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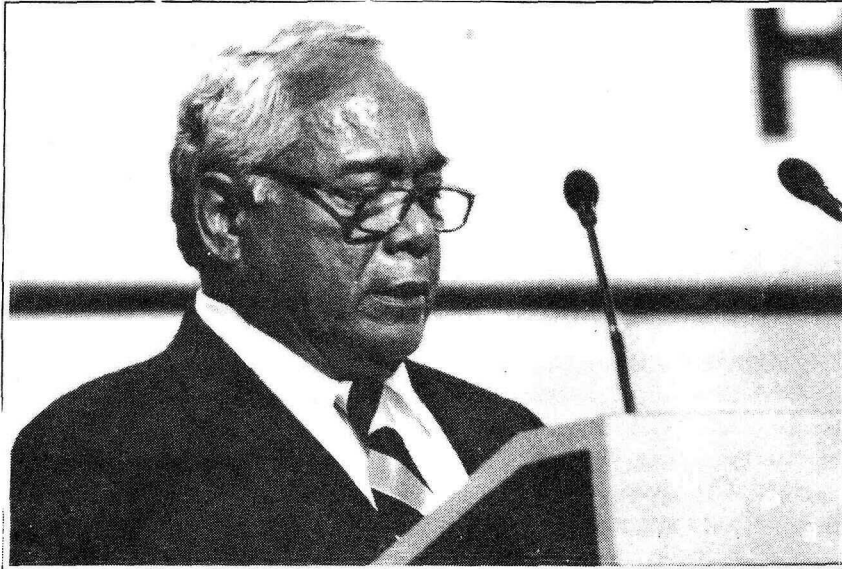
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*ADDRESSING THE SUMMIT IN RIO - President Bailey Olter as Chairman of the South Pacific Forum addressed the Summit at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in May this year.*

## *Olter visited Japan as Forum Chairman*

TOKYO, Japan (FSM Information Service) - President Bailey Olter and his party consisting of First Lady Amalia, Forum Secretary-General Iremaia Tabai, FSM Secretary of External Affairs Resio S. Moses, and Chief of International Affairs Jesse Raglmar-Subolmar arrived in Tokyo on President's visit to Japan as Chairman of the South Pacific Forum.

The President met with Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, and Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Joji Kakizawa. Olter, First Lady Amalia and Secretary Moses had a thirty minutes audience with their Majesties, Emperor Akihito and Empress Michko.

In his meeting with the Parliamentary Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kakizawa, Olter expressed appreciation for the invitation to visit Japan in his capacity as Chairman of the South Pacific Forum. He thanked the Vice Minister for the constructive contribution of the Japan Delegation in the Post-Forum Dialogue Partners Meeting last year in Pohnpei, FSM.

The meeting with Kakizawa was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and attended by senior officials of the Foreign Affairs Ministry. In attendance with President Olter were Forum Secretary-General Tabai, Secretary Moses, Chief of International Affairs Raglmar-Subolmar, and FSM Deputy Chief of Mission, James Naich from the FSM Embassy in Japan.

President Olter made a presentation  
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## **Olter signed Conventions in Rio**

RIO DE JANEIRO - (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter signed both Conventions on Climate Change and Biodiversity and endorsed the Rio Declaration and the Chapters of UNCED agenda 21 at the Rio Earth Summit, last May.

The FSM Delegation to the historic Earth Summit at Rio de Janeiro returned after a side trip to Tokyo where President Olter concluded meetings with Japan Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, and Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Joji Kakizawa as Chairman of the South Pacific Forum. The President also had an audience with the Emperor.

Olter addressed the Earth Summit on June 12, the first day of the Heads of State and Government Summit in his capacity as Chairman of the South Pa-

cific Forum. The President pointed out to the Summit, "although the Forum member states would have preferred a stronger conventions, particularly the one on climate change, with clear commitments to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, a number of us have signed on the basis that the conventions enable at least a beginning of our collective efforts to achieve real improvements in the areas covered."

The President went on to say that, "The Pacific Region is one of the World's troves of biological diversity. The many thousands of islands are rich in terrestrial and marine ecosystems. The Forum has recognized the fundamental importance of these biological resources to the people of the Pacific

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Region and of the world, and has endorsed the development of agricultural, forestry and fisheries practices which encourage the maintenance of biological diversity."

In addressing the concerns of the Forum on the unwarranted activities of outside powers in the Region in terms of the disposal of toxic, radioactive wastes, the President said, "We are hopeful that the world emerging sense of environmental ethics as demonstrated by this Conference will enable our region at last to overcome a particular problem that for years has intensified the vulnerability of our island's existence. I refer to the attitude of many developed countries that the Pacific Island Region is a great, unpopulated void which offers opportunities to the rest of the World for convenient disposal of toxic, radioactive or otherwise harmful wastes, and for the conduct of any dangerous or obnoxious activity that cannot for reasons of public safety be carried out on home territory."

On the United States activities on Johnston Island to incinerate stockpiles of chemical weapons shipped there from Germany, the President pointed out that, "we (Forum) are relying on the assurances by the United States that the scope of the operations on Johnston Island will remain limited to the current program and that the facility will be dismantled as soon as that program has been completed."

On the matter of arrangement by several developed countries for ocean shipment of plutonium, the President said, "another matter of current interest is a planned long-term arrangement between several developed countries that seems likely to involve ocean shipment of highly refined plutonium. The Forum is seeking detailed information on this project prior to discussing its implications at the upcoming annual meeting in the Solomon Islands."

In terms of the long standing issue of nuclear weapon testing in the Pacific Region, the President pointed out that, "Countries in the Pacific Region have long opposed the use of islands within

the Region for the conduct of nuclear weapon testing. We do welcome the recent decision of France to suspend its testing in the Pacific, and urge that, in the spirit of Rio, the suspension of testing be turned into a permanent ban."

In concluding, Olter said, "We in the South Pacific Forum devoutly hope this historic Summit and its mechanisms will at last make the World realize the Pacific is both valuable to future generations for its vast resources and home to present generations of peoples who have never willingly accepted that their backyards be made dumping grounds or testing and disposal areas. Since our small size and wide dispersion has in the past denied us the political power to protect ourselves against these forces, we look forward henceforth to a World Order in which new environmental imperatives will teach others the inequity of past attitudes and practices."

