

# FSM Congress confirmed six of seven nominations

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 7th FSM Congress in its 3rd regular session confirmed the nominations of six but one of President Bailey Olter's seven nominations to key positions in the Executive Branch submitted to Congress.

Camillo Noket of Chuuk became the first Micronesian citizen to be Attorney General of the FSM when Congress confirmed his nomination, the 29th of May. The other five nominations are of Joseph Phillip of Pohnpei to the Position of Public Defender, former Governor and National Planner John Mangefel of Yap as Deputy Secretary of External

Affairs, Kohne Ramon as Director of Administrative Services, former Governor Yosiwo P. George of Kosrae as FSM Ambassador to the United Nations, and Patrick Mackenzie of Chuuk as Director of Budget. The nomination of former Director of Budget Del Pangelinan to the position of Public Auditor was not confirmed by Congress.

The six nominations confirmed were the nominations submitted earlier by President Bailey Olter to be confirmed by the FSM Congress during this session.

Congress convened, May 11, 1992 with Speaker Jack Fritz appointing the

Special Committee to wait on the President consisting of External Affairs Standing Committee Chairman Isaac Figir, as Chairman and the members are, Judiciary and Governmental Operation Standing Committee Chairman Wagner Lawrence, Health Education Social Affairs Standing Committee Chairman Nishima Yleizah, and Kosrae State Delegation Chairman Moses T. Mackwelung.

A resolution also adopted was a congratulatory message from Congress and the people of the FSM expressing appreciation and gratitude to Edward C.

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### *State/National Leadership Conference convened at FSM Capital*

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Delegates from the National and four States Governments convened in the State and National Leadership Conference (SNLC) May 11, at Palikir, Pohnpei, to discuss issues facing the Nation.

After the SNLC Chairman Bailey Olter (President of the FSM) delivered his opening remarks, the conference went into a short recess for each delegation to choose the two priority agenda items, the delegation's respective Government have proposed for the conference to discuss.

The agenda after the SNLC resumed was narrowed down to 14 items to be discussed including: loan from the Government of the Peoples Republic of China, State access to information on Foreign Aid, Foreign Affairs Proce-

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SNLC - From left to right, 1st row: Pohnpei Senator Feliciano Perman, Pohnpei Governor Johnny David, President Bailey Olter (Chairman), Chuuk Lt. Governor Marcellino Umwech, Congress Speaker Jack Fritz, Kosrae Governor Thurston Siba, and Yap Speaker Joseph Ayin. 2nd row: R&D Secretary Asterio Takesy, Vice President Jacob Nena, Yap Senator Santus Wichimai, Chuuk Associate Justice Machime O'sonis, Chuuk Senator Julio Marar, Congress Senators Redley Killion and Nishima Yleizah, and OPS Secretary Marcelino Actouka. 3rd row: Yap Lt. Governor Anthony Tawerilmang, Chuuk Ed. Director Kangichy Welle, Chuneo Efini from Chuuk Marine Resources, NFC President James Movick, and Kosrae Assistant District Attorney Glenn Jewell.

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dures, College of Micronesia, National Government to provide more funding to the States as compensation for costs of new responsibilities imposed upon the States by recent amendments to the FSM Constitution, National Fisheries Policy and Related Subjects, harmonization of fuel contracts, support for Micronesia Maritime and Fisheries Academy in Yap, Foreign Investment Tax Incentives, division of fishing access fees, resumption of negotiations with Continental Airlines, direct dealing by States with the Trust Territory Office of Transition to Access CIP residual funds, health and education funding due to FSM Capital location impact, and Investment Development Fund.

Olter in his remarks said, "This is the time set aside for us to meet and shape the goals and directions of our Governments. The transformation of the FSM is in full blossom. There are many issues which face us as leaders of our people which must be resolved. Time is running out on us. We must set aside all roadblocks, rededicate ourselves to resolution of those issues."

Olter told the conference that during the important meeting it is his sincere hope that with their combined intellect, they can find solution to the following problems: First is Economic Development; economic security and financial independence of the FSM have become great concerns we must give serious attention immediately. The step-down of Compact funding has always begun. Given the progressive decrease in funds available, we must concentrate on meaningful economic development activities; activities which create not only jobs for our workforce but also provide a tax base to fund the operation of our necessary government services. It is my fervent hope that during this conference we put our minds together as leaders of this developing nation and agree to a certain set of policies and guidelines for economic and social development and commit ourselves to implement those policies and guidelines. We must exhaust our individual resources as leaders to bring about an increased

quality of life for our people. We should all focus in on essential and priority development projects and make sure that development fits the specific needs and resources of each state and the National Government."

The second is manpower development. The Chairman said that the key to development is the people. "We must educate and train our citizens," he said, "to provide critically needed labor. We must adjust our priorities. An essential ingredient to self-sufficiency and independence is the ability as a nation to deal with our needs internally. The issue of labor must be resolved in a positive fashion. Decisions on the controversial issues should not be made on the basis of who wants the power but rather in whose hands would the interests of the people be best served."

The third is State/National cooperation: "Our federation," he said, "is a government of distributed power and responsibility in which close coordination and cooperation among its component entities are inevitable. There are things that are best done by the State and others best done by the National Government. As can be seen from the long list of agenda items for consideration during this conference, there seems to be an element of State/National controversy present in almost every item. Some of these issues have been deliberated on for many years. Resolutions have been adopted by previous conferences of Chief Executives' and State National Leadership, calling for specific actions. Today, they reappeared in this meeting's agenda."

Olter told the conference to take only few of the issues and decide on them once and for all. "And I hope that as we leave this room after the conference, we all commit ourselves to our decisions and work hard and closely among ourselves to implement them," he said, adding, "I see no reason why we cannot, because we have indeed made considerable progress together as leaders of our young nation."

Concluding Olter said, "let us continue in this effort through the days ahead in this conference."

## Pilot program available

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Australian Executive Service Overseas Program (AESOP) is participating actively in the pilot program to assist the development of the South Pacific private sector, announced by the Australian Minister for Trade and Overseas Development, last September, according to a release from Australia Embassy.

A volunteer consultant, Fen Hewitt, arrived in Pohnpei in May, and will remain until the first of July. Hewitt is a retired business man, with accounting qualifications. He has owned and operated his own firms, in business braking, a manufacture and sale of steel products, importing and wholesaling, and property government's Small Business Advisory Service.

Hewitt is available for consultation in Pohnpei with entrepreneurs, business people - both potential and established, and government officials. There is no charge for the services provided by Hewitt. Hewitt and Steve Cord Anes will be offered a nine day course in Pohnpei for Business people.

He can be contacted through the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei (Via Mrs. Jane Michell, Development Assistance Officer on 320-5448).

### CORRECTION

In the last issue of the National Union, February 1992, Page 2, (President opens NFC branch office in Yap), third column, above the photo. Instead of "These foreign vessels include Okinawan, Taiwanese and soon also fishing vessels from the Republic of China," it should read, "These foreign vessels include Okinawan, Taiwanese and soon also fishing vessels from the Peoples Republic of China." We apologize and regret the error.

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King, the first Chief Justice of the FSM Supreme Court, for his many years of hard work and dedicated services in establishing and heading the FSM National Judiciary.

Senator Wagner Lawrence and Redley Killion have seek to tackle alien or nonresident workers entering the FSM seeking employment, according to a release from Congress. They are the author of a bill introduced this session to add new sections to the FSM Code adding more restrictions on non resident workers in the FSM.

The bill will prohibit non-resident workers from being employed for more than two years in one state of the FSM, to prohibit non-resident workers from engaging in subsistence farming or fishing during the term of their employment in the FSM, to limit the number of non-resident workers for each employer, and to require a certificate of proficiency for non-resident workers.

Under Title 51 of the FSM Code, non-resident workers shall be employed in the FSM only to supplement the labor force. Time limit of employment was not specified under the current law.

The bill provided for a certification of proficiency under which requires that within 90 days after entry into the FSM

of a non-resident alien worker, the employee hiring such worker shall file with the Chief of the Division a certificate of proficiency in the profession or skill for which the non-resident alien worker was hired. Such certification shall be issued by an institution or person deemed competent by the Chief.

Other resolutions adopted during this session include a resolution approving the Operations and Maintenance Improvement Program (OMIP) Grant applications for Chuuk and Pohnpei States.

The Congress is required by law to approve an application submitted to the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Territorial and International Affairs (OTIA) for grant to establish a Public Utilities Corporation (PUC) in the State of Chuuk and to improve Chuuk operations and maintenance activities with respect to schools, school facilities, airport ground and roads.

The other three applications approved by the Congress are also for grants by U.S. Interior Department to provide funds for: recalibrate meters and document the electrical distribution system, overhaul existing generators, and continue funding in PUC, provide for repair, maintenance and upgrading of equipment and continued training and restoration of all PUC facilities.

## Weilbacher signed MOA <sup>3</sup>

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**PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE)** - A delegation representing the U.S. Transportation Department and the Federal Aviation Administration was in Pohnpei last April to execute a Memorandum of Agreement for the provision of Temporary Duty Assignment in Civil Aviation Technical Assistance.

This delegation was comprised of the FAA Western Pacific Regional Administrator in Los Angeles, CA., George Harvey, FAA International Services Specialist, Robert Baddly and FAA Air Ways Facilities Sectors Manager John H. Gorden.

Secretary Robert J. Weilbacher, April 28 this year, signed the Memorandum of Agreement between the FAA and FSM in the presence of Baddly, Harvey, Gorden, Mary Shoemaker of the U.S. Embassy, Kolonia and W. Yamaguchi in a brief ceremony held at the FSM Department of Transportation and Communication.

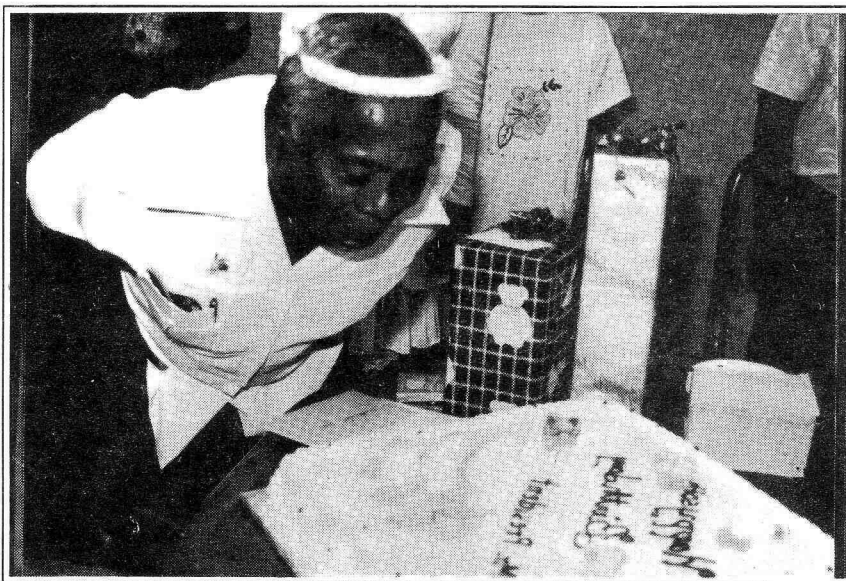
In this agreement under Article II, Description of Services - the FAA may provide specialist, subject to their availability, on a TDY assignment basis in the fields of Air Traffic Control, Facility Engineering, Aviation Safety, and other aviation related disciplines.

