolete chemical weapons from Europe and disposing them in the Pacific pertains to Johnston Island situation. The resolution intends to ask the U.S. to consider its plans of disposing chemical weapons on Johnston Island. Another resolution is a follow up of last year's APPU resolution which strongly opposed drift-net fishing. The resolution expresses appreciation to the Asian Pacific nations that have agreed to discontinue drift-net fishing. A resolution to improve Transportation and Communication Services of the Pacific Island Member Nation was among those adopted in the Council Meeting. Another resolution related to assistance for Post Secondary Education Facilities and Programs of the Pacific Island Nations who are members of the APPU, requests support, assistance and expertise from Asian Nations to help and establish facilities and programs for Post Secondary Education was also adopted.

C.P. No. 90-19, SD1, to amend section 11 of article XI of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of prohibiting the use of court precedent from other jurisdictions.

C.P. No. 90-20, CD1, to amend section 4 of article XIII of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that a state may by statute permit a lending institution to acquire title to land for not more than 25 years, where such land is used as security for a loan and the borrower is in default of the loan.

C.P. No. 90-21, CD2, to amend section 6 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that not less than 50% of all revenues derived from resources exploited under section 2(m) shall be paid into the treasuries of the states according to a division agreed to by the states.

C.P. No. 90-22, to amend section 2(m) of article IX of the Constitution of  
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the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of recognizing traditional ownership of submerged reefs.

C.P. No. 90-23, CD1, to amend section 5 of article XIII of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to remove the language relating to transition and to prohibit indefinite land leases in certain circumstances.

C.P. No. 90-24, to amend section 2(c) of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of requiring a resolution of a state legislature for the passage of a new naturalization law.

C.P. No. 90-25, CD1, to amend sections 2 and 3 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of delineating national power over health and education.

C.P. No. 90-26, to amend section 2(b) of article XII of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that individual members of the Congress shall not be allottees of public funds appropriated by the Congress.

C.P. No. 90-30, CD1, to amend section 2(d) and section 5 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that the states may impose a surtax on National import taxes and to provide that all revenues derived from fuel be returned to the states.

C.P. No. 90-31, to amend section 2(b) of article XII of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that every public project appropriation by the Congress for the states shall be based on official development priorities of the recipient government.

C.P. No. 90-32, CD1, to amend article XII of the FSM Constitution for adding a new section 4 to provide for an Independent Prosecutor to investigate and prosecute crime relating to the expenditure of public funds.

C.P. No. 90-34, to amend sections 4 and 5 of article X of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of establishing the date on which the term of the President and Vice-President begins and for the pur-

pose of authorizing a transition period between the election of the President and the Vice-President and the beginning of their term.

C.P.No.90-35,CWD1,SD1,toamend section 1 of article XIV of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of lowering the voting requirement on proposed amendments to the Constitution to a majority of votes cast in each state.

CON. P. No. 1-90, to amend section 6 of article XI of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of changing the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.

## Adopted resolutions:

C.R. No. 1-90, CD1, relating to the conflict between Public Law No. 6-24, Section 6 and Rule 56 of the Rules of Procedure for the Constitutional Convention of the Federated States of Micronesia.

C.R. No. 2-90, CD1, expressing gratitude and appreciation to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia for making its Chamber available for use by the Constitutional Convention of the Federated States of Micronesia.

C.R. No. 3-90, expressing gratitude and appreciation to Chuuk State for its valuable assistance to the Constitutional Convention of the Federated States of Micronesia.

C.R. No. 4-90, expressing gratitude and appreciation to Kosrae State for its valuable assistance to the Constitutional

Convention of the Federated States of Micronesia.

C.R. No. 5-90, expressing gratitude and appreciation to Pohnpei State for its valuable assistance and its generous hospitality to the Constitutional Convention of the Federated States of Micronesia.

C.R. No. 6-90, expressing gratitude and appreciation to Yap State for its valuable assistance to the Constitutional Convention of the Federated States of Micronesia.

C.R. No. 7-90, expressing gratitude and appreciation to the Executive Branch of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia for making some of its staff, offices, and equipment available for use by the Constitutional Convention of the Federated States of Micronesia.

