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### Olter cited public welfare, the singular aim of his administration

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter in his inaugural address May 21, during his formal inauguration here said, "Let there be no doubt that from this day forward the public welfare is the singular aim of this administration. I call on the Congress and the State Governments to rededicate ourselves to this goal. This collective goal cannot be attained without the active participation of the men and women of this land."

The new President who is from Pohnpei and Vice President Jacob Nena of Kosrae took office May 11, immediately after being elected by the 7th FSM Congress from among its four at-large members to replace John R. Haglelgam of Yap and Hiroshi H. Ismael of Kosrae respectively.

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Olter and Nena were sworn in publicly May 21 by FSM and Pohnpei Supreme Courts Associate Justices Richard Benson and Judah C. Johnny respectively, before a crowd of several thousand spectators at Palikir in front of the FSM Congress Chamber, during a ceremony attended by diplomats and representatives of the U.S., Japan,



*INAUGURATION CEREMONY - Standing at the podium is FSM President Bailey Olter delivering his inaugural address during his formal inauguration held in front of the FSM Congress Chamber at Palikir. In the back are attendants of the inauguration ceremony held May 21, 1991.*

Australia, South Korea, Philippines, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Marshall Islands and Palau, Guam, Northern Marianas, the FSM States and other governments, private and local people.

President, 59, quoted a theme by Oliver Wendell Holmes, "the great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving," adding, "under our constitution, we have over a decade, proven the viability of the FSM." But the year to come holds more responsibility and challenge for all of us, he said.

Olter pledge that he, "shall uphold the FSM laws and constitution and protect and foster the customs and traditions," as he assume the leadership of the nation with the Vice President as he express his gratitude to the people of the nation and Congress for their support and pays tribute to former Presidents Tosiwo Nakayama and John R. Haglelgam for their monumental achievements and dedicated everyone to follow their footsteps.

He called on everyone to apply themselves conscientiously to the  
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nation in their respective capacities in what they do, "if the nation is to achieve an acceptable degree of economic self-sufficiency and maintain political independence in the remaining ten year of the Compact."

The President told the young people that since they are tomorrow's leaders, to seek and obtain the skills and knowledge to make them effective, citing that knowledge will be the key to individual successes which the nation need now and in the future. And to those now skilled and working he asked that they apply their knowledge and skill to the best of their ability.

Olter cited that, "the agenda before us is an awesome agenda for nation building. It calls for vigorous and immediate action to address the pressing needs of our young nation in economic development," and for, "strong commitment for political unity. We must put in place economic infrastructures to spur economic activities and development.

The President emphasized on the need to expand and improve doc facilities to meet FSM's increasing commercial requirements and enact policies as well as develop and manage the fisheries and marine resources.

With the, "economic development resting largely on the development of private sector of the nation's economy," private sector must be developed, he said, and called for, "passage of legislations that will protect our national interest and our citizens and to create incentive and favorable atmosphere to attract foreign investors."

"We need to squarely address our nation's imbalance of trade and dependency on imported food. We must develop the means to feed

ourselves on an increasing proportion from domestic resources. Our ability to increase food sufficiency for our people will be a sure yard stick to measure success or failure in our national development," Olter said.

"I do not know the solutions to problems we face," he said, "but I am prepared to work with the Congress and our four states to find solutions," and to achieve some measure improvement in education standard, health services, and public health education.

"The training of our work force has lagged behind expectation and way out of pace with the crying need for skilled manpower. While we must look to ourselves for ultimate solution, we shall continue to rely on the assistance of the international community and our friends around the world. Skilled manpower is the pivotal ingredient to an orderly growth of this nation. My administration shall spend concerted effort in the training of our people," the President said.

Olter called on the national and state legislative leaderships and state governors to work together with his administration as team mates, and for Congress to work with his administration, "to further promote and expand the nation's international personality.

"Currently," he said, "our most important objective with international organizations is to take our place as a member of the United Nations," in order to, "participate in the resolution of many crucial worldwide concerns, some of which have a crucial bearing on our future lives."

Referring to the adverse changes in the world's climate as an example of worldwide concerns, he said, "small island countries such as the FSM stand to lose the very land on which we exist if the gradual rise in ocean levels cannot be reversed. This is too important to us merely to look on as outsiders."