The specialist will develop and implement programs related to the evaluation, improvement, and operation of aviation system which may be required by the FSM.

This team of specialist will travel on a TDY basis to the four FSM international airports to conduct training for airport maintenance personnel on maintenance and repair of the VASI and REIL Systems.

The dates of travel will be mutually agreed upon by the FFA and FSM by written communication through U.S. Embassy in Kolonia.

Financial Provisions under Article III of this agreement stated that the FAA will be reimbursed for the total cost of this project through those funds from the Department of the Interior which have been allocated to the FAA work related services under the Compact of Free Association.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - The members of cabinet and staff of the President's Office gathered, March 27 in the Cabinet Room to celebrate President Bailey Oter's 60th birthday. Above, Oter blows the candles on the cake.



# 4 Ambassador Paek presents credentials to Olter

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the FSM Young K. Paek, April 7, 1992, presented his credentials to FSM President Bailey Olter in a brief ceremony held in the Cabinet Room at Palikir, Pohnpei.

Present at the ceremony were Vice President Jacob Nena, Pohnpei State Governor Johnny David, cabinet members, Dean and members of the Diplomatic Corp and other officials. Secretary of External Affairs Resio S. Moses was the Master of Ceremony.

President in his remarks said, "in accepting your credentials as the first Ambassador of your esteemed country to the FSM, we have effectively opened a new chapter in the history of our countries' friendly relations. While our formal diplomatic relations are relatively new, the relationship between our two peoples goes back many years, and I am happy to note that there has been an increased interaction between our peoples even before the establishment of our diplomatic relations."

"The FSM is optimistic about the potential the future hold for our two nations," Olter said, "and we look forward to working with the Republic of Korea to achieve broader cooperations on a wide range of issues confronting the Asia-Pacific region and the world at large. One issue of immediate concern to the FSM Government is the global warming and climate change phenomenon which has been the subject of much debate and negotiation in the international arena which may lead to a global framework convention in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil in June. I hope that your government will be in a position to work along with the rest of the developing na-



**PAEK PRESENTS CREDENCE** - Korea Ambassador to the FSM presents his credentials to President Bailey Olter at a brief ceremony held at the Cabinet Room on the 7th of April. From left to right are: (sitting) Vice President Jacob Nena, (standing) Olter, Secretary of External Affairs Resio S. Moses and Ambassador Paek.

tions to achieve an agreement mutually beneficial to all nations in reducing the amount of greenhouse gases being emitted into the atmosphere, a common heritage of all mankind."

The President said that the Korean economy is one of the most progressive in the Asia-Pacific region and the FSM as a young nation will look to Korea for assistance and leadership in the economic, manpower development and other fields essential to the development in the FSM.

"In the international arena," he said, "the FSM considers Korea its brother especially when our two nations were admitted simultaneously into the United Nations membership and took our rightful place in the General Assembly last September. That was a proud day for our nations, and I am pleased that the people and government of the FSM were able to share their pride over that occasion with the people and government of Korea."

"Mr. Ambassador," he said, "I am pleased to note also of the improved relations you have achieved with North Korea and I congratulate you for the

attainment of this extraordinary milestone. I assure you, Ambassador Paek, that FSM will support all efforts that will bring peace and stability to our Asia-Pacific region and to the world at large."

The President concluded by conveying his best wishes to President Roh Tae Woo for his good health and for the continued prosperity of the great people of Korea.

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Paek in presenting his credence conveyed to President Olter warm greetings from President Roh Tae Woo.

The Ambassador said, "I deem it much happier that I am assigned to Ambassadorial position in Your Excellency's ever-prospering country as the FSM and the Republic of Korea are exploring closer and cooperative relations to enhance their political and economic status in international arena since both countries have established diplomatic relations."

He said that upon his arrival in Pohnpei, "I was deeply impressed by the immeasurable beauty of Your Ex-

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cellency's soil and inexhaustible natural resources, constituting enormous potentialities for economic development. Much more impressed I am at learning that Your Excellency's government, having profound understanding of the situation on the Korean Peninsula, has provided support and cooperation for our cause at the various international organization."

Paek said he is pleased to say that, "what we call Northern Diplomacy, which is designed to achieve rapprochement with the former Socialist countries, and to open the dialogue with North Korea in an effort to pave the way for the peace and eventual reunification of divided fatherland, has successfully worked out."

"No longer is North Korea running counter to the intentional trends towards reconciliation and cooperation and turning a deaf ear to the wishes of peace loving people of the world. In that the prospects for stability, peace and reunification are becoming far brighter than ever, I am certain that the much desired reunification of the divided country, which is in the offing, will be sure to come and contribute to the peace and prosperity, not only on the Korean Peninsula but also all over the world," Paek said.

He added that the FSM and Korea having been committed to the task of safeguarding the peace and rendering reciprocal assistance for the economic advancement of developing countries, are firmly believed to exert their utmost in the attainment of their common cause.

Paek said he sense the greatest obligation of this Ambassadorial position to which he has been appointed, and he shall devote himself to the fulfillment of the two countries' common cause, including building up much more strengthened ties of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

Ambassador Paek in concluding his remarks said, "I am sincerely soliciting Your Excellency to provide me with unwavering assistance and cooperation so as to discharge successfully all the duties incumbent upon me."

# Bush declared emergency in Micronesia

WASHINGTON, D.C. (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - An emergency was declared to exist in Micronesia by President Bush, May 20, 1992, triggering the release of federal funds to help relieve severe water shortages in Chuuk State caused by a prolonged drought that began last March and poses a threat to the health and safety of the area's population, according to a release from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Immediately after the declaration, Wallace E. Stickney, Director of FEMA, designated Chuuk State eligible for assistance to meet immediate emergency needs.

Included in the designation are the areas of Pulap, Tamatam, Puluwat, Houk (Pulusuk) in the Western Islands, Onoun (Ulul), Piherach, Onari, Magur, Ono in Namonwuito Atoll, Murilo, Nomwin, Fananu, Ruu in the Hall Islands, and Fefen, Uman, Udot, Polle, Patta, Romalum, Tsis, Fono, Fanapanges, Eot, Parem, Pis-Paneu, and Etten in the Lagoon Islands of Chuuk State.

Stickney said the emergency aid to be coordinated by FEMA can include delivery of water supplies, equipment for storing water, and technical and advisory assistance for alleviating the effects of the drought.

A. Roy Kite, FEMA's regional office in San Francisco, California was named

by Stickney to coordinate emergency relief operations in the stricken area.

Emergencies are declared by the President when essential aid is needed by state and local governments to save lives, protect property, and safeguard public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe.

Bush, also on February 7, declared another major disaster existings in Micronesia because of damage to public property caused by Typhoon Axel, early last January, according to Special Assistant to President for Disaster & Special Programs Chutomu Nimwes.

Nimwes said that immediately following Bush's action, Stickney designated Kosrae State, Pohnpei (Main Island) and the atolls of Mwoakiloa and Pingelap eligible for federal assistants to affected local governments.

Stickney, whose agency coordinates federal relief operations, said the declaration makes federal funding available to pay 75 percent of costs for restoring roads, bridges, and other public facilities damaged by the typhoon. He indicated that additional designations may be made after further evaluation of damages in other areas.

Frank L. Kishston, of FEMA's regional office in San Francisco, Calif., was named by Stickney to serve as federal coordinating officer for the recovery.



**SUZUKI RECEIVED CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** - President Bailey Otter is presenting a certificate of appreciation to Yoichi Suzuki, JICA Technical Expert on Development Planning, at the end of his two-year assignment to the FSM. Suzuki was based at the Office of Planning and Statistics. From left to right: the President, Chief of Staff Ieske Iehsi, Administrator, Planning Division James Mormad, and Suzuki.

## <sup>6</sup> 1992 SNLC held at Palikir adopted 18 resolutions

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The State/National Leadership Conference (SNLC) in its 1992 meeting adopted eighteen resolutions but two. The two that were not adopted are resolutions numbers six and nine.

SNLC resolution number six stated that the site of the FSM National Capital, Pohnpei has experienced a large influx of people from other states of the FSM and foreign countries to whom Pohnpei provides services, for which the Congress and FSM President should provide increased funding to enable Pohnpei to continue to provide equity health care and education services to all residents of Pohnpei.

SNLC resolution number nine stated, expressing the consensus of the SNLC for the use of funds made available to the FSM from external sources for use at the discretion of the National Government in accordance with established policy, and for other reasons. From time to time the FSM becomes eligible for discretionary funds in the form of loans and grants from external sources, including foreign governments and international organizations, and the FSM State and National Governments share the responsibility of developing the resource of the Nation for the long term benefit of its citizens. The State and National Governments have established development plans, policies and ongoing projects to implement their development goals. Be it resolved by the SNLC of May 1992 that funds received by or made available to the FSM National Government from external sources be made available to the State and National Government on a rotational basis as established by prior policies and procedures for the implementation of foreign aid grants received from the Government of Japan.

Implementation of this resolution shall commence with grant and loan funds provided by the Government of the People's Republic of China to the FSM National Government.

Resolutions Adopted:

SNLC Reso. 1-May 1992, it is the Fisheries Policy of the FSM to declare

commercial fisheries development the highest nation-wide priority as a means for producing government revenues, foreign exchange, income and employment, and maximize the total stream of benefits derived from its 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone and to conserve resources. Total stream of benefits means income, fisheries access fees, jobs, training and development of human resources, tax revenues and indirect benefits.

SNLC Reso. 2- May 1992, that the States are authorized to deal direct with the Trust Territory Office of Transition in Palau to access capital improvement projects residual funds.

SNLC Reso. 3- May 1992, The Conference endorses the restructuring plan of the College of Micronesia, which provides for greater autonomy for each campus, while maintaining a unified system among the three campuses, and as presented in the Draft Amended Treaty discussed by the governments signatory to the treaty in a meeting in April 1992.