C.R. No. 8-90, expressing gratitude and appreciation to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia for making some of its staff, offices, and equipment available for the use by the Constitutional Convention of the Federated States of Micronesia.

\* C.R. No. 9-90, expressing gratitude and appreciation to the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia for making some of its staffs, offices, and equipment available for use by the Constitutional Convention of the Federated States of Micronesia.

C.R. No. 11-90, CD1, extending the  
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*Nanmwarki Benito Peter of Kitti at a luncheon held in honor of the Constitutional Convention Delegates is presenting to the 1990 Con Con President Resio S. Moses stones for pounding sakau and the coconut shell used as a cup for the sakau. The luncheon was held at the Pohnpei Nahs in Kolonia.*

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session of the 1990 Federated States of Micronesia Constitutional Convention for 10 more calendar days.

C.R. No. 13-90, expressing support for the effort for World Peace, and extending appreciation and gratitude to the World Peace Concert, its supporters, and coordinators.

C.R. No. 14-90, expressing the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the 1990 Federated States of Micronesia Constitutional Convention to Brian Z. Tamanaha, Esq. for his professionalism, dedication, hard work, and exemplary service to the Constitutional Convention, and wishing him success in the future.

C.R. No. 15-90, extending the session of the 1990 Federated States of Micronesia Constitutional Convention to include the remaining 5 calendar days.

C.R. No. 16-90, requesting the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide funding for educating the citizens of the nation about the amendments to the Constitution proposed by the 1990 Constitutional Convention, for translations and for printing of ballots and sufficient copies of the Journal of the 1990 Constitutional Convention.

C.R. No. 17-90, recommending to the President the form in which proposed amendments by the Convention be presented to the voters of the Federated States of Micronesia.

C.R. No. 18-90, expressing the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the 1990 Federated States of Micronesia Constitutional Convention to Gary Y. Takeuchi, Esq. for his professionalism, dedication, hard work, and exemplary service to the Constitutional Convention, and wishing him success in the future.

C.R. No. 19-90, expressing the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the 1990 Federated States of Micronesia Constitutional Convention to Thomas Naron for his dedication, hard work, and exemplary services to the Constitutional Convention, authorizing the President of the 1990 Federated States of Micronesia Constitutional Convention to grant Thomas Naron one more stripe in order

to make him a full Master Sergeant At Arms, and wishing him more in the future.

C.R. No. 20-90, expressing the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the 1990 Federated States of Micronesia Constitutional Convention to all the hard working staff of the Constitutional Convention for their professionalism, dedication, hard work, and exemplary service to the Constitutional Convention.

C.R. No. 21-90, expressing the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the 1990 Federated States of Micronesia Constitutional Convention to Cyprian Manmaw, Esq. for his professionalism, dedication, hard work, and exemplary service to the Constitutional Convention, and wishing him success in the future.

C.R. No. 22-90, expressing the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the 1990 Federated States of Micronesia Constitutional Convention to Christine M. Spangler for her professionalism, dedication, hard work, and much needed service to the Constitutional Convention, and wishing her success in her future endeavors.

C.R. No. 23-90, expressing the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the 1990 Federated States of Micronesia Constitutional Convention to Carolyn A. Kostecki for her professionalism, dedication, hard work, and much needed service to the Constitutional Convention, and wishing her success in her future endeavors.

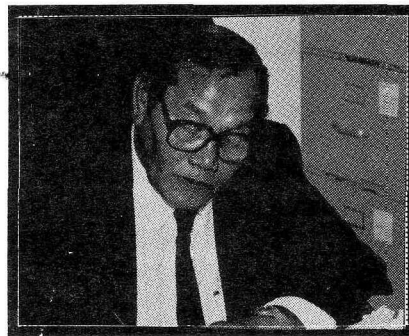
## Nimwes joins President's Office as Special Assistant

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The former Special Assistant to Chuuk State Governor for National & International Matters, Chutomu Nimwes was appointed by President John R. Haglclgam to fill the position vacated by Ehson Johnson, Special Assistant to President for the FSM Disaster Coordination and Special Programs.

## Nimwes appointed Special A

As Special Assistant to President for Disaster Coordination and Special Programs, Nimwes assists the National and State Governments in organizing disaster coordination programs, oversees and coordinates activities and programs including the disaster preparedness, response and relief efforts, designates the President's Authorized Representatives (PAR) and State Coordinating Officer (SCO) during disaster, implement and disseminates activities recommended by Region IX of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), seeks other assistance relating to disasters in the FSM, and is directly responsible to the President and the Vice President.

