

FSM Congress passed 31 bills and adopted 21 resolutions

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 8th FSM Congress adjourned its 2nd Regular Session on November 10, after passing and adopting 31 Bills and 21 resolutions. The Session was extended one day. The following bills and resolutions were passed and adopted:

BILLS PASSED

C.B. 8-26, to further amend the FSM

Code to capitalize the FSM Development Bank.

C.B. 8-27, appropriating \$25,000 to fund the activities of the Pohnpei Micronesian Bound Inc.

C.B. 8-65, to amend the FSM Code to establish a National Maritime Code.

C.B. 8-66, establishing a National Board of Nursing and to appropriate \$28,200 to fund the initial capitaliza-

tion for a resolving fund.

C.B. 8-71, to further amend the FSM Code to provide special education services to children with disabilities.

C.B. 8-76, to further amend the FSM Code to improve the National Government Employees' Health Insurance Plan and to provide the Director of the Office of Administrative Services with the

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NEW ZEALAND ENVOY PRESENTED CREDENTIALS - The 4th New Zealand Ambassador to the FSM Brian Marshall presented his credentials to President Bailey Olter on October 13, this year, at the Cabinet Room in Palikir, Pohnpei. Standing on the left, President Bailey Olter and on the right, is Ambassador Marshall. Sitting is Vice President Jacob Nena and by the Ambassador standing and partially hidden is Chief of Protocol Ieske Iehsi. The credentials presentation took place in the presence of the President's Cabinet, Diplomatic Corps, and state officials.

New Zealand Envoy presented credence

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - New Zealand's new envoy to the FSM, His Excellency Brian Marshall, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, presented his credentials to FSM President Bailey

Olter, in a brief ceremony held in the President's Cabinet room, Oct. 13, 1993.

Following the presentation of the letters of recall of his predecessor and presentation of his letter of credence to

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Christmas Drop

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter in a letter to Governors of the FSM States stated that the United States Military on Guam is preparing for its Christmas Drop Program for 1993.

The Military, however, is seeking assistance from the FSM States regarding a priority listing of islands which will participate in this years drop, the locations or coordinates and the estimated population of each island. Olter asked the Governors that the requested information be made available to the Department of External Affairs so that the Department may relay it to the U.S. Military on Guam.

New Zealand

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President Olter, Ambassador Marshall made his statement for the occasion.

Marshall expressed his Government's appreciation for the cordial relationship that has been sustained since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Governments of New Zealand and the FSM. Referring to the support for the FSM's membership in the United Nations, conversely, he expressed his Government's appreciations for FSM's support for New Zealand's successful membership in the Security Council.

"We would like to develop our economic cooperation further to our mutual advantage." Ambassador Marshall said, adding, that the two countries' economies are predominantly in fisheries, agriculture and tourism. The commonality lends itself to closer cooperation and mutual understanding.

New Zealand, in spite of its distance from the FSM, shares the Pacific Ocean and the environmental climatic hazards; and sea rise and sustainable development are shared concerns, he said.

Marshall added that his Government provides scholarships to FSM students to study in New Zealand as part of its assistance program to the FSM.

In response, President Olter, in accepting Marshall's letter of credence, warmly welcomed the Ambassador and Mrs. Marshall to the FSM and said, "Today marks another important point in the bilateral relations between our two countries since the establishment of diplomatic relations five years ago. Your accreditation as your country's ambassador to the FSM reaffirms the deep and enduring friendship between our two peoples and two countries."

President Olter further said that the FSM desires a continued strengthening and developing relationship for the mutual benefit of the two countries. Olter expressed hope for a "... peaceful, prosperous, and an environmentally clean Pacific."

The President thanked the Ambassador for his country's scholarship assistance which will help develop the manpower to fill the requirements in the FSM, and broaden understanding between the two peoples.

The ceremony was attended by Vice President Jacob Nena, Acting Chief Justice Andon Amaraich, Pohnpei's Acting Governor Victor Edwin, Speaker Jack Fritz, members of the Cabinet, the Dean and members of Diplomatic Corps and other officials.

A reception was hosted by President Olter in honor of Ambassador Marshall

and Mrs. Marshall.

The Ambassador before returning to Tarawa where he is based, called on local officials as well as the diplomatic corps, and did some sight seeing including a visit to the Ruins of Nan Madol.

Marshall is the fourth New Zealand Ambassador to the FSM. His area of responsibility includes Kiribati, the FSM and the Marshall Islands.

Cholera outbreak in the Pacific

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A worldwide outbreak of a new and more deadly form of cholera, *Vibrio cholera* 0139, has now reached the Western Pacific Region, according to a letter from the World Health Organization to the FSM Department of Health Services.

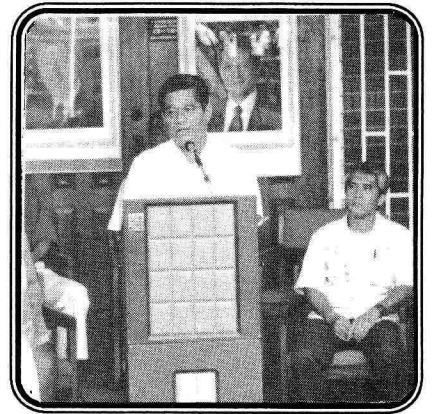
This disease can be recognized by the public as a severe watery diarrhea. Persons may have diarrhea more than 10 times at a day, lose all the water and special salts from their body, and die from rapid dehydration. Death can occur even in one or two days, so early recognition and treatment is important. In other countries over 5 percent of persons with this new type of cholera died despite treatment and over 50 percent die if simple treatment is not provided.

The three simple rules to not get cholera, and other diarrheal infections, are to cook your food, boil your water and wash your hands, says WHO.

It is important to drink more liquid than usual when having diarrhea. Food and drink should not be withheld. The most important treatment of any diarrhea including cholera is to replace the water and special salts being lost, by drinking the oral rehydration salt solution. In the FSM these are readily available from dispensaries, clinics, and hospitals. Rarely antibiotics are also needed, but drinking fluids is most important. Local traditional medicines, or western medicines that claim to "stop" the diarrhea can actually be harmful, especially in these severe kinds of diarrhea.

In recent years another type of diarrhea, this one with blood in the stool, has also been increasing in some parts of the world including the United States. It comes from uncooked meat.

All persons, including adults, suffering from severe diarrhea should go to their dispensary, clinic or hospital.



VETERAN DAY CELEBRATED - The U.S. Embassy in commemorating Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, this year, staged a flag-raising ceremony in front of the U.S. Embassy in Pohnpei, honoring those veterans from the FSM and USA who has served in the Armed Forces of the U.S. Above is the Vice President of the FSM making his statement during the ceremony.

CDA voted to raise copra price

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Coconut Development Authority (CDA) Board of Directors in its recently concluded meeting voted to raise the farmgate prices of copra effective on December 5, 1993 until further notice by CDA Board, according to Manager Nanpei's letter to President Bailey Olter.

Nanpei said that in the Board's meeting held in Pohnpei from September 27 to 29, 1993, the Board voted to increase prices for grades one to three by \$100 for each grade. The comparison of the old and new prices is as follows: Grade one's existing price is .10 cents per pound or \$200 per ton, while the new price is \$.15 cents per pound or \$300 per ton; Grade two's existing price is .09 cents per pound or \$190 per ton, while the new price is .145 cents per pound or \$290 per ton; and for Grade three, the existing price is .095 cents per pound or \$180 per ton, and the new price is .14 cents per pound or \$280 per ton.

"This increase is not an indication that the international price has stabilized at a level that warrants an increase in farmgate price. The new copra price is part of the Authority's function in monitoring both our financial capability against the unstable international price to determine an appropriate price level that can prolong our operation within each funding period," Manager Nanpei said in his letter.

Timing the copra price increase for December 5, 1993, seems to coincide with the annual Christmas and New Year holidays and will be welcome news for the copra farmers in the FSM.

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necessary flexibility.

C.B. 8-87, to amend P.L. No. 7-117 for modifying the uses of funds previously appropriated therein.

C.B. 8-97, to amend the FSM Code for allowing surviving spouses to continue receiving survivors' benefits after remarriage, to allow a surviving spouse who is eligible to receive more than one survivor benefit to choose the survivor benefit that pays the largest monthly payment.

C.B. 8-106, modifying the use of funds previously appropriated for the Ta airstrip in Chuuk State.

C.B. 8-110, modifying the allottee of certain funds for Pohnpei.

C.B. 8-113, appropriating \$2.6 million to fund education needs in the four States and that this money should not be used for travel.

C.B. 8-114, appropriating \$3.2 million to fund the repair, renovation, expansion, or other improvement to the medical facilities in all four States and that use for travel is prohibited.

C.B. 8-122, modifying the use of the sum previously appropriated for Kosrae State/National Fisheries Corporation joint longline fishing venture to enable the venture to search out for better price of boats.

C.B. 8-134, appropriating \$5,623,196 for the supplement funding for fiscal year 1994.

C.B. 8-142, to further amend P.L. no. 6-28 for changing the allottee of funds previously appropriated therein.

C.B. 8-143, appropriating \$300,000 to pay for direct costs of students attending the COM-FSM. The intent is for the money to be used for purchase of books, tuition, insurance but not for travel.

C.B. 8-145, changing the allottee of funds previously appropriated for Yap, Chuuk and Kosrae.

C.B. 8-150, modifying the use of certain funds previously appropriated therein; and for changing the allottee of funds previously appropriated for Chuuk State.

C.B. 8-151, appropriating \$48,291.28 for the payment of money judgements rendered against the FSM Government as provided by the FSM Code, and for the payment of a settlement amount as agreed to by the National Government.

C.B. 8-152, changing the purpose of the funds appropriated thereby for certain public projects in Southern Namoneas, Chuuk State.

C.B. 8-155, reallocating funds for certain Chuuk State public projects.

C.B. 8-161, to modify the allottees of certain funds appropriated for Kosrae public projects.

C.B. 8-162, changing the allottee of funds for Kosrae State.

C.B. 8-163, modifying the allottee of certain funds appropriated for Kosrae State projects.

C.B. 8-164, modifying the allottee for certain funds appropriated for Kosrae State.

C.B. 8-165, to modify the allottee of certain funds appropriated for Kosrae State.

C.B. 8-166, modifying the use of certain funds previously appropriated for Pattiw, Weito and the Hall Islands in Chuuk State.

C.B. 8-171, to modify the use of certain funds previously appropriated for Madolenihmw and Kittu public projects in Pohnpei.

C.B. 8-172, to reallocate funds previously appropriated.

C.B. 8-173, to specify the uses and the allottee of certain funds appropriated therein for the College of Micronesia-FSM, and requiring that certain conditions be met for the use of scholarship funds by the States.

C.B. 8-175, changing the use of funds previously appropriated for Chuuk State.

C.B. 8-176, modifying the allottee of certain funds and set lapse date on certain funds.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

C.R. 8-1, Article of Agreement Establishing the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

C.R. 8-2, the Article of Agreement of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

C.R. 8-3, requesting the President to cause an audit of all CIP monies.

C.R. 8-8, the Article of Agreement Establishing the Agreement.

C.R. 8-9, Vienna Convention for the protection of the Ozone layer for the Management of the Western Pacific Purse Seiner Fishery.

C.R. 8-14, ratifying the Multilateral Fisheries Treaty with the U.S. and other Pacific countries.

C.R. 8-23, confirming the nomination of Mr. Bethwel Henry to the member of the FSM Social Security Board of Directors.

C.R. 8-24, confirming the nomination of Mr. Fred P. Sigrah to the member of the FSM Social Security Board of Directors.

C.R. 8-27, fiscal year 94 Prevention Health and Health Services Grant.

C.R. 8-28, Niue Treaty on Cooperation in fisheries surveillance and law enforcement in the South Pacific Region.

C.R. 8-30, approving the Foreign Fishing Agreement between the Micronesian Maritime Authority and the Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Boatowners and Exporters Association.

C.R. 8-31, approving the fiscal year Critical Population Pohnpei State Epwel Pen Kahpwal Kan Program grant application.

C.R. 8-33, approving the fiscal year 1994 Maternal and Child Health Program block grant application.

C.R. 8-34, approving the fiscal year 94 HIV/AIDS Preventive Program grant application.

C.R. 8-35, approving the fiscal year *1994 Model Comprehensive Treatment for Critical Populations Pohnpei State Aramas Kapw (Micronesia Bound, Inc.) Program grant application.

C.R. 8-37, approving fiscal year 94 HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program grant application.

C.R. 8-38, expressing concern over Russia's dumping of radio active materials in the sea of Japan and requesting Russia to honor its commitment to work with the Pacific Asia Community toward a permanent ban on the dumping of radioactive and waste and toxic materials at sea.

C.R. 8-40, expressing thanks and great appreciation to Mr. Leonard Q. Aguigui for all the good work and contribution to the FSM.

C.R. 8-42, extending the Second Regular Session of the Eight Congress of the FSM for one more day.

C.R. 8-43, expressing deepest sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of the late Jose (Joeten) C. Tenorio and the people of Saipan.

C.R. 8-44, raising the fiscal year 94 appropriation ceiling from \$26.0 to 37.0 million.

Forum Secretariat announce jobs

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons, who must be nationals of a member state of the South Pacific Forum, for the following positions with the forum Secretariat, a regional inter-governmental organization based in Suva, Fiji.

Law Enforcement Liaison Officer

The Law Enforcement Liaison Officer is responsible for assisting in the implementation of activities arising out of the South Pacific Forum's Declaration on Law Enforcement Co-operation. Duties include regular liaison with regional law enforcement agencies, including South Pacific Chief of Police (SPCPC), Customs Heads of Administration Regional Meeting (CHARM) and Heads of National Law Enforcement Agencies (HONLEA) and the provision of technical and non-technical support for the enhancement of their administrative capacity. The Law Enforcement Liaison Officer is also required to regularly monitor and report to regional Customs Administrations on current trends and innovations in respect of facilitation of goods and passengers in the region. Applicants should have extensive experience in regional law enforcement issues and a proven ability to demonstrate initiatives in regional and international trade facilitation. Management and liaison skills must be of a high order and relevant tertiary qualifications would be an advantage.

Legal and Political Officer

The Legal and Political Officer is required to perform a range of duties which may include provision of in-house legal advice; supervision of the Secretariat's Treaties Register, co-ordination of legal assistance to Forum Island Countries (FIC's); assistance in the co-ordination of regional meetings and preparation of meetings papers, briefs and reports as required; and assistance with broader aspects of the Secretariat's law enforcement co-operation program. An important aspect of the job will be assistance with the Division's international relations functions. Applicants should have appropriate tertiary qualifications and preferably a background in law/inter-regional or international organization, or in a FIC, would be an advantage.

Application will be closed on the 31st of December, 1993.

Applications should contain full information on education and career background and should give names, address and phone number of at least three references with whom the applicants have been associated professionally.

Applications should be addressed to: The Secretary General, Forum Secretariat, GPO Box 856, Suva, Fiji, telephone (679) 312-6000, Telex: 2229FJ, fax (679) 305-573.

Further information is available on request from Mr. Tui Livino, Administration Officer, telephone (679) 312-6000, ext. 335.

The member states of the South Pacific Forum are Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Western Samoa.

By year 2000, over 13 million women will have be

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - New figures released by the World Health Organization in the first week of September this year show that by the year 2000, over 13 million women will have been infected by HIV and about 4 million will have died. More than 1 million women will become infected in 1993 alone.

Speaking at the opening of the 2nd International Conference on HIV in children and mothers in Edinburgh, Dr. Micheal Merson, Executive Director of WHO Global Program on AIDS said, "A decade ago women and children seemed to be on the periphery of the AIDS epidemic. Today, as the holding of this conference shows, women and children are at the center of our concern. AIDS has not spared them. On the contrary, the epidemic wave has affected millions of women and their children, and millions more are threatened."

WHO estimate that almost half of all newly infected adults are women. As infections in women rise, so do infections in the infants born to them. To date, these total about 1 million, of whom half a million have already develop AIDS. On the average, worldwide, about one-third of babies born to HIV infected mothers are themselves infected.

More than 14 million people worldwide are believed to have become in-

fectured with HIV since the start of the epidemic. However, so far less than one fifth of these have gone on to develop AIDS, and fewer will have died of the infection:

"We are still in the early stages of the epidemic in terms of the disease and death it will cause, says Dr. Merson. "So many people have already been infected that the cumulative number of AIDS cases will quadruple by the year 2000. But, though there is no cure yet for HIV infection or AIDS, people's suffering and isolation can be lessened by appropriate treatment, support and care. At the same time we need to prevent new infections in women and children," he added.

In industrialized countries, transmission is still often through homosexual contact or injecting drug use. But there is ominous rise in heterosexual transmission. Last year in the USA, AIDS cases in women were almost 10 percent higher than the year before. In 1992, sex became the leading cause of AIDS in American women. In Scotland a significant proportion of new HIV infection in some cities are acquired through sex with a male drug user.

In many developing countries, heterosexual transmission has been predominant from the outset. In sub-Saharan Africa, women becoming in-

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OPTICAL MEDICAL MISSION VISITED THE FSM - Each year, the Japan Optical Medical Mission, a team of doctors and nurses visits Micronesia to do free eye examination and surgery. In 1991 the team went to Yap State; 1992, Chuuk State; 1993, Kosrae State; and in January 1994 they will be coming to Pohnpei State. The group above visiting President Bailey Olter are representatives of the three organizations that sponsored the eye team. The sponsors are, Yomiuri Light and Humanity Association, "Dove of Love" charitable organization; and N.B.K. Tokyo. From left to right: Mr. Asaka, Coordinator, NBK Ltd.; Mr. Kiosy Edward, Translator; Dr. Aminis L. David, Chief of Staff, Pohnpei State Hospital; Dr. Yukio Yamamoto, Chief Eye Surgeon, Tokyo Metro, TAMA Hospital; Mr. Masao Kato, Administrator, Yomiuri Light and Humanity Association; Mr. Kimio Watanabe, Administrator, Nippon TV Network; and Mr. Naohiro Tomita, Yomiuri Travel Services. Sitting is President Bailey Olter.

en infected by HIV and 4 million would have died.

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ected with HIV now outnumber men by six to five. The number of women becoming infected continues to rise. In Malawi, infection rates among women attending ante-natal clinics increased from three percent in 1985 to over 30 percent this year.

But why is it that HIV infections in women are growing world wide? Dr Merson outlined three main reasons.

Women are basically more vulnerable. As the receptive partner, women have a larger mucosal surface exposed during sexual intercourse; moreover, semen contains a far higher concentration of HIV than vaginal fluid. Hence women run a bigger risk of acquiring HIV infection - and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).

Women are epidemiologically vulnerable. Women tend to marry or have sex with older men, who may have had more sexual partners and hence be more likely to have become infected. Women are also epidemiologically vulnerable to HIV transmission through blood. In developing world women frequently require a blood transfusion during pregnancy or child birth - for example, because of anaemia, or hemorrhage.

Women are socially vulnerable to HIV. Men are expected to be assertive and women passive in their sexual relationships. In some cultures, men expect sex with any women receiving their economic support. Whenever these traditional norms predominate, the result is sexual subordination, and this creates a highly difficult or even impossible for women to protect themselves from sexual transmission, through mutual fidelity or condom use.

Summing up what can be done to reduce the vulnerability of women to HIV infection, Dr Merson highlighted a number of suggestions. Among them are: biomedical scientists should give top priority to developing a vaginal virucide or microbicide active against HIV and other STDs; national AIDS programs should implement effective interventions aimed at men, such as needle exchange programs for injecting drugs users and vigorous condom promotion; young girls, who are especially vulnerable, should be taught how to protect themselves from HIV infection; women should be encouraged to seek and should receive good STD care and, men everywhere can help put an end to social traditions which lead to women's subordination.

"Women face extra challenges in protecting themselves and their children from HIV infection," he said, adding, "but this social vulnerability is hard for women to challenge as individuals, or even through female solidarity alone. It will take an alliance of women and men working in spirit of mutual respect."

Presidential Proclamation

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter issued the following Presidential Proclamation, September 2, 1993.

"I, Bailey Olter, President of the Federated States of Micronesia,

"**DEEPLY** concerned about the problem of rubbish and waste affecting the environment health in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM); and

"**RECOGNIZING** the need to involve the citizens of this Nation in activities which will positively assist their communities, while at the same time creating greater awareness of this issue with the public; and

"**WELCOMING** the opportunity to promote **CLEAN UP THE WORLD** in the Federated States of Micronesia, and noting with satisfaction that the four States in this Federation, namely Pohnpei, Chutk, Yap and Kosrae have registered through the National Government with Clean Up The World headquarters in Sydney, Australia to participate in this worldwide campaign during the week of September 17-19, 1993;

"do **DECLARE** that the week of September 13-19, 1993 shall be proclaimed **CLEAN UP THE WORLD WEEK** throughout the Federated States of Micronesia, and further urging and encouraging each and every citizen of this Nation to be environmentally positive in our daily personal attitude and behavior and that all of us should "*think Globally, Act Locally*" for the good of our children."

President Olter approved the hiring of six food inspectors.

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter on October 7, this year approved the hiring of six national food inspectors to be located in the Department of Health Services. These positions shall be funded by the Department, Environmental Management, and Health and Sanitation Program.

Duties include entering any port of entry where food articles are being received (imported), shipped or prepared for export, and examining and taking samples of articles, and examining anything which appears capable of being used for such preparation, packaging, storage, sale or conveyance; detaining and searching any vehicle at any port of entry which is conveying any food article, and examining and taking samples of any such articles; performing routine complex food quality inspections of food manufacturing, processing, and products; investigating food complaints ranging from routine quality problems to complex microbiology (food-borne illness) or chemical contamination problems; collecting evidence of contravention of the National Food Safety Act and regulations, by collecting samples of suspected food, obtaining statements from witnesses and preparing reports of such contravention; acting as witnesses in support of the charges against offenders of the food law and regulations in judicial and/or formal administrative proceedings; examining any books, accounts, documents or other records that could contain any relevant information about articles in accordance with the FSM National Food Safety Act and related regulations; and assisting in developing and implementing training programs for food industry managers and food handlers.

Candidates must be college graduates and/or high school graduates with three to five years of successful experience in health administration field. Upon meeting the qualification requirements, a candidate shall undergo training in food safety in preparation for an examination. It is necessary to pass the exam in order to be certified as food inspector.

Singeo and Mauricio joined FSM Historic Preservation

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - SeNellie Singeo and Dr. Rufino Mauricio of Pohnpei have joined the Division of Historic Preservation, Office of Administrative Services, as National Historic Preservation Officer, and Staff Archaeologist respectively.

SeNellie Phillip Singeo of Pohnpei joined the FSM National Government after the untimely passing of the former National Historic Preservation Officer, late Teddy John of Kosrae. Singeo now serves as the first woman to provide technical and professional assistance with the four FSM State Historic Preservation Officers. She is responsible for the coordination and monitoring of Federal Programs and Federal Grants for the FSM's cultural and historical pres-

essional employment began immediately after graduation from college.

Singeo is married to Dr. Singeru Singeo of Palau (former Chancellor, College of Micronesia) with three children, Amy, 19; Jason, 8; and Eric, 7. They presently residing in Kolonia, Pohnpei and Amy is attending college in Oregon.

Mauricio, 44, on June 13 this year, acquired his Ph.D. degree from the University Oregon where in 1982 he also received his MA and in 1979, BA degrees in anthropology. He received his AS degree from the Community College of Micronesia (now COM-FSM) in Pohnpei in 1971.

Mauricio presently serves as a collaborator and voluntary consultant to Odyssey Film Production, in Portland,

Dispersal, and Settlement Themes in Clan Narratives. The article was published in the journal, Man and Culture in Oceania.

Mauricio currently serves as the Executive Officer for the Micronesian Endowment for Historical Preservation and recently accepts an invitation from the Micronesian Area Research Center, University of Guam, to serve on the Advisory Board of *Isla: A Journal of Micronesian Studies*. He was a recipient of the Council for Minority Education Award for Graduate Student, University of Oregon, 1989; an Associate Member of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, 1989; presently a member; President of the Anthropology Association of Graduate Students, University of Oregon, 1987 - 1988, and in 1987 he was awarded the L.S. and D.S. Cressman Prize by the Department of Anthropology, University of Oregon.

Dr. Mauricio was appointed by Pohnpei Government's Director of Land in 1987 to serve on the State's Panel of Historic Preservation Review Board. He's currently the Executive Director of the Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation.

Dr. Mauricio is married and has three children. His family is now living in Eugene, Oregon.

NFC Board requested for a FSM rep on the Board

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Reed Nena, Chairman of the National Fisheries Board of Directors (NFC) wrote to President Bailey Oler last October informing the President of the NFC Board Meeting in October this year, and conveying the wish the Board's wish for the President to avail one of the National Government Directors position on the Board of the Micronesia Maritime Fisheries Academy (MMFA).

During the October meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Fisheries Corporation held in Pohnpei, a decision was made to have NFC some direct involvement in the affairs of the Micronesia Maritime Fisheries Academy School in Yap. The decision was made in view of NFC being the implementing agency for the National Government to work with OFCF and the school in organizing fishermen training courses. Further, NFC has been given the title ownership of all the fixed assets donated by the Japanese Government to the school. Estimated value of those assets is about USD 1.0 million. finally, since NFC would be the agency that would likely to employ and find employment for the graduates from MMFA, it is only logical that we be given the opportunity to have some role in how the school will train fishermen.



Singeo



Mauricio

ervation programs with the National Park Service, Western Region.

Prior to accepting her present post, Singeo's extensive background and experiences include Assistant to Governor of Pohnpei for the Office of Federal and Foreign Relations in 1990, Executive Director for Pohnpei Community Action Agency in 1983, Congressional staff at the U.S. Congress as a Hearing Clerk in the Subcommittee on Public Land and National Park, House of Representatives in 1980, Secretary to Congressman Antoino Won Pat of Guam at the U.S. Congress in 1979, Head Librarian for the Interim Congress of Micronesia, 1977, High School Teacher at PICS in Pohnpei in 1976, and Elementary School Teacher at St. Francis in Yona, Guam in 1974.

Singeo received her Theology degree at Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon while studying Economics at the University of Oregon also in Eugene, Oregon in 1971. She later graduated with a B.A. degree in elementary and Secondary Education from the University of Guam in 1974. Hence, her pro-

Oregon, for the pending production of an educational film on Nan Madol Archaeology and Pohnpeian culture. He directed the 1989 Salapwuk Project, a survey of historic and cultural resources of Pohnpei State, under the supervision of Dr. William S. Ayres, a component of the Micronesian Resources Survey project of the Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation.

His publications include: *A History of Pohnpeian History or Poadopoad: A Description and Explanation of Recorded Oral Traditions* appearing in the recently (1992) published book *Pacific History: Papers from the 8th Pacific History Conference*. He co-authored with Dr. Gerald Fry of the University of Oregon the annotated bibliography, *Pacific Basin and Oceania* published by Clio Press in 1987. He also co-authored with Dr. William Ayres of the University of Oregon a paper called *Stone Adzes from Pohnpei*. This paper was published in the journal, *Archaeology in Oceania* in 1990. In 1987 he wrote an article on *Peopling of Pohnpei Island: Interpretation of Migration,*

Telecome celebrated 10th Anniversary in Pohnpei

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Ten years ago, on October 1, the FSM Telecommunication Corporation came into being by law, thus on October 1, 1993, FSM Telecommunications Corporation celebrated its tenth anniversary at its head office in Kolonia, Pohnpei.

President Bailey Olter in his remarks said, "I am pleased to be here this morning to partake in this special occasion commemorating the 10th anniversary of the FSM Telecommunications Corporation."

He further said that the special occasion was to "...acknowledge with great gratitude the accomplishments and progress of the corporation during its first decade of operation." Olter said that the growth and development of FSM Telecommunications impacts "...our collective efforts to improve the standard of living in our nation."

The enactment of the legislation establishing the FSM Telecommunications Corporation was in recognition of the need for dependable telecommunication is an integral component of development in the FSM. Adding that the law mandates the Corporation "...to provide, expand, and improve all telecommunication services, except radio and television broadcasting..." and "...to promote economic and social development in the FSM."

IN 1983 FSM Telecom was linked to the outside world through satellite, shortly thereafter telex services were installed in all four states.

In 1987 with diligence and after arduous negotiations with the United States a loan of \$41 million from the Rural Electrification Administration was approved for the FSM Telecom and a five-year expansion program got underway throughout the FSM, beginning with the acquisition and installation in the four FSM States of earth stations with direct dialing capability among others, replacing the outmoded equipment.

With the REA loan money, the TELECOM has nearly completed the installations of optic fiber cables replacing old copper wires in some places and expanding in others beyond the present lines. This phase when completed will make telephone services encircle Pohnpei Island as well as other State centers. Expansion to outer islands and atolls will follow.

Telephones have increased from 1,000 in 1984 to 6,000 this year.

In September this year, FSM TELECOM became a member of International Telecommunication Satellite Organization (Intelsat) which will make

technical assistance and numerous other benefits available.

"Like a business which the corporation was mandated by law to operate, the continued success of the FSM Telecom Corporation will heavily depend on its vigilant watch over improved services to its costumers. Thus far, their experiment with Public mo-

nopoly is working well in the case of the FSM Telecommunications Corporation," Olter added.

In closing President Olter congratulated the Board, management and staff for the accomplishments of the past ten years and reminded them of continuing challenges to keep their customers satisfied and continue their future success.



POHNPEI & ZHEJIANG FORMALIZE FRIENDLY RELATIONS NOTES - Pohnpei State and Zhejiang Governments formalized "friendly-relations notes" in Pohnpei this year. Governor Johnny P. David and Vice Speaker Salter Etse in 1992 led a state delegation to Zhejiang Province at the invitation of the Zhejiang Government. The friendly-relations exchanged between these governments, depending on the extend of mutually beneficial cooperative arrangements in the future, will lead to formal establishment of a "sister-state" partnership between the two governments. The goal of this arrangement is to enable the two to promote and cooperate in areas of educational exchange, cultural, economic development and technical assistance, and various other mutually beneficial programs. From left to right: Mr. Wu Bing-liang, Vice Director; Mr. Lu Lai-qing, Vice Director; Mr. Liu Xi-rong, Vice Governor; President Bailey Olter; Chinese Ambassador to the FSM Li Qinping; Mr. Wang Leng, Director; Mr. Xu Zhong-hu, Deputy General Manager; and Mr. Lu Guo-hao, Deputy Division Chief.

After 18 years of services Aguigui retired

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Leonard Q. Aguigui retired on October 1, 1993, from the U.S. Farmers Home Administration (U.S. FmHA) after serving for 18 years as Director of Western Pacific Region based on Guam, according to a release from the U.S. Farmers Home Administration in Pohnpei.

During his tenure, Aguigui was very instrumental and responsive towards Farmers Home Administration in the region including opening up all the area offices in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Belau, Agana and Dededo Area offices in Guam, and Saipan, said veteran Pohnpei State Area Supervisor Shelten G. Neth.

The release stated that, "Leonard has undeniably distinguished himself as a leader in providing significant contributions toward the strengthening and

improvement of the rural way of life in the Western Pacific. Through his determination, innovation, diplomacy, and sincere professionalism, he has gained a deserving reputation for excellence in providing our much needed program services to these vast and diverse rural communities. The success of FmHA in the Western Pacific would not have been possible without Mr. Leonard Q. Aguigui. His devotion to work and duty has also created a positive image for FmHA and USDA, U.S. FmHA Officials concluded."

All the good deeds toward the development and improvements of human settlements for the people of Pohnpei State through FmHA will not have been possible without the concerted, devoted, and undivided efforts of Mr. Aguigui, Pohnpei State Governor, the Honorable Johnny P. David said.

China Embassy in Pohnpei commemorated National Day in Pohnpei

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - On October 1st, 44 years ago, the government of the People's Republic of China was founded. Ambassador of the People's Republic of China (PRC) to the FSM Mr. Li Qiping and Mrs. Li, in celebrating the 44th Anniversary, hosted a banquet at the China Restaurant in Pohnpei at which the FSM President and Nanmwarki of Sokehs were among the official guests.

President Olter in expressing appreciation on behalf of the people of the FSM said, "The people of the Federated States of Micronesia join me in extending our sincere congratulations to the Government and the People of China on this most joyous day to celebrate the founding of their esteemed Government."

Commenting on the diplomatic relations between the FSM and China President Olter said, "Despite the short period of formal diplomatic relations between our two countries [FSM and PRC], the genuine accomplishments in strengthening our friendship is significant. We must take pride in the friendly relations and our commitment to continue our full cooperation in the years to come."

"Your Excellency, the people of the Federated States of Micronesia join me in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to the People's Republic of China for the generous support and cooperation that your country has extended to the FSM over the course of these several years since the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries. Furthermore, I am pleased to convey our strong commitment and confidence in the pre-eminence of the relationship between our two countries today. The bond of friendship that our two peoples now enjoy ought not to be relinquished. Our commitment and efforts in strengthening such bond is vital," he said.

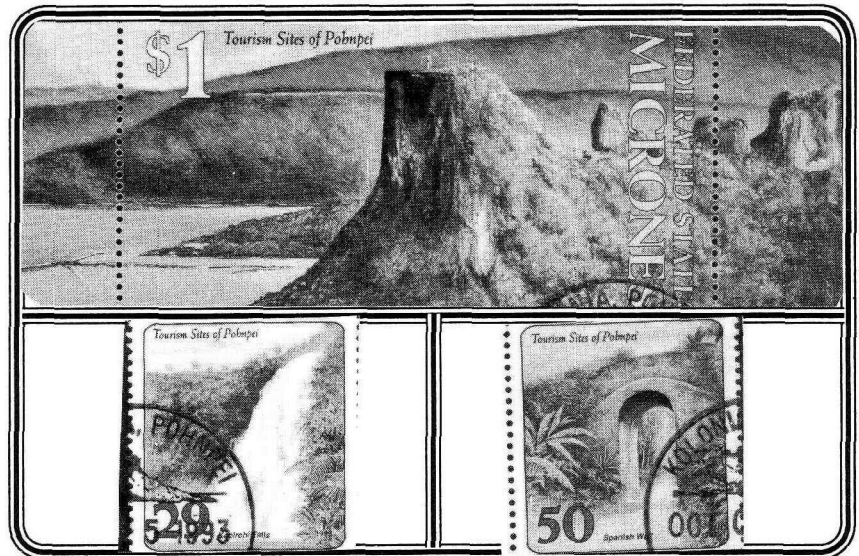
Regarding the FSM's policy toward

China, President Olter said, "Guided by our one-China policy, our two countries, together with our friends and neighbors, will continue to exert and to innovate outstanding contributions not only to our Asia Pacific Region but to the world at large.

"The future of our good relations calls for renewed commitment and innovation to expand cooperation and under-

standing between our two peoples and our two countries. In so doing, we will be able to tap and discover future opportunities for our mutual benefit."

President Olter asked the invited guests to join him, Ambassador and Mrs. Li in a toast for the good health of President Jiang Zemin, good relations between the FSM and China, and the prosperity and success of the people of China.



STAMP RELEASE - The FSM Postal Service released a beautiful colorful set of stamps featuring tourism sites of Pohnpei. These beautiful colorful stamps are available for sale at all FSM Post Offices throughout this Nation as well as at the FSM Philatelic Bureau in Kolonia, Pohnpei.

To show some of the fascinating tourist attractions in the State of Pohnpei, the FSM Postal is issuing these three stamps saluting tourism sites of Pohnpei on October 5, 1993. These beautiful colorful stamps include: The magnificent 29 cent KEPIROHI FALLS stamp, which features a breathtaking view of cascading waters descending from a 70-foot drop; the 50 cent SPANISH WALL stamp, which depicts an intriguing remnant of Pohnpei's early history; and the \$1.00 SOKEHS ROCK souvenir sheet, which illustrates the fascinating 662-foot promontory which acts as a beacon for incoming ships and airplanes.

The 29 cent and 50 cent stamps are being issued in two separate 40-stamp sheets, and the \$1.00 stamp will be issued individually in the souvenir sheet. Official first day covers will be available as a set of two: one with both the 29 cent and 50 cent stamps, and one with the complete \$1.00 souvenir sheet.

Everyone is encouraged to utilize these beautiful stamps while the supply lasts. These beautiful stamps are available for a limited period of 12 months, after which time they will be withdrawn.

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