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## President Olter's State Visit to Yap

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter arrived Yap, February 14 for his State Visit and to address the National Fisheries Corporation (NFC) activities held in Yap.

Olter and his delegation was met and welcomed at Yap International Airport with a honor guard. At the airport to greet the President were members of both Chiefs Councils, Yap Governor Petrus Tun and Lt. Governor Tony Tawerilmang, cabinet members, members of the Yap State Legislature and other officials.

The President's State Visit to Yap began at the Yap State Legislature building where the President held a

meeting with the leaders of Yap.

At the meeting, the President told the state leaders that he was in Yap to hear the leaders out on any issues of concern to them and that his visit was a goodwill and first visit to Yap as President. He pointed out that he made the decision from the start to visit the states to enhance cooperation and understanding with the states on major issues facing the nation during his administration. Economic Development, said the President, is the major undertaking that faces the nation today. The President called on the leaders to work effectively in guiding the economic development efforts in each of the three major sectors of our nation's

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## FSM and Brunei established relations

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia and His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, February 23, 1992, formally established diplomatic relations with the issuance of a Joint Announcement made simultaneously in each others capital, according to a release from FSM Department of External Affairs.

The Joint Announcement said, "The Government of His Majesty and the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, guided by the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and desirous to strengthen friendly relations and to develop greater cooperation, have decided to establish diplomatic relations with the effect from 23, February 1992."

Both Governments have agreed, at this convenient to both countries, to accredit their respective Ambassadors.

Brunei Darussalam, a sultanate on the Northwest coast of Borneo, is an exporter of oil, rubber, and natural gas. A former British protectorate which gained full independence in 1983.

The FSM now has 23 countries with which it has established diplomatic relations.



**STATE VISIT** - President Bailey Olter during his State Visit to Yap met with the leaders of the state at the Legislature Building to enhance cooperation and understanding with the states on major issues facing the nation during his administration. From left to right are: Yap State Governor Petrus Tun, President Olter, Chief, International Affairs Jesse Raglmar Subolmar, and Yap State Legislature Speaker Joseph Ayin at the back.

## 2 President opens NFC branch office in Yap

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION) - President Bailey Olter on February 14, opened the NFC branch office in Yap and initiated NFC's first in-house commercial operation with the turn-over to the FSM of two 14 ton longline fishing vessels by the Government of Japan.

These first two boats are named "NFC Chuuk and NFC Pohnpei." The office in Yap is called Micronesian Fresh Tuna, a division of the NFC.

Chief, International Affairs Jesse Raglmar Subolmar represented the FSM in the signing of diplomatic note for Protocol of Delivery and Acceptance, and signing for Japan were the Contractor: Assistant Manager of Fishing Supplies Department of Nichimo Co. Ltd. Kohki Tanemoto and Japan International Cooperation System, Director of Grant Aid Management Department Hideo Yasuki, signing as witness.

President Olter and other officials were taken on the NFC Chuuk for a boat ride within the harbor and back to the fisheries dock.

The NFC activities were closed with a dinner held at the fisheries, the cite of the ceremony.

President in officially opening the NFC office in Yap said, he is pleased to open the first state branch office of NFC and to witness the turn-over of the two longline fishing boats generously donated to the FSM Government by the Japanese Government, and to launch the first NFC wholly owned and operated commercial fishing operation.

"This new operation," the President said, "represents a fine example of the increasing economic and diplomatic maturity of the FSM. It is truly an international and multi-state venture."

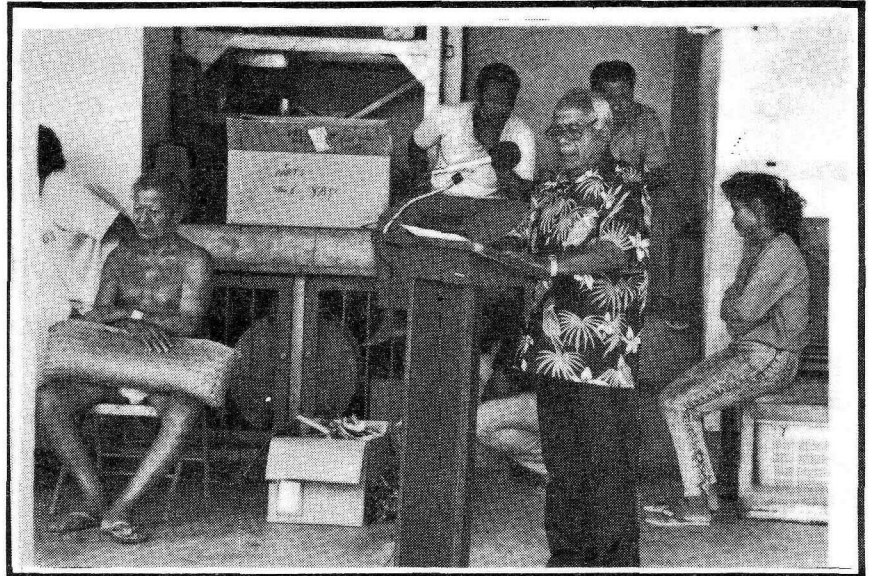
Olter conveyed to the government of Japan through Consul General Mitsuho Watanabe, his sincere appreciation for the generous and appropriate gift. He also thanked the Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan, National Offshore Tuna Fisheries Association of Japan and the Okinawa Tuna Fisheries Cooperative Association for their efforts to obtain for the FSM the able and expert services of the Okinawan master

fishermen and engineers who will initially run the boats and train Micronesian crew in the art and science of commercial tuna longline fishing. "I want to register my thanks to these fishermen who have left their shores to come to work with us," the President said.

Olter added, "This fishing operation is even more international in scope than just between Japan and FSM. The NFC will be acquiring two American style longline fishing boats from the United States," in March, "which will fish alongside these two boats from Japan, using the American style of fishing gear. Two American fishing captains will be running those boats and imparting the

and the FSM through their acquisition of this aircraft and their large investment in the temporary shore facilities in place here in Yap to handle the large number of foreign vessel. These foreign vessels include Okinawan, Taiwanese and soon also fishing vessels from the Republic of China."

"Finally," he said, "I would like to thank our European and Filipino friends who provide the initial basic training in seamanship procedures and skills at the Micronesian Maritime and Fisheries Academy. The academy plays a critical role in the future training of Micronesian seamen and fishermen. I want to acknowledge the hard work and support



*PRESIDENT OPENS NFC OFFICE IN YAP - President Bailey Olter (standing at the podium) addressed those gathered to witness the ceremony of opening the National Fisheries branch office in the State of Yap and also the turn over of the two longline fishing boats from Japan to the FSM. At the back sitting are members of the Yap State Legislature Vincent Figir (left) and Robert Ruecho (right). Left sitting is the Chairman of the Chiefs Council of Tamol Belarmino Hathiy. The ceremony took place at the Yap Fisheries facilities.*

skills of their technology to our fishermen."

"The fish caught by the four NFC boats," said the President, will be transported to their final market in Japan by an air freighter owned by a Taiwanese Company, Ting Hong Oceanic, operating from Yap, an American Air Operator. I would like to acknowledge and thank Ting Hong for its clear vote of confidence and commitment to tuna longline fisheries development in Yap

of the Pacific Missionary Aviation and its German Mission sponsors and the dedication of the staff and teachers from Sweden, Denmark, Philippines and soon from Japan also. Your effort is gratefully appreciated."

"Tuna is an international industry and this new venture by the NFC, based in Yap, could only have been possible through the commitment and assistance of so many people from so many nations. (See NFC, Page 3)



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tions. To all of you our foreign friends, whether you are from government, following the policies of foreign aid and cooperation, or from the fishing industry, following the pursuit of business and livelihood, the gift which you are giving to this nation is one of the best gifts of all, a gift of perpetual self-reliance and self dignity, for as the old Chinese proverb says, "To give a man a fish is to feed him for today, but to teach a man to fish is to feed him for a lifetime," the President stated.

Olter said that the new venture had a very significant national dimension to it as well. Undoubtedly, without the full support of Yap State Government, Yap Fishing Authority and the people of Yap the new venture would not be able to get off the ground so successfully. Yap Fishing Authority is owed a debt of gratitude for their critical support to NFC in providing this office and making available the use of their facilities and services. It is a very positive sign that these two agencies are able to work so closely together, "I wish that all states, national cooperation could be as close and friendly as this," he added.

"While the fishing operation is based in Yap," Olter told the crowd, "every attempt will be made to recruit fisher-

men who will man these boats from all the four states. I want to say this to our fishermen; your contribution to building this nation will not only be through your commercial success but also through the establishment of that close brotherhood which comes naturally to those who must face together the difficulties and perils of the sea for a living. I wish you all success in your fishing careers. Our strong hope, and the policy of my administration, is that one day in the future if you are a good fisherman and careful manager, you as a private individual will have the opportunity to own your own boat and be your own boss."