Nimwes attended Pacific Islands Teacher Training School (PITTS) from 1948 to 1951 and Pacific Islands Center School (PICS) from 1957 to 1958 in Truk. He was also among the first Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI) scholarships students attended Guam Territorial College (University of Guam) in 1958 and the University of Hawaii at



Nimwes

Manoa (UHM) Campus from 1958 to 1960.

He was a former member of Tol Municipal Council in 1961, elected to Truk District Congress in 1963 and to the First Congress of Micronesia in 1965. He served in the First Congress of Micronesia as Chairman of the Committee on Education and later, Ways and Means Committee.

Nimwes was member of Air Micronesia Board of Director and United Micronesians Development Association (UMDA) from 1966-1970, and was listed Who's Who from the Pacific

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# Assistant, Lukan, First Secretary, and Suzuki as Technical Advisor

Regions in Education and Government of the TTPI in 1970 & 1975.

He represent the Congress of Micronesia in accompanying the High Commissioner of the TTPI to the United Nation Trusteeship Councils meeting in 1969. Nimwes was one of the six Vice Presidents of the First Micronesia Constitutional Convention in 1975, the Rector of the College of Micronesia Board of Regent from 1982 to 1984, and Staff to the State Legislature representing the Executive Branch to appear before the U.S. Congress Sub-Committee in 1987.

Nimwes was trained under the College of Educations, UHM, as an Education Administrator sponsored by U. S. Department Leadership Grants at the East West Center in 1969, 1970 and 1973.

He served as Classroom Teacher at Fason Elementary School at Tol and Truk Intermediate School from 1951 to 1955, an Elementary Assistant Teacher Supervisor from 1955-1958, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools from 1960 to 1963, and the Assistant Educational Administrator of Truk District Education Department from 1964-1965.

He was appointed State Director of Education in 1969.

Nimwes, 56, is married to former Richko Aizawa from Tol and they have 7 grant and 4 children: Riana, 26; Peter, 24; Elaine, 22; and PJ, 9 years old.

## Lukan joins FSM Embassy as Frist Secretary for Commerce

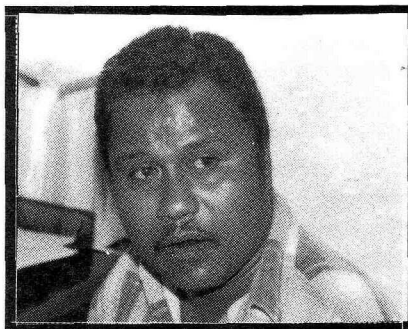
PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE)- Former Investment Division's Administrator of the FSM Department of Finance James Leo Lukan joins FSM External Affairs Department as First Secretary for Commercial & Trade at the FSM Embassy in Washington D.C., August 25, this year.

Lukan will be responsible for promoting investments in the FSM to the U.S. Investors, working with U.S. financial institutions for financial assis-

tance to the FSM, FSM on investment incentives, assisting the states with business negotiations, and promoting FSM in U.S. business communities.

Lukan before joining the Investment Division as Administrator was the Training Officer from 1974 to 1977 and CETA Coordinator from 1977 to 1978 at Yap State Department of Personnel. He was the Chief Tourism & Commerce, Yap State Resources and Development Department from 1980 to 1987. Lukan also served at the TTPI Headquarter in Saipan as a Manpower Development Specialist under the Training and Development Division, TTPI Personnel Department from 1978 to 1980.

He graduated from Yap High School in 1969; studied Law Enforcement and Sociology in Michigan State University and Lake Superior State College from 1972 where he graduated in 1974 with a BA degree in Sociology. He studied Anthropology and Business Admini-



**Lukan**

stration in graduate school.

Lukan participated in the Manpower Planning, Career Counseling, Program Assessment and Analysis, Job Restructuring, and Dale Carnegie Management Seminar in 1975, Model for Management Seminar in 1977 at Saipan, CNMI. He also attended the Project Appraisal Training in Australia, 1978, and the Pohnpei CLEO Workshop in 1988.