During the General Debate toward the finalization of the conventions and the chapters of Agenda 21, Secretary of External Affairs Resio S. Moses, who headed the advance team to the Summit delivered a statement on behalf of the FSM. The Secretary in his statement said, "The Federated States of Micronesia, a country of small islands joined together by vast stretches of open ocean in the Pacific, has a perspective on this historic meeting that differs from

most. Not only are we new to the United Nations, but our entire experience with unified self-government has a span of less than twenty years; our sovereign statehood was won barely over a decade ago. We are thus not only a developing country, but one which has had to learn quickly the tasks of serving a widely separately and culturally diverse society."

"Unfortunately," he said, "we cannot afford to wait for the wisdom of long experience before confronting the crucial environmental problems that threaten us now—problems that threaten the life and health of our citizens—problems that threaten even the very islands on which we live."

"Thus," he added, "we are thankful for this conference and for the consensus among the world's nations that the threats facing our country are also a common concern of humankind. We need such assurance, because the problems are not ours alone; working alone, we could neither develop in an environmentally sound manner nor long survive."

The Secretary went on to say that, "The mental picture of entire island nations slowly disappearing beneath the waves in a graphic one, and we in the Micronesian islands are very grateful that the intergovernmental negotiating

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**SUMMIT - President Bailey Olter (sitting) is signing the Convention on Biological Diversity at the Summit in Rio. (Standing) left to right: UN employee, Secretary of External Affairs Resio S. Moses, FSM Permanent Representative to the United Nations Jesse Marehalau, First Lady Amalia, Chief, International Affairs Jesse Raglmar-Subolmar, and UN employee.**

# Summit....

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committee recognized this grim prospect in the text of the framework convention on climate change. The Federated States of Micronesia worked hard on the framework convention along with other island nations, and although we had hoped for a more aggressive start toward solving mankind's most deadly problem, we thank the nations of the world for taking the difficult and even painful decisions that were necessary in order to reach this initial agreement. Many others who have indicated their intention to sign the convention and work within its mechanisms to improve it, we will do the same."

In concluding the Secretary said, "Should we fail to do what must be done, whether for lack of political will, unwillingness to commit resources, or simple skepticism, the final step in the process will be the same for all, with many country and other island states leading the firm procession. The destruction of the Federated States of Micronesia will provide any remaining doubters a preview of what, by then, will have become the inevitable fate of the entire planet."

According to the delegation, the Rio Summit was a success not just for the signing of conventions and the Agenda 21 (UNCED's Program of Action) that was endorsed, but the fact that the largest conference of heads of state and government in the history of mankind convened and deliberate on the collective future of humankind and the planet itself. It has been said that the world will never be the same after the Rio Earth Summit as the environment has effectively taken on its inseparable role with development. Sustainable development is the way for the future after Rio.

The FSM Delegation headed by Olter consist of Secretary of External Affairs Resio S. Moses, Chief, International Affairs J. Raglmar-Subolmar, FSM Ambassador to the United States and Perm. Rep. to the UN Jesse B. Marehalau, Deputy Perm. Rep. to the UN James T. Stoval, III, Asst. AG Maurine Phylan, and Elieser Rospel from the Office of Information.



**OLTER MET WITH MIYAZAWA** - President Bailey Olter during his visit to Japan as Chairman of the South Pacific Forum met with Prime Minister of Japan Kiichi Miyazawa. From left to right are President Olter, an interpreter, and Prime Minister Miyazawa.

## Olter in Japan

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of the issues which the Forum seek cooperation and assistance from Japan including development assistance to the region, fisheries, economic cooperation, trade, security and law enforcement, and the protection of the environment.

Other issues raised were the need to set up a Forum Trade Office in Tokyo in the similar arrangement as the one in Sydney, and the need to know what Japan's views are on the regional proposal for a multilateral fisheries treaty with Japan.

The Vice Minister responded by saying that the two issues are somewhat difficult and would need to be further discussed at the official level.

Present with the President in the meeting with the Prime Minister were Tabai, Moses, FSM Ambassador to Japan Masao Nakayama, and Raglmar-Subolmar.

During the brief meeting, President Olter thanked the Prime Minister for taking the time to meet with him inspite of his busy schedule in the Diet. The President expressed gratitude for Japan's assistance to the Forum over these several years. He informed the Prime Minister that the Forum and its member states attached great deal of importance to their relations with Japan and the need to work closely with the Govern-

ment of Japan on the resolutions of regional issues and concerns. The President expressed his hope to visit Japan in the future in his capacity as President of the FSM.

## FSM Law Day commemorated

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - In commemoration of the FSM Law Day, July 12, the FSM Supreme Court hosted an open house for the general public on July 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, according to a public announcement from the FSM Supreme Court.

Vice President Jacob Nena issued a Law Day Proclamation, July 8, encouraging every one and the governments' of FSM to observe with appropriate activities and to promote respect for the law.

The proclamation stated that, July 12, 1965 marks the first convening of the Congress of Micronesia and the opening of the Micronesian Constitutional Convention. The citizens approved the Constitution of FSM on July 12, 1978 and on July 12, 1981, the FSM Supreme Court was established and 1992 marks the 11th anniversary of the FSM Supreme Court.

## 4 Hondorian Mahogany Planted in Pohnpei

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Resource Conservationist Ruben Dayrit from the U.S. Department of Agriculture supervises a Tree Planting Project assisted by FSM Job Training Partnership Act, incorporated with Pohnpei State Agriculture Department, Forestry Division. Dayrit is with the U.S. Embassy in the FSM.

The tree planting project is located at the old Farm Institution site in Pohnlangas Plantation, Madolenihmw. The Project wishes to plant Hondorian Mahogany Trees on 120 acres in the old site of the Farm Institution. The trees will have 25 to 30 years period before it can be used for lumbers. The project will begin with approximately 10,000 seedlings of Hondorian Mahogany which is used for making lumbers and a fast growing lumber trees. It can be harvested within 25 to 30 years.

Although the program was started by Hawaii and Guam, there was a Memorandum of Understanding for USDA programs including the Farmers Home Administration, Soil Conservation, Forestry, which are part of the Compact of the Free Association and other programs are available for the FSM.

This program in Pohnpei will be extended to the other states in the FSM. The office in Pohnpei is located at PAMI Building.

Pohnpei State Department of Conservation and Resource Surveillance is responsible for the project.

Dayrit is the coordinator, taking care of the the project who will be moving place to place to work for the conservation of the soil.

The project is the 2nd tree planting project held in Pohnpei. The first project took place last year.

