

# Speaker administered oath of office to Kansou

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Roosevelt Kansou was sworn-in during the opening of the First Special Session of the 8th FSM Congress, February 21, 1994. Kansou won the special election held in Chuuk, February 11, 1994, to fill the seat in Congress vacated by Iosi Ludwig who passed away, December 17, 1993. Congress Speaker Jack Fritz ap-

pointed a credentials committee composed of Floor Leader Joseph Urusmal from Yap as Chairman, Senators Wagner Lawrence of Pohnpei, Nishima Yleizah of Chuuk and Moses Mackwelung of Kosrae as members to review and make a recommendation on the Senator-elect Roosevelt Kansou. Following a brief recess during which time the Committee did its work, the

Session was resumed and the Committee Chairman reported that the Committee recommended seating Kansou and its report was adopted. Speaker Fritz then administered the oath of office to the new senator, officially seating him in the Congress.

Fritz also appointed the members of the Credentials Committee to serve on  
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## Private sector Rep. participated in SNLC for the first time

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The State/National Leadership Conference (SNLC) was held in Pohnpei, February 14, 1994, with private sector representatives from the state participating for the first time.

FSM President Bailey Olter opened the Conference and welcomed the States and National Executive and Legislative officials and the private sector representatives, two from each State and other officials to Palikir.

The Conference elected Vice President Jacob Nena as Chairman, Governor Petrus Tun, Vice Chairman, and Lt. Governor Victor Edwin, Secretary.

The President in welcoming the participants said, "It is a pleasure to welcome you all to Palikir, our Capital. In particular, I extend a special welcome to the representatives of the private sector and those of you who had to fly here. Let us applaud Congress for its wise initiative in providing means for the private  
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## 2nd PRC Ambassador to the FSM presented credentials

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The second Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the FSM presented his letter of credence to President Bailey Olter on

February 22, 1994, in a brief ceremony held in the President's Cabinet Room in the presence of the FSM and Pohnpei State officials.

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**PRC ENVOY PRESENTED CREDENTIALS** - The 2nd Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the FSM Chen Yong-cheng is presenting his letter of credentials to President Bailey Olter, February 22, 1994, in a brief ceremony held at the Cabinet Room in the presence of the officials of the state and national governments. From left to right are President Olter, Protocol Officer Ieske Ieski, and Ambassador Chen Yong-cheng.

## SNLC

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sector participants to be at this type of meeting for the first time.”

President Olter stated that the major topic the FSM faces is effective communication. It is a necessary precondition for improved coordination, collaboration, and cooperation — for working together among, “...ourselves at all levels of Government and private sector. We must all work at this.”

“Let us accept the blame together,” he said, adding, “for we have not, as of date, done an adequate job in communicating with one another. Hence coordination of training opportunities, important economic seminars, visits by external experts is at an unsatisfactory level. Coordination of major undertakings in economic and social developments is slow and it is seriously jeopardizing our investment ventures. Large scale projects and programs require collaboration among Governments at all levels on the one hand and with the private sector on the other. I believe there is much room for improvement on this front. Realizing the real need for improved coordination Congress took the bull by the horn, so to say, and funded a joint fisheries Task Force of the Congress and Executive Branch to travel to the States and discuss options for improvement. I applaud the Congress for its wise initiative in making money available to foot the bill for the participation of private sector representatives

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the Committee to Wait on the President, to inform him that the Congress is ready to transact business with the Executive Branch.

The Session was observed by a host of distinguished dignitaries from the National and State Governments including President Bailey Olter, Vice President Jacob Nena, Acting Chief Justice Andon Amaraich, cabinet members and FSM citizens.

The 11-day Special Session was called to consider several pieces of legislation discussed during the State/National Leadership Conference and the Conference on Resources and Development, relating to the economy.

from the four FSM States for the first time.”

President Olter asked the State and National leaders to look at various reports which have been developed for the conference by reputable experts in their fields and take positive decisions. Such report is on a cannery in the FSM, and recommends a 100 ton capacity to be first located in Chuuk. If proven successful, then other canneries in other states may follow. Some States were apprehensive about the recommendation. Other reports were on marine insurance for the FSM vessels, a bill for which is before the Congress. The report recommended endorsement of the bill.

The President reminded the Conference participants, the objective of which is, “...to provide for the improved living standards of our people so that they can live in dignity and harmony with one

## PRC Ambassador

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Chen Yong-cheng is replacing Ambassador Li Qunping (first Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the FSM), whose tour of duty ended and who has left Pohnpei.

Ambassador Chen Yong-cheng was born, August 1935, in Shandong Province, People’s Republic of China. A university graduate, who served as section member of the General Office, staff member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Attache of the Embassy of PRC in India, section member of China Insti-

another.”

Heading the largest delegation of 27 members was Chuuk Lt. Governor Marcellino Umwech; Kosrae delegation was led by Lt. Governor of Kosrae Lyndon Abraham; Pohnpei Delegation, Lt. Governor of Pohnpei Victor Edwin; Yap delegation, Yap State Governor Petrus Tun and leading the FSM National Government delegation was Vice President Jacob Nena.

Following the opening, the Conference went right into the agenda, beginning with the review of the current situation on fisheries infrastructure, power, water and sewer, cold storage facilities, ice plants, docks, transshipment bases and dry docking slipway. Numerous reports of task forces, special committees, expert reports and other documents were made available to the Conference participant as background materials to aid their decision making efforts.

tute of International Studies, First Secretary of the Permanent Delegation to the U.N., First Secretary of the Policy Research Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. He is married, and has two children.

### Olter hosted farewell reception in honor of the 1st PRC Ambassador to the FSM

In another related activity, FSM President Bailey Olter hosted a farewell reception in honor of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) Ambassador Li Qunping, January 13, 1993, at the Chinese Restaurant.

Ambassador Li was the first resident ambassador accredited to the FSM when he presented his credentials on June 27, 1991, and has since lived in Pohnpei. Before departing Pohnpei he was the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in the FSM.

Ambassador Li has been instrumental in cultivating a cordial diplomatic relationship between PRC and the FSM.

During his tenure of duty the Government of PRC has offered the FSM former and current Presidents two State visits, donated seven Chinese made vehicles and two interest-free loans of \$2 million each.



*KANSOUSWORN-IN - Above is Roosevelt Kansou being administered the oath of office by Congress Speaker Jack Fritz during the First Special Session held February 1994.*

# Population and Housing Census to be conducted this year

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The National Planner Marcelino K. Actouka, has announced the start up of the Population and Housing Census scheduled for this year. The FSM Office of Planning and Statistics has secured some funding from the United Nations, and the FSM Congress, and is still seeking additional funding from the State and the U.S. Congress. It will receive in-kind support from the U.S. Bureau of the Census, to conduct a simultaneous census throughout the FSM states using September 19, 1994, as Census Day.

The census will be a modified *de zure*, based on usual residence, restricted to persons living within FSM on Census Day and using place of usual residence during the 6 months immediately preceding the census.

The 1994, census will collect comparable data throughout the FSM States for uniform data analysis in assessing the development needs, objectives, and strategies of the Nation and to strengthen planning and policy formulation at the National and State levels.

As a start, the FSMOPS with the U.S. Bureau of Census organized and conducted a Census Planning Workshop in Palikir from August 9, 1993, to August 27, 1993. Two census advisors from the U.S. Bureau of Census, assisted by the National Census Coordinator, conducted the workshop. Based on FSM's request, two experts from UNFPA and SPC also participated in the workshop, particularly to review and comment on the draft questionnaire.



**R&D CONFERENCE** - President Oter, above, is addressing the R&D Conference held in Pohnpei, February 7, 1994, at the Central Facility Building. In the front, left to right are Vice President Jacob Nena and Secretary of R&D Asterio Takesy

During the workshop, the participants also discussed how to account for those FSM citizens living abroad. It is obvious that there is a significant number of FSM citizens currently residing in Guam, CNMI, Hawaii and even the U.S. Mainland. Since it is not clear whether they may be allowed to live and work there after the Compact, the participants came up with a separate form to be attached to the questionnaire to list all those citizens living abroad.

The participants also supported the idea of conducting a survey especially in Guam, CNMI, and Hawaii to get a listing of FSM citizens who have migrated to those areas by getting their names, sex, age, place of legal residence, the duration of their stay, and whether they plan to come back to FSM or not. This data will be processed separately from those collected within the FSM.

The 3-week workshop was divided into two parts. The first part was organized for the census coordinators and their support staff from the National Government and the States. Among other things, these key census staff were able to plan for each field operation, and draft documents like questionnaires, budgets, and organizational charts, which were then reviewed and approved during the second part of the workshop by the National and States Planners.

A Census Advisory Committee (CAC) and a Census Technical Group (CTG) are being organized by the President and the State Governors, comprised of National and State Planners and Statisticians respectively, to review

and advise on matters affecting the conduct of the census.

The CAC was expected to meet immediately to come up with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for each State with the National Government based on their commitments to the project. The committee is also expected to advise on how the citizens abroad could be accounted for and acquire support and additional funding at the State level to accommodate the survey costs. The CTG will also meet, after having the questionnaire reviewed by the data users to finalize the questionnaire design and to come up with a questionnaire for the survey of those absent on Census Day. It was also recommended that the 1994 FSM Population Census information be published within 18 months of the data collection, and be made available to the Office of Planning and Statistics in the State and National Governments, agencies, private sector, academia, and other users.



**GROUND BREAKING** - President Bailey Oter (right) and Australian Ambassador Peter Stanford (left) are breaking the ground of the new Australian Ambassador residence.

## FSM acceded to the Constitution of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity and the Agreement establishing AIBD

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM has acceded to the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity and the Agreement Establishing the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), according to the December 29, 1993 edition of the Journal of the United Nations.

The Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity was adopted by the United Nations Economic and Social

Commission for Asia and the Pacific on March 27, 1976. The FSM became the 30th member of the organization. Also recently acceded are New Zealand as a Member and Macao as an Associate Member. However, New Zealand's accession excludes Niue and Tokelau.

The AIBD Agreement was concluded in Kuala Lumpur on August 12, 1977. FSM becomes the 18th member of the organization which deals mainly with broadcasting development and training.



## 4 Olter approved PHRDC's request for a charter

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter approved on Jan. 25, 1994, a request from the Pohnpei Human Resources Development Corporation, a non-profit corporation, for a charter to operate in the State of Pohnpei.

The Corporation, was formed pursuant to Title 36, of the FSM Code, to conduct lawful activities other than for pecuniary profit.

Officers of the Corporation are Damian Primo, President; Peter Lohn, Vice President; Simon Kihleng, Secretary, and Ioanis Donre, Treasurer. Other members are Art Day, Leo Falcam, Higinio Iriarte, Esteban Santiago, and Ambros Senda.

Being non-profit, the Corporation is eligible for grants from many sources.

It will engage the development of human resources by way of job training, placement, education, and assist in community development, establishing community centers for the people of Pohnpei and coordinate youth activities.

### **PINA & PIBA conventions in APIA**

*The Pacific Islands News Association will hold its 1994 convention, June 26 to 30, 1994 in Apia, Western Samoa with Congressman Faleomavaega Eni Hunkin of American Samoa giving the keynote address.*

*The Pacific Islands Broadcasting Association then begins its general assembly also in Apia after PINA.*

## Project on dev. of National Account and Balance

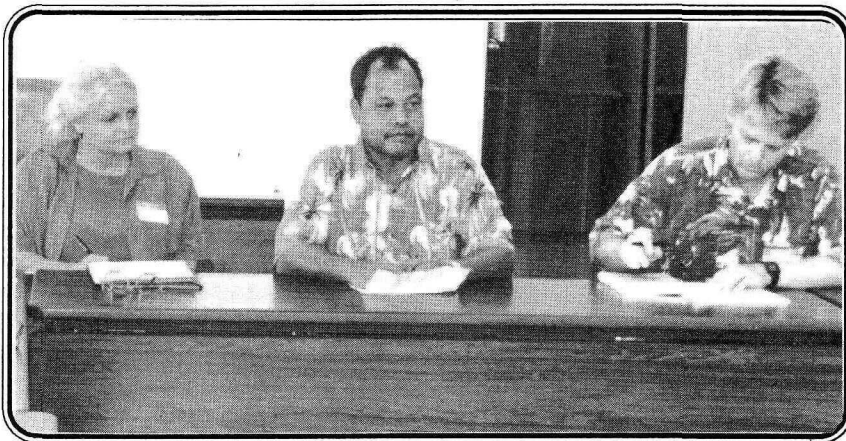
PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter announced that the National Government will undertake a project involving the development of National Accounts and Balance of Payment systems and information. It will be assisted by the United Nations Development Plan (UNDP), according to his letter of December 14, 1993.

Technical staff are also expected to come from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank. Meanwhile, specialists from these organizations who visited the FSM recommended some major changes in the way the FSM's statistics are compiled. Their recommendations will be discussed in the

future meetings of the Federated Development Authority (FDA) and the Chief Executive Conference (CEC). The State Governors and the President are members of both organizations.

Olter said most statistics originate at the State level and are forwarded to the National Government. Therefore, this must be carried out jointly by the States and the National, and solicited the cooperations of the four State Governors.

To coordinate this major project, Olter said he has hired former FSM Budget Director Del Pangelinan, to temporarily act as project coordinator. Pangelinan's office is in the Planning and Statistics office but he will report directly to the President. Pangelinan will be assisted by the staff of that office.



**EDUCATION HOSTED WORKSHOP** - Above are Dr. Mary Spencer, University of Guam; Dr. Catalino Cantero, Secretary of the Dept. of Education, FSM; and Dr. Steve Schmitz, University of Guam during the opening day of the workshop on high school diploma requirements, held on February 24, 1994.

## High Diploma requirement workshop held in Pohnpei

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A workshop on high school diploma requirements was hosted by the Department of Education under the division of Curriculum, Standard, Research, and Testing (CSRT) to explore the different ways of assessing life skills.

In the development of the National Curriculum Minimum Standards there were students performance expectations at the end of each cluster grades. These performance expectations included basic and life skills.

These life skills were never been part of high school graduation requirements. The workshop was proposing that we include these life skills as high school graduation requirements. Examples of life skills may include the vocational skills, values, and attitudes or apprecia-

tion of cultures.

The workshop provided the participants with evaluation instrument options for assessing these life skills. Since there is always the uniqueness which existed among the four FSM states in terms of life skills assessment, the National Department of Education found it difficult to come up with a unified standardized testing instruments to evaluate life skill competencies for the nation, but rather give the states the options to evaluate their own life skills competencies project based on the evaluation instruments being explored. Each of the state department of education made action plans on ways of evaluating these life skills and were tried out to a small group of people who provided constructive feedbacks for further planning developments.



### Fellowship for Journalists

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Twelve places for international journalists and limited funding, are being offered for the 1994 Nieman Fellowships at Harvard University in the United States.

A special fellowship for an environmental journalist is also being offered.

Applicants must have three years of experience and work fulltime for a radio station, television station, newspaper, or magazine. They must have their employer's consent for a leave of absence from September 1994 to June 1995.

For details, write to: Programme Officer, Nieman Foundation, Walter Lippmann House, One Francis Ave, Cambridge MA 02138-2098, USA.

### Alik joined diplomatic rep. in signing ceremony

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Ambassador Alik A. Alik, residing in Fiji, joined other Pacific Island Country (PICs) diplomatic representatives and officials in a signing ceremony, February 16, 1994, Suva, Fiji, which officially launched the UNDP Pacific Regional Equitable and Sustainable Human Development Programme.

In other news, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Officer-in-

Charge Dr. Heidi Larson, and a new Programme Officer for Micronesia, Kent Buse, visited the FSM states of Pohnpei and Chuuk on a familiarization tour.

They also discussed with relevant officials the monitoring of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the status of the UNICEF Basic Services Agreement with the FSM, and also did a follow-up on UNICEF assisted projects in the FSM.

### IMF advised FSM Gov't. to reduce expenditure

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The International Monetary Fund Mission advised the FSM Government to begin to reduce its current expenditure level to reflect the level of locally raised revenue which is approximately 25 percent of the current total budget outlay. Sav-

ings were to be effectuated by reductions in salaries, travels and other expense accounts. The advise came after IMF's Country Programming Mission completed its meetings with State and National Government officials with a wrap-up meeting with the FSM President and members of his Cabinet at the end of January 1994.

In the two hours meeting with the President, discussions were both general and specific on wide range of areas including social services, government and the economics. Also discussed was the Mission's views on the FSM after the end of the Compact period.

During the discussions, it was apparent that not all those present share the same position nor views about the state of the State's affairs.

### Fifty guns to Chuuk State Div. of Public Safety

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter on January 3, 1994, informed Chuuk Governor Sasao Gouland that the U.S. State Department has concurred with the transfer of 50 .38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolvers from the Hawaii Police Department to Chuuk State Division of Public Safety.

President Olter told Governor Gouland that U.S. law requires the approval of an export certificate to allow actual transfer and export of the weapons which should be obtained from exporters of the weapons acting on the FSM's behalf.

President Olter concluded by saying "such weapons will enhance the enforcement requirements and objectives of your State of Chuuk."

### ADB assist Fisheries Development project

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A team of experts from the Asian Development Bank visited Pohnpei, February 21 for four days to assist the FSM Department of Resources and Development with the implementation of the arrangements for the approved Fisheries Development Project, according to an official from the Department of Finance. The Mission was composed of S. Thuraisingham, Senior Project Specialist; M. Higuchi, Project Specialist; R. Rasuman, Control Officer; and N. Patel, Procurement Specialist. The Mission conducted a two-day workshop on the Bank's Procurement, on how to recruit consultants, and the procedures on disbursements of borrowed funds. Its activities were coordinated by the Department of Finance.



UOII FACULTY VISITED FSM - Three distinguished faculty of the Pacific Preservation Consortium, Department of American Studies, University of Hawaii visited the staff of the Division of Archives and Historic Preservation in February this year. The purpose of the visit was to brainstorm ways in which the University of Hawaii and similar institutions in the Pacific might assist Micronesians interested in preservation and preservation-related concerns in new and productive ways to broaden and strengthen the foundations of historic preservation in Micronesia. Discussions held during this interest-finding mission were constructive. The division of Archives and Historic Preservation expects a comprehensive report on the findings of this mission by the end of the summer. Sitting left to right are Jones George, Administrator, Div. of Archives and Historic Preservation, and SeNellie Singeo, FSM National Historic Preservation Officer. Standing left to right are Kohne Ramon, Director, Office of Administrative Services; Dr. William J. Murlagh, Director of Pacific Preservation Consortium, UOII; Dr. Leonard E. Mason, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, UOII and leading authority of history and ethnography of Micronesia; Nathan E. Napoka, Branch Chief of Culture and History, Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division; and Dr. Rufino Mauricio, FSM Staff Archaeologist.

## 6 PBMOTP graduated 10 more Community Health Physicians

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program (PBMOTP), based in Pohnpei, celebrate its 3rd graduation of Community Health Physicians February 2, this year at the Pohnpei State Legislature Building in Kolonia, Pohnpei.

Ten 1994 graduate candidates successfully completed their five-year physician training program, conducted by the John A. Burns School of Medicine of the University of Hawaii (UH) and funded by the U.S. Public Health Service. The candidates took a comprehensive Final Qualifying Examination (FQE), January 24-28, 1994. This FQE, which includes oral, written, and practical segments, was monitored by two External Examiners: Dr. Salesi Katoanga, Maternal Child Health Advisor for the World Health Organization (WHO), Suva, Fiji, and Dr. Masao Korean, Senior Staff Physician, Ministry of Health, Republic of the Marshall Islands. Candidates who pass the FQE were eligible for graduation and received a diploma in Community Health, Medicine and Surgery.

UH Regent Momi Cazimero formally represent the University at the graduation and gave the UH Address. Dr. Satoru, Associate Dean, John A. Burns School of Medicine, gave the charge to the graduates. Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick, Secretary of the Department of Health Services, FSM National Government, gave the keynote address.

The Pacific Island Health Officer Association (PIHOA), which consists of the Ministers and Directors of Health of the U.S. Associated Pacific Islands, has scheduled one of its biannual meetings to coincide with the graduation in Pohnpei in order to participate in the graduation.

To date the PBMOTP has graduated 23 Micronesian physicians who are now working completing their Internships in the FSM (eight in Chuuk, three in Kosrae, seven in Pohnpei, and three in Yap, and two in Palau). This number represents more Micronesian physicians than those who have graduated from medical schools in the last 25 years. This number includes the first women physicians from the FSM. With all the



*1994 MO GRADUATES - Above are the Community Health Physicians graduates at the Pohnpei State Legislature Chamber during the physicians' graduation day, February 2, 1994. Front row, left to right, Petra Tun, Yap; Tarine Butuna, Marshalls; Faiese Roby, American Samoa; Angela Techur, Palau; Robert Madison, Marshalls; Aitofele Sunia, American Samoa; Henry Lucio, Chuuk; Bethel Muasau, American Samoa; Peter Hasugulmal, Yap; and Rivelee Alokoa, Kosrae.*

1994 candidates passing their FQE, the total number of graduates in the region increased to 33, and include the first two PBMOTP graduates from the Marshall, and three from American Samoa. The potential graduates also include the first women physicians ever from Yap State and the Marshalls.

The graduate candidates include: Rivelee Alokoa, Kosrae; Tarine Butuna, and Robert Madison, Marshalls; Peter Hasugulmal, and Petra Tun, Yap; Henry Lucio, Chuuk; Angela Techur, Palau; and Bethel Muasau, Faiese Roby, and Aitofele Sunia, American Samoa.

Four other Year-Five students are expected to be eligible for graduation in June, this year.

Currently there are 42 other students in Year-Three and Four of the program. By Dec. of 1996, when the program is scheduled to end, it is estimated that 80 Micronesians and American Samoans will graduate from the program. The program will have then succeeded in meeting its goal to address the acute physician shortage in the region.

In 1988, the PBMOTP was asked to join a WHO task force to rejuvenate the Fiji School of Medicine which is now directed by the former PBMOTP Asso-

ciate Director Dr. Jimione Samisoni. In 1992, the John A. Burns School of Medicine went into a formal relationship with the Fiji Ministry of Health in order to assist the Fiji School of Medicine in the development of its WHO-supported postgraduate medical (specially) training program. Through the efforts of the Hawaii Congressional Delegation a recent bill was passed into law which included language directing the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to provide the Fiji School of Medicine no less than \$1,000,000 to promote medical education in the Pacific. This effort is seen as complementary to the U.S. Public Health Services efforts in Micronesia to train regional physicians. Upon development of the Fiji programs, graduates from the PBMOTP will be eligible for advanced training programs at the Fiji School of Medicine. After the PBMOTP closes in 1996 and the regional physician shortage problem addressed, Micronesian students will then have the continuing opportunity to enter the rejuvenated Fiji School of Medicine and thereby preventing another regional physician shortage from occurring 20 years from now.



## Law Enforcement Conference held in Chuuk State

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A Conference on Law Enforcement was held in Chuuk January 31 to February 2, 1994, at the urging of the FSM President Bailey Olter who wanted the Conference to

make recommendations on how to improve the criminal justice system.

President Olter sought Chuuk Governor Sasao Goulard's help in hosting the Conference in his State which is desirable because of its centrally location.

Participants included State chiefs of police, attorney generals, custom inspectors, immigration, labor and immigration officers.

FSM Attorney General Camillo Noket invited Senator Wagner Lawrence, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Organization of the FSM Congress to address the Conference and also share his views on FSM law enforcement.

The agenda for the Conference included law enforcement training; extradition and transfer of prisoners between FSM States; National and State Joint Law Enforcement agreements; and cooperation in enforcement of law on drugs, environment, labor, immigration, customs, postal service, and marine surveillance.

## Reed and DeLaNoy joined FSMDB

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Thomas J. DeLaNoy and Reed G. Nena joined FSM Development Bank (FSMDB), filling the Chief Finance Officer's (CFO) position and the Vice President's position respectively. DeLaNoy graduated from the Pacific Coast Banking School, University of Washington at Seattle, Washington, in 1980. He is a veteran banker of over 30 years experience in responsible positions such as cashier, chief finance officer, vice president and consultant. He taught courses in Principles of Banking, Money and Banking, Bank Management and Introduction to Data Processing in the Community College System in Arizona and Nevada. He was recruited out of Aurora, Colorado. He and his wife Patricia have been in Pohnpei since June 14, 1993.

Nena is a native of Kosrae State. He graduated from the University of Guam in 1973 with a BA degree in Public Administration. He public service started in 1974 with the Department of Personnel at the former TTPI Headquarters in Saipan. In 1980 he joined the FSM National Government as the Chief of the Training Division in the Office of Personnel, and in 1983 transferred to the Budget Office as the Administrator for the Administrative Management Division, the position he held up to September 27, 1993, when he accepted the Vice President's position at the Bank. He is married to Lore, of Chuuk and they have 3 grown sons.

Ihlen Joseph and Patrick Mackenzie recently joined the FSMDB Board of Directors, representing Pohnpei State and FSM National Government, respectively. Other directors include Mr. Hilary Tacheliol, representing the State of Yap, and Mr. Aren Palik representing the Kosrae State. The representative of Chuuk State has been vacant since the expiration of Mr. Manikis Sonis' term, at the end of October, 1993. Mr. Mackenzie was selected Chairman of the Board while Tacheliol was chosen Vice Chairman in the Board's meeting of October 1993.

### Consulates can extend expired passports

FSM President Bailey Olter has approved the designation by the Attorney General of granting FSM Consulate Offices in Guam and Honolulu the authority to extend expired FSM passports. Prior to the recent designation, extension of passports could only be handled by the FSM Immigration's Central Office in Palikir, Pohnpei.

In his public notice, President Olter urged FSM citizens who need this service to contact the FSM Consulate Offices in Guam or Honolulu. The new service was implemented on March 10, 1994.

## Pohnpei Utilities Corporation request for 2nd year's funding has been approved by OTIA

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Pohnpei Utilities Corporation's (PUC) second year funding request has been approved by the Office of Territorial and International Affairs (OTIA), according to President Bailey Olter's letter of January 18, 1994 to Pohnpei Governor Johnny David.

However, Governor David must sign documents of Assurances of Compliance to the terms and conditions of the grant in the amount of \$273,468, from the Department of Interior before the money will be made available.

Those conditions, according to a Budget Office staff member, include a matching grant of \$249,468 from local revenue or non-U.S. Federal Grant funds; establishment of a separate account for the Operations and Maintenance Improvement Program Account in which the Interior and Pohnpei shares will be deposited; submission by PUC of progress report on the implementa-

tion of the recommendations made in the second year report and the Operation and Maintenance Improvement Program report to OTIA. Another condition is that the Interior's share of \$273,468 be apportioned as follows: for power distribution improvements, \$111,468; salaries of PUC's General Manager, Comptroller and the Chief Power Engineer \$97,000; on the job training, \$30,000. Training programs, other than those offered by Buddy System Training Program in cooperation with the Pacific Power Association; spare parts and maintenance, \$10,000; and \$25,000 for power facility maintenance (cleanup and painting).

On Jan. 19, 1994, Governor David signed the Assurances for Compliance documents and a request has been forwarded to the FSM Ambassador to the U.S. to sign the grant award documents on behalf of the FSM. After signing, FSM Budget Office will allot the money to Pohnpei State for expenditures.



## Kosrae Library dedicated and named Rose Mackwelung

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - On January 7, 1994, Kosrae First Lady Siba and Mrs. Moses Mackwelung performed the honors of cutting the ribbon and unveiling the sign which marked the dedication of the new Rose Mackwelung Library. This 5,700-square-foot facility, a long-term effort of the Kosrae State Department of Education, fulfills the State's commitment to the idea that libraries are a cornerstone of education. In his keynote address to the assembled audience of governmental officials and other honored guests, Governor Thurston K. Siba elaborated on the theme of the library as a treasure which, in order to realize its value, must be used for knowledge, for wisdom, for pleasure, for the good of the people of Kosrae.

On opening day, guests toured the main library floor, browsing a collection of books ranging from Zane Grey westerns to up-to-date encyclopedias. Special sections for children, youth, reference books, magazines, Pacific materials and computers define the open, well-lighted space. In addition to the main library floor, the facility includes a conference area with kitchen facilities and office space.

A highlight of the day's program included touching remarks by FSM Senator Moses Mackwelung who spoke on behalf of the FSM Congress, which provided the funding for the construction of the new facility. Senator Mackwelung added a personal note of gratitude to the State of Kosrae on behalf of his family for dedicating the library in honor of his late mother Rose Kumai Mackwelung. Two other of Mrs. Rose Mackwelung's children, Robert Mackwelung and Mrs. Lydia Timothy, were also present for the honors.

Rose Mackwelung, 1912-1985, is considered to be the mother of education for Kosrae. After many years of running the regional mission school at Mwot, she created the first governmental school system after World War II,

making a basic education accessible to all the island's children. She also recognized the importance of English as a second language and taught special classes to prepare Kosrae's residents for the imminent changes as soon as the Japanese left the island.

Born to Gilbertese parents who had studied at the mission school on Kosrae, Rose was adopted at age 3 and raised by an American missionary, Miss Jessie Hoppins, on Jaluit and Kosrae. After spending many months in Japan, she was sent to the U.S., traveling under a British passport, to attend school in California. After completing her secondary education, Rose's U.S. sponsors insisted that she study nursing. But Rose had always dreamed of returning to Micronesia as a teacher, which she did as soon as the opportunity arose.

After serving as superintendent of schools for Kosrae, Rose moved to Pohnpei where she became assistant superintendent and also served as Women's Affairs Officer for the district. Throughout her many years of unequalled service, she touched the lives of many of today's state and national leaders in the FSM.

As a teacher and a principal, Rose Mackwelung encouraged her students both to master their academic subjects and to strive towards personal goodness. In both these areas she was an example. Her intellect and many talents, as well her kindness, her humility and her sense of humor are remembered by those who knew her. This lasting influence has now been memorialized by the fitting dedication of Kosrae's new library facility in her name.



*PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR VISITS FSM - U.S. Peace Corps Director Carol Bellamy arrived on her first visit to the FSM, Feb. 16, 1994, and paid a courtesy call on President Bailey Olter. Her visit to the FSM undoubtedly afforded her first hand knowledge of the important role Peace Corps plays in this country's educational system and other areas such as business development. Bellamy was appointed on July 2, 1993, by U.S. President William Clinton to head the U.S. Peace Corps. She is the first returned volunteer to direct the agency in its 33 year history. She was confirmed by the United States Senate on October 7, 1993. Bellamy was born on January 14, 1942, in Plainsfield, New Jersey. Left to right are Chief Protocol Ieske Iehsi, President Olter and Director Bellamy.*

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