"And so," Olter told all friendly and free nations, "what we seek from our friends and all free and peace-loving nations is the courtesy of recognizing our just struggle and our inherent sovereignty and independence. We ask them

to extend to us what we extend to them, peace, friendship, cooperation and love in our common humanity."

The President extended his gratitude to the traditional leaders for their support and assured them that the, "efforts in building this nation assures them their role as respected leader of the FSM."

"Let all our friends," he said, "in the South Pacific Forum know that this administration values very much our nation's relations with them."

The President expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the assistance the United States has continued to extend to the FSM and smooth implementation of the Compact of Free Association Treaty. In addition he expressed utmost appreciation to Japan, China for their valuable assistance; Australia, Philippines, China, and the United States for establishing their embassies in Pohnpei, and pledge to work closely with the governments of Guam, Saipan, Palau, and the Marshall Islands to strengthen cooperation between the islands and this nation.

In conclusion the President said, "To my fellow Micronesians, I wish to reiterate that your government needs your support to carry out its programs to make our islands become a better place for us to live, for us and for future generations. To this end I invite all citizens of the FSM to seek information and become more aware of your government and what it does and fails to do. Let us work together. My message is for every FSM citizen to simply unite and work hard for your nation. There are no magical ways for achieving our national goals without increase and active participation of you, the citizens of the FSM in the affairs of your nation. I know that through concerted and united effort by the national and state governments, traditional leaders and the people, our nation, the goals of political unity, stability and economic development will be achieved."

**Our people are our most precious resource.**

Vice President Jacob Nena said, "our

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people are our most precious resource. It is with them that our resources and development programs must begin and end."

"The key to solving the problems of our nation," he said, "is regional cooperation and assistance," citing the extended family system that the Pacific islanders are known for, "the regional associations we participate in give us strength and support to grow and develop in peace and harmony with our neighbors. Therefore, we will continue to work with these organizations and to seek help from them," adding, "we look forward to working to solve our problems within the context of our area of the world."

Concluding, the Vice President said, "Our seas are bountiful and our lands are fruitful. We only need the organization and the tools to reap the abundance that God has granted us; and, of course, the good sense to husband our resources, so that they will continue to provide for the generations to come."

## Speaker pledge to try to work with executive branch

Congress Speaker Jack Fritz of Chuuk pledge to try to work together with the new administration to enhance the quality of life for everyone, adding that it is true we are a young nation, "but we have come a long way in a short time. Now we are in the process of applying for full membership," in the United Nation, "and to be on equal footing with the most powerful countries on earth," but we were few years ago considered not mature enough to manage our own affairs," adding, it is time to begin working on, "building a brighter economic future for our people and the generations to follow."

Fritz said, "with the help of our friends and the international and regional organizations we belong to, we must develop our economic potential within the frame work of our traditional way of life."

The Speaker said that, "other cultures have tried to dominate us," years ago without success because within the FSM, even with diverse traditions, they all serve the same functions: "to unify the people in spirit and in purpose."

In conclusion, Speaker honored the FSM citizens who served in the gulf war as part of the forces sponsored by the United States.

## Moses prays for Unity, Peace and Liberty

Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses in his welcoming remarks on behalf of the traditional elders of the FSM and fellow Governors of the Nation and the people of Pohnpei and the FSM, welcomed everyone to the presidential inauguration, "to bear witness to the passing of the torch of leadership in the FSM from President Haglelgam to President Bailey Olter. Your attendance at this significant event also bears witness to the successes and achievements of our leaders. Though their efforts we have maintained the unity of this nation; we have established a viable government that is recognized and respected throughout the world. These mile-

stones have given us hope for a prosperous future. The nation and its people will be eternally fruitful for their dedication and wisdom."

"As we prepare to enter the twenty-first century," he said, I pray for our continued commitment to national unity, peace and liberty, and our realization of growth economic independence and prosperity. Today the monumental task of leadership in the FSM will be passed to a new President. On his shoulders, and on those of the newly constituted Congress, rests the hopes, faith and aspirations of our people. I am confident that they will bear this responsibility with a sober sense of stewardship and that they will make us all proud to be citizens of a progressive nation."

Conservation and Resource Surveillance Director Bermin Weilbacher, served as master of ceremonies. The invocation was given by the Bishop Amando Samo of Chuuk and the benediction by the Rev. Shem Jimmy, of the United Church of Christ.