Lukan was a member of Yap State Five Year Development Plan Committee and FSM Development Bank Board of Director, former member of Yap State Constitutional Convention, Micronesia Regional Tourism Council, and Vice President of the Bank of FSM Board of Directors.

Lukan, 40, is married to former Ger-

trude Mangarwen' from Yap State and they have a son, Constantine Yowbalaw Lukan.

## Suzuki joins OPS

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE)- The former Japanese Assistance Facilitator, Yoichi Suzuki from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has joined the Office of Planning & Statistics in the FSM as Technical Advisor for Office of Planning and Statistics (OPS).

JICA, has its offices in about 50 countries including the FSM, and as Japanese Government's official aid agency, JICA provides grants and technical assistance on Economic and Social Developmental projects to interested Governments and .

Suzuki's job includes identifying and formulating projects for Japanese assistance, monitoring projects' funded under Japanese assistance, and formulating suitable strategies for utilization of Japanese Assistance.

Suzuki's academic background concentrates on developmental economics. He received his BA degree from WASEDA University, 1973 and Masters in 1979 from Sophia University in Japan where he also further his studies toward a Ph.D. He also studied at Sorbonne University in France.

Suzuki has served in the Republic of



**Suzuki**

Palau, Thailand, Tanzania (Africa), Papua New Guinea, Thailand, and now the Japanese assistance facilitator in the FSM.

Suzuki, 41, is married to Patsy from Palau and they have a daughter named Rira who is four years old.

## 6 FSM Public Defender held 10th annual training

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Public Defender Office conducted its 10th annual training session at Palikir from September 1 to 7 this year. The session brings all the legal and investigative staff from the four public defender states offices and the national office together to upgrade the skills of the defender system personnel. The session was also open to all legal personnel from any other agencies.

The participants of this year's training session was the largest ever. Fifty participants attended the training.

The Public Defender's Office was fortunate to have the services of David Wymore as the primary trainer for this year's session. Wymore, Chief Deputy Public Defender for the Colorado State Public Defender System who specializes in defending persons charged with capital offenses and faces death penalty. In addition to these duties Wymore is also the primary trainer for the Colorado Defender System which has more than 400 personnel.

The training session consisted of trial practice subjects including opening statements, introduction of evidence, direct and cross-examination of expert witnesses, pre-trial motion practice, investigative techniques and the use of extraordinary writs. The training was a combination of lectures and 'hands-on' practice by the participants. There were also lectures by former FSM Chief Public Defender John Brackett, Acting Secretary for the Department of External Affairs Epel Ilon and the current Chief Public Defender Mike Powell.

Wymore said that he was impressed by the skill level of the FSM Training Counselor and other citizen personnel. He was particularly impressed since most trial counselors speaks English as a second language and have not had the opportunity to attend law school. He also stated that the participants "showed up every day eager to learn, took criticism well and performed as well as the lawyers I train in Colorado."

## Promoting good dental habits

NOUMEA, New Caledonia (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Third Regional Meeting of Chief Dental Officers was held August 27-31 this year at Noumea, New Caledonia, focusing on the importance of preventive dentistry in Pacific Island countries.

Until recently, dental practice has emphasized the cure rather than the prevention of disease. Now the emphasis is on promoting good dental habits and health education aimed at preventing dental problems before they require treatment. A major link is with good nutrition and health eating habits, particularly limiting the intake of sugar present in sugary snacks, sweet tea and soft drinks.

Other major problems which the Conference aims to address are those of manpower and equipment. Despite the great need for skilled staff

within the region, there are few incentives for dental workers to remain in the Pacific after qualifying, and the majority leave to seek employment in developed countries like Australia and New Zealand. For those who remain, one of the greatest frustrations is the expense and difficulty of maintaining equipment, with parts and technicians often unobtainable.

During the conference, information papers on fluoridation, nutrition and health education as well as reports from individual countries were delivered.

The guest speaker for the conference delivered an address and preventive dentistry, sponsored by Colgate Pty Ltd, Australia.

The conference also made recommendations regarding the future of SPCE's dental health program.



**AUSTRALIAN MADE CHAIR FOR SPEAKER** - President John R. Haglilgam (right) is witnessing the presentation of a chair to FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz (left) as a gift from the Government of Australia. Presenting the chair is Australian Ambassador to the FSM Kenneth Brazel (center).