The National Government should continue to consult with the signatory governments and relevant U.S. Government agencies in order to accomplish this restructuring plan or a similar plan suitable to the FSM, and the Conference supports the legislation creating the College of Micronesia - FSM and urges its favorable consideration by the National Congress at the earliest possible opportunity and prior to the expiration of the current treaty on September 30, 1992.

SNLC Reso. 4- May 1992, the President of the FSM takes expeditious follow-up actions towards reinstatement of United States Federal Education Programs formerly administered in the FSM pursuant to the ECIA Chapter I and Chapter II.

SNLC Reso. 5- May 1992, the conference affirms the importance of appropriate training of Micronesian manpower in the areas of fishing and maritime industries.

The Conference supports the programs of the Micronesian Maritime and Fisheries Academy and endorses the appropriate restructuring of the school as a national training

institute.

The Conference calls upon the National Government to develop a comprehensive plan for the School to achieve its training mandate, which would take into account projected manpower development needs and employment opportunities, and provide for necessary budgetary support from all sources including national, state, foreign and private sources. Such a plan should be prepared in a timely manner and be submitted to the States and the Congress for review and endorsement before July 20, 1992, to enable decision on specific funding support to be made before students and sponsoring agencies finalize the training for 1993.

SNLC Reso. 7- May 1992, the President commissions the preparation of a feasibility study to explore the economic viability of establishing a Government-owned Transportation Corporation to engage in commercial international shipping service to and from the FSM as a means of generating revenue and improving international shipping for the nation initially; and to engage in other modes of transportation services on a commercial basis as may from time to time be determined feasible.

That the results of such a study be made available to the state governments for consideration and approval for joint funding purposes.

SNLC Reso. 8- May 1992, the President is respectfully requested to direct the appropriate departments of the National Government to initiate discussions with the United States Government to negotiate reinstatement of FSM's eligibility for the Community Development Block Grant (C.D.B.G.) and Community Services Block Grant (C.S.B.G.).

SNLC Reso. 10- May 1992, that it is a fundamental policy objective of the FSM to lower fuel costs throughout the FSM while ensuring a secure system of supply and reserves.

To achieve this Policy Objective the several States of the FSM shall commit themselves to an effort to harmonize their contracts for the future purchase and supply of fuel.

And that each State and the National Government shall assign two representatives and one member from the National

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Fisheries Corporation to undertake the necessary comprehensive technical and legal studies and formulation of options and strategies for approval by the State Governments in a harmonized approach to attaining this objective.

SNLC Reso. 11- May 1992, a task force composed of representatives of each of the States and National Government be formed to address the issue of the regulation of alien labor. The charge to this task force shall be as follows:

1. Within the framework of existing law to develop administrative frameworks to harmonize and streamline the process of application, review and approval of alien labor work permits.

2. To develop recommendations for new law at both the National and State level which shall have the following effect: to the maximum extent permissible under the Constitution of the FSM, authorize the states to regulate alien labor in each of the States. To streamline the process of application, review and approval of alien labor work permits. To provide for the efficient and effect discharge of the Constitutional responsibilities of the FSM National Government in regard to alien labor through its authority to regulate immigration into the FSM.

SNLC Reso. 12- May 1992, the National Government through appropriate agencies study currently provided airline services in the FSM and that the deficiencies be brought to the attention of Continental Air Micronesia, further that the United States Government be approached on the possibility of bringing an additional airline into the FSM.

SNLC Reso. 13- May 1992, the FSM National Government should provide funding to assist the states to help defray the costs of complying with those new responsibilities granted to the states by the amendments in Article IX, Section 2 (p) and 2 (r) to the FSM Constitution resulting from the 1990 FSM Constitutional Convention.

SNLC Reso. 14- May 1992, the FSM National Government through appropriate fiscal agencies and offices expedite the drawdown of funds to the states in order to allow the states to meet their financial obligations in a timely manner.

SNLC Reso. 15- May 1992, the FSM

Congress is requested to pass Congress Bill No. 7-57, to require congressional appropriation of funds for projects be consistent with the goals and objectives of the approved National and State Development Plans, and the the State Legislatures are requested to take similar actions to ensure close coordination of funding for needed projects.

SNLC Reso. 16- May 1992, with respect to the provision of funds from U.S. agencies to the FSM States for operations and maintenance of infrastructure, the receipt of which funds requires the States of the FSM to provide matching funds, the FSM National Government should contribute a portion of those matching funds required of the States.

SNLC Reso. 17- May 1992, that the State/ National Leadership Conference of May 1992 hereby requests the FSM Banking Board to review the compliance of Commercial Banks operating within the FSM with the licensing requirements of the FSM Code particularly with reference to whether the percentage of loans made by Commercial Banks to citizens and residents of, and business entities located in the FSM relative to such Commercial Bank's deposits accepted in the FSM exceeds 50 percent.

SNLC Reso. 18- May 1992, that the Conference affirms the critical importance of economic incentives for foreign and domestic private investment in the FSM.

That there is a need to assess the issue of economic incentives be done on a comprehensive basis by examining all the factors at state and national levels.

And that a Task Force on Economic Incentives is created composed of one from each State and National Government to carry out its assessment and report it to the next State/National Leadership Conference.

SNLC Reso. 19- May 1992, the Leadership of the FSM State and National Governments assembled in Conference, this 14th Day of May 1992, does hereby unanimously express its profound gratitude to Merrill Lynch Co. for its generous gift to Pohnpei Agriculture and Trade School of a building to be used as an Electrical Trade facility. This gift from the investment advisors to the FSM is a meaningful contribution to economic future and well being of all the people of the FSM since it is an investment in our most valuable resource, the minds of the young

people of the FSM.

SNLC Reso. 20- May 1992, that all departments and agencies within the FSM States and National Governments entrusted with carrying out the concerns of those resolutions passed by the May 1992 State/ National Leadership Conference begin taking immediate action to implement said resolutions and to provide monthly status reports regarding such implementation progress to the State Governors and Legislatures, President and the FSM Congress.

## IMF mission visits FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - An International Monetary Fund (IMF) mission visited the FSM, last March to assess the economic conditions in FSM for the purpose of arriving at the correct quota subscription for FSM's membership in the IMF and World Bank Group.

The mission paid courtesy calls on President Bailey Olter and Vice President Jacob Nena.

They reviewed the National accounts, revenues, both externally and internally generated, the expenditure and, our balance of payments.

Additionally, the mission met with agencies and departments of the FSM and state governments. Discussions were on private financial institutions which are banks of Hawaii, Guam, FSM, and Development Bank of the FSM; the Micronesian Maritime Authority, Foreign Investment Board, Social Security System, and Environment Protection Agencies because they contribute substantially to the generation of revenues.

The mission include Roy C. Baban, Southeast Asia and Pacific Department Assistant Director in Fund; Kyung Mo Huh, Exchange and Trade Relations Department Senior Economist; James Ogoola, Legal Department Senior Counsel; Barbara Burton, Secretarial Department Recording Officer; Curtis Hatch, Treasury Department Operations Officer; Wipada Huyser, Statistics Department Economist; and Molly Singh, Southeast Asia and Pacific Department Staff Assistant, traveling under the direction and the supervision of Baban.



## Olter and Fritz hosted a reception in honor of Judge King

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Both President Bailey Olter and Speaker Jack Fritz joined the other FSM National and States Leaderships during the evening of May 14 in honoring the Chief Justice with an evening reception at the Pwohmara Resort Club, a local beach front resort in Pohnpei. Many speeches were delivered by the leaders including the President and Speaker expressing deepest appreciation and gratitude to Chief Justice King for his efforts and accomplishments in bringing the FSM National legal system to what it is today.

The FSM Congress in its 3rd Regular Session adopted a resolution as a congratulatory message from the Congress and the people of the FSM expressing appreciation and gratitude to the Honorable Edward C. King, the first Chief Justice of the FSM Supreme Court, for his many years of hard work and dedicated services in establishing and heading the FSM National Judiciary, according to a release from Congress.

King served as the first Chief Justice of the FSM Supreme Court since February 1981, and was instrumental in establishing and guiding the court during its difficult formative years.

Among his accomplishment as listed in the resolution are: establishing legal principles for the national judicial system through his extensive legal analysis and opinions; established and organized system to disseminate and publish both trial and appellate orders and decisions of the court; established a digest of the court's published work which included headnotes and citations of cited statutes, rules, and constitutional provisions. Such system, provided practitioners of the law in the FSM with an invaluable tool with which to effectively conduct legal research involving FSM decisional and statutory law; hired and trained a citizen staff of clerks of court, probation officers and administrative officers for the national judiciary, promulgated full sets of court rules, established a judicial education program for non-lawyer judges, wrote and graded semi-annual bar examinations, and taught various courses for legal

practitioners in the FSM; and established the position of Justice Ombudsman to act as liaison of the Court to elected and traditional leaders and to the general public, and to act as a conduit of the customs, traditions, and views of those segments of society to the Court.

Chief Justice King has actively participated in local civic and community affairs and other public services outside of the court. The Chief Justice and his wife, Joan, have been an integral part of

the FSM community for many years.

Pursuant to his original purpose in accepting the position to support self-government for the FSM, the Chief Justice has announced that he will step aside in June this year to make way for a citizen Chief Justice.

There are now three Associate Justices in the FSM Supreme Court, one, a U.S. citizen, Richard Benson and two FSM Citizens Andon Amaraich of Chuuk, and Martin Yinug of Yap.



*OLTER PRESENTS RESOLUTION TO KING - President Bailey Olter (right) is presenting to Chief Justice Edward C. King a resolution signed by the State/National Leadership Conference.*

## Palau Chief Justice Nakamura passed away

KOROR, Palau (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter in his letter to Palau President Ngiratkel Etpison dated April 27, stated, "I am deeply saddened to hear this morning of the untimely passing of Chief Justice Mamoru Nakamura. Justice Nakamura was a respected judge/leader, and a great man whose legacies will remain in the hearts and minds of those of us who had the unique privilege of knowing him. His passing is most unfortunate, not only for the Republic of Palau but for the Federated States of Micronesia as well. Since the inception of the FSM Supreme Court, Judge Nakamura has had on many occasions, volunteered his service to assist the FSM Supreme Court in hearing appellate cases. Under his able leadership, Justice Nakamura had made it possible for justices of his Court to assist the FSM Supreme Court in hearing the latter's appellate calendar.

Justice Nakamura will be sorely missed. I take this opportunity to express my deepest sympathy and condolences to the family, friends, leaders and the people of the Republic of Palau for the untimely passing of a great judge and a great man-Chief Justice Mamoru Nakamura."