The raising of colors was by FSM National Police with Denpei Brass Band.

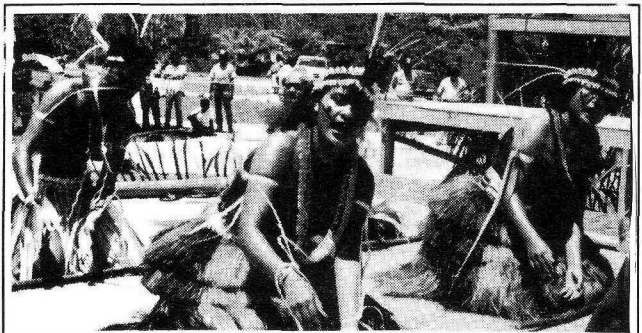
Entertainment include three traditional dances from the state of Pohnpei and a Yapese dance presented by the students at the Community College of Micronesia, and songs by the states of Chuuk, Kosrae and Pohnpei.

The inauguration program began May 19 with an inter-denominational service in the Church of Kolonia at Kapinle.

Inauguration events also included a reception May 21 in the evening at Bernard's restaurant.



**BRAS BAND AT THE CEREMONY** - Playing the Patriots of Micronesia is the Denpei Brass Band during the May 21 presidential inauguration held at Palikir. Leading the band is Robert Ritchie of FSM Finance Department.



**DANCING DURING THE CEREMONY** - The CCM students presented a stick dance during the inauguration. Other dances were performed by Pohnpei including a groups from the Nett Cultural Center, Sapuwahfik, and U.

# 4 Public welfare is the singular aim of this

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter dedicated his administration to public welfare as the singular aim, in his inaugural address, during the May 21 inauguration ceremony held at Palikir, the capital of the FSM.

Following is the President's speech.

"I Pahn patowan pateng en Kepina sakarada kan oh wauneki kahlapko, Iso Nahnkenko sapawelimar likendko, Nankenieiko, oh lapalap koarosie en wei Isohn Pohnpei Uh - oh FSM Koaros. Ai tungoal sakarada pahn kawewehdi on pahn pwarada nan wehwe de sang sapwelimatail Radio Station kan pwehn sansalong koaros.

Excellencies, my fellow micronesians leaders, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen.

At the risk of being presumptuous, I dedicate this administration to all-encompassing theme taken from Oliver Wendell Holmes, to the effect that, 'the great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving.' Under our constitution, we have over a decade, proven the viability of the FSM. But the coming years will hold more responsibility and challenge for us all. What is important to us and our children is not so much from whence we come, but rather to where are headed.

My fellow Micronesians, as I assume the leadership of our young nation with Vice President Nena, I pledge to you all the same solemn promise I made upon taking the sacred oath of this high office. I shall uphold the laws and constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia and protect and foster our customs and traditions.

At the outset, I wish to express my personal gratitude to the people of our nation and to our esteemed Congress for their support and confidence in electing me to lead our young nation at this challenging and formative period in our nation's history.

I wish also to pay tribute to former Presidents Nakayama and Haglelgam for their monumental achievements in laying a sound and basic foundation of our government. These achievements were not limited to the

establishment of sound institutions of self-government but the very attainment of self-government and independence. We today dedicate ourselves to follow their footsteps.

Let there be no doubt that from this day forward the public welfare is the singular aim of this administration. I call on the Congress and the State Governments to rededicate ourselves to this goal. This collective goal cannot be attained without the active participation of the men and women of this land.

My fellow Micronesians, we do not have much time to spare if our nation is to achieve an acceptable degree of economic self-sufficiency and maintain our political independence in the remaining ten years of our Compact of Free Association Treaty with the United States. Thus, I call on each and everyone of you — men and women, young and old — to apply yourselves conscientiously to our nation in your respective capacities as sailors, fishermen, captains, weavers and handicraft makers, farmers, doctors, nurse, teachers and pupils to name a few. It will be the result of your work and service that will make the difference in our efforts to develop our nation in the days and months ahead.

I am keenly aware of the importance of training and manpower development and thus I ask the young people of our nation to seek and obtain the skills and knowledge to make them effective as tomorrow's leaders to lead and guide our nation into the twenty-first century. Knowledge will be the key to your individual successes which your nation is in dire need of now and in the future. Your individual achievements are inherent integral parts of our total national achievements. Those of you who are now skilled and are working, I would ask that you apply your knowledge and skill to the best of your ability.