## Leaders must incorporate population concerns in their regional planning

NOUMEA, New Caledonia (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - If the Pacific countries are to improve the quality of life of their people and bring about sustainable development in the region, then their leaders must

incorporate population concerns into their national planning, according to a release from the South Pacific Commission (SPC).

To this end, the SPC is convening

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## BRIEFS

### Stop driftnet fishing

PACNEWS (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Fourteen people were arrested after a protest against driftnet fishing, outside the Japanese Embassy in Canberra, Australia.

Police used bolt cutters to free six of the protestors who had chained themselves to the Embassy entrance as a symbol of dolphins trapped in fishing nets.

A GREENSPACE spokesperson said despite not meeting the Japanese Ambassador, the protest was a success.

### American stock exchange

PACNEWS (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The American Stock Exchange has agreed to develop a security trading facility in Hawaii in an effort to bridge the gap between Asian and New York Markets.

Reuters News agency says the plan is part of the American Stock Exchange's globalization strategy and is aimed at trading with Japan and other Pacific nations during the Tokyo business day.

A spokesman says since Honolulu's business day overlaps trading hours in both New York and Asia, Hawaii is the perfect place to span the gap between the two market places.

The agreement allows 18 months to research and prepare a business plan and negotiate with Pacific Rim Financial Institutions.

The state of Hawaii had allocated \$200,000 for the project and the American Stock Exchange will contribute staff time, with its largest expense being travel costs.

### Shipping charge goes up

PACNEWS (FSM PUBLIC INFORMATION SERVICE) - Shipping charges on the South Pacific Route have gone up by about five percent because of the Middle East crisis.

The increases are the result of higher bunker surcharges ranging from two percent to 5.5 percent.

A spokesman for the Pacific Forum Line in Auckland told PACNEWS that because of an increase in fuel prices, it had applied a four percent bunker surcharge on its South Pacific trade from New Zealand, adding that if bunker charges went down, so would the surcharge.

On the New Zealand-Central Pacific Trade which takes in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, the surcharge has gone up 5.5 percent.

Other shipping lines operating in the South Pacific have announced similar increases.

## Haglelgam establishes PDEC

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION) - President John R. Haglelgam on September 4, this year, signed Presidential Order No. 9, establishing the Presidential Development Evaluation Committee (PDEC).

The members of the committee includes: The Vice President who is the Chairman, Secretaries of Resources and Development, External affairs, Transportation and Communication, Attorney General, Budget Officer, National Planner, and advisors deemed necessary by the President or the Chairman.

The Vice Chairman shall be selected by the committee among its members.

The PDEC shall advise the President on any matters of economic concern of the FSM, prepare and recommend guidelines for the use of Compact Capital Account Funds, prepare and recommend guidelines for the use of Development

Funds, prepare and recommend the annual Development Budget for the FSM, review or direct any appropriate National Government Agency to review proposed Capital and Development Projects, review and make recommendations to the President regarding all foreign aid assistance requests and all other requests for assistance from international organizations and other external sources, including requests by the interagency committee coordinating loans, grants, and other assistance from the Asian Development Bank, perform such other tasks as the President may from time to time assign.

The PDEC has the authority to make recommendations on all matters relating to Capital and Development Projects and Foreign Aid assistance, and may establish subcommittees to assist in carrying out its functions purposes.



**POLITICAL AND HEALTH LEADERS SEMINAR** - FSM Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael (center and sitting) who spoke to the participants of the Political and Health Leaders Seminar on Family Health/Planning held at Bernard's Restaurant August 8-9 this year is posing with the participants for a group photo. Sitting from left to right: Pohnpei State Hospital practical Nurse Lois Santos; Department of Human Resources Psychologist Dr. Annete Zimmern; Department of Human Resources Health/Planning Coordinator Williana Gideon; Ismael; Department of Human Resources MCH/CCS/FP Coordinator Sizue G. Yoma; Pohnpei State Family Planning Coordinator Marcy Lorin; WHO, Fiji/MCH Family Planning Consultant Dr. Salesi Katoanga. Standing from left to right: Chuuk, Acting SDHS Dr. Kiosi Aniol; Jesse Gadjusek, Yap State Department of Resources and Development; Rufus Bethewel, PIO, Chuuk; Chuuk State Senator Winner Phaynid; Pohnpei State Hospital Administrator Kapilly Capelle; Joseph Peter, Office of Planning and Statistics; Pohnpei State Senator Simeron Jim; Dan Perrin; Kosrae; SDHS Nena Nena; Pohnpei State Chief of Public Health Medex Simao Norman; Yap State Senator Santus Wichimal, FSM Congress Health, Education and Social Affairs Chairman Senator Jacob Nena, Human Resources Assistant to Secretary Dr. Catalino Cantero, Chuuk State Senator Karson Enlet.