The planting materials are all started by the forestry people and assisted by JTPA trainees.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Human Resources is announcing to the public that the public is invited to review and comment on the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant Application for Fiscal Year 1992, specifically with respect to the three project components of: Preventive and Primary Care Services for Pregnant Women, Mother and Infants up to Age One; Preventive and Primary Care Services for Children and Adolescents; and Family-Centered, Community-Based, Coordinated Care and the Development of Community-Based Systems of Care for Children with Special Health Care Needs.

Additional information including program budget information for each of the three components plus an aggregated budget; assurances, i.e., new and existing; annual plan; and FY 1991 MCH Annual Progress Report.

Copies of the MCH Block Grant application are available at the office of the Secretary, Department of Human Resources, FSM National Government, Palikir, Pohnpei. The Secretary can be reached at telephone number (691) 320-2619/2643 or Fax (691) 320-5263.

Written comments may be sent to Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick, Secretary of Department of Human Resources. Comments received from any person(s) or agency(ies) after July 15, 1992 will be forwarded directly to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Rockville, Maryland."

## Postal Service released stamp issue

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Postal Service released last April another set of stamps commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Peace Corps in Micronesia.

These new stamps are in strip of five vertical stamps in sheetlet form of 15 stamps per sheet with border illustration, focusing on the historic origin of the Peace Corps Program and the various activities of Peace Corps Volunteers (PCV) in Micronesia.

The stamps depict PCV teaching crop planting techniques on stamp number one; PCV teaching reading on stamp number two; PCV assisting in Public Health, stamp number four; PCV teaching recreation like basketball on stamp number five. The center stamp features John F. Kennedy (founder of the Peace Corps Program) speaking to students at the University of Michigan where he first proposed the establishment of the new Peace Corps Program on October 14, 1960.

On the sheetlet selva is a reproduction of bronze plaque at the University of Michigan where Kennedy first proposed the Peace Corps Program. Caption denoting the 25th anniversary of Peace Corps in Micronesia is included in bottom border of the sheetlet.

Information for the planning and design of the stamp issue was provided by the Peace Corps Central Office in Pohnpei and published documents on the program from sources in the United States. The FSM Postal Service acknowledges the resourcefulness and assistance of the Peace Corps Office in Pohnpei on the project.

All friends, families, sponsors and relatives of Peace Corps Volunteers in Micronesia and the USA are encouraged to buy and use these beautiful stamps. They are good to commemorate the contributions of our friends in the Peace Corps.

As a matter of policy for commemorative stamps, the new stamps will be available within a one year period. The stamps are available at all FSM Post Offices throughout the FSM and at the Philatelic Bureau in Kolonia, Pohnpei.

# Pohnpei Mourns Cantero's death

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Pohnpei mourns the death of a man who was once the pride and joy of Micronesia as thousands flocked a simple funeral service attended by the Jesuit Superior of the Caroline and Marshalls, Reverend Gary Bradley and several of Pohnpei traditional Nanmwarkies, according to Ketson Johnson of the KP Johnson Publishing House.

Father Paulino Pamplona Cantero, S.J. born on January 14, 1911 to Catalina and Jose Cantero of Awak, U, Pohnpei, died May 26 of heart failure at 81 after a lingering illness.

Cantero attended public school during the Japanese time and did his high school education at San Jose Seminary at Padre Faura, Manila, Philippines, where he entered the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). For 10 years beginning in 1927 he studied the Jesuit Spirituality and took his Novitiate and Juniorate years of Jesuit formation in San Jose Seminary, completed studies in Philosophy at Sacred Heart Novitiate in Novaliches, Quezon City, and served his Regency years back at his alma mater, San Jose Seminary in Manila. Later Fr. Cantero took studies in Theology at Entre-Os-Rios, Portugal, in Granada, Spain, where he was ordained to Priesthood, July 14, 1940. He completed his required studies and formation in Tertianship in Salamanca, Spain in 1942. He was assigned to a Jesuit Seminary in Puerto De Santa Maria, Cadiz, Spain, for one year in 1942, then taught at the minor Seminary in Granada, 1943-46. He also served there as parish assistant for one year before returning to Pohnpei.

He became director of Our Lady of Mercy School in Kolonia, Pohnpei, after he returned home from Spain, 1948 after 25 years of studying abroad. He later became the pastor and director of St. Joseph School and Parish in Awak, U, in 1952 for 11 years. In 1964, he became Superior of the Jesuits of

Pohnpei and pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Kolonia, and later as Assistant Pastor of this Church in Kolonia while doing his major work of translating the full Bible into Pohnpeian. His familiarity with a number of languages, both ancient and modern, helped him very much in this work of translation.

Cantero was the first Micronesian native priest and the first Jesuit from the islands. His demise was felt by many. Thousands of devout Catholics and non-Catholics alike flocked the funeral services out of respect for the man who pioneered the unchartered course. In his "state of mourning" Proclamation, Pohnpei State Governor Johnny David praised "Cantero for being one of the framers of Pohnpei State Constitution" and ordered all state flags both on land to be flown half-staff and on sea to be flown half-mast during the internment in observance of his untimely death. Father Cantero was laid to rest at the Catholic Cemetery in Kolonia, Pohnpei on the



**Father Cantero**

27th of May. Today, there are many more studying priesthood, including three Jesuits and one diocesan priest from Palau; three Jesuits and two other diocesan priests from Yap; one Jesuit and four diocesan priests in addition to one Bishop from Chuuk. At the moment, both Pohnpei and the Marshall Islands have no native diocesan priests or Jesuits, although there are two diocesan seminarians and one Jesuit seminarian in training from Pohnpei. Also half a dozen postulants are in training and are expected to take their vows for sisterhood throughout Micronesia in several years time. What began with Father Cantero is now growing; hopefully, soon all the diocesan priests and most of the Jesuits will be men of the Caroline and Marshalls.

Cantero is survived by his nephews: Rafael, Antonio, Francisco, Catalino, and George Cantero all of whom are also from Awak, U, Pohnpei.

## Capital Budgeting course held at Palikir

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A three-day course on Capital Budgeting attended by FSM National Government Officials, was held in June at Palikir, according to FSM Training Specialist Kathy Malon.

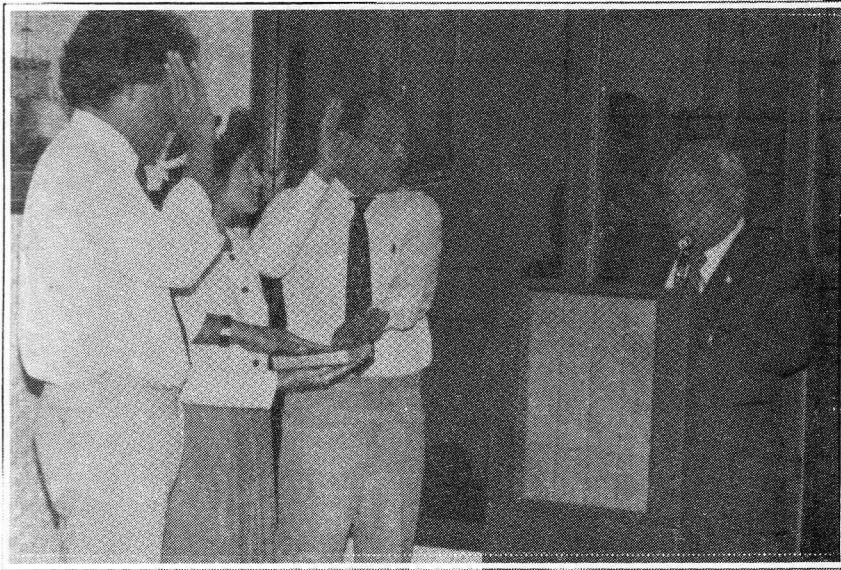
The course aimed to identify costs and benefits flows, rank financial criteria and monitor the selected alternatives of potential investment as well as to provide knowledge of time and the value of money; the net present value, cost, benefit, sensitivity and scenario analysis to the participants. Part of its objective is to review discount rates, purchase, lease decision and the estimation of the costs benefits. The course placed special emphasis on the functions of discount rate in relation to the Net Present Value (NPV) method.

The participants gained both an intuitive understanding of the issues involved in order for them to grasp the major financial management techniques necessary for the evaluation of the different investment projects from a monetary perspective which will enable them to differentiate ways that private sector individuals and firms do capital budgeting, and to assist them to analyze the investment decision in terms of public perspective.

Attending the course were FSMDB Loan Analyst and Loan Div. Manager Hilario E. Bermanis and Sisinio S. Willy respectively; CFMS Office of Administration Director Suda S. Rayel; FSM Telecommunication Senior Accountant and Administrative Manager Marcelino G. Semons and Alenson A. Solomon respectively; FSM Postal Services Assistant Postmaster General and Philatelic Bureau Manager Ignacio R. Stephen and Sintaro Ezra respectively; Social Security Administration personnels including Internal Auditor Merla C. Carpug; Accountant Evangeline S. Besena; Department of Transportation Marine Division Administrator Wiener H. Hadley, Air Career Branch Manager Waynold Yamaguchi, Communication Division Administrator Jolden Johnnyboy; and Planning Division Administrator James F. Mormad.

# 6 President Olter administered oath of offices to 6

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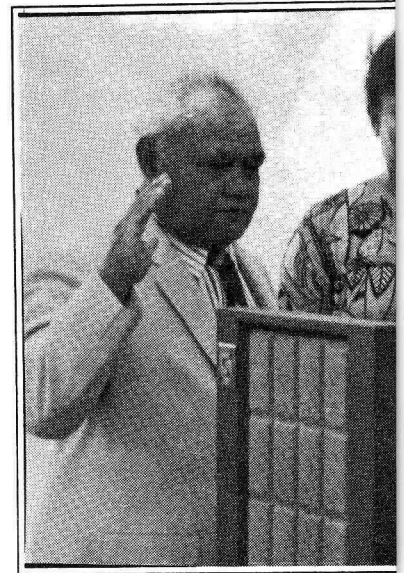
**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED** - Former Governor of Pohnpei Resio S. Moses and Patrick Mackenzie of Chuuk were being administered oath of office by President Bailey Olter with President's secretary Sheila Edwin holding the Bible. From left to right: Mackenzie, Edwin, Moses, and the President.



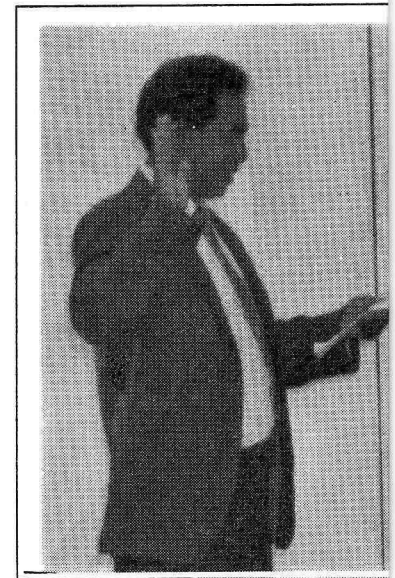
**RAMON SWORN-IN** - Kohne Ramon (left) of Pohnpei is being sworn into office by President Bailey Olter (right) as Director of Administrative Services with Ramon's wife Elsyner (center) holding the Bible.

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICES) - President Bailey Olter administered oaths of offices to six of his cabinet members at Palikir Pohnpei including Camillo Noket of Chuuk, first Micronesian to be FSM Attorney General, former Governor Resio S. Moses of Pohnpei as Secretary of

External Affairs, former Governor and National Planner John Mangefel of Yap as Deputy Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, Kohne Ramon of Pohnpei as Director of Administrative Services, Joseph Phillip of Pohnpei to the position of Public Defender and Patrick Mackenzie of Chuuk as Director of



**SWEARING-IN** - Former Governor Mangefel (left) is being sworn-in by Assistant to President for Information Terry Gamabruw.



**FSM DEFENDER SWORN-IN** - President Olter (right) is administering the oath of office to Joseph Phillip (left) of Pohnpei as Public Defender while being sworn-in.

Budget.

Moses and Mackenzie were administered oath of office with President's secretary Sheila Edwin holding the Bible, Mangefel was sworn-in with Special Assistant to the President for Information Terry Gamabruw holding the Bible fol-

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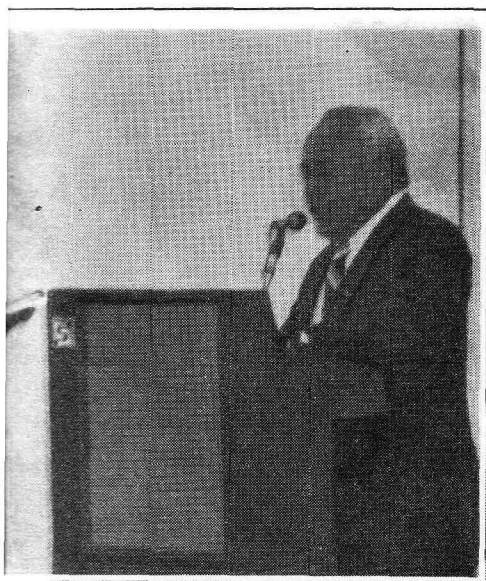
# cabinet members in brief ceremonies held at Palikir



President Bailey Olter (right) is administering the oath of office to Special Attorney Terry Gamabruw (center) with Special Attorney Phillip Noyes (left) holding the Bible.



**FIRST MICRONESIAN AS AG FOR FSM SWORN -IN** - First Micronesian Attorney General for the Federated States of Micronesia Camillo Noket of Chuuk (left) is being administered the oath of office by President Bailey Olter (right) with his wife Anna (center) holding the Bible.



President Bailey Olter (right) is administering the oath of office to Phillip Noyes as FSM Public Defender. Phillip himself held the Bible.

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followed by Noket with his wife Anna holding the Bible, and Ramon with his wife Elsyner holding the Bible. Phillip held the Bible while being administered oath of office.

The President in his remarks said that after completing extensive investigations into the background and

qualifications of the nominees, Congress confirmed that they are indeed qualified and fit to serve in their respective positions. "However," said Olter, "I do take note of the difficulties involved in the confirmation process, the concerns raised and the admonitions given to the nominees. In this connection, I urge you gentlemen not to lose sight of those concern but do the best you can to improve on the discharge of your duties for the betterment of our people and our governments."

He said that the gathering is to witness the final stage of the nomination, confirmation and appointment process—and that is the solemn declaration by the nominees, pursuant to the law, that each one of them will faithfully execute the duties of the office to which he has been appointed, and will, to the best of his ability, uphold, promote, and support the laws and the Constitution of the Nation.

"We are here also to congratulate these gentlemen," the President said,

"for passing their first test—the confirmation process by the Congress. I thank you for demonstrating stamina throughout the long and rigorous hearings. I thank your staff and all supporting witnesses who appeared and presented testimony before the committees. I thank the State and National leaders and individuals who provided support to the Congress in its investigations of the nominations. And I must pay special tribute to the members of the Congress for having done a thorough job in reviewing the credentials of the nominees."

Olter said, "we are here to give testament to the achievement of another milestone in our history. The Government achieves its long standing goal of filling all Cabinet positions with our own capable FSM citizens, with the swearing in of Mr. Camillo Noket as the first Micronesian Attorney General. For the achievement of this historic milestone I congratulate our Government and the People of the Federated States of Micronesia.

## ADB fact finding mission visits FSM

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - An Asian Development Bank (ADB) Fact-Finding Mission arrived Pohnpei June 17, under the direction and guidance of ADB Senior Project Economist Robert Hook to review the proposed Agriculture Development Project with the FSM National and the State Governments Officials, according to the FSM Division of Agriculture Administrator Sailas Henry.

On June 18, the mission met with the Secretaries of the Department of Resources and Development (R&D), External Affairs, Finance and with the National Planner.

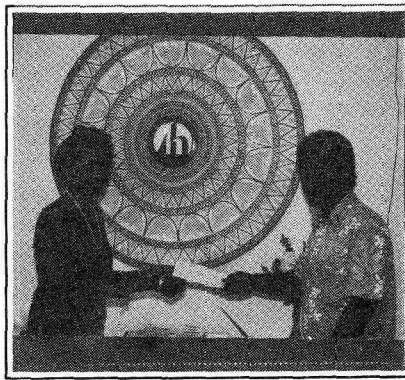
The mission was in Yap State, June 22 to 23; Chuuk State, June 25 to 26; Kosrae State, June 26 to 27; then back to Pohnpei, June 28, to meet with FSM National and Pohnpei State Governments Officials.

The mission departed Pohnpei for the Republic of the Marshall Islands on July 8, according to Henry.

## ANZAC day celebrated at Australian Navy Housing Compound

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Australia and New Zealand residents on Pohnpei gathered last April 25th at the Australian Navy Housing Compound to commemorate the 77th Anniversary of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) day, according to Lt. Commander, RAN Mark Georgelin.

ANZAC was first coined in 1915 during the First World War. It was on April 25 that year when Allied troops, including a combined force of Australians and New Zealanders, landed on the heavily fortified Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. The attack was an attempt to open a "second front" in the war which was becoming bogged down in the trenches of Europe. Not only was the area well defended, but the de-



*DONATIONS - Bank of Hawaii (BOH), Pohnpei Branch Manager Christina Michelsen, had presented donations to department, offices, agencies and institutions in Pohnpei and Kosrae States. Michelsen presented two checks: \$5,000 for endowment and \$1,000 for Special Scholarship to an official from Pohnpei Agriculture and Trade School, PATS High School. She also presented another Check to the President of Madolenihmw Sport Commission Oliver Johnny on behalf of Madolenihmw Municipal Government Meninkedar Lapalap Timakio I. Ehsa. The donation of \$200 was deposited into the established tour funds in the Madolenihmw Sport Commission budget for goodwill tour to Chuuk State, U.S. Territory of Guam and to the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. The tour is a token to Men Division Softball Championship team of 1992 Madolenihmw Liberation Day Softball Tournament. The team at the softball tourney had granted the championship title. Other donations went to Pohnpei Head-Start, for annual activities for Pohnpei Children; Malem Municipality of Kosrae State, 1992 Anniversary; Community College of Micronesia, to assist in the funding of the establishment of new Theaters Arts Course; Pohnpei Disabled Children Activities; Conservation & Resources Surveillance, an Executive Desk and a file cabinet; Pohnpei Islands Central High School, two executive desks and a file cabinet and Pohnpei Hospital, two executive desks.*

fenders had prior warning of the attack.

Speakers at the anniversary were Dr. Rex Hunton, a New Zealander doctor presently attached to the Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training School, Mike Brimms from the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei, and David Smith, an Australian ex-serviceman residing on Pohnpei.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

FSM National Planner Marcelino Actouka announced in a NOTICE TO BIDDERS, June 18, that Bid Packages of CCM Material Supply Contract #1 containing information and documents for bid were available for pick-up by interested suppliers or bidders on July 1, 1992, at the Office of Planning and Statistics, FSM National Government.

The Material quantities and specifications contained in the bid package include Steel Reinforcing Bars, Grade 40 and sizes are Numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 (#3, #4, #5, #6, #8). The CCM Material Supply Contract prefers Portland Cement ASTM C-150, Type I.

A Pre-Bid conference was held July 22, 1992, at the FSM Capital, Central Building, Palikir, Pohnpei. All Bidders shall submit a completed Contractor Qualification Statements to the Office of Planning and Statistics by August 3, 1992. The Contractor Qualification Statements can be found in the documents for the bid.

All proposals identify the project shall be placed in sealed envelopes, and submitted to OPS no later than 10: A.M. August 14, 1992. All proposals shall be publicly opened and read aloud after submitted, at the Central Facilities Building, FSM Capital, Palikir, Pohnpei.

Bidding on this Supply Contract is open to all interested suppliers or bidders, according to Actouka. The address, telephone and FAX numbers are provided below:

Office of Planning and Statistics  
CCM Project  
P.O. BOX PS4  
Palikir, Palikir, Pohnpei  
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## FSM established dipomatic ties with Austria & Thailand *Briefs .....*

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICES)** - The Austrian Federal Government and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia have agreed to establish bonds of friendship and co-operation based on the principles as expressed in the Charter of the United Nations.

Desiring to obtain this objective, the two Governments have decided to establish diplomatic relations with effect from July 1, 1992.

The Governments of both countries express the hope that the establishment of diplomatic relations will lead to further improvement of the existing friendly relations and the mutually beneficial co-operation between the two countries.

Austria is the 26th country the FSM have established diplomatic relations with.

In another related activity, FSM and the Kingdom of Thailand guided by the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, and desirous of promoting friendly relations and greater cooperation between the two countries, signed at 7:00 am, on the 20th of March this year in Tokyo, Japan, a joint communique establishing diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level between the two countries.

Signing for the government of the FSM was Ambassador of the FSM to Japan Masao Nakayama, and signing for the government of the Kingdom of Thailand was Thailand Ambassador to Japan Jetn Sucharitkul.

The two governments agreed to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level with affect of the date signed, to conduct their relations in accordance with the principles and purposes of the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations (1961), and to decide at a later time as may be agreed to by both countries the accreditation of their respective Ambassadors.

**OLTER APPROVED UK'S REQUEST** - The President has approved United Kingdom's request to cross-accredit its High Commissioner in Kiribati as Ambassador to the FSM. A draft joint communique for establishment of formal relations between the FSM and UK has been reviewed and agreed upon. This communique which will be signed when the Ambassador-designate presents his credentials, is necessary as far as the FSM is concerned because UK has decided to unilaterally recognized the FSM.

**YAMAMOTO LEAVES FSM** - Coordinator of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in the FSM Mr. Akio Yamamoto left FSM mid-June to Japan. His successor is Mr. Kyo Yoshida who resides in Pohnpei, FSM.

## *Seven passed FSM R&D began Tourist Promotional Video Program*

### *BAR examination*

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM Information Service)** - Several lawyers who passed the FSM BAR examination administered last March were sworn-in by Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward C. King, May 8, in a brief ceremony held at FSM Supreme Court. The lawyers passing the BAR examination enabled them to practice law in the FSM.

Certified were Beaulen Carl of Pohnpei State, David Pfeiffer of New York State, Nancie Murray of California State and Daniel Hall of Indiana State.

Other lawyers who passed the BAR and certified to practice law in the FSM, but did not attend the brief swearing-in ceremony were, Pohnpei State Public Defender Shirley M. Paiz of California State, Kosrae State Public Defender Robert Diemer of California State and Yap State Public Defender Marvin Hamilton of Alaska State.

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE)** - Commerce & Industry Division at the Department of Resources and Development (R&D) has begun a Tourist Promotional Video Program on Pohnpei State with the consultation of a contractor from the Sharkbait Productions Hawaii, according to Tourism Officer Iromy K. Rosokow.

The team comprised of three underwater and cinematography photographers: Carlton Spencer, Dick Bradley, and Anne Orcutt. The team had the opportunities to visit the historical sites on Pohnpei, conducted video production sessions and took photographic shots for the Program. While in Pohnpei, the video team also had an expedition of scuba diving and fishing around Pohnpei.

The Program will take two months to be completed, said Rosokow. The Commerce & Industry Division wishes to make its product available to FSM National and State Governments and the final product of the program will be helpful to all citizens of the FSM and will present to the outside world a clear

view on Pohnpei State and at the same time enable the viewers to know what to look for in terms of tourism attractions in Pohnpei and in the Federated States of Micronesia. The program also aims at introducing FSM to the outside world and to invite tourists to the FSM.



**AMBASSADOR'S CUP** - U.S. Ambassador and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in the FSM, Aurelia E. Brazeal, presented the Ambassador's Cup Trophy to Pohnpei State Tennis Association on behalf of the Resident Diplomatic Corps. The Ambassador's Cup will be presented every year at a local tennis tournament. The Diplomatic Corps hopes that young FSM citizens will become sports-minded. Left to right: Ambassador Brazeal, Sam Nott, Weldis Welly, Maker Palsis, and U.S. Embassy Guard.

# <sup>10</sup> Health tips from the Department of Human Resources

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**PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE)** - The most likely reasons that you will die are from diseases that you can help prevent. It is a surprising fact that the most common causes of death in the FSM are now diseases that are largely caused by your own behavior and that we can prevent. The choice is yours. You can take control. The power is yours. There are diseases caused by a lack of exercise, eating the wrong foods or too much food, and by smoking tobacco, drinking alcohol, and using other drugs. These diseases include diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke, heart disease, cancer, and chronic lung disease. While most of these diseases are also related to genetic factors that we cannot do anything about, they are all related to behaviors that we have total control over. The purpose of this article is to help you identify specific things that you can do in your daily life to prevent these diseases. The same dietary, exercise and other behavioral factors can prevent these deadly diseases.

## 1. HYPERTENSION & STROKE:

This is also called high blood pressure. You cannot feel it, even if it is slowly killing you. It is sometimes referred to as the "silent killer." High blood pressure causes the brain to "stroke," resulting in paralysis or death. It also causes damage to the heart, kidneys and eyes. The only way to tell if you have it is for it to be measured by a health care worker. A measurement of the blood pressure should be part of the routine health exam. If you have high blood pressure you will have it forever, even though you are feeling well. It can be prevented, and it can be controlled if you already have it. But this means you have to do certain things regarding diet and exercise, and maybe take medicine, and get repeated check-ups to measure the blood pressure, even though you are feeling well. How can you prevent or control high blood pressure and all the damage it causes?

- Exercise regularly-walk everyday. Don't use the car for short trips.
- Eat less salt. Avoid store bought food that are high in salt or sodium. (Look at

the label for this information.)

- Don't add additional salt to food when cooking or eating.
- Reduce body weight.
- Don't start smoking. Stop smoking if you already are.
- Reduce amount of alcohol consumed.

## 2. DIABETES:

Also called diabetes mellitus, or adult onset (type II) diabetes. In diabetes the body is unable to use sugars properly. This results in damage to almost every part of the body - the brain, nervous system, heart, kidney, eyes, sexual organs, skin. It also makes you more susceptible to infections and even small cuts don't heal well. Micronesians are especially susceptible to getting diabetes because our bodies store food so well. How can you prevent or control diabetes and all the problems it causes?

- Reduce Total Calories By: Eating less "junk foods" such as candies, soda, and chips. Eat less processed foods such as spam and corned beef. Reduce the size of portions, one helping, no seconds.

- Reduce all Fats and Oils, especially animal fat: Eat less junk and processed foods all of which have extra fat. Remove the skin from pig and chicken before cooking. Trim the excess fat from pig, chicken, beef before cooking. Don't add oil, fat or lard when cooking. Bake, broil, stew, etc. instead of frying. If you drink milk, get the low fat or skim milk.

- Reduce amount of refined sugar that you eat: Eat less junk & processed foods all of which have added sugar. Don't add sugar to cooking, eating and drinking
- Increase the amount of Fibers and complex carbohydrates. Eat more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, beans. Eat less white rice.

- Increase Exercise: Walk or bike for short distances, instead of car or truck. Walk every single day of your life for exercise. Play sports such as soccer, volleyball, basketball, running, baseball.

## 3. HEART DISEASE:

- Most of the exercise and dietary guidelines for diabetes also apply for heart disease, such as making exercise

part of daily life, avoid getting fat or obese, avoid excess salt and eating more traditional island foods such as fish, fruits and vegetables.

- Animal fat contains a special kind of fat called Cholesterol that is bad for the heart. Eating more fish and less pig, chicken, and beef is good. Remove the skin and trim fat from pig, chicken and beef before cooking. Avoid egg yolk which is also high in cholesterol. If you drink milk, get the low fat or skim milk.
- The same dietary factor for heart disease, too much fat and salt, also cause **STROKE**

A special kind of heart disease is called Rheumatic Heart Disease, and is caused by having had "Strep Throat" that was not quickly treated with penicillin. If you, or your child, gets a sore throat with fever, go see a doctor right away. The penicillin can only prevent the heart damage if it is given within a few days after getting the "Strep Throat." All rheumatic heart disease comes from having had strep throat, but only a few strep throats turn into rheumatic heart disease. Even if the strep throat doesn't turn into the heart disease, getting treated will still make the infection go away sooner and keep it from spreading to other people.

## 4. CANCERS:

There is no one kind of cancer. There are many types of cancer and the cause for each may be different. Signs of cancer include unexplained weight loss, new lesions or bumps on the skin or in the mouth, coughing or hoarse voice that doesn't get better in a few days, bruising or bleeding of the skin or mouth, blood in the bowel movements, genital areas.

- People who eat LESS fat, especially less animal fat, and who eat MORE fruits, vegetables and fish are LESS likely to get cancers.
- Smoking cigarettes causes cancer of the lungs and mouth.
- Chewing tobacco causes cancer of the mouth.
- Alcohol causes cancer of the liver.
- Alcohol and tobacco (smoking or chewing) can cause cancer of the mouth.

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f. Chewing betel nut can also cause cancer. If you must chew betel nut, do NOT add tobacco and/or alcohol; the combination is deadly).

## 5. CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE:

There are asthma and bronchitis. In addition to causing breathing problems directly they may also affect the heart. Also, persons with chronic lung disease are more likely to get very bad infections from pneumonia and influenza.

a. The major preventable cause is smoking tobacco; don't or stop smoking.

b. Cooking fires indoors cause chronic lung disease and cancer. Avoid breathing the smoke from outdoor fires.

c. Some parasitic diseases can cause lung disease. To avoid parasites, use clean water- boil and/or add bleach.

IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A BETTER LIFE, FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. Everyone should have an annual physical examination.

2. Make sure your child gets all immunization.

3. Do not eat raw fish, clams or sea shells and swim around shore where cholera is present. Also do not mix sea water from the shore with any food without boiling the water before eating.

4. Give correct history to the physician when you get sick and see him or her at the hospital (e.g. Names of contact, all signs and symptoms etc.).

5. Warning signals for you to seek immediate attention of the doctors or health personnel:

-Profuse or unexplained vaginal bleeding.

-Stiffness of the neck associated with spiking fever, seizure.

-Sudden discoloration of the skin like octopus.

-painful urination discharge.

-Sudden loss of weight associated with other signs and symptoms.

6. Do not make contact with the soil linens or other belongings that was used by the infected person or client.

7. Avoid personnel contact with the infected person by any means (blood transfusion, kissing, etc.)

8. If water is not safe, boil it.

9. Unhealing wound or sores should seek medical attention.

10. Well balanced diet; Protective; Carrots, ripe banana, papaya, ripe mango and pumpkin. Body building;

## Kumu Kahua & CCM enter into joint project

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Kumu Kahua (KK), a theatre company based in Hawaii and dedicated to expressing contemporary and historical themes, entered into a joint project this summer with the Community College of Micronesia (CCM).

Kumu Kahua has had 20 years of production history after being established in the University of Hawaii at Manoa Theatre Department. The group achieved non-profit status in 1981 and has received annual grant funding from the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and Arts.

Kumu Kahua is the only theatre company in Hawaii established mainly for the promotion and preservation of local culture and lifestyles. Kumu Kahua is interested in the establishment of a network in the Pacific to preserve the culture of the Pacific through the use of dramatic arts.

Presently, the area of artistic and cultural expression through theatre in Micronesia is unexplored. Kumu Kahua explores local talent and shows sensitivity to cultural awareness, while CCM stresses encouragement and expansion in areas of knowledge and understanding to assist students in achieving a fuller development of their resources. Kumu Kahua and CCM objectives are compatible and a natural collaboration to develop an educational format for the dramatic arts, and its potential use in the preservation of the Micronesian culture is formed.

The project enables the students and faculty at CCM to work with theatre professionals for production of plays appropriate for and relevant to Micronesia. The classes would run six weeks of intensive training in dramatic art, technical design, and theatre pro-

Fish, fresh meat, milk, tinned, fish, eggs, peanuts, dried beans, peas, lentils, tinned meat, corned beef, corned mutton loaf. Energy food; Coconut, potato, breadfruit, banana, yam, oil, rice/noodles, bread and biscuit.

ductions. A resulting play, Taimwahn the Demon, was shown, July 24th through July 26th at PICS. The actors are all students of the class. The production was helped by Retty Lawrence of Pohnpei Historical Preservation Office.

Twenty-two people are taking the course and five of them are public school teachers. The course instructors hope that the knowledge gained in from the class would be of benefit to the public schools.

The project coordinator, Sheila Kelly, a former longtime resident of Pohnpei and a member of Kumu Kahua Board of Directors, worked on grants and approval in Hawaii and in the FSM for the project. Major funding for the project was made possible by the United States Embassy in the FSM. Kelly remarked, "The support of local business and individuals in Pohnpei has been great. People seem very enthusiastic and excited about different ways to record the Micronesian culture."

"For CCM, it's a great opportunity to provide new elective courses for students here and also provide an outlet for dormant talents of the students and for the Micronesian community as a whole. I think this project is beneficial to preservation of culture through use of Micronesian legends," she added.

Bridget Kelly, a graduate of Goodman School of Drama in Chicago and Pohnpei Catholic School, is also serving as a faculty/trainer for the project. She states, "We [Kumu Kahua] are the only theatre in Hawaii dedicated to local legends. We only do plays that are of relevance to the people [of Hawaii]. The plays are about diverse people and about their lives. That's why I wanted to come back." Bridget Kelly was a former student of CCM.

# <sup>12</sup> Pohnpei Fish Processing Plant dedication

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Pohnpei dedicated its first fish processing plant at the Dekehtik (Pohnpei Harbor) in a ceremony, July 6, 1992 with Economic Development Authority (EDA), Board member Francis Simion, as master of ceremony who introduced the dignitaries as they presented their speeches.

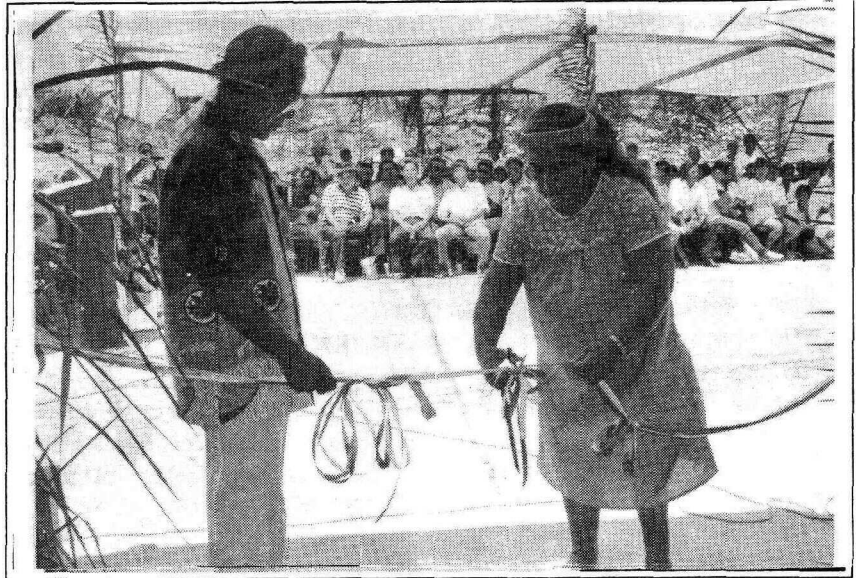
The ceremony was attended by state government and national officials, traditional leaders, and onlookers from the public. The celebration of the \$10.3 million processing plant was an event to acknowledge those who made the project possible, and to demonstrate the mechanics of the new plant to the public. More importantly, it was a big step forward for the people of Pohnpei towards economic development.

In his speech, Vice President Jacob Nena stated that the opening of the facility marks a qualitative step in the development of commercial fisheries in the FSM. Nena emphasized the effect of the new plant saying, "We are no longer a source and exporter of raw fish, but are now becoming the exporter of processed, higher value, fisheries products."

Governor Johnny P. David, and the Iso Nahnken of Nett Salvadore Iriarte made their speeches along with others.

Governor David thanked the Sabroe Company Civil Work Site Manager Axel Jensen, "the one I call typhoon, for his excellent service here which has made this dream a reality to us today."

Iso Nahnken Iriarte, Pohnpei Vice Speaker Salter Etse, and Board of Developer Vice Chairman Seperiano Pablo



**FISH PROCESSING PLANT RIBBON CUTTING** - Cutting the ribbon during the July 6, 1992 dedication ceremony of the Pohnpei Fish Processing Plant at Dekehtik (Pohnpei Harbor) is Pohnpei State Senator Kimiko Elanzo (right) with Director of Economic and Development Authority Hilary Conrad (left) holding the ribbon.

called upon the people of Pohnpei to work cooperatively to assist the economic development of Pohnpei State through the New Fish Processing Plant.

Jensen said he hope that "this entire project can and will be of great benefit to the people of Pohnpei." On behalf of Sabroe Company, Mr. Jensen presented a rug portaying fish which symbolizes the fish product of the Pohnpei Fish Processing Plant.

For those who made the project possible, said Jensen, "the new plant was a symbol of their persistence and determination. As a result, he encouraged the people of FSM to "Press On" with persistence. Jensen reinforced persistence as the only means to solve problems

"along the road."

The ceremony continued with the cutting of the ribbon by Pohnpei State Senator Kimiko Elanzo. A tour of the facilities and an exhibition of how the machinery processes the fish followed.

Economic Planner at the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics Pedro Harris, explained that the plant will employ approximately 85 people under the management of Benny Jensen, Processing Manager. Harris added that the plant would process 7.5 tons of fish a day, included in the processed amount would be B and C grade fish as the Japanese would only use grade A. The plant would be an asset in "not wasting the fish."

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