My fellow Micronesians, the agenda before us is an awesome agenda for nation-building. It calls for vigorous and immediate action to address the pressing needs of our young nation in economic development. It calls for strong commitment for political unity. We must put in place economic infrastructures to spur economic activities and development.

We must improve and expand our airports and dock facilities to meet our increas-

ing commercial requirements. We must improve and build new hospital and school facilities. We need to improve our roads and build others to access greater areas for agricultural development. We need to enact policies and put in place facilities to develop and manage our fisheries and marine resources.

Success in economic development rests largely on the development of the private sector of our nation's economy. Priority therefor must focus on development of the private sector. This means to committing more capital into the private sector. It calls for passage of legislations that will protect our national interest and our citizens and to create incentives and favorable atmosphere to attract foreign investors.

We need to squarely address our nation's imbalance of trade and dependency on imported food. We must develop the means to feed ourselves on an increasing proportion from domestic resources. Our ability to increase food sufficiency for our people will be a sure yard stick to measure success or failure in our national development.

You and I know there is much that must be done to achieve self-reliance. I do not know all the solutions to problems we face but I am prepared to work with the Congress and our four states to find solutions. I am to review existing national development policies in an effort to marry them with realistic goals. I shall attempt to put in place simple, clear and understandable development policies in our areas of economic development priorities to name a few fisheries, agriculture and tourism.

Our educational standards need a closer look. To say that our education system and quality of education need improvement is a gross understatement. I shall work with the Congress and the four states to achieve some measure improvement.

Health services delivery and public health education must also be improved. Again, I shall cooperate with the Congress and the states in this area of vital interest of our people.

The training of our people force has lagged behind expectation and way out of pace with the crying need for skilled manpower. While we must look to ourselves for the ultimate

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solution, we shall continue to rely on the assistance of the international community and our friends around the world. Skilled manpower is the pivotal ingredient to an orderly growth of this nation. My administration shall spend concerted effort in the training of our people.

We need sheer dedication and commitment by our state and national leaderships and cooperation between the state and the national governments. To these ends, I call on the Speaker, Members of our National Congress and State Governors and State Legislative leaderships to work together as team mates with our administration. I pledge to work closely with them to advance and achieve our national programs directed toward economic development improved social well being and political stability.

I call on Congress to work with our administration to further promote and expand our nation's international personality. We need to continue and build upon the efforts of the previous administrations in establishing diplomatic relations with more nations around the globe. I am happy to point out that twenty nations have recognized and established full diplomatic relations with our country. I pledge to continue our effort at establishing diplomatic relations with more independent nations around the globe and to seek membership in important international organizations that will assist in our development efforts.

Currently, our most important objective with international organizations is to take our place as a member of the United Nations. Only as a full member of that body can we effectively participate in the resolution of many crucial worldwide concerns, some of which have a crucial bearing on our future lives.

An important example of these concerns is the effort now underway, through the United Nations, to address the long-term control of adverse changes in the world's climate brought about by industrialization and other environmentally destructive activities which have never before been addressed on a global basis. Small island countries such as the FSM stand to lose the very land on which we exist if the gradual rise in ocean levels cannot be reversed. This too impor-

tant to us merely to look on as outsiders.

I call on all friendly and free nations to come to understanding our long but peaceful struggle to reassume our people's inherent sovereignty and our country's independence. In proclaiming our sovereignty and independence on November 3, 1986, we did not displace any other people but affirmed our wish to live together in peace and harmony on our islands as our forefathers did for centuries before us. And so what we seek from our friends and all free and peace-loving nations is the courtesy of recognizing our just struggle and our inherent sovereignty and independence. We ask them to extend to us what we extend to them: peace, friendship, cooperation and love in our common humanity.

To the traditional leaders of the FSM, I extend my gratitude for their support and assure them that our efforts in building this nation assures them their role as respected leaders of the FSM. We will rely on their wisdom and advice in the days ahead on the important issues facing our nation and on policies for historical and cultural preservations. The protection and preservation of our cultures and heritage are basic and inherent part of our nations policy for development and modernization.

Let all our friends in the South Pacific Forum know that this administration values very much our nation's relations with them. I look forward to working closely with the leaders of the region and assure them our commitment to strengthen our bilateral and our multilateral relations. Regional cooperation in an interdependent world in which we find ourselves to day is indispensable.