## 8 Yap will elect its officials on Nov. 6, 1990

COLONIA, Yap (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Eighteen candidates including all incumbents except Vice Speaker Mike Kigimnang, have filed petition for the November 6, 1990 election for the ten seats in the Yap State Legislature. The present Yap State Governor and Lt. Governor Petrus Tun and Tony Tawerlimang respectively are running unopposed for Governor and Lt. Governor.

From Yap proper, the eight new candidates and five incumbents filing for election include: incumbents Speaker Joseph Ayin, Finance Chairman Tony Ganangyan, Government, Health and Welfare Committee Chairman Robert A. Ruecho, Resources and Development Committee Chairman Vincent A. Figir, Resources and Development Vice Chairman Stan D. Kensof, Education Director Alphonso Fanechigi, Attorney at Law Clement Mulalap, Rull Mayor Andrew B. Ruepong, Rull Council Chairman Ignatius Tamannalon, Youth and Civic Affairs Director Samuel C. Falanruw, Yap State Court Law Clerk Luke Tman, Businessman Mark Loochaz, and Assisting with Yap State and Private for forestry effort (Natural Science Institute, Yap) Carmen Chigi. Five candidates filed for election from the outer islands of Yap including all four incumbents and a new candidate. The five are, incumbents Finance Committee Vice Chairman Matthias Kuor, Government, Health and Welfare Committee Vice Chairman Santos J. Wichimai, Floor Leader Aloysius P. Fong, and member of Government, Health and Welfare Committee Mathew J. Haleyaluw whom

Businessman Mike Hasurmai is opposing.

Eligible voters residing outside of Yap State can request absentee ballot no later than the first day of November. Requests should include your address and reason(s) for being absent from Yap.

Absentee ballots should be received by Yap State Election Commissioner no later than 7:00 p.m. November 6 this year. Late ballots will not be tabulated.

In another related activity, Rull Municipality being independent also will elect their Mayor and councils. Two candidates filed their petition for the Mayor's seat including Thomas Fal'ngin and Andres Thing who later withdrew his petition. No candidate filed petition for the 10 seats for the council of Rull; therefore, election for these seats will be write-in candidates.

Kosrae will also have their Governor, Lt. Governor, and Legislature election on Nov. 6. The petition was opened Aug. 6 and will be closed Oct 24.

### CORRECTIONS

In the Aug. 15, 1990 issue, page 2, photo caption of the health insurance staff training: Manage, should be Manager, Seniorita Mendiola. And on the last page (page 8) in the headline of the insurance story; the 6% should be 6 cents, and in the second paragraph, last sentence \$1,00 of coverage should be \$1,000

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a regional seminar to highlight the links between population factors and socio-economic processes. The High Level Seminar on Population and Development for Government Ministers (planning) and Heads of Planning Departments was held at SPC headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia, August 20-22 this year.

Despite a healthy recognition of the close links between population and development in the Pacific, population issues have yet to be incorporated fully into the region's development planning. The seminar is intended to create greater awareness among political and senior administrative leaders, and encourage political decisions that consider the critical relationship of population, resources, environment and socio-economic development.

Staff of the SPC Population Program will conduct the seminar. Government Ministers and Heads of Planning De-

partments from Pacific Island countries, and staff from selected regional organizations and institutions will attend.

Director of Waikato University in New Zealand, Professor Ian Pool delivered the keynote address on 'Population change and socio-economic development'. Other papers to be given will concern: urban drift and socio-economic problems, population, health and food, the status and role of women in development, population and the environment, development concerns of children and the aged, and international migration and remittances.

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