Nakamura who was born, May 30, 1940 in Koror, passed away, April 25 this year due to heart attack as determined by the attending Physician at the time he died.

Nakamura graduated from College of Law, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, 1968 with a Degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence. He took and passed a bar examination the U.S., 1969.

Nakamura served as Legislative Counsel to the Congress of Micronesia, 1972-73.

He was the first and only Microneisan appointed by the Secretary of the Department of the Interior as Associate Justice of the Trust Territory High Court. He was also appointed by the High Commissioner as Deputy Attorney General for the TTPI, 1974-77.

# Amaraich and Yinug first FSM Associate Justices

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Andon Amaraich of Chuuk and Martin Yinug of Yap were administered oath of office separately at the FSM Supreme Court, Palikir, Pohnpei by Chief Justice Edward C. King on March 10 and January

since 1979.

Born August 24, 1932, on Ta, Mortlocks, Truk, Amaraich attended the College of Guam and began his professional career as an elementary teacher in Truk (now Chuuk) where he later served as assistant clerk of courts, Truk;

the Micronesian Delegation to the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference and three times served as an advisor to the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

He was a member of the Congress of Micronesia from 1965 to 1974 and also served as a member of the Micronesian Political Status Negotiations for four years up to 1974; and served as a legal staff to the Micronesian Constitutional Convention in 1975; chairman of the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition, a position he held from 1976 through 1987 until after FSM achieved political independence. Prior to his confirmation as Associate Justice, he served as Special Adviser to the Department of External Affairs for a year and a half.

Amaraich is credited as the statesman who led the FSM for 15 years as the chief negotiator in the difficult Compact of Free Association negotiations with the United States. He continues to be instrumental in the implementation of the Compact and its on-going implementation process. Amaraich was the chairman of the Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA) until the end of 1991; was a member and vice chairman of the National Fisheries Corporation (NFC); President of the Board of Trustees of Ponape Agriculture and Trade School

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**JUSTICE AMARAICH** - Amaraich is being sworn-in by Chief Justice Edward C. King at the Supreme Court in Palikir as FSM Associate Justice. From left to right are Amaraich, Mrs. Amaraich, Benson, King, and Yinug.

28, this year as Associate Justices.

The 7th FSM Congress on January 29 confirmed the nomination of the FSM External Affairs Department former Secretary Andon Amaraich to join the FSM Supreme Court as Associate Justice.

Amaraich was first nominated by former President John R. Haglegam in May 1990 as associate justice but the 6th FSM Congress did not act on the nomination and President Bailey Olter after being in office over three months revived Haglegam's earlier nomination of Andon Amaraich to be an associate justice of the FSM Supreme Court.

Amaraich was sworn-in on the 10th of March joining Associate Justice Martin Yinug of Yap as the first two Micronesians to serve on the FSM Supreme Court as associate justices.

Andon Amaraich 59, was nominated by John R. Haglegam and confirmed by the FSM Congress to serve as Secretary of External Affairs in the third administration after serving in the same capacity during the first eight years of the FSM National Government under former President Tosiwo Nakayama

Chief Public Defender, Truk; and Assistant District Administrator for Public Affairs, Truk District Government. He previously served as a member in the Truk District Congress for two years through 1960 and represented Truk to the Council of Micronesia for the Trust Territory Islands in 1959, and also served as a special consultant and Chairman of



**Justice Yinug** - Yinug is being sworn-in as FSM Associate Justice in a ceremony held at the Supreme Court in Palikir. From left to right are Yinug, King, and Benson



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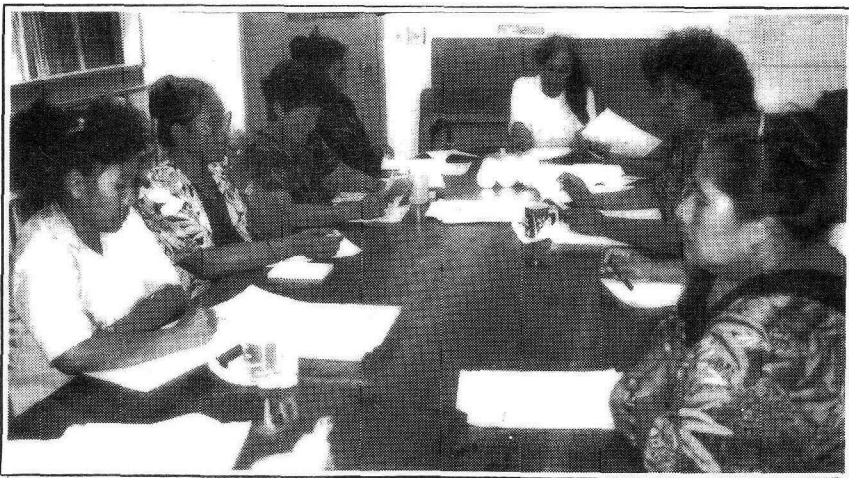
(PATS); and a member of the Board of the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation.

He is married to former Pwerech Smail of Nama, Mortlocks, Truk and have 11 children.

On October 17, 1991, by Presidential Communication No. 7-85, FSM President Bailey Olter submitted the nomination of Yinug to Congress for advice and consent as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and was confirmed by the Seventh FSM Congress in its second regular session, November of last year.

Yinug received his J.D. from Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., February 29, 1980 and a bachelor of arts degree in Political Science from San Francisco State College, June 1972.

Yinug prior to this present post was an Associate Justice for the State Court of Yap. He began his Public service with Congress of Micronesia - Yap Delegation as Administrative Assistant, 1972 - 1976; Directing Attorney for Micronesia Legal Service Corporation (MLSC), Yap Branch Office, 1980-1982; Yap Legislative Counsel, 1982- 1988; elected, 1990 to the FSM Constitutional Convention where he was the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Style.



**NATIONAL WOMEN COUNCIL** - President Bailey Olter have created a National Women Council to promote women's affairs of this nation. Three women from each state are members of the council. The above photo is of the council in one of their recent meetings held at the Human Resources conference room. From left to right are Vice Chairperson Tina Takashy, member Lerina Nena, Sizue Yoma (staff), members Paula Haglegam, Maria Babauta, Chairperson Mercedes Santos (partially hidden) Topou Vere, Assistant Communication Officer, Pacific Regional YWCA Office, Fiji, members Julie Skilling (partially hidden), and Pwerech Amaraich. Others not in the photo are members Anne P. L. Hall, Lore R. Nena, Terry Gamabruw, Merly Apis, Lenora Sigrah, and staff Jane Elimore, and Maristella Jack.

## Two Diet members visited FSM

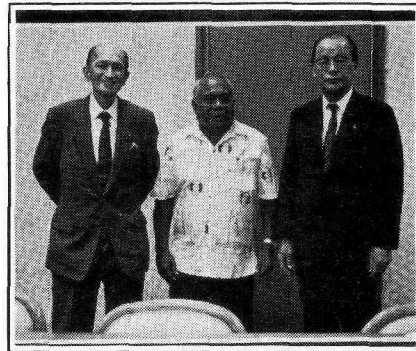
PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Two separate but equally important visits were undertaken by Japanese officials last February to meet with FSM Government officials to discuss and exchange views on economic cooperation, according to a release from External Affairs.

Toshio Nakayama and Akio Kano, two distinguished members of the Japanese (Diet) Parliament visited Pohnpei to introduce to the FSM Leadership for the first time, the newly established FSM-Japan Parliamentary Group, a group of 20-30 Japanese Dietmen. The objective of the group is dedicated to promoting friendly bilateral relations and economic cooperation between the two countries.

With the emergence of new democracies in Eastern Europe and Asia competing for Japan's economic assistance, FSM leaders were urged to meet the Japanese group and solicit their assistance in ensuring that our needs and interests are well received by the Government of Japan. The delegation paid courtesy calls on President Bailey Olter, Congress Speaker Jack Fritz, and External Affairs Secretary Resio S. Moses.

Akira Miwa, the new Director since August 1991) for the Oceanian Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

in Japan last February also took his first orientation visit to Pohnpei, FSM. The most discussed topic during the visit was Japan's economic cooperation in fisheries, tourism, and agriculture development.



**KANO & NAKAYAMA VISITED FSM** - Two distinguished members of the Japanese (Diet) visited Pohnpei to introduce for the first time, the newly established FSM-Japan Parliamentary Group. They called on the President during the visit. From left to right are Akio Kano, President Bailey Olter and Toshio Nakayama.

## FSM delegation to ADB

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A FSM delegation travelled to Manila, Philippines last March to negotiate with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on the FSM \$6.5 million Fisheries Development project proposal with ADB, according to Finance Department Secretary Aloysius Tuuth.

The FSM Fisheries Development Project proposal consists of the Micronesia Longline Fishing Corporation (MLFC) and the National Fisheries Cooperation (NFC) projects. From the \$6.5 million, \$4.4 million will be given to MLFC and the rest will be for the NFC. The two fisheries corporations plan to use the money to fund their fisheries projects in the FSM.

The delegation include Tuuth; Resources and Development (R&D) Secretary Asterio Takesy, Marine Resources Division Administrator Moses Nelson, MLFC official Fredrick L. Ramp, NFC President James T. Movick; FSM Congress Chairmen of Judiciary and Governmental Operation Committee Wagner Lawrence, R&D Committee, Redley Killion, Health, Education, Social Affairs Committee Nishima Yleizah, Vice Chairman of J&GO Committee Moses Mackwelung, member of J&GO and External Affairs Committees Senator Leo A. Falcam, and Staff Attorney Robert Matteix.



## FSM gains ESCAP membership

ESCAP (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - At the convening of its 48th Annual Session in Beijing, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) welcomed the FSM as one of its new members. The vote, by acclamation, came approximately at 5:30 p.m. on the 14th of April this year.

ESCAP, one of the five commissions of the United Nations, assists the Asia and Pacific countries in their economic and social developments and strengthen economic relations among the countries of the Asia Pacific region and with other countries around the world. The FSM had been admitted as an associate member in the Commission since 1986, and became eligible for full membership since admission into the United Nations on September 17, 1991.

After the FSM was welcomed as full member, Acting Deputy Secretary of External Affairs and Head of the FSM delegation to the Session Epel Ilon took the floor and thanked the members of the Commission in accepting the FSM into ESCAP.

The FSM is now a member of nine regional and international organizations.

## FSM & West Germany established diplomatic relations

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM took another giant step forward in its quest for international personality with its establishment of diplomatic relations with the Federal Republic of Germany. A protocol which established diplomatic relations between the two countries, was concluded between the two respective governments' Ambassadors in Washington, D.C. on April 21, 1992.

The two governments have agreed to establish relations at ambassadorial level with the Federal Republic of Germany to accredit its Ambassador in the Republic of the Philippines to the FSM.

Germany is the 25th nation to establish diplomatic relations with the FSM.

## Ambassador of Israel presents his credentials <sup>11</sup>

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The second Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Israel to the FSM, Ilan Hartuv on March 4, presented his credentials to FSM President Bailey Olter in a brief ceremony held in the Cabinet Room at Palikir, Pohnpei.

The President in his remarks said, "We gather here today to witness another important step in the development of our country's relationship with the State of Israel."

Olter noted that he is particularly gratified and honored to receive and accept the Ambassador's credence as Israel's second Ambassador to the FSM. "This is another important chapter in the the history of our diplomatic relationship," he said, "which was established a short three years ago."

The President told the Ambassador that the relationship between the two countries has been a warm and cooperative one.

The ceremony reaffirms strong desires of the two countries to maintain their good relationship in pursuit of their mutual interests.

"FSM is indebted to the Government of Israel for the generous technical and financial assistance provided to various

development projects throughout the federation," said the President, adding, "We hope that these types of assistance so kindly offered by your esteemed government continue to reward us in the years ahead."

Olter said, "In our quest for United Nations Membership, your government registered unequivocal support together with many of our friends in the international community. Now, FSM is a full-fledged member, a major accomplishment for a small and young nation such as ours. To the government of Israel and the rest of our friends, our deep gratitude and sincere appreciation will go a long way in the world of multilateral diplomacy."

FSM is very proud of its stance, said the President, to revoke UN General Assembly Resolution No. 3379 which equated Zionism with Racism. "We believe such resolution to be a distortion of historical facts, and part of an on going political and ideological campaign aimed at discrediting and delegitimizing the state of Israel. This type of attitude has no place in the international community of peace-loving nations," he said.

The President added that Israel is the  
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**AMBASSADOR OF ISRAEL** - The Ambassador of Israel to the FSM Ilan Hartuv after presenting his credentials to President Bailey Olter in a brief ceremony held at the Cabinet Room had a group photo with the President, Vice President, and the Cabinet. From left to right are Asterio Takesy, Camillo Noket, AITuuth, Vice President, Marcelino Actouka, President, Ambassador Hartuv, Joseph Phillip, Mrs. Hartuv, Resio S. Moses, and Nick Andon.

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only nation in the Middle East so far that has established diplomatic relations with the FSM. "We profoundly value the excellent relationship between our two countries," said Olter, adding, "we have a lot to learn from you and to benefit from our relationship."

"When you have time to meet our people and look around the country side, you will come to the realization that our country has a lot of shortcomings and potentials. Yet, it is encouraging to know that we are not alone, that there are friends out there, like your government, who are willing to lend a hand one way or another," Olter concluded.

Ambassador Hartuv in his remarks said it is a great honor and rare privilege for him to have been appointed by the President of Israel, Chaim Herzog, as Ambassador to the FSM.

"The Jewish people," he said, "having been without an independent state for almost 2,000 years, have believed that all nations and people should be independent and govern themselves. Therefore, we have supported the decision of the people of the FSM to become fully independent. We were in the forefront of establishing full diplomatic relations with the FSM and fully supported your desire to become members of the United Nations."

"Our relations are excellent. We greatly thank the government of the FSM for co-sponsoring the repeal of the UN Resolution 3379 of 1975 which equated Zionism with Racism," adding, "However, Israel is quite far away from the FSM and we have many problems. That is the reason we have not been too active in promoting the development of the FSM," the Ambassador said.

The Ambassador noted that being a development economist, he hoped to put more substance to the relations between the FSM and Israel.

He extend to President Olter the President of Israel's best wishes for Olter's good health and for the welfare and prosperity of the people of the FSM and presented his credence to Olter.



**DEVELOPMENT OF NURSING PRACTICE STANDARDS:** *From the six Pacific jurisdictions, all Directors of Nursing Schools, Continuing Education (C.E.) for Nurses Coordinators and Chief Nurses (FSM States Only) held their first meeting last February at Palikir, Pohnpei. The purpose of this meeting was to develop nursing practice standards to improve health services in the U.S. related Pacific Basin Islands. Jurisdictions represented in this meeting include American Samoa, Hawaii, Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap), Guam, Northern Marianas and the Republic of Palau. Nurse consultants included Deborah Sherman, Region IX, San Francisco, John Morrow, NHSC assignee to FSM, Sally Y. Tsuda, Guam and Dr. Ruth Stark, World Health Regional Office, Suva, Fiji. The work of this group is supported in part by a grant from the United State Public Health Service, Region IX. The attendance and participation of the Chief Nurses from the FSM States of Kosrae, Chuuk and Yap was made possible by a supplemental funding, awarded to the Department of Human Resources, from the FSM Congress. First row, sitting: Remy Tudela, C.E Coordinator, Saipan; Debby Sherman, Nurse Consultant, Region IX, San Francisco; Marie Ma'o, American Samoa Community College; Maureen Fochtman, Director, University of Guam Nursing; Thomas Wolag, STD Coordinator, Yap; Stem Salle, C.E. Coordinator, Chuuk; Yumiko Paul, P.H. Nurse, Pohnpei; and Veronica Gurwan, Shift Supervisor, Yap. Second row sitting: Margaret L. Sesepasara, Director, American Samoa School of Nursing, American Samoa; Sally Y. Tsuda, Private Nurse Consultant, Guam; Christina Gapthey, PHC Supervisor, Yap; Sr. Irene Nieland, Director, Republic of the Marshall Islands School of Nursing; Jonny Hebel, D.C. Coordinator, Pohnpei; Peter Suwei, Clinical Nurse Supervisor, Yap; Sizue G. Yoma, MCH Program Manager, Department of Human Resources, FSM National Government; Leah Jano, P.H. Nurse Supervisor, Pohnpei; and Joanna Polloi, Health Manpower Development Coordinator, Palau. Third row, standing: Magdalena A. Walter, Chief Nurse, Pohnpei; John Morrow, Nurse Consultant, NHSC/USPHS Department of Human Resources, FSM National Government; Lois Magnussen, Professor, University of Hawaii School of Nursing, Honolulu; Ruth Stark, World Health Organization E. Coordinator, Kosrae; Kelly Goudreau, Director, School of Nursing, Saipan; Cathelina Antolok, Nurse Supervisor, Marshall Islands; Kikue Moufa, Clinical Nurse Supervisor, Chuuk; and Kimie Sigrah, Chief Nurse, Kosrae.*

## Iso Nahniken Klemens Hadley laid to rest

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Flags were flown half mast in the State of Pohnpei in respect and mourning for Iso Nahniken of Madolenihmw who passed away on March 6, 1992.

Pohnpei State Governor on March 6 issued an Executive Proclamation regarding the passing away of Iso Nahniken of Madolenihmw Klemens Hadley.

The Proclamation stated that Hadley was a highly respected traditional leader of Pohnpei and a person of honor and wisdom that the people of Pohnpei State will miss him and mourn and grieve at his death. The people of the State of

Pohnpei wish to express their deeply felt sympathy and sorrow to the Nahniken's family and friends.

The Proclamation said, "on behalf of the State of Pohnpei I extend our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Iso Nahniken Klemens Hadley; and in honor and respect for him all Pohnpei State flags shall be lowered to half mast during the four days of traditional mourning."

Public Affairs and Protocol Officer at the FSM Department of External Affairs Johnny Hadley was crowned by the Nanmwarki of Madolenihmw as Nahniken during the funeral.

## Japan offers training

Palikir, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Government of Japan is offering a range of training courses to interested FSM citizens under Group Training Courses and Individual Training Courses in Fiscal Year 92. The training are sponsored through the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

Interested persons who would like to know more about these training can pick up training materials as well as application forms for the trainings from the Departments of External Affairs, Resources and Development, and the Office of Administrative Services Training Division.

All applications are to be received by the Department of External Affairs no later than the second week of July 1992.

## WHO Rep. to FSM presented credence to Acting Secretary of External Affairs

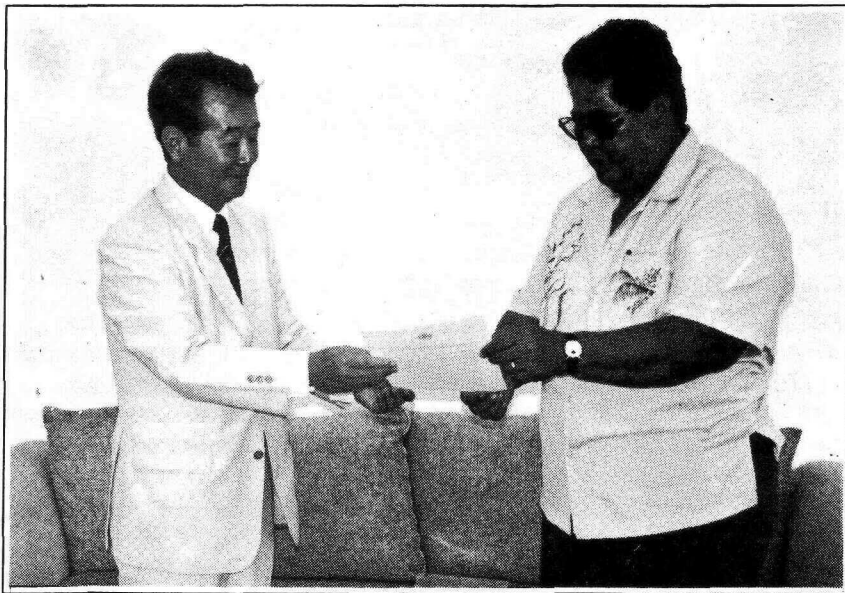
PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Dr. Sung-Kyu Ahn, last February, presented his letter of credence to Acting Secretary of External Affairs Tadao P. Sigrah, as World Health Organization (WHO) Representative to the FSM with residence in Suva, Fiji.

Dr. Ahn will be the Head of the WHO Mission in Suva with responsibility of WHO activities in the FSM, answerable to the government and accountable to WHO, directly to the Regional Director and, through him, to the Director-General and Governing Bodies of the Organization.

An essential function of Dr. Ahn will be to support the Government and people of the FSM in the implementation of the national health strategy adopted by the government in line with the global and regional "Health for All" strategies established collectively by the Member States of the Organization.

In order to enable Dr. Ahn to devote himself to his work for the FSM in the framework of WHO, fully, freely and with the maximum effect, and in keeping with his functions as the Representative of WHO to the FSM, the Regional Director for WHO Western Pacific Region Dr. Sang Tae Han requests the FSM government to extend to Dr. Ahn all assistance, cooperation, privileges and immunities to facilitate the performance of his mission in a climate of mutual confidence.

The Dr. Han would be grateful if the government could make the necessary intersectoral arrangements, contemplated in Article 33 of the Constitution of WHO, to permit the WHO Representative, for the purpose of discharging his duties, to have direct access to the government's various departments, especially to its health administration and to national health organizations.



**CREDENTIAL PRESENTATION** - World Health Organization Representative to the FSM with residence in Suva, Fiji Dr. Sung-Kyu Ahn visited the FSM and presented his credentials to Acting Secretary of External Affairs Tadao Sigrah. From left to right are Dr. Ahn, and Sigrah.



# <sup>14</sup> Nena opened MEHP annual conference at Palikir

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Vice President Jacob Nena officially opened the Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation (MEHP) 11th Annual Conference last February at Palikir, Washington D.C. Micronesia Institute Chairperson Patricia Luce Chapman stated, "The Micronesia Institute is assisting the Endowment in developing the American National Committee for the MEHP, which will take the lead in fund-raising across the United States. It helps also in approaching US foundations and corporations for funds, and, at the request of the Endowment, is administering the Endowment Fund."

The participant of the conference were Federated States of Micronesia National and the State Governments Historic Preservation Officers (HPO) including FSM HPO Teddy John, Grant Analyst Truman Wakuk, Pohnpei State Historic Preservation Officer (SPHO) Emensio Eperiam, Yap SPHO Andrew Kugfas, Chuuk SPHO Elvis Killion O'Sonis, Kosrae SPHO and Staff, Berlin Sigrah, Kerik Benjamin and Standon T. Andrew, Nan Madol Ruins Foundation President Carol Nervig and the Republic of the Palau National HPO Vicky Kanai. Other FSM and State officials attended the conference.

The conference aimed to consider proposed amendments of the Endowment Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws; fund raising projects to build up the MEHP trust fund; and to provide opportunities for the MEHP Board of Director to follow up discussion on matters relative to major Micronesian Resources Study undertaken by MEHP and administered by the U.S. National Park Service as it was funded by the U.S. Congress.

MEHP Board of Director President, the FSM HPO John expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board of Director to individual person and the firms donated to the Endowment Fund from September 1991 to support the MEHP activities: Mark R. Kohn, Richard B. Winston and Lila Luce; George R. Milner, David L. Kirland, Ward H. Good enough, Zita Davisson, Mary Vance

Trent, Dateline Exports Incorporation; Christopher C. Lorentz M.D. and Melissa Anne Johnson, Kit Porter, Nancy Carmichael, Lorraine Teniya, Michael Wygant, Keith Mac Marshall, PH. D., P.A.T.S. Chancellor/JSMB, Energy Concepts Inc., Charles A. Lachman, Antonia Dosik, William H. Barbee, Dennis Vander Tuig, Robert R. Nathan, Frank H. Barrett, Matson Navigation Co., Patricia Luce Chapman, Penny and John Beasley, John and Mary Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Teare, Alison W. MacConnel, Senator Alvin Jacklick, Berlin Sigrah, Elvis Killion O'Sonis, Andrew Kugfas, and Besure and Vicky Kanai.

Nena said that the conference is another step taken to strengthen FSM effort in preserving its unique heritage to benefit its future generations; the historic and cultural resources are part of our valuable land unique environment; we are perhaps fortunate to have a relatively healthy environment; we must

not take it for granted because the waves of development changes are already here and in order for us to accommodate them, we must urgently develop clear legislations, policies, and strategies to guide our heritage conservation and preservation activities in the future; and charged the conference and said, "The result of your efforts here is very important because it will set the future directions that our respective nations must take to ensure that our unique cultural and historic resources are protected and that future economic development are environmentally sustainable."

Nena in his remarks said, "It gives me great pleasure to welcome you here today to the 11th Annual Conference of the Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation."

"This is indeed an important occasion as it provides a major opportunity for the Historic Preservation Officers in the various Micronesian Government to

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**MICRONESIAN ENDOWMENT FOR HISTORICAL PRESERVATION** - Above are the participants of the 11th conference held in Pohnpei. Front row, left to right are: Adviser for Office of Administrative Services Kohne Ramon, Office of the President Chief of Staff Iehsi Ieske, FSM Vice President Jacob Nena, Chairperson of the Micronesian Institute at Washington, D.C. Patricia Chapman, Palau National Historic Preservation Officer Vicky Kanai, President of the Nan Madol Foundation Carole Nervig, Kosrae State Historical Preservation Officer Berlin Sigrah, and Chuuk State Historic Preservation Officer Elvis Killion O'Sonis. Back row, left to right: FSM National Historic Preservation Officer and President of the Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation Teddy John, FM National historic Preservation Program Grants analyst Truman Wakuk, Kosrae State Historic Preservation Program Information Specialist Kerik Benjamin, Yap State Historic Preservation Program Field Assistant Andrew Figirmad, Yap State Historic Preservation Office, Andrew Kugfas, and Kosrae State Historic Preservation Program Field Supervisor Standon Andrew.

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deliberate on historic preservation issues and determine how we can best care for and manage our historic and cultural resources now and in the future," he said.

"On behalf of the government," he said, "I welcome you all to this conference as it is another step taken to strengthen our effort in preserving our unique heritage to benefit our future generations. I would like to acknowledge the assistance provided by U.S. Department of interior, National Park Service, the Washington Base Micronesian Institute, and others, to the Micronesian Endowment for historic preservation, and the historic preservation programs in the Micronesian region."

"The government sees this to be an important step for the Federated States of Micronesia as it is being undertaken to assemble representatives from the various government in the Micronesian region and those who have a genuine concern for the preservation of our heritage and in keeping a sense of identity to the people of this region," Nena added.

The issue of historic preservation is also of major importance for the Federated States of Micronesia, he said.

Nena told the conference that for the past eight years, strong acculturative pressures have come to bear on the people of Micronesia, causing major changes in their lives and culture. Most recently, with the increase effort to make the three governments of the freely associated states; the Republic of Belau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia Economically self-sufficient, the impact of development on cultural, historic, and prehistoric resources, has been a cause of concern with government leaders and private citizens in Micronesia. Traditional knowledge and skills have slowly been disappearing as the elders died, and the younger members of the populations have been unable to learn about the various aspects of their culture.

As stated in the preamble of the con-

stitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, Nena said, "and I, Quote: 'With this constitution, we affirm our common wish to live together in peace and harmony, to preserve the heritage of the past, and to protect the promises of the future.'"

"We are here today to reaffirm that commitment and I wish to reassure you of our support to historic and cultural preservation activities in the FSM and in the Micronesian region," he stated.

The Federated States of Micronesia, in common with a number of countries in the Pacific, comprises a number of small islands within a vast oceanic territory, he noted adding, "we have a long tradition of living in harmony with our environment and an awareness of the need to protect and preserve our limited resources so that our future generations can draw on them and to benefit from them."

"Historic and cultural resources are part of our valuable land unique environment," said Nena, "we are perhaps fortunate to have a relatively healthy environment. However, we must not take it for granted because the waves of development changes are already here and in order for us to accommodate them, we must urgently develop clear legislations, policies, and strategies to guide our heritage conservation and preservation activities in the future."

He added, "We must work together to ensure that development takes place but in such a way that our valuable resources, such as our land and marine resources, natural landscape, and historic and cultural resources are protected in the long term. It is our responsibility to protect and preserve these valuable resources for our future generations to draw on them."

"The result of your efforts here is very important because it will set the future directions that our respective nations must take to ensure that our unique cultural and historic resources are protected and that future economic development are environmentally sustainable," he said.

Nena welcomed the participants again and wished them all a productive time

in dealing with the issues on their agenda. "Your recommendations," he said, "will be valued by our National and State Historic Preservation Programs and will form a new set of direction for our future Historic Preservation activities."

## CCM Pre-bid held at Palikir

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE)** - The FSM Office of Planning & Statistics conducted last April, at Palikir, Pohnpei a pre-bid conference for two initial portions of the Community College of Micronesia (CCM) construction Project. Bids were scheduled to be opened on the 4th of May.

Those attending the conference were H&K Builders, El's Enterprises, Pobuk's Engineering, Efren Roque Architects,, MEI Construction Company, Delco Construction, LAR Commercial Art, and Black Micro Corporation.

The pre-bid conference was held for the "Civil Works" contract, which includes the site grading and road work for the project and the "Water line Extension" which extends the FSM Capital watermain to the new CCM site in Palikir. They each have a six months and five months construction period respectively.

The Office of Planning & Statistics reviewed the requirements of the Contract and the scope of work with those attending the conference. The FSM Finance, Division of Revenue briefed the gathering on the FSM Tax requirements for the Work. The Projects design firm, EHR Architects and the Construction Management firm, Pobuk Engineering, both took part in the presentation.



# <sup>16</sup> Olter opens OPIC conference held at Palikir

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) trade mission meeting was opened, last March at Palikir by FSM President Bailey Olter.

Secretary of Resources and Development Asterio Takesy as the Master of Ceremony welcomed the mission and delegations from the other three states to Pohnpei.

Olter in his opening remarks after welcoming everyone, said "This is a historic gathering. In the long history of relationship between Micronesia and the United States of America, if I am not mistaken, this is the first gathering of private business persons and government officials for the purpose of promoting private sector development."

The President said that his administration is firmly committed to the development of the private sector in the FSM and that he is giving high priority to this area. He said he was looking forward to the outcome of the meeting. "Those of us in the government," he said, "are keenly interested in what you business people have to say about business prospects in our young nation. I welcome suggestions and criticisms you may have for us people in the government, but there is just one small matter I thought you should not lose sight of, we people in the government are just as human as you folks are, we have feelings too."

The President said on a more serious note, his administration will work with the FSM Congress and the four state governments, "to bring about incentives to foreign investors in our land. And that is, that we may commission groups of individual to research on legislations that will create incentives and better atmosphere under which foreign companies and investors can work favorable."

"Let me take a moment to underscore the importance we in the FSM attach to our relationship with the United States of America. We take our treaty obligations under the Compact of Free Association very seriously and are mindful of our special friendly relationship.

We shall do all we can to maintain and strengthen it, not only on a government-to-government basis but more increasingly through economic ties in our respective private sectors. In this connection, I applaud OPIC for its wisdom in taking a lead role in this vital area," added the President.

He said, "We in the FSM are quite fortunate to have Mr. Zeder at the helm of OPIC and Mr. Howard Hills and Mr. James Berg at top management level for they are close and dear friends of the FSM," adding, "that they were three Americans who participated and help finalize the friendly relationship as we have now the Compact of Free Association."

Olter said that he is optimistic that the American friends would be able to eye the FSM critically but positively within these three days. The Governors of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae join him in extending an invitation to OPIC and the American Business persons to visit the other states. "You will agree with me ladies and gentlemen that there is no substitute for first hand information," he added.

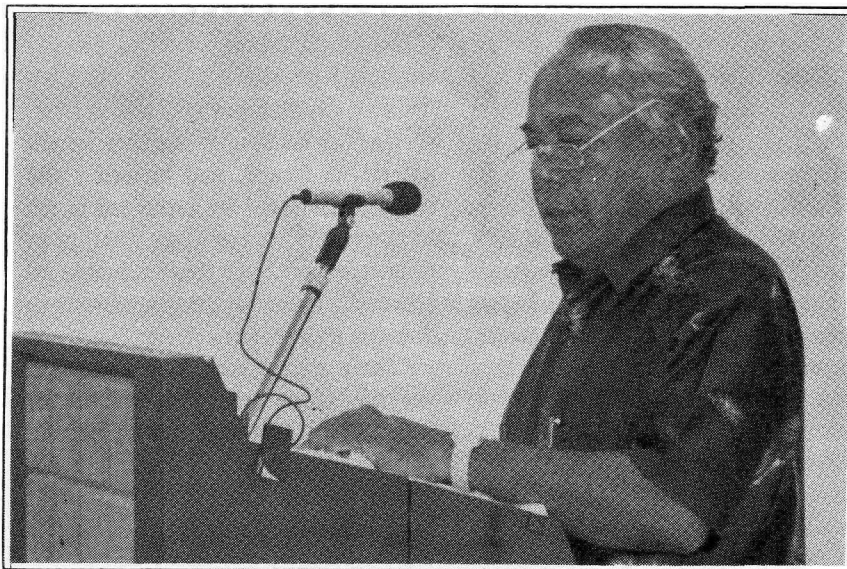
The President said he is thankful to the state governments, "for responding so generously to our call. The strong Government presence here demonstrates our support for OPIC's initiative. We are here to listen, provide informa-

tion and assist you."

In response by OPIC mission leader, Howard Hills said, first thing he would like to say this morning is that Fred Zeder, Jim Berg and Howard Hills by the coincidence of prior assignments they have working on behalf of their own government in Micronesia, they happen to know a lot about the FSM and they brought that knowledge and experience to bare in their effort to promote private sector led development here in the FSM. "The most important thing is that the FSM has reached a point in its evolution (the evolution of its national identity) and its emergence as a player on the world stage that what OPIC is really doing here in the FSM, is nothing more or less and nothing different than what we do in the 122 other countries around the world, that is the most significant thing," said Hills.

Hills added that because FSM has achieved its status in the world community, the FSM is eligible for OPIC programs and makes it appropriate for OPIC to be here. "So it is your achievement and the progress that you have made and I can tell you, when you go and talked to people in the international diplomatic community at a very senior level, international multilateral organization and in individual governments there is recognition and agreement

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**OPIC VISITED FSM - President Bailey Olter addressed the OPIC Mission in a Conference held at Palikir, Pohnpei.**



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that what your government has accomplished and the manner in which you've emerged on international stage and the way you've done it as a nation is stunning. Your membership in the United Nations was the crowning achievement in a long process of confident political management in a vision that was shared by leaders of your state and national governments," he said.

Now that the FSM has achieved many of its objectives politically, "it's time for us all to get down to work and focus on achieving greater measure of the national objectives that you have economically," Hills added.

Instead of focussing on what had gone wrong last 10 years OPIC is focussing on what are to be developed in the 10 years to come, said Hills.

One of the important principals that the private sector mission brings is that in every relationship there are burden and benefits including government-to-government and business-to-business.

Hills said, "One of the things that the FSM has learned is that in political governmental relations, you give and you receive. The FSM under the Compact has accepted obligations and it has become entitled to certain things from the United States. And that just as

understanding has been achieved on a political level it has also to be achieved on a business level and economic level."

"This mission is an attempt to begin a dialogue about what kind of tax laws, what kind of foreign investment permits, procedures, what kind of investment policies the FSM need to have in order to make this an attractive investment climate," he said.

The completion in the international market place for capital, said Hills, is very keen indeed. President Bush has requested for OPIC in Fiscal Year 1993, for U.S. Congress to provide OPIC with \$500 million of investment guarantee authority and then an additional \$30 million of direct loan authority.

He said tht OPIC has already approved a loan of \$9 million for Yap Fishing Corporation as a start.

Hills encouraged the participants to look at capital from the private sectors and not from the Government, noting that there is a whole lot more private capital floating around this world than there is government sourced capital.

"You should view OPIC as a program that help you leverage to get private capital," said Hills, "it's the same as your FSM Development Bank, the money you have for the investment development fund is money you should

use to leverage capital from other sources into your business into your capital flows into your economy."

Adding, he said, "That's what we are doing in Yap and that's what we wanted to do in the rest of the FSM to use our programs to leverage private capital."

"In 20 years that OPIC has been in existence," added Hills, "we've done \$37 billion worth of projects around the world."

Hills concluded saying, "Fred Zeder, Jim Berg and Howard Hills understand one thing, and that is the promise of the Compact of Free Association is two fold: political self determination, and that's been accomplished and then; economic self determination, and that's being accomplished, but much remains to be done and we are ready to work with you to fulfill that second promise embodied in the Compact of Free Association."

Takesy and other state officials presented briefings for the meeting on the opening day.

Dinners and luncheons were hosted by FSM President Bailey Olter, U.S. Ambassador to the FSM Aurelia Brazeal, Secretary of R&D Asterio Takesy, FSM Development Bank, Banks of the FSM, Guam, Hawaii, and the Rotary Club of Pohnpei.

## Overseas Private Investment Corporation mission visits FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) trade mission arrived Pohnpei in March to discuss the promotion of private investors in the FSM directly or joint venture, according to Secretary of Resources and Development Asterio Takesy.

A plane-side ceremony was held in welcoming the mission at the official lounge at Pohnpei International Airport upon arrival.

OPIC is a self-sustaining U.S. Government agency which serves to promote economic growth in developing countries by encouraging U.S. private investment in such nations.

OPIC was established in 1969 by the

U.S. Congress and commenced operation in 1971. Organized like a private corporation, it receives congressional appropriations, and fundings from its members. In addition, OPIC had recorded a positive net income for every year of operation, with reserves currently standing in excess of \$1.3 billion.

It provides loans, loan guarantees and insurance to U.S. companies investing abroad such as in the FSM. A moratorium is included in the loan packages.

March of 1988, bilateral incentive agreements were concluded between the FSM and OPIC. This resulted in the availability of a full range of OPIC programs to U.S. investors and exporters interested in exploring business opportunities in the FSM. The princi-

pal programs of the OPIC is manifested in financing investment projects through direct loans and or guaranteed loans, and insuring investment projects.

OPIC insures investments in a wide variety of qualified projects (natural resources, manufacturing, leasing, minerals and other activities) against political risk.

U.S. investors intending to share in the equity and management of a venture in the FSM may utilize OPIC's financing commitment. Loans may extend to 50 percent of the total costs of a new project or up to 75 percent for expanding an existing enterprise. These programs are made available in the loan guarantees. In the Loan Guaranties,

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OPIC loan guaranties against both commercial and political risks are available to all U.S. small business, regardless of size and may be issued to acquire funding from a variety of U.S. financial institutions. OPIC guaranties may vary from \$1 million to \$25 million. For the Direct Loans, loans varying from \$250,000 to \$6,000,000 are available for projects sponsored by U.S. small businesses or cooperatives. Interest rate vary according to the financial and political risks of the project. Maturities may vary from five to 12 years.

OPIC's guaranty and insurance obligations are all backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. in addition to OPIC's own substantial financial reserves.

Indeed OPIC may offer valuable financial gains to the FSM in the form of U.S. investment, however it should be noted that their primary objectives is to help American companies remain in the international marketplace.

OPIC will not assist in any project that negatively affects the U.S. economy or domestic employment, is financially unsound, or does not promise significant benefits to the social and economic development of the host country. Environment protection is one of OPIC's criteria.

With regards to political risk insurance, it would be stressed that OPIC protects American contractors and exporters against disputes with a host government buyer, as well as insures against the wrongful calling of bid, advance payment, performance and other guaranties. This protection is utilized by a variety of businesses, including those providing such services as engineering, construction, hospital management, and such goods and power-generating equipment, computers, telecommunications, and drilling equipment.

The team after the FSM stopped in the Marshalls to also discuss promotion of private investors. Transportation and Communication Secretary Robert Weilbacher, National Planner Marcelino Actouka, and Resources and Develop-

ment Secretary Asterio Takesy have met with the four FSM states discussing the same issue and "they are very enthusiastic," Takesy said. The states sent in delegations of about 16 people from Chuuk, seven each from Yap and Kosrae and in the neighborhood of 20 or more from Pohnpei to attend the meeting with OPIC, last March.

"This is something this administration is giving emphasis to because this

is in the line of private sector and President Olter would like the people to know that this is serious that the national government has been seeking for the FSM states," said Takesy.

According to a letter from U.S. Ambassador to the FSM Aurelia E. Brazeal to Takesy, the OPIC Mission coordinator is Peter McKenzie and chairman is Howard L. Hills who is also the Vice President and General Counsel.

## Australia offered scholarships to FSM students

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (AIDAB) and Equity and Merit Scholarship Scheme (EMSS) has awarded Australian Government scholarships to students from the Federated States of Micronesia to study at the University of the South Pacific (USP), Fiji campus and in Australia commencing school year 1992 and 1993, according to Australian Embassy, Development Assistance Officer Jane Michell.

The Australian Government provides two different types of scholarships to students from the Federated States of Micronesia. The one known as AIDAB scholarships which usually provided for students to attend USP at Fiji has currently offered awards to more than 20 FSM students who are continuing their studies at USP.

The AIDAB Scholarship application procedures for 1993 school year has yet to be announced, but interested students should keep in contact with the relevant scholarship coordinator for their state, or write to the Australian Embassy and register their interest. The Embassy will then advise the appropriate details when they become available.

John Crawford Scholarship Scheme (JCSS) is another Australian Government Scholarship source replacing the EMSS. Four JCSS scholarships are available for 1993 School year to all Micronesia students from the FSM, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Palau. Scholarships are awarded on a gender equity basis and thus two will be awarded to women and two to men.

Students will need to achieve a TOEFL score of at least 570 in order to be considered for the award. The FSM students receiving the awards have all commenced their studies in Australia.

The application process consists of two stages. The first stage involves applicants filling out a "Registration of Interest" similar to the actual JCSS form for submission to the Australian Embassy by May 27, 1992. A selection committee will then review all the applications received from Micronesia. The highest ranked students will then be sent the actual JCSS application forms/package.

These forms will have to be returned to the Embassy by June 17, 1992. Students will again be ranked and application forms from the highest ranked students will be forwarded to Australia for consideration by Universities and JCSS.

Further information can be obtained from each State's scholarship coordinator or from the Australian Embassy, Development Assistance Officer Jane Michell by writing to P.O. Box S, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941.

### Navy Exchange

U.S. Embassy in Kolonia, Pohnpei has informed Department of External Affairs that the Navy Exchange in Guam is interested in Buying FSM products for sale at the Exchange in Guam. This would be on a trial basis until it is determined whether it is aviable to continue.



## Parties to Nauru Agreement met in Tarawa

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Parties to the Nauru Agreement met at Tarawa last April for its 11th Annual Meeting, according to a joint communique of the meeting.

The Parties to the Nauru Agreement include the FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu.

The meeting was the first occasion upon which the Annual Meeting had been held separately from the meeting of the Forum Fisheries Committee and all Parties agreed that this had contributed to the success of the meeting by enabling the Parties to devote more time to discussion of the important issues affecting the Parties.

The major issues the Parties discussed were the implementation of the Regional Register of foreign fishing vessels, the future management of the Western Pacific Purse Seine fishery and future dialogue with distant water fishing nations.

The Parties expressed concern at the continued expansion of the purse seine fleet in the Western Pacific and prepared a revised draft of a proposed management arrangement to cover the fishery.

It was decided that the revised draft should be recommended to Governments with a view to convening a further meeting at an early date in order to sign the arrangement. The Parties also reviewed the number of purse seine licences that would be made available under the proposed arrangement and decided to give greater emphasis to the development of domestic tuna industries.

The Parties also decided that the process of informal dialogue with distant water fishing nations was useful and recommended to the Forum Fisheries Committee that the process should continue.

Representing the FSM in the meeting were Micronesian Maritime Authority Chairman Jesse Raglmar Subolmar and Executive Director Peter Sitan.

## New MMA members met and organized

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The newly appointed members of the Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA) met and organized itself in Guam, last March and considered other fishing agreements. The term of last Board of the MMA was expired in mid December 1991. President Bailey Olter appointed new members from the States and National Governments in consultation with the States Governors and respective States Congressional delegation as required by Title 24 of the FSM Code.

During the organizational meeting, Jesse Raglmar Subolmar, from Yap State representing the National Government was elected Chairman of the Authority. Subolmar was appointed to replace Ieske Iehsi as National Government representative and also took over Chairmanship, replacing Andon Amaraich who has recently been appointed to the FSM Supreme Court as Associate Justice. Subolmar is currently the Chief of International Affairs in the Department of External Affairs, FSM National Government. The new Vice Chairman is Gerson Jackson from the State of Kosrae, who replaced Likiak Wesley as Kosrae State representative. Jackson is the Director of Budget and Planning in Kosrae State Government. Other appointed members are; Spencin James who was reappointed as Pohnpei representative and is currently the Chairman of the Science Department at the Community College of Micronesia; Sebastian Anefal, reappointed as Yap State representative and is currently the Director of Planning in the Yap State Government and Wesley Simina newly appointed as Chuuk State representative. Simina replaced Amaraich as Chuuk representative and is currently the Legal Counsel for the Chuuk State Legislature.

During the meeting, Authority also considered some fishing agreements with foreign interests and had an orientation and briefing from the senior staff of the Authority. After the meeting in Guam, the Authority travelled to Taiwan and negotiated several agreements with Taiwanese interest. Those negotiations in Taiwan concluded satisfactorily according to the Authority Executive Director Peter Sitan.

## Delarosa left Micro. after over 35 years

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Leo Delarosa, originally of the Philippines, a veteran of the U.S. Civil Service, accounting for more than 35 years of service to most of the Micronesian island governments, part of which was spent as District Administrator (Distad) Rep for Kosrae District and Administrative Officer for the entire Pohnpei District government, leaves Pohnpei December 15 for home in San Diego and Los Angeles, California.

Delarosa, who at one time spoke fluent Palauan and Kosraen, also understands a little Yapese, Chuukese, Pohnpeian and Japanese which he took up in college here on Pohnpei. He said that he regretted not being able to serve the government of the FSM, the Northern Marianas and the Marshall Islands during his Micronesian experience.

He first began his public service career in 1956 when he served as Administrative Assistant in the District Administrator's Office in Palau for two years.

Delarosa, 63, previously served in Chuuk (formerly Truk) as Administrative Assistant for the Construction Program for Baker Dock under the Trust Territory Government; also served as Administrative Officer for the entire District Government in Pohnpei where he was in charge of personnel, finance, supply and management of other agencies for five years; Distad Rep for then District of Kosrae for two years, and served for a total of 11 years as Administrative Officer under Distads John Sablan and Mitaro Danis for the then Truk District government and later as Budget Officer for the Truk State under Governor Erhart Aten. Delarosa was also assigned the collateral duties of U.S. Consular Officer while working for the Trust Territory Government Palau and Chuuk.

Delarosa also previously served as Budget Officer for Yap State Government for seven years and was serving as Pohnpei State Government Budget Advisor for the last three years prior to his semi-retirement.

Delarosa who is an active Catholic layman and who helps the Priest minister the Holy Eucharist to the international Catholic Community during Mass and teaches Catechism to a group of children on Saturdays will be missed. He will also be missed on the tennis courts here.

Known to his friends as "Leo," "Mr. Delarosa his wife Angie, and their grown children who grew up in Micronesia and are now living abroad, will be missed by their friends and colleagues here in Micronesia, especially on Pohnpei. Kaselehlie!

# Actouka represented FSM to the HSPC at the Philippines

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM National Planner Marcelino Actouka represented the FSM to the first Hispano Asia-Pacific Conference (HAPC) last February, held in the Philippines in observance of the 5th Centennial Discovery of America, according to the Philippine Embassy Charge d' Affairs Emmanuel J. Contreras.

The conference which was opened by Republic of the Philippine President Corazon C. Aquino was also attended by U.S. Territory of Guam Lieutenant Governor Frank F. Blas, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Governor Lorenzo I. De Leon Guerrero, Republic of the Marshall Islands Consul a. h. in Manila Victor Limlingan, Republic of Palau Minister of State Santos Olihong, Kingdom of Spain Foreign Affairs Ministry Director General Fernando Riquelme, Republic of Philippines Foreign Affairs Secretary Raul S. Manglapus and officials from Philippine and the other countries. The member countries are the counties with Spanish heritage in the Western Pacific region including the FSM, Marshalls, Guam, CNMI, Palau, Philippines, and Spain. Other countries and international organizations invited as observers were Chile, China, Japan, Mexico, Colombia, Panama, Asian Development Bank, and UNESCO.

The conference was held at the Philippine International Convention Center in Manila where Aquino welcomed the participants and urged its delegates to let the spirit of people power animate their work and to respond to the cries and the oppressed of the poor by giving them broader livelihood opportunities. She also called upon the region for greater political economic cooperation and a more vibrant educational and scientific exchanges.

The delegates from the seven Asia-Pacific Island nations which were well represented signed a Joint Declaration to strengthen the cooperation within the Hispano Asia-Pacific countries on Trade, Tourism, Culture, Sinecure, and Technology at the conclusion of the conference in Manila.

The conference agreed to recall the common historic, religious, and cultural legacy, streaming the Age of Discovery, that binds the Hispano Asia-Pacific societies; recognizes that the region are bound by similar ideals of democracy, freedom, and the dignity of man; desires to promote the spirit of kinship, family or community among countries with Hispanic tradition and influences; aspires to foster economic development through judicious cooperation and exploitation of the region marine areas, especially our vast exclusive economic zones; convinced that close relations and cooperation among the people of the region, founded on mutual respect and mutual benefit, will contribute to the realization of the ideals and aspiration of the people of the region; and believes that such close relations and cooperation among the people of the region will redound to the advancement of peace, harmony and prosperity in the Pacific region and around the world.

The conference further calls for the solidarity of countries and peoples with Hispanic background and contacts; and pledged to exert efforts to nurture a sense of kinship on the basis of culture among people of the region, geographical affinities and the Hispanic common Legacy; encouraged increased contacts and cooperation in all areas of mutual interest and concern among the people of the regions; maintained a steady exchange of ideas and views on regionally joint needs among the people of the region, problems and common programs or efforts to solve them.

The conference confirmed to promote activities that will bring greater awareness on Hispanic common legacy to the observance during 1992 in the countries of the Fifth Centennial of the encounter of Two Worlds. The Conference agreed to encourage trade, investments and economic mission to each other and to initiate or facilitate the conclusion of cooperation agreements on culture, trade, tourism, investment, air and transport services and other areas of mutual interest between or among governments and institutions of the region.

The conference agreed to promote the study

and recording of the Hispanic heritage, influences and contact students, researchers and scholars and to exchange available films, books, and media materials among countries of the region; to promote the development, study and spread of the Spanish language; and to cooperate in the preservation and protection of monuments and relics belonging to the Hispanic heritage.

The conference confirmed to hold periodic festivals of arts and crafts of Hispanic people; approved to promote tourism in the Western Pacific through the exchange of tourism packages and other effective and viable means; and to initiate and expand exchanges and contacts in science and technology particularly in the fields of agriculture, energy, telecommunications, and the protection and preservation of the environment, including joint and cooperative efforts in the research on deep seabed resources and sea farming, and the monitoring of ocean and atmosphere contamination.

It was further agreed to enhance economic development through bilateral or multilateral agreements on the rational exploration and exploitation of marine areas through joint venture or other collaborative undertakings; and to declare that Hispano Asia Pacific countries own the resources within their exclusive economic zones and to call on all other countries to recognize and respect this historic and basic traditional right.

The conference finally confirmed to conduct linkages among the public and private institutions of the Hispano Asia-Pacific countries, solidifying this region for a heading role in the coming 21st Asia Pacific century. The conference also agreed to meet again for the second HAPC in the 1993 at one of the countries in Micronesia as conference site, and to meet annually thereafter.

Appreciation of the participants were expressed to the Republic of Philippines for its offer to serve as the HAPC Secretariat and confirmed the Government of Philippine to continue as the Secretariat until the HAPC member countries find a convenient location to hold a permanent Secretariat.

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