To our friend and major ally, the United States of America, I express my heartfelt gratitude for the assistance it has continued to extend to the FSM and for the smooth implementation of the Compact of Free Association as we enter the fifth year of that treaty. I am gratified by the spirit in which our two governments make appropriate adjustments to the Compact which in the long run will work to strengthen the relationship between our two countries. I look forward to working closely with President Bush and the leaders in the executive branch of the U.S. Government and in the U.S. Congress to ensure that our relation as set forth in the

Compact is strengthen. For my part, let me reiterate that the FSM is committed to maintaining its strong and close relations with the United States of America, and to continuing our close adherence to our Compact obligations even as we expand our international relations.

To our friends in Asia and in particular Japan, and the people's Republic of China, I express utmost appreciation for their valuable assistance to our nation's diplomatic initiatives. Your continued assistance have impacted positively on our nation's efforts in economic development. I pledge continued effort at strengthening our friendship and cooperation between our countries.

I am grateful to Australia, the Republic of the Philippines, the People's Republic of China and the United States for having established their embassies in Pohnpei to further promote cooperation and effective conduct of our diplomatic relations, I would like to invite countries we now have diplomatic relations with to likewise establish permanent missions in Pohnpei.

To our Micronesian brothers in Guam, Saipan, and in the Republic of Palau and the Marshall Islands, I extend to you my pledge to work closely with your governments to strengthen cooperation between our islands and our island nations.

To my fellow Micronesians, to conclude I wish to reiterate that your government needs your support to carry out its programs to make our islands become a better place for us to live for us and for future generations. To this end, I invite all citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia to seek information and become more aware of your government and what it does and fails to do. Let us work together. My message is to every FSM citizen to simply unite and work hard for your nation. There are no magical ways for achieving our national goals without increase and active participation of you, the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia in the affairs of your nation. I know that through concerted and united effort by the national and state governments, traditional leaders and the people, our nation the goals of political unity, stability and economic development will be achieved.

Thank you, Kalahngan, Kammagar, Kili-sou Chabur, and Kulo Ma Lulap.

# 6 FFC meet in Wellington, New Zealand

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 20th Forum Fisheries Committee (FFC) meeting was held on April 29 to May 1, 1991 in Wellington, New Zealand attended by all 16 member countries of the Forum Fisheries Agency.

The Committee appointed Foreign Minister of Solomon Islands Peter Keniloria as the new director for the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA). The Committee also agreed to convene a smaller group consisting of the FSM, Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Island, Kiribati, Tonga and New Zealand in early June to discuss the extension of the Multilateral Fisheries Treaty with the United State of America.

FFC 20 was opened by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of External Relation and Trade of New Zealand the Honorable Don McKinnon and was chaired by Deputy Secretary of Foreign Affairs Chris Beeby.

The committee reviewed the FFA Director's Annual report of FFA Administration, FFA Financial Statement, and approval of the report of the technical meeting.

The committee was made aware of the fact that the donor contribution and member governments contribution to

finance FFA is a 7:1 ratio and agreed that members should increase their contribution to attain at least the mid 1990's level of 2:1.

The Party to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) also held its 10th Annual meeting which was chaired by J. Raglmar Subolmar and attended by the eight major tuna resource countries of FSM, Kiribati, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu (newest member).

PNA wants all the minimum terms and conditions for fisheries access to be fully implemented

by all FFA member countries and comply to by all distant water fishing nations fishing in the region. Other issues discussed were the limitation on number of purse seiners to fish in the zones, conditions for employment of nationals on foreign fishing boats, and exploratory discussion on a possible management regime in the North Western Pacific purse seine fishery. The meeting agreed to convene a meeting to specifically discussed the management regime at a later day.

The FSM delegation was headed by J. Raglmar Subolmar, Chief, International Affairs, Department of External Affairs; and consisted of Peter Sitan, Executive Director of Micronesian Mari-

time Authority; Moses Nelson, Administrator, Division of Marine Resources, Department of Resources and Development; and Camillo Noket, Assistant Attorney General for International Law, Office of the Attorney General.

Members of FFA are Australia, Cook Islands, FSM, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Western Samoa.

