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Ambassador of Holy See Presents Credentials

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Apostolic Nuncio Thomas A. White, of the Holy See, also known as the Vatican, presented his letters of credence to President Bailey Olter in a brief ceremony held July 11, 1994, in the Cabinet Room.

In presenting his letters of credence from His Holiness Pope John Paul II, White said that he is honored to be the first Apostolic Nuncio to the FSM and that His Holiness, the Pope has unceasingly been promoting justice, peace and harmony in and between all Members of the Community of Nations.

The role of the family in creating an atmosphere of peace, and of the State in

aiding the family to achieve that purpose was stressed in His Holiness' message for World Peace Day 1994, white said.

In reference to the Cairo International Conference on Population, White relayed the Pope's grave concern about the insignificant place given to the family, and family values, in the New York Draft for final document of that Conference. In this connection, he said that the Pope is confident that small nations as well as the major powers, will reflect some concern for the fundamental human rights of families and of the individual human person.

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25TH SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM - The President at the official opening of the 25th South Pacific Forum held in Brisbane, Australia. Behind the President, left to right: Ambassador Alik Alik, R&D Secretary Asterio Takesy, Ambassador Yosiwo George, and External Affairs Secretary Resio S. Moses (partially hidden).



WHITE PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS - The First Holy See Ambassador to the FSM Thomas A. White presents his credentials to President Bailey Olter in a brief ceremony held at the President's Cabinet Room in the presence of the officials of the national and state governments. From left to right are Speaker Fritz (sitting), President Olter, Ambassador White and Assistant Secretary of for Asian, Pacific, African, and Multilateral Affairs Jesse Raglmar-SUBOLMAR.

Managing Our Resources was the theme of the 25th SPF

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - This year's Forum theme was "Managing Our Resources." In this respect, specific discussions focused on fisheries, forestry, tourism and human resources development at the 25th South Pacific Forum Conference held from July 28 to August 4, 1994, in Brisbane, Australia.

In an interview with Radio Australia, Secretary of the Dept. of External Affairs Resio S. Moses, raises the FSM's objection to the Marshalls's propose feasibility study for the nuclear waste facility.

Australia being the Host Government, the Prime Minister of Australia, Paul J.

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He said, "Here in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Catholic Church numbers among its adherents 50 percent of the population. Under the leadership, for many years of Bishop Martin Neylon and now also that of his Co-adjutor, Bishop Amando Samo, and with the dedicated collaboration of the Jesuits and other Missionaries, this local Church has distinguished itself not only in the pure religious sphere but also in education and in service to the less advantaged members of society."

In closing White repeated the words of His Holiness in invoking the blessings and favour of the Almighty on His Excellency President Olter and his family, and on the whole Micronesian People.

Archbishop Thomas A. White also presented to President Olter a copy of the 1994 *Annuario Pontificio*, the Vatican Yearbook, which listed some 150 countries that have established diplomatic relations with the Holy See, FSM is among the most recent ones.

President Olter, in his statement, welcomed his Excellency, Apostolic Nuncio Thomas A. White warmly on behalf of the Government and the peoples of the FSM. He said, "this occasion has strengthened relations between the FSM and the Holy See, in a troubled world that is very much in need of peace."

He said that the Federated States of

Micronesia recognizes with appreciation the consistent efforts by the Holy See to find peaceful solutions to some of the pressing problems facing our world today, from racial and ethnic conflicts to hunger, famine, and disease, to name a few.

"The Holy See has played a major role throughout history in providing the necessary guidance that so many governments have come to need over the years. That is no different today," he said, adding that, "the FSM prays that in our life time we can truly experience peace not just in one part of the world but throughout the world."

President in accepting the letters of credence, said, "I wish to inform you of our resolve to work with your office in ensuring strong relations between the FSM and the Holy See and expand areas where we can effectively cooperate."

The President added, "As a Christian nation, the Federated States of Micronesia joins your Excellency and His Holiness Pope John Paul II in praying for guidance and wisdom to do what we can to improve our nations and the lives of our people in accordance with God's will."

Attending the brief ceremony were National and State government officials, the Diplomatic Corps, Bishop Amando Samo and representatives of the local Catholic Church.

After the ceremony, official photographs were taken of Nuncio White with President Olter and other officials before refreshments were served.

September proclaimed FSM-Wide Census Month

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Olter has proclaimed September 18, 1994, as census reference date for the FSM-Wide Census and the month designated as the National Census Month.

The president issued the proclamation on August 11, 1994.

The census enumeration begins this month and continue through October in all states.

Olter said in the proclamation that the data gathered in the Census will provide an important avenue for advancement of statistical system and the foundation for development planning in the FSM. The proclamation will also serve to educate and to draw the general public's focus on the importance of the census. The general statistical area is housing and population survey.

Due to its importance, the cooperation of all citizens of this Nation is needed for a reliable and useful census results.

FEMA approved \$5,000 for the purchase and replanting of taro in Yap

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FEMA has given its preliminary approval to Yap's Disaster Office's request for \$5,000 for the purchase of taro for replanting under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Project (HMGP). Michael Hornick informed Chutomu Nimwes, FSM Special Assistant to the President for Disaster and Special Programs. The only condition is that Yap does not exceed its original \$50,000 budget. Hornick said he will also be in touch with John Solith, Yap Disaster Officer.



FSM LAW DAY DEBATE - From left to right: Acting Chief Justice Andon Amaraic, Kosrae debate team Coaches Akiyoshi Palsis, Shra Mongkeya, Debater Kimie Ngirchechol, Coach Paul Hadick, Debater Jeremy Kinere, during the 1994 FSM Law Day Debate held at the FSM Superem Court in Palikir, Pohnpei.

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Keating, chaired the Forum which was held in the Beafort Heritage's Grand Ballroom. The Leaders' Retreat was held at Koorlbyn Resort.

President Olter, accompanied by First Lady Amalia, heads the FSM Delegation to the Forum. Other delegation members include the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs Resio S. Moses; Secretary of the Dept. of R&Dt Asterio Takesy; Deputy Assistant Secretary for South Pacific Affairs Tadao P. Sighra, and Elieser Rospel from the Office of Information. They joined Ambassadors Alik Alik, Yosiwo George and MMA Executive Director Bernard Thoulag, who left earlier to attend the Forum Officials Committee Pre-Forum Session.

The 25th South Pacific Forum was an

annual summit of Heads of Governments and Heads