"It is to this area of government support and policy that I want to dwell. The Marine resources sector is the most economically important sector in this nation," he said.

The President said that the NFC's ultimate objective is to privatize this operations in the future. This is a commendable policy which his administration supports. To further ensure that the future development of tuna longline fishing in this nation is carried out in the private sector.

Olter said that the FSM Government will soon obtain a loan from the Asian Development Bank for funding estab-

lishment of a private Micronesian Longline Fishing Company. NFC is also responsible to establish and nurture a new company and will own 50 percent of the stock in the company initially. However, NFC has agreed that the management control of the new company will be held by the board. The majority of the board member will be from the private sector. As for the 50 percent of shares which it will own, the NFC will gradually sell these shares to the FSM private sector, giving first priority to the FSM employees of the company.

"This commitment to develop private sector investment ownership and control and to bring the possibility for ownership of the fishing boats and of the company within reach of the fishermen themselves," said the President, "is one which we are serious about."

Olter noted that the longline boats cannot operate by themselves. They must operate from efficient bases that can reliably deliver the necessary goods and services required by the boats in facilities which are of a standard sufficient to ensure that the quality of the fish from the FSM is internationally acceptable or, even better, preferred by customers overseas. "To this end," said Olter, "we note and support the efforts of the NFC and the State Governments of Yap and Chuuk to undertake the construction of large modern longline transshipment bases in the respective states. Ground breaking is about to commence on the longline based in Chuuk and that the design for the Yap base is shortly to be completed so that construction here can commence shortly. I shall be having close discussions while I support the NFC and the state governments to see how best we can support these two developments further so that the necessary bases and related services and conditions are completed at the earliest possible time."

"Longline fishing and transshipment," he said, "also rely on air freight services. While I support the efforts by Ting Hong Oceanic as a private air freight operation, I do realize that one aircraft alone is a very risky arrange-

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**NATIONAL ANTHEM** - The students and staff of the Micronesia Maritime and Fisheries Academy sang the FSM National Anthem during the opening of the NFC branch office in Yap and the turn-over of the two longline fishing boats from the government of Japan to the government of FSM.

# 4 Twenty Sixth APPU met in Tokyo Japan

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 26th General Assembly of the Asian-Pacific Parliamentarians' Union (APPU) was held last December at the International Conference Hall in Hotel New Otani, Tokyo, Japan, according to the APPU Joint Communique.

Twelve National Groups attended the Assembly including FSM, China, Korea, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Cook Islands, Japan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Thailand, Tonga, and Tuvalu; with two Associate Groups from Guam and Palau; and Asian-Pacific Cultural Center (APCC), Asian-Pacific Development Center (APDC), and Central Secretariat.

In conjunction with the General Assembly, the 50th APPU Council Meeting and the 26th APCC Executive Board Meeting were also held.

The Assembly unanimously elected Takashi Hasegawa, Chief Delegate of the Japanese National Group, as the President of the 26th General Assembly and admitted Tuvalu as a full member of the Union. Speaker of Tuvalu Parliament expressed a strong sense of gratitude to all the participating members for the admission of his country.

In view of the problems faced by APPU organizations, the Assembly pointed out the need for timely measures to solve the problems. Task of viewing and amending the Charter of APPU was finally completed when substantive amendments to the Charter were unanimously adopted by the General Assembly. The activities of the APDC were suspended for a further year.

Political Resolutions adopted by the Assembly include resolutions supporting the United Nations Cambodian Peace Solution; requesting U.S. and Palau to review, re-evaluate and conclude the question on the future political status of Palau in light of the increasingly enlightened world political situation; and urging North Korea to sign the Nuclear Safeguard Agreement.

Also adopted were three Economic Resolutions relating to the needs for supporting activities of APEC and to strengthen economic cooperation in the

Asian-Pacific region; encouragement of APPU member nations to engage in agricultural development and trade within the APPU membership; and the prevention of the sale of rejected transhipped fish in Guam's local market.

The Assembly extended its gratitude to the host country for the warm hospitality and the generosity accorded to the participating delegates.

Invitation from the Associate Group of Guam to host the next Council Meeting in Guam, June this year was unanimously ac-

cepted and resolved that the National Group of Republic of China hosts the 27th General Assembly in 1992. The relevant dates will be duly confirmed by the Central Secretariat.

APPU National Group from the FSM consisted of FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz, Vice Speaker Dohsis Halbert, Floor Leader Joseph Urusemal, Health, Education & Social Affairs Committee Vice Chairman Peter M. Christian, Legislative Counsel Dennis K. Yamase, and FSM National Group Staff Eliwet Gallen.

## Fisheries officials met in Noumea

NOUMEA, New Caledonia (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The South Pacific Commission's (SPC) annual gathering of fisheries managers, planners, scientists and operators from its 22 Pacific island member countries was held at SPC headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia, last August.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation of a study on Manpower Development in Pacific Island Fisheries Services.

This study was made following a recommendation from the participants of the 22nd Regional Technical Meeting on Fisheries held in Noumea, also last August.

Human resources development remains a crucial but often overlooked element in the management and long-term development of fisheries within the region. Well constructed and realistic manpower development plans promote the most effective use of the human resources available by quantifying individual abilities, defining what skills and knowledge levels are required for all existing and proposed staff positions, and identifying an action plan which determines how to acquire and maintain such levels of skill and knowledge.

To assist member countries to make more effective use of human resources associated with the management and development of fisheries in the region, a detailed study was proposed which assessed, within the existing economic constraints of each country and its fisheries division, the future personnel needs of all island fisheries administrations,

in terms of qualifications, skills levels of competence and numbers of people. This information was used to develop recommendations which was submitted to the meeting participants in assisting countries, agencies and educational institutions to develop appropriate approaches and training to address these needs.

Another feature of this year's technical meeting was a one-day workshop concerned with 'People, Society, and Pacific Island Fisheries Development and Management. During this workshop, several aspects were addressed.

Traditional systems of resource management and control in the 20th century, case studies worldwide; applying traditional knowledge of marine resources to their management; the role of women in Pacific Island fisheries and improving opportunities for women to participate in the development process; fisheries as a part of integrated rural development; the role of extension and communication skills in fisheries development.

Upon completion of the workshop recommendations intended for national and international organizations were formulated.

Other issues discussed at the meeting include: aquaculture and marine resource enhancement (introduction of marine species in the Pacific, reef re-seeding, enhancement of spiny lobster populations through habitat modifications, development of Pacific island pearl oyster resources and issues relating to safety at sea in Pacific island fisheries.



# New faces joined FSM National Government



**Nena**

Former Coordinator for Maternal Child Health Special Project at Kosrae Department of Health Services Lerina J. Nena of Kosrae has joined FSM Department of Human Resources as Health Services Tuberculosis & Hansen's Disease (TBHD) Projects Coordinator, last September.

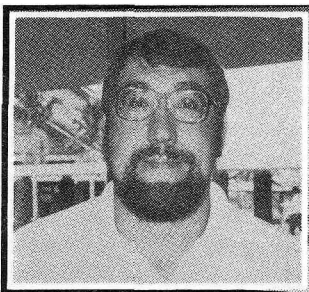
Nena who previously served as a Clinical Head Nurse from 1969 to 1979, began her public service career in Pohnpei District Department of Health Services as a Staff Nurse and became a Head Nurse, 1968.

Her responsibility as FSM TB&HD Coordinator is not limited to create projects, evaluate programs relative to the management functions, maintains the operational goals and objectives of the programs and provides other technical assistant to the FSM National and the States Governments.

Nena received her BS degree in Second Step Leadership Nursing Area in 1990 from the University of Guam and acquired in 1968, an Associate of Science degree in Nursing.

Nena graduated in 1965 from Pacific Islands Central School (PICS High School) in Pohnpei.

Nena is the wife of the FSM Vice President Jacob Nena and they have 10 children.



**RACK**

Ralph H. Rack, a Commission Officer Pharmacist for 17 years with the United States Public Health Service, has joined FSM Department of Human Resources as FSM Pharmacist Consultant.

His prior experience includes: providing consultation in the deprived health care area of the Appalachian region of Southeastern

United States, practicing as a Nuclear Pharmacist with the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, and Special Project Officer with the Food and Drug Administration in Rockville, Maryland.

Rack is assigned to the FSM, through the National Health Service Corp, as Area/Regional Pharmacy Consultant on issues such as: pharmaceutical-procurement, material management, quality assurance and manpower development.

His goal is to develop and set in place a centralized FSM Pharmaceutical Procurement System; thereby improving the availability of medications at a cost savings that will ultimately improve the Health Care Delivery System within the FSM.

Last July, Rack received a \$3,500 Grant Award from the FHP Foundation for a desktop computer. This will begin the development of a computerized FSM inventory control program for pharmaceuticals, assisting in the development of the centralized procurement program.

Rack is a graduate of Duquesne University Pharmacy School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and has engaged in a series of training programs for Health Care Administrators and Project Officers.

He is married to Paula Gormly Rack and they have two children, daughter Heather, 12, and son Jamie who is five years old.



**FRANCIS**

Constantine Francis of Pohnpei, joined FSM Disaster & Special Program Coordination Office January, this year as Special Project Inspector, according to Special Assistant to President for Disaster & Special Program Chutomu Nimwes of Chuuk.

Francis is on board to assist with the coordination of disaster and inspection of homes effected by typhoons in making sure that the homes are fully fixed and repaired.

His duties also include on site inspection of public facilities and projects so as to advise whether or not the work performed meets the specifications; formulate quarterly progress reports on the project being undertaken and other tasks and related work(s) as required.

Francis previously served as Radio Operator, Pohnpei Communication Authority, 1974; was FSM Congress Administrative Clerk from 1975-1979, Continental Air Micronesia Customer's Agent from 1980-1981 in Pohnpei and prior to his post with the FSM, was Administrative Officer for Pohnpei State Department of Justice.

Francis graduated from Pohnpei Islands Central School (PICS), 1974 and attended the College of Guam, 1974 and the Community College of Micronesia in Pohnpei, 1976.

Francis, 37, is married to former Elaine Mendiola of Pohnpei and they have two daughters: Jasmine, five and Shalaine who is four years old.



**CHIENG**

Charges S. Chieng of Yap, on October 28, joined FSM Finance Department as Automotive Data Processing (ADP) Division Administrator.

Prior to his present post he was Branch Assistant Operations Manager for Virginia Alexandria Computer & Microfilm Incorporation.

Chieng wishes to increase service opportunities of ADP to assist both the government and private sectors in all FSM states. His goal is to maximize the potential use of the ADP equipments and to utilize its capability.

Chieng was in the United States for ten years, 1981 to 1991 and had worked in the computer and microfilm companies, picking up the knowledge and skills required for him to become an Automotive Data Processing professional person.

He was previously a trainee and after one year promoted to the supervisory position under several multi million dollars private incorporations with its headquarter based in Washington D.C., the Raven System and Research (RSR) Incorporation, from 1981 to 1983. He offered computer and micrographic operation and management services to various agencies including Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Administration Aviation (FAA), Government

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## 6 \$2.5M for Environmental Management and Protection

SPREP (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) has received US\$2.5 million from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) specifically aimed at strengthening South Pacific island countries' ability to undertake environmental management and protection activities, according to a release from SPREP.

Part of this assistance, called the National Environmental Management Strategies (NEMS) Project which is also supported by the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (AIDAB), the East West Center (EWC) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN), focused on development of National Environmental Management Strategies and especially on building up the number of people trained in environmental management, planning and environmental awareness raising in seven countries, namely Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Tokelau, Tuvalu, and Western Samoa. NEMS are statements of a country's environmental principles and a detailed plan for the realization of a country's long-term environmental goals, which are developed following a comprehensive process of discussion among government depart-

ments, Non-government Organizations (NGO), private sector, and individual citizens. NEMS is a sister project to another SPREP project, call RETA funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which also develops National Environmental Management Strategies in several other South Pacific countries.

SPREP has long been aware of the consistent call from its member governments for training in environmental management and is pleased that major supporting governments and organizations such as UNDP, ADB, AIDAB, EWC and IUCN have heeded this request from these small island countries. The benefits that will be obtained from ensuring that there are sufficient trained personnel, both in the government and non-government sectors, to assess the likely impact of increasing economic development is important long-term support. Although the NEMS Project will only last for two and a half years, it is envisaged that during that time adequate environmental management processes, administered by specifically trained local people, will be put in place in these countries to ensure that the special features and resources of our island environments are sustained as economic development inevitably takes

place.

As Team leader of the NEMS Project, a former SPREP staff member, Neva Wendt, has returned to SPREP to undertake this work. Training activities are not new to her as, for 7 years, she was SPREP's Environmental Education and Information Officer, involved in a considerable amount of in-country training. The NEMS Project with in strong component of training and awareness-raising (both of government personnel and the wider community), is an activity that is very dear to her heart.

SPREP Director Dr. Vili A. Fuavao, stated that NEMS is a good example of collaboration between SPREP and donor communities to meet the priorities set by the member governments. The strength of NEMS is that it's a multi-faceted project which includes strategies for national governments to develop management plans, training, NGOs training, and general support for environmental awareness raising. Obviously the challenge ahead is the implementation of these National Environmental; Management strategies preparation. As well, we are hopeful that we can have similar cooperation and collaboration with others in the donor community.

## FSM represented to international conference on nutrition

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Food & Nutrition Coordinator Jane S. Elymore represented FSM to an International Conference on Nutrition (ICN) sponsored by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Health Organization (WHO), held in Bangkok, Thailand, last January.

The conference was opened by Thailand Minister Meechai Viravaidya of the Prime Minister's Office and attended by delegates from 29 Asian/Pacific countries, according to Elymore.

Viravaidya in his opening remarks, urged the government agencies attending the conference to consider the none governmental organizations in the development as well as the implementation of their plans, commenting Thailand Government to recognize how impressive the production, the consumption and the exportation statistical reports on food which not to lose sight of and the fact that poverty and income disparities persist in Thailand are also existed in the other neighboring countries, and called upon the conference participants to be conscious

about the rapid population growth added to environmental degradation and social distortion in the Asian Pacific countries.

The ICN had organized and elected its officials and rapporteurs. FSM Delegate to ICN Elymore who was appointed by FSM Department of Human Resources Secretary Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick was named the ICN Rapporteur to the South Pacific countries including the Republics of Tuvalu, Kiribati, Palau, Fiji, Cook Islands and Western Samoa, and the Kingdom of Tonga.

She will be assisting in the food and nutrition reports preparations and to see to it that the governments, the none government and political organizations of each country under her jurisdiction took their parts in the review and dissemination process of the reports. In the case of FSM, Elymore is the ICN contact person in FSM who coordinates the endorsement of the FSM report.

The presentations of the assessment of food and nutritional situation and identification of nutritional problems in the Asian/Pacific regions and the discussions about the ICN themes in relation to its declaration

and plan of action entertained the conference sessions.

The conference aims at multi themes: to improve household food security to, protect consumers through improved food quality and safety; care for the Socio-Economically deprived and nutritionally vulnerable; prevent and manage infectious diseases; promote appropriate diets and healthy lifestyles; prevent specific micronutrient deficiencies; assess, analyze and monitor nutrition situations; and to incorporate nutritional objectives into development policies and programs.

"As nutrition is an universal indicator of an individual and societal well-being which does not stand alone, the conference recommended participating countries to follow the multi sectorial strategy which the entire rural health care systems are based upon when implementing the projects to assist their nutritional problems. Several factors have proven crucial to our success: community participation and acceptance of contributions and achievements made by NGOs," Elymore said.



# Nanmwarki of Kitti Wasalapalap Peter laid to rest

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Nahnmwarki of Kitti, Wasalapalap Penito Peter, February 1, this year, passed away from acute respiratory failure secondary due to chronic obstructive airways disease, following emergency surgery for acute cholecystitis with sepsis, according to his physician Dr. Kapiteni Lusangulina.

President Bailey Olter on February 2, 1992 issued a Presidential Proclamation ordering the FSM flag to be flown half mast, January 2 to 8 this year in high respect to the late Nahnmwarki.

The proclamation stated that his passing away is a loss which is felt



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throughout the nation and that it is appropriate and fitting as an expression

of deep sorrow and the highest respect for the late Honorable Peter, to lower the FSM flag to be flown half mast.

Pohnpei State Governor Johnny P. David also issued an Executive Proclamation on February 2, 1992 stating that Penito Peter, Wasa Lapalap Soukisehleng, Nahnmwarki en Wein Kitti was a respected traditional leader of Pohnpei and the people of the State of Pohnpei regret and grieve at his death, and wish to express deep felt sympathy to his family and friends.

Governor David also in honor and respect for Nahnmwarki Peter, ordered all Pohnpei flags to be lowered to half mast from February 2 to 6, 1992.

A resolution by Senator Wagner Lawrence stated that Peter held the highest traditional title of Soukisehleng, Nahnmwarki of Kitti, a title usually bestowed upon persons of great responsibility and wisdom. Peter was also the chairman of the Pohnpei traditional leaders, a position he held with pride, dignity and wisdom. Peter signed the Pohnpei Constitution attesting to his membership in the historic Pohnpei State Constitutional Convention, convened

in Peilapalap, Kolonia, Pohnpei, 1983-84. Peter was also a drafter of the Constitution of Kitti Municipal Government and among all the paramount traditional leaders of Pohnpei, the late Nahnmwarki of Kitti had the distinction of being the first traditional leader to receive the title of "Kaun en Wehi" bestowed by a democratic Constitution.

During the late Nahnmwarki's

tenureship as a traditional leader and political leader he was greatly respected by his peers, the people of Kitti, as well as the people of Pohnpei, for his humility, wise leadership and most of all his vehement desire to lead and help his people, and inopportune passing deprives the people of Kitti as well as Pohnpei of his wisdom and wise leadership, the resolution concluded.

## Less people in the Pacific have access to clean water

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Even in 1990's, only 35 percent of Pacific Islanders have access to clean water or proper sanitation. Outbreaks of water-borne diseases such as cholera and dysentery have recently affected Island countries, and the scourge malaria is back with a vengeance, with drug-resistant killer strains of the bacteria and more tenacious mosquitoes, according to a release from South Pacific Commission (SPC).

These are some of the environmental health problems facing the Pacific, a region where the infant mortality rate is six times higher than that of the developed countries like France, Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

Considering that it is timely to examine these and other environment-related concerns of the Island nations, the SPC is convened the first Environmental Health Conference at the Commission headquarters last August in Noumea, New Caledonia.

During that week, senior environmental health officials looked at ways of helping Pacific island countries to make their programmes in this field more effective.

In the Pacific, diseases of inadequate and unsafe water supply and poor sanitation are all too common. Outbreaks of dengue fever, another mosquito-borne disease, are occurring more frequently, with more people at risk.

Pacific islanders are having to grapple with problems common to developing countries such as air pollution, disposal of non-biodegradable waste, sub-standard housing, contaminated food and occupational health and softy problems.

There were two priorities for the conference. Firstly, participants designed strate-

gies for involving the community - especially women, young people and non-government organizations - in projects such as simple water supply and sanitation arrangements, and mosquito control programmes. Secondly, the conference looked at what skills and expertise are required to tackle complex environmental health problems, and where and how these can be obtained.

Representatives from Pacific Island countries outlined the particular problems in their country; papers were presented on specific topics; and the conference split into discussion groups on water supply and sanitation, vector control, solid waste disposal, food safety, and environmental health management. The staff of SPC organized and conducted the conference, with the assistance of selected resource people from other organizations.

Twenty-four member countries of the South Pacific were represented at the conference. In addition to national environmental officials there were representatives from other international agencies and research and teaching organizations concerned with environmental health in the region. The World Health Organization, South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Fiji School of Medicine, Institute of Medical Research (Papua New Guinea), College of Allied Health sciences (Papua New Guinea), and University of the South Pacific sent participants. The Health Departments of Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii were also represented.

The participants were encouraged to examine their own country's situation in length of the discussions and recommended specific plans of action for their islands. The report and recommendations of the conference helped determine the environmental health activities of the region in coming years.

# 8 President Olter during his State Visit to Yap calls on e

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economy—fisheries, agriculture, and tourism.

The leaders were informed of the progress in foreign affairs. The President told the leaders that the FSM has achieved its major foreign policy objective when the FSM was admitted into the United Nations last September. He went on to inform the leaders of his policy decision to establish a mission in New York to be headed by an ambassador, whom he will appoint soon. (Olter in his March 5, 1992 letter to Congress Speaker Jack Fritz, nominated former Governor of Kosrae Yosiwo George as Ambassador to the United Nations). The leaders were told that in order to maximize full range of benefits and maintain effective representation of our nation's interest at the United Nations, a mission must be established in New York and the President asked the leaders for support in this important undertaking.

The matter of the sea level rise and the global environment was pointed out for the leadership's information in terms of the matter as a component of FSM foreign policy, and what is being done by the National Government to deal with the problem.

The President also pointed out other matters that were discussed in the last Chief Executives Conference for the information of the state leadership. These are the acquisition of Air Micronesia, funding for the Micronesian Maritime and Fisheries Academy, the Investment Development Fund, the restructuring of the College of Micronesia, and the matter of the meeting in Guam on Micronesian migration called by Governor Ada.

He noted the particular importance of the unity of efforts and position by the states and national governments in terms of internal preparation going into the Guam meeting in order to achieve mutually acceptable results.

The President concluded by pointing out what he believed to be of critical importance to the nation: "we must together anticipate changes in the future rather than react to them."

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*IN HONOR OF THE PRESIDENT - A women stick dance was performed at Rull Municipality in honor of the President's visit. There to watch the performance by the women of Rull Municipality were President and his delegation and other FSM National Government employees who were in Yap for workshops, annual conferences, and NFC activities. Members of the Councils, Governor Tun, members of the Yap State Legislature, cabinet members, and other officials and residents of the State of Yap were also present.*



*TOUR OF GOVERNMENT FACILITIES - Standing facing the students of the Micronesian Maritime and Fisheries Academy (MMFA) are President Bailey Olter, left, and Director of MMFA Yarl Lundstrom, right, upon Olter's arrival at the MMFA as part of his state visit to Yap. The students welcomed the President to their campus and Lundstrom took the President on a tour of the facilities. At the back is President of NFC James Movick and on the side is the Secretary of Resources and Development Asterio Takesy.*



# conomic development in fisheries, agriculture, tourism

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He said that there is no better ways of properly planning ahead without effective communications with the state leadership and Congress.

Governor Tun pointed out the urgency of getting the funds to repair the crack in the Yap Airport. The President agreed to what he can to assist Yap with the needed repair on the airport.

The leaders asked to know what has been done to set the maritime boundaries of the nation. They were informed that our boundary with PNG has been established and we are now looking at negotiating our boundaries with the U.S. (Guam), and the Republics of Palau and the Marshalls. Preliminary meetings needs to be held to compare datas as well as to learn how each is working on getting the sets of points needed to delineate the boundary and what charts are being used by each government.

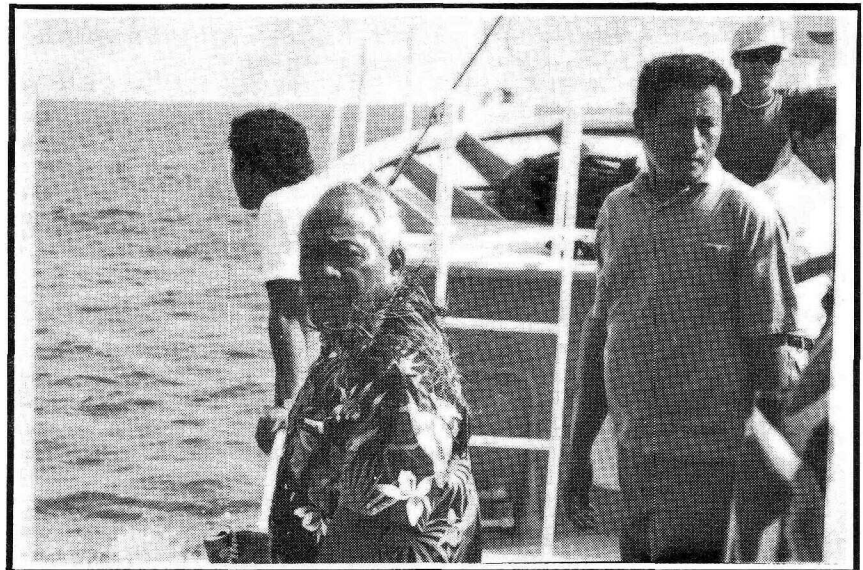
On the airline acquisition issue, the state leadership pointed out that they are very interested in the deal but at this time the state of Yap just simply does not have the \$3 million dollars assessed share in the deal. The leaders suggest that maybe the one option for the deal if its still going through is for the National Government to purchase the share and be reimbursed by the IDF authorized \$40 million once they are appropriated. The state of Yap wants the talks to begin so the money can become available to the nation as soon as possible.

Tun after the meeting accompanied Olter on a tour of the island and government facilities including the Micronesian Maritime and Fisheries Academy. A traditional stick dance was performed in Rull Municipality in honor of President Olter followed by a reception hosted by the state leadership for the President at the Marina Restaurant.

Accompany the President for the visit were Secretary of Resources and Development Asterio Takesy, Chief, International Affairs Jesse Raglmar Subolmar, Foreign Service Officer Osaia Santos, and Special Assistant to the President for Information Terry Gamabruw.



**FSM AND JAPAN SIGNED PROTOCOL** - FSM and Japan representatives signed the Protocol of Delivery and Acceptance on behalf of the two governments during the NFC ceremony held in Yap the 14th of February. Signing for the FSM was Chief, International Affairs Jesse Raglmar Subolmar and for Japan were Assistant Manager of Fishing Supplies Department of Nichimo Co., Ltd Kohki Tanemoto, and Director of Grant Aid Management Department of Japan International Cooperation System Hideo Yasuki who signed in witness. From left to right sitting are Chuuk Lt. Governor Marcellino Umwech, Yap Governor Petrus Tun, Subolmar, President Bailey Olter, Consul General of Japan Mitsuo Watanabe, NFC Chairman Kikuo Apis, and Hideo Yasuki. At the back are Technical Advisor of System Science Consultants Inc. Tamio Akaoka, Kohki Tanemoto, Chairman of the Council of Tamol Belarmino Hathi, and Yap State Senators Vincent Figir and Robert Ruecho. Standing at the end of the long table are President of NFC James Movick and General Manager of Micronesian Fresh Tuna Chris Friberg.



**ON BOARD NFC CHUUK** - President Bailey Olter (left), Senator Robert Ruecho (right) and other officials and crew got on board NFC Chuuk for a spin within the harbor as part of the NFC ceremony held in Yap on the 14th of February. Okinawan master fishermen and engineers are on board the two fishing vessels given to the FSM by Japan to train Micronesian in the art and science of commercial tuna longline fishing.

## Olter's Address to the Leadership of Yap during his State Visit

Governor Tun, Speaker Ayin, Traditional Leaders, members of the executive cabinet members of the Legislature, Officials of the State Government, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I wish to express my sincere apology to the leadership of Yap for arriving two days later than I was scheduled. The bird with the golden tail was not there when I needed it and forced this delay in my arrival to this beautiful and culturally rich state of ours. I apologize most sincerely for all the inconvenience that this has caused you in the preparation for my visit. I guess what is important is that I am finally here and I am exceedingly honored to be your guest for the next couple of days. I am happy for this opportunity to meet to share thoughts on a host of important issues facing our nation today, most of which require the cooperation of all levels of leadership throughout the nation.

Visiting Yap and our other sister states has been something that I wanted to undertake soon after I assumed the Presidency of our nation to basically exchange ideas and share views with the state leadership. The objective of our administration as I stated in my inaugural address is to strengthen and enhance understanding and thereby cooperation between the states and national leadership.

I pledged then to work closely with the state leadership, and I am today reiterating that same pledge and asking the state leadership to work with my administration to address some of the crying needs of our nation in education, health, manpower training and economic development.

We have to also harmonize our policies and efforts for accessing all available foreign economic assistance so that the critically needed infrastructures this nation requires for economic development can effectively be put into place. Let us face it, this nation of ours has very little choice. We have to have some assured economic development by the end of this decade. Getting there is not going to be easy but through sheer commitment and cooperation of the state and the national governments, I am reasonably optimistic that goal is achievable.

I am pleased to report to the state leadership, that we have finally achieved one of the major goals of our nation. The FSM achieved universal political recognition when our nation was admitted into the United Nations last September and in doing so our nation finally assumed its rightful place in the community of nations and thereby inherit the same international responsibilities and obligations as any other independent state in the world. We now have to measure up to the standards and expectations of the international community and that of our own people in order to realize the benefits fitting to our status as an independent nation. The UN other than giving the FSM universal political recognition has effectively open up the full range of multilateral assistance to the FSM for internal economic and social development. The UN membership has also given our nation the ability to conduct bilateral relations with other UN member nations in which we can not afford to establish diplomatic missions.

The immense importance of the United Nations membership to the FSM in terms of both our multilateral and bilateral diplomacy requires that we establish a mission in New York to provide effective representation of our nation's interest at the UN.

Accordingly, the national executive budget for fiscal year 1993 includes a start up budget for a mission in New York headed by an ambassador, whom I will soon appoint and three additional staff. I wish to solicit the support of the state leadership for this important undertaking.

Another matter of great importance to the nation is the problem of sea level rise brought on by what is commonly referred to as the global warming and climate change. This matter which is of critical importance to the FSM as a island nation of many low lying islands has necessarily required our administration to bring the matter of the environment into center stage because of its importance as component of our national policy. Those nations that pollute and emit greenhouse gases which causes the global warming, are the least and last to be effected and thus we have actively joined the international community in the on going efforts to negotiate appropriate global conventions on the global environment. The final meeting, to which the FSM will be represented, to work out the final texts of a framework convention will convene in New York later this month. World leaders will convene an Earth Summit, the first such Summit in the History of man, at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June to sign the framework convention. It is the fervent hope of this earth summit to stem and reverse the rate of deterioration and destruction of the world's environment. What mankind has finally to realize at this very late stage is that development and the environment are two sides of the same coin and that development can no longer be pursued in isolation and at the expense of the environment.

With regard to our diplomatic relations and initiatives, I am happy to report to the leaders that the FSM to date has established full diplomatic relations with 22 countries and we are now the host of four embassies in Pohnpei. I hope and look forward to other nations establishing their permanent missions in the FSM. Our policy continues to be that, on a selective basis, the more nations FSM has diplomatic relations with the more assured we are of reasonably achieving our nation's interest overseas. The essence of our foreign policy is to secure for our internal economic and social development foreign economic assistance from foreign governments and governmental regional and international organizations.

The other issues more close to home which we need only to highlight and touch upon with the state leadership are issues that were also addressed by the recently concluded Chief Executive Conference. These are: 1. The proposed acquisition of Air Micronesia, which the state leadership and the national government need to assess. The Chief Executive Conference expressed strong support for the investment scheme but we need to work out an acceptable and supportable scheme to fund our interest in the deal. 2. The other is the funding of the Micronesian Maritime and Fisheries Academy of FY '93 and beyond. I have been given the task by the CEC to seek the funding from appropriate foreign as well as internal source of funding. I wish to work with the state leadership toward an appropriate arrangement for funding the Academy. 3. Another important matter is the authorized \$40 million dollars Investment Development Fund which we need to put together a sufficient justification package to persuade our friends in the U.S. Congress to appropriate the fund. The Department of External Affairs will spearhead the negotiations in Washington but the Office of Planning and Statistics in coordination with the state government will provide the supporting documentation and statistical data for this effort. 4. One other issue of special importance is restructuring the College of Micronesia. The CEC was told that any splitting up of the College will result in the loss of its eligibility as a land-grant institution. I am aware that there is a bill before FSM Congress on the restructuring of the College and I would call on those involved in the restructuring that whatever the arrangement, the eligibility of the College as a land-grant institution must not be jeopardized because of its importance to this nation's agricultural development. 5. The last matter I wish to bring to the attention of the leaders is the proposal by Governor Ada to convene a meeting of Micronesian leaders, especially from the Marshalls and the FSM, to discuss the issues relative to Micronesian migration from the two countries into Guam. The Chief Executive Conference agreed to meet with the Governor in Guam.

I wish to highlight the importance of our internal preparation going onto this meeting because we will surely be bombarded by information and data on our people's migration and problems they have been alleged to cause on Guam, from crime to perceived burden on the social institutions of the good territory of Guam. We must work with the Guam authorities toward achieving a harmonized situation that is of mutual benefit to Guam and the FSM. I can not overemphasize the need for unified stand by the states and the national government at this meeting in order to achieve acceptable results.

May I conclude this brief remarks by stating what I believe is of critical importance to our nation: We must together anticipate changes in the future rather than react to them. This calls for active and positive action. In this connection, I see no better ways of properly planning ahead without effective communications with the state leadership and our Congress. I hope that the trip now being made throughout the states by members of my cabinet will further this communication.

Thank you once again for making my visit very enjoyable and I look forward to meeting each of you individually in a more informal setting after this meeting over the period of this brief visit to exchange views on some of these concerns and others you may wish to raise. In our meeting now I hope to listen to and take note of issues which the leadership of Yap wish to raise with me on this visit.

I will stop from here and be a good listening guest. Thank you very much.



# Contreras joins Philippine Embassy in Pohnpei

THE NATIONAL UNION, February 1992

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Former Charge d' Affaires of the Philippine Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam Emmanuel J. Contreras has joined Philippine Embassy in Pohnpei as Charge d' Affaires last December.

As Ambassador Purisimo A. De Peralta retired from the service, last December, Philippine Embassy Administrative Officer Diomedes V. Oboy was appointed temporary Officer In Charge (OIC) of the Embassy until Contreras arrived.

Contreras previously served as Record Officer, Political Analyst, Press and Public Relation Attache of the Philippine Embassy, in Taipei, Taiwan from November 1965 to December 1973. He was Assistant in the Office of Economic Affairs, 1973 to 1976; served as Administrative Officer in the Philippine Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, 1976 to 1977; and had a special assignment at Port Moresby as Officer in Charge of the Philippine Embassy. He was Principal Assistant in the Office of Islamic Affairs, 1977 to 1980. On several occasions he served as Officer-in-Charge of the Office.

Contreras was assigned to Kuwait, October 1 to 20, 1980, to help evacuate all Filipinos workers from Iraq during the out break of the Iraqi-Iranian war. Afterwards, he was transferred to the Philippine Embassy in Amman, Jordan where he served as 3rd Secretary and Vice Consul, 2nd Secretary and Consul, and 1st Secretary and Consul General in Jordan, October 20, 1980 to October 21, 1988; and was Charge d' Affaires of the Embassy from May 1985 to August 1986. Contreras served at the Department of Foreign Affairs' Office of International Cooperation in Science and Technology as Special Assistant, November 1988 to May 1990; was assigned to the Philippine Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam as First Secretary and Consul General, June 1, 1990 and again he served as Charge d' Affaires of the Embassy from January to March 1991.

Contreras received his Bachelor of Science degree in Foreign Service at the University of Manila.

The Philippine Embassy in FSM under the current Charge d' Affaires will be looking for opportunity to further strengthen the bond of friendship existing between the Philippines and the

FSM and to grasp the opportunity for projects which are mutually beneficial to FSM people, Filipinos and the Micronesians. Contreras wishes to continue providing Filipino professionals and technical people to help in the development of FSM.

At the same time, he wants to help the Filipinos in the country to play their role as ambassadors of good will of Philippines to FSM and to render what ever assistance necessary to any Filipino who are in need.

"The country is beautiful, the people from the highest to the lowest level of society are very friendly, hospitable and cheerful like Filipinos. The water of Pohnpei is teeming with fish and I intend to visit other states in FSM. I hope to see more beautiful places and I have gone out fishing several times. My favorite sport is fishing and that is why I asked to be assigned here so that I will be able to fish," Contreras said.

Contreras, 60, is married to former Estalita Manlapig of Calumpig Pulacan Province in Luzon and they have two sons, Emmanuel Junior, 31, Manolo, 27 and a grand daughter Maja, who is 11 months old.

## FSM officials bid farewell to De Peralta

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM Information Service) - Dignitaries from the FSM and Pohnpei State Governments joined President Bailey Olter in a reception held last December at the China Restaurant in Kolonia, Pohnpei to bid farewell to Philippine Ambassador to the FSM, Purisimo A. De Peralta and his wife Mila L. De Peralta.

De Peralta presented his credence to former President John R. Haglalgam on December 30, 1989, initiating the establishment of the diplomatic tie with the FSM which fulfilled the promise made by President Aquino, January 30, 1989 when FSM first formalized ties with the Republic of the Philippines. De Peralta left Pohnpei December 15, last year.

Olter expressed in his brief remarks his regrets for the Ambassadors departure and said he must congratulate the

Ambassador personally for his efforts leading to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the FSM and Philippines and the Ambassador's efforts in establishing his country's embassy in Pohnpei and strengthening the relations and understanding between the two countries. "The strength of any relationship of two nations," said the President, "will ultimately depend on the human to human relations and understandings and the relations between the FSM and the Philippines is no exception. Your efforts in this area Mr. Ambassador is noteworthy and I hope that your successor will follow in your footsteps to further your efforts in getting the people of the FSM come to understand and appreciate your esteemed country and your culture."

Olter added, "Our two nations have some common bonds in that we share the Pacific

Ocean and our heritage and legacies of our common foreign rulers, Spain and presently the United States. We have learned a great deal from them, but now we are two free and independent nations ready to work together to achieve our shared objectives in our area of the world and in the world at large. Further work need to be done on both sides to effectively identify areas of common interests and further cooperation."

The President told the Ambassador that as he leaves the President is comforted by the fact that Manila is but a short distance away and hope that the Ambassador will visit the FSM from time to time in whatever capacity. "You will always be welcomed here, your home for the past three years," said the President.

Olter extended his warmest greetings to President Aquino and Secretary Manglapus, the Government and people of the Philippines.

De Peralta in his remarks said, "More

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Accounting Office (GAO), Government Printing Office (GPO) and Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA).

He was also an Assistant Operations Manager of Atlanta Computer Microfilm International Corporation and six other branches base in Alexandria Virginia. Chieng supervises the IBM services to various United States Departments and Agencies including the Department of Education (DOE), Department of Labor (DOL), Patent Trade Office (PTO), GPO, etc, from 1984 to 1991.

Chieng graduated from Saipan Marianas High School 1973 with recognition of an honorary medal, was the President of the Yapese Student Organization while attending the University of Guam in 1974, graduated from Texas Incarnate Word College, 1981, with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and International Relations. In that institution, he was the International Student Association President. He received honorary awards and was selected Whose Who among students from the American Colleges and the Universities. Chieng was admitted to study Urban and Regional Development Planning for his graduate program at the University of the District of Columbia. He was also the Vice President for District of Columbia University Student Planning Organization.

Chieng, when asked, asked why the tie? He said, "Micronesian people are important to me. So give them my best in every way. Why shape up to face foreigners and not so to face Micronesians" Doesn't the analysis of what places the burden on importance on foreigners before Micronesians? If that's the case, then I don't want any part of it. In my book, Micronesians come first."

Chieng is 37, married to former Faye Velasquez and have two sons John, 13, Al, 7, and two daughters Maxine 6 and Jennifer 5 years old.



**GOOTNAN**

Former Budget Analyst for Yap State Planning and Budget Division, Finance Department, Gertrude Gootinan has joined

FSM Office of Public Auditor as Auditor I assisting in the assigned senior auditors functions.

Gootinan is now working hand in hand with senior auditor of the Office of Public Auditor, auditing the Compact Capital Improvement Project for the FSM as her initial assignment and also orienting herself to the new job.

Gootinan is a graduate of Yap Outer Islands High School in 1980 who also attended Mt. Carmel High School in Saipan, and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Oregon Pacific University, 1989.

Gootinan, 29, a daughter of Agnes Maluw and Joseph Yilon of Rull, Yap State, has three brothers, and seven sisters.



**MAKAYA**

FSM Postal Service announced the promotion of Herlino E. Makaya of Pohnpei to FSM Chief Postal Inspector, last July.

As a Chief Inspector, Makaya oversees the Inspection Division of the Postal Service which is charged to ensure the security and protection of mail and postal funds through periodic financial and service audits and security inspections of the post offices and the philatelic bureau in FSM, and overseas production and sales agent. The division also provides technical services to Postmaster General and to the State Postmasters including training of new postal employees. "In the past, we had an expatriate management and training officer, a retired U.S. postal inspector in that capacity, and now we have one of our own people in-charge which is a very positive step for the FSM," stated Assistant Postmaster General Ignacio Stephen.

Makaya, a native of Madolenihmw, Pohnpei had served as Postal Inspector since November 1984. He is the PTA President for Lukop Elementary School in Madolenihmw.

Prior to joining Postal Service, Makaya served as a radio operator at the Pohnpei Communication Center; Community Organization Manager for Ponape Community Action Agency; classroom teacher for

Pohnpei Department of Education; and as a reality technician at the Pohnpei Land Office.

He has gone through extensive postal inspection trainings after joining the FSM Postal Service. These include criminal investigation courses at the US Federal Enforcement Training Center in Glyngo, Georgia; postal inspection training at the US Postal Academy in Potomac, Maryland; and postal audit and accounting at the Honolulu Division of US Postal Service in Hawaii.

Makaya attended Brigham Young University, Hawaii campus majoring in Human Resource Development & Organizational Communication from 1978 to 1980 and 1988 to 1989. In 1973 he graduated from Mckinley High School in Honolulu, Hawaii after transferring from PICS High School in Pohnpei.

Makaya is an active municipal leader. He was a delegate to the historic Madolenihmw Constitutional Convention, and was Vice Chairman of the very important Land Committee. He was the first Speaker of the Madolenihmw Council, and also was the Vice Speaker during a second term. He is also active in the Church servicing and was at one time in the past as District President for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Pohnpei and also was preciously a branch President.

Makaya is married to former Rosa Tanaka of Sokehs and they live with their four children in Madolenihmw.



**HALL**

Daniel E. Hall joined FSM Attorney General Office as Litigation Division Assistant Attorney General last January. Hall is former Law Clerk to the FSM Supreme Court.

Hall as an Assistant Attorney General, has the duty to file and prosecute criminal cases; file and defend against civil cases for FSM National Government and assist in carrying out the functions of the other Divisions in the Attorney General Office.

He published a book entitled Criminal Law & Criminal Procedures and now working on another book entitled Admin-

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istrative Law. As a Law Professor, Hall taught Business Law at the University of Evansville from 1990 to 1991 and Criminal Law, Criminal Procedures, Business Law and Introduction to Law at Lockyear College from 1989 to 1990.

He previously served as a Bailiff in the State Court of Indiana in 1985; the U.S. Congress as Legislative Correspondent and as a Research Assistant in 1985 for Brookings Institution in Washington D.C. following his service with the U.S. Congress. Hall was a Law Clerk to U.S. District Court Judge in Indiana from April 1989 to August 1991 when he took up his duties with the FSM Supreme Court, September 1991 to December 1991.

Hall graduated with a J.D. degree from Washburn University Law School in Kansas, 1988. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Public Affairs and Political Science from Indiana University, 1985 where he studied for a double major.

Hall, 29, is married to former Stacey Siekman of Buckskin Indiana, who graduated with a bachelor degree in business from Southern Indiana University and is currently an English and Business instructor at the Community College of Micronesia.

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ment and we will do our best to facilitate and encourage additional and lower cost air freight in the FSM. It has been brought to my attention that aircraft fuel prices in the FSM are substantially higher than in other areas and we will closely examine this matter to see how these costs can be reduced to correspondingly bring down air freight costs."

The President concluded noting, "commercial tuna fishing is a very difficult business, but with potential for suitable returns to the fishermen and to the nation as a whole if we are able to conduct operations successfully. To do that, we require close cooperation and mutual assistance between governments and the private sector, between Micronesians and foreign companies and partners, and between countries as a whole. This new venture has already shown the benefits and need for such wide-spread cooperation."

## ANNOUNCEMENT

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE)** - The office of Public Defender, FSM National Government, wishes to announce that law scholarship funds are still available for the remaining portion of this fiscal year, between now and September 30, 1992. All interested FSM citizens or prospective law students from the FSM, who are pursuing law studies in any recognized law school, and are applying for summer pre-admission program or enrolling beginning with fall semester 1992, are encouraged to apply to some of these grants at their earliest convenient hereinafter. For further information, please call FSM Public Defender's office at 320-2648 or fax 320-5775; or write to P.O. Box PS-174, Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941.

He charge NFC management, the captains and crews of the two boats to do their best to make this venture successful.

"I will not ask you to fish well and profitably for the sake of your country or national pride or anything so grand," he said, adding that, "Modern history clearly demonstrates that a country's economy does better when individuals are free to pursue profit and livelihood on their own to maximize their own individual income. Through your individual efforts to make money in the tuna longline fishing business you will bring true economic growth to this nation. Our job in government is to help put the pieces in place so that you can fish as efficiently as possible."

Olter commended NFC for taking this step to launch this venture. "I wish all of you in management and on the boats the very best of success," he said.

## Morrison left FSM after four years



**AWARD:** President Bailey Olter (right) presented to Dr. William I. Morrison a certificate of appreciation for the years of services Dr. Morrison has provided to the FSM.

Dr. William I. Morrison left his post at the FSM as Chief Technical Advisor for the Office of Planning and Statistics as his contract ends in January this year.

Morrison prior to working with the FSM Government was Advisor for Future of Jakarta Project. He had been in the FSM since 1987.

Morrison advices on projects planning and implementation for the FSM and United Nation projects in FSM and on strengthen in the activities for the Office of Planing and Statistics. He assisted in the production of the Second National Development Plan and totally incharged of the development of the training programs for the National, States, and the Municipal Governments.

Dr. Morrison previously served at the European Community Research Institutions as a researcher. He was a Professor in Economics where he taught in Jordan, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Irreg, and at the University of London.

Dr. Morrison has his PH.D in Economics from the University of London. He is married to Dr. Tanuta Jachniak of Poland and they have a son Stuard, 17 and a daughter Ania who is seven years old.

Olter at the same time, also presented another certificate of appreciation to Dr. Jackniak for her services to the FSM Government. Dr. Jackniak also worked at the Office of Planning and Statistics as Economic Planner.

# 14 FSM Congress adjourned passing 23 bills and six resolutions

THE NATIONAL UNION, February 1992

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE)** - The FSM Congress adjourned its Second Special Session sine die February 6, 1992, passing 23 Congress bill and six resolutions including Congress resolution 7-35, confirmation of Andon Amariach as Associate Justice and resolution 7-54, confirming the nomination of former Governor of Pohnpei State Resio S. Moses as Secretary of the Department of External Affairs.

## **Bills Passed:**

C.B. 7-88 CD3, amending FSM Code for raising the import tax levied on certain items.

C.B. 7-144, appropriating \$20,000 for installation of computer program to be used for payroll deductions for Farmers Home Administration Loans.

C.B. 7-169, appropriating \$150,000 for the construction of airstrips in Chuuk State and to change the site of one of the airstrips from Puluwat to Pulusuk and increasing the amount for the airstrip from \$300,000 to \$450,000.

C.B. 7-178, further amending Public Law No. 7-19 appropriating \$42,000 as supplemental funding for the operations of the Legislative Branch of the National Government.

C.B. 7-179, appropriating \$600,000 for providing additional funding to the disaster relief funds.

C.B. 7-180, further amending Public Law No. 5-89 for modifying the use of funds previously appropriated for public project in the Northern Namoneas region of Chuuk State.

C.B. 7-181, further amending Public Law No. 4-28, Chuuk State public projects for modifying the use of the funds appropriated therein.

C.B. 7-186, further amending Public Law No. 5-89 to change the use of certain funds previously appropriated for Chuuk State public projects, and to change the allottee of certain funds previously appropriated for Chuuk State public projects.

C.B. 7-187, further amending Public Law No. 7-19 to reallocate the use of funds previously appropriated for the operating expense of the judicial branch of the National Government.

C.B. 7-189, amending Public Law No. 7-35, Chuuk State public projects for modifying the use of certain funds previously appropriated therein.

C.B. 191, to amend Public Law No. 7-8, appropriating an additional \$3,950,000 for the construction of the Community College of Micronesia.

C.B. 7-192, amending Public Law No. 7-35, Chuuk State public projects for allocating the fund previously appropriated therein.

C.B. 7-195, further amending Public Law No. 6-49 for modifying the use of funds appropriated therein for Chuuk State public projects.

C.B. 7-197, further amending Public Law No. 6-49 for changing the allottee of certain funds previously appropriated therein for public projects in the Pattiw, Weito, and Hall Islands of Chuuk State.

C.B. 7-200, further amending Public Law No. 4-17 for reapportioning funds for Kosrae State Public Projects.

C.B. 7-201, further amending Public Law No. 4-92, Kosrae State public projects, for modifying the use of funds appropriated therein.

C.B. 7-202, amending Public Law No. 7-29, Kosrae State public projects to allocate the use of the funds previously appropriated therein and to modify the allottee of certain funds previously appropriated therein.

C.B. 7-205, further amending Public Law No. 6-89, Kosrae State public projects,

C.B. 7-206, further amending Public Law No. 5-42 for changing the allottee

of a project appropriated therein, and modifying the allottee of certain funds appropriated therein.

C.B. 7-209, further amend Public Law No. 5-80 for modifying the uses of funds appropriated for public projects in Kosrae State.

C.B. 7-210, amending Public Law No. 7-24, Pohnpei State projects, to allocate funds appropriated therein.

C.B. 7-211, further amending Public Law No. 6-89, Kosrae State public projects, to modify the allottee for certain funds appropriated therein.

C.B. 7-212, further amending Public Law No. 5-80, Kosrae State public projects for changing the allottee of certain projects appropriated therein.

## **Congress Resolutions Adopted:**

C.R. 7-75, approving Kosrae and Pohnpei State operation and maintenance improvement program (OMIP) grant application pursuant to the FSM Code.

C.R. 7-77, approving an amendment to the Foreign Fishing Agreement between the Micronesian Maritime Authority and Ting Hong Oceanic Enterprise Company.

C.R. 7-79, expressing deepest sympathy to the people of Kitti and Pohnpei for the inopportune passing of Nanmwarki of Kitti Wasalapalap Penito Peter.

C.R. 7-80, expressing deep gratitude and appreciation of Congress to Blake Phillips for his outstanding loyalty, professionalism, and dedicated service to the Congress and people of the FSM.

## **CORRECTIONS**

In Volume 13, January 30, Number 2, issue of the National Union on Page 7, last column of inauguration story, several important names were incorrectly spelled. They should be Pohnpei State Associate Justice Judah Johnny; Gerson Lekka; Kimiko Elanzo, Vice Chairperson, Education and Cultural Affairs Committee; Tesiwo Liwy, Chairman of Federal and Foreign Relations Committee; Feliciano Perman, Chairman of Finance Committee; Annes Leben, Chairman of Labor and Manpower Committee.



PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A basic Statistical Operation and Procedures (SOAP) training course purposely planned to improve local manpower capability in FSM was held at Palikir, Pohnpei, last year.

Pohnpei State and National Governments representative participated in the course conducted under the supervision and direction of the Manger of Australia Bureau of Statistics Peter Drury. Drury was appointed as the consultant to FSM Office of Planning and Statistics (OPS) by the South Pacific Commission to conduct this course.

The course is the first held in FSM and it places special emphasis on building up spirit of cooperation and net work among the trainees where they can depend on each other for assistance at their offices, also organized the statistics to be generated from different agencies in the states and national governments.

The course further prepared the participants on statistical knowledge that will be helpful to the states and national governments in several years time and aims to assist participants to understand

statistics, to encourage cooperation between the offices in the state and national governments and to introduce additional statistical theories.

The course's context include principals, methods, uses of statistical concepts in relation to sampling and data collection processing. The goals and objectives of the training were to manipulate trainees in order to meet the level of appreciating statistical status, enable them to design statistical questions properly and to put the theories they have learned from the course to practice in their daily works.

Drury said, "The participants have gained a lot from the course, partly through their own efforts. They have been very good in doing extra assignments, participate in class discussions, and generally learned as much as they could. I believe that all of these trainees could benefit from participating in a more advance module very quickly so that they can develop skills which they have already obtained. I also believe that some of them will also be working quite soon in some specialized topics, in relations to statistics for the consumers prized index, which will be very impor-

tant for the FSM."

The 15 participants include FSM OPS Statistical Technicians Kummer Sepety, Merinda Andrew, Itorie Amond and FSM OPS Clerk Typist Merwine Semes, FSM Department of Finance, Revenue Division Manager Palikun George, FSM Department of Resource and Development (R&D) Division of Agriculture Clerk Typist Artherine Thomas, R&D Assistant Administrative Officer Brigita Hebel, R&D Business Registration Assistant Administrative Officer Atelia Kinere, R&D Tourism Division Officer Iromy Rosokow, FSM Department of Human Resources Education Division Youth Coordinator Sosiro Yamamura, Pohnpei State Office of Budget Planning and Statistics (OBP&S), Statistics Division Specialist Verginia Helgenberger, Pohnpei State Tourism Office Administrative Officer Brihten Silbanus, Pohnpei State Department of Conservation & Resources Surveillance Economic Planning Division Chief Edward Linus, Pohnpei State Department of Education High School Counselor Norbert Samuel, and Elementary Education Division Assistant Chief Moses Santos.

## De Peralta

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than three decades of telling lies, honestly, my fellow diplomats here, whether you like to admit or not, it is about time that we also change our personalities, no more telling lies. I am going to speak with you as a friend, not any more as a diplomat. If you will notice I am in a diplomatic, so called "Diplomatic Attire," purposely, because I want to end this period of TELLING LIES.

The Ambassador said that he has enjoyed his stay in Pohnpei and have learned a lot of things, from lowest to the highest.

"I did my best," said Peralta, "in promoting our bilateral relations during my stay here. My main trust from the beginning was to see that the man power skill to come here, and not necessarily for them to earn dollars."

De Peralta said that the soul purpose

of Secretary Manglapus' trip to the FSM in 1990 was to established direct trade between our two countries.

De Peralta considered it his achievement that Medical Referral Program have been extended to the FSM.

He said he had been proposing that FSM sends its trainees or skill manpower for training.

The most important accomplishment the Ambassador have achieved here, he said, is the people to people relations. "From the time I came here, I have noticed that more Filipinos are coming here and more Micronesians are going to the Philippines," he added.

He agrees to the quotation in Olter's Inaugural Address from the great American Descendant, Oliver Wendell Holmes, the great thinker's words, "It's not so much where we are, but to know where we are moving."

"In so saying that I am a friend of yours, Mr. President," De Peralta said, "I am praying and hoping that your country will develop fast enough to be able to catch up with the other nations. We in the Pacific had been neglected for centuries. We in the Pacific kept to be crumbled upon the imperialistic and that was one of the strategies of existence in the world."

"We have to learn to be self-reliant, we have to learn things on our own, we have to know that we are capable because we have our own resources. We are inter dependent but not as a slave to another country. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, the words from a British English Writer William Bleak, "A fire makes ashes, a spider, a web, a man his friend." You Micronesians are my friends," as he concluded his remarks.

# 16 First FSM National Environmental Management Seminar

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**PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE)** - The first ever FSM National Environment Management Seminar was held in Pohnpei from February 5 to 7, this year, supported with funding from the Asian Development Bank and the Australian Embassy, and the technical support of the South Pacific Regional Environment Program.

The objectives of the seminar were to provide a forum for discussion of environmental issues in the FSM, identify major environmental issues and strategies necessary to address these issues, and identify and describe the specific programs required to implement these strategies.

Over 60 national, state government officials and representatives from non-government organizations participated in this meeting.

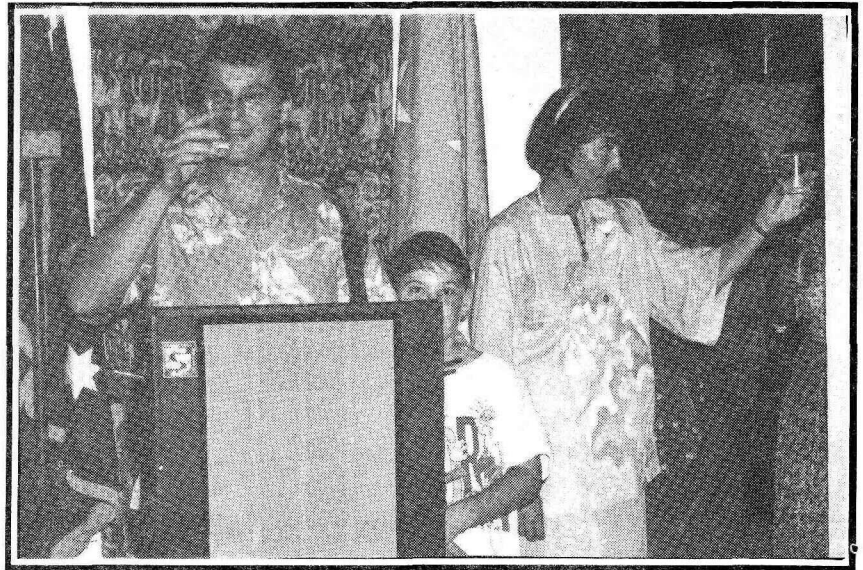
The seminar was opened by President Bailey Olter who emphasized its importance in providing the first major opportunity for the government and people of the FSM to determine how to best care for and manage their natural environment. In the President's own words, "the seminar represents the first time that leaders from three environment and development sectors, the state and national governments, and the public and private sectors, have sat down together to discuss the future directions that the national and state governments of the FSM must take to ensure that our environment is protected and that future economic development is environmentally sustainable."

Some of the major environmental issues brought up during the seminar include the need for environmental

awareness and education, management and protection of natural resources, waste management, and pollution control. Objectives developed to address these issues included the review and upgrading of the status of environmental education, the preservation of traditional knowledge and management systems, strengthening the resource database, protecting areas of high ecological, wilderness and cultural value, promotion of food crop production and traditional agroforestry systems, sustainable use of forest resources and marine resources, coastal environment management, disposal of solid wastes and sewage, re-

duction in pollution from industrial processing, and the control of the use of hazardous chemicals.

Based on the discussions and recommendations from the seminar, an environmental management strategy document will be developed and reviewed at a second seminar to be held in Pohnpei April 29-30, this year. A final document will then be prepared. This will assist the decision makers of the FSM in selecting and designing projects that will advance the economic development of our islands while utilizing our natural resources in a sustainable manner for the benefit of future generations.



*TOAST - The Australian Embassy in the FSM celebrated on January 24, the 204th Australian Anniversary at the residence of Australian Ambassador to the FSM Peter Seymour Bedel Stanford. Present at the Anniversary were Vice President Jacob Nena, Speaker Jack Fritz who spoke on behalf of the FSM, Diplomatic Corps and other national and state officials. Standing from left to right are: Ambassador Stanford, his son Alex Stanford, his wife Janni Stanford, Sala Volau, Dave Smith, and Jean Waters. Proposing a toast for the Anniversary was Australian Ambassador Stanford at the Podium.*

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