## CORRECTIONS

Volume 12, number 9, (May 15, 1991 issue) "Olter & Nena were administered oath of office," front page, 4th paragraph, should read: Olter, 59, replaces John R. Haglelgam of Yap who served on term beginning in 1987 as the second FSM President. Nena, 49, replaces Hirosi H. Ismael of Kosrae who was elected the third Vice President in 1987 after Olter, now FSM President.

Volume 12, number 3 (February 15, 1991 issue), the title of the story on Public Auditor Seminar on Page 4, should appear, "Auditor General Office of Canada and and FSM sponsored seminar" instead of FSM AG and Auditor sponsored seminar.



**SINGING DURING THE CEREMONY** - Representing the State of Chuuk, the group sang during the inauguration ceremony at Palikir. Other two groups that sang during the ceremony were representing the states of Kosrae, and Pohnpei.

## Announcement

HONIARA, Solomon Islands (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Applications are invited for several positions with the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), including Computer Services Manger; Finance/ Administration officer, Manager, Multilateral Fisheries Treaty; Senior analyst Programmer; and Fisheries Development Officer.

The agency is based in Honiara in the Solomon Islands and services 16 South Pacific member nations including the FSM.

Full details including duty statements, terms and conditions of employment, and qualifications required for each position are available on request.

The appointees will be based in Honiara but may be required to travel widely especially in the South Pacific region. A tax free salary at a regional level applies, with transportation, housing, child and eduction allowances, recreation leave and superannuation provisions.

Applicants should detail education and employment background with particulars of three references with whom the applicant has been associated in a professional capacity and should address all applications which close on July 31, 1991 and enquires should be sent to:

The Director  
Forum Fisheries Agency  
P.O. BOX 629  
Honiara, Solomon Islands



*PATICIPANTS OF AUDITOR CONFERENCE - Posing for a group photo are participants of the 2nd Annual Conference of the Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors held in Palikir, Pohnpei.*

### APIPA held second annual conference in Pohnpei

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) The Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors (APIPA) held its second annual conference in Pohnpei, according to a report from the FSM Public Auditor's Office.

As Chairman of the Association, Jack E. Yakana, FSM Public Auditor, hosted the conference at the FSM's Capital in Palikir, Pohnpei. The opening remarks was delivered by Secretary Aloysius Tuuth, FSM Department of Finance.

APIPA is comprised of public auditor offices of American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, FSM National Government, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, and the FSM States of Pohnpei and Yap. The Inspector General of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI-OIG) is a non-voting member. The DOI-OIG's Regional Audit Manager in Guam represented the Inspector General. Once Guam and the other FSM States have established independent public auditor offices, they will be invited to join the association.

The annual conference of the association are a combination of meetings and training workshops on selected topics. The selected topics, or theme for the second annual conference is "Fraud Auditing in a Small Developing Nations." As such, this five days conference featured a three-day course on Fraud Auditing and the remaining two days were devoted to case studies. The Fraud Auditing course was divided into two parts. The first part, which took two days, was

taught by Mr. Dave Bussey of the USDA Graduate School. The second part was taught by Brian M. Riordan, Auditor-General of the Republic of Marshall Islands.

The case studies dealt with audits, performed by the member offices, which disclosed fraudulent acts. Each case study was presented by a member office, ensued by general discussion by the whole group. From the discussions, it was interesting to note the similarity of the various causes for failure, an/or success in prosecuting fraudulent acts disclosed by each member office. Overall, it was observed that the Republic of the Marshall Islands, so far, has been the most active, and the FSM the least active in the prosecuting fraudulent acts disclosed in audits.

A total of 36 auditors participated in the conference. They include two auditors from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, DOI-OIG's Regional Audit Manager, Sam Gillentine along with four of his staff from the Guam office and Curtis Crider from the main office in Washington, D.C., Auditor General Brian Riordan and six of his staff from the Republic of Marshall Islands, and Public Auditor James C. Kinchen and three of of his staff from the Republic of Palau. Public Auditors Will Cooper ant Herolyn Movick along with three of Movick's staff represented Yap and Pohnpei States respectively. The national government was represented by FSM Public Auditor Yakana and ten of his staff, and Ms. Jean Wilson from the Department of Finance.

# FSM Congress adopted five resolutions

THE NATIONAL UNION, May 30, 1991

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 7th FSM Congress on the third day of its First Regular Session received the report of its Committee to Wait on the President. The committee Chairman Iosi Ludwig reported that at the meeting of the committee and the President, the President was accompanied by the Vice President Jacob Nena and Chief of Staff Ieske Iehsi warmly welcomed the committee and expressed that the executive branch was very much looking forward to working closely and make every effort to maintain the lines of communication between the two branches of the government. The President indicated that himself and the Vice President were just now beginning the process of organizing the executive branch. They have not yet had the chance to review the budget that was submitted by the last administration and the President expressed that a major concern at this time was the South Pacific Forum. Fifteen countries will be represented including heads of the states and prime ministers. He requested that before Congress goes into recess that the appropriate amount of funds be appropriated. The Vice President also expressed that it has been his observation that the States have not been aware of the programs and actions of the National Government. The executive will be looking into programs that will address these problems. The President indicated that the executive branch will attempt to organize as quickly as possible. The Vice President also expressed that it would be appropriate for the Congress to recess to allow the executive to review that budget. The committee relayed congratulations from the

Congress to the President and Vice President and expressed the full support of Congress for all programs policies that encourage unity and economic development on this Nation.

The members of the committee are Senators Joseph Urusemal, Wagner Lawrence, and Claude Phillip. Staff Attorney Lionel Riley accompanied the committee.

Up to the 17th of May, the FSM Congress have not acted on any bills, but have adopted five resolutions. Several other bills and resolutions have been introduced.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED:

C.R. 7-1, appoint Dennis K. Yamase as Legislative Counsel of the FSM Congress.

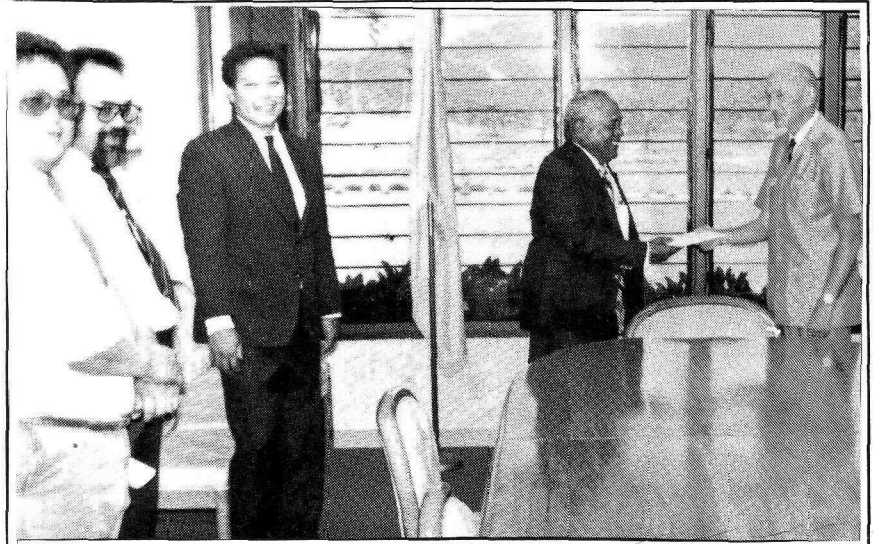
C.R. 7-2, extending sincere and special thanks and gratitude of the FSM Congress and people to John R.

Haglelgam for his many years of dedicated and valuable service to the Nation.

C.R. 7-4, extending the sincerest thanks and gratitude of the FSM Congress to Tony Otto, former member of the FSM Congress, for his many years of meritorious service to the FSM people.

C.R. 7-5, extending the sincere thanks and gratitude of the FSM Congress to Nick Bossy, former member of the FSM Congress for his many years of dedicated service to the Congress and the FSM people.

C.R. 7-7, thanking the Hawaii State Legislature for providing invaluable in-service training opportunities to staff from the FSM Congress and expressing the hope of the Congress that such opportunities will continue to be made available in the future.



**CREDENCE PRESENTATION** - Presenting his credential to the President May 20, is Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Melvin James Taylor of New Zealand to the FSM. From left to right are Deputy Chief, South Pacific Affairs Tadao Sigras, Chief, International Affairs J.R. Subolmar, Acting Secretary of External Affairs Asterio Takesy, President Olier, and Ambassador Melvin James Taylor. The Ambassador's wife was presented except not in the photo. Taylor and his wife after the presentation paid a courtesy call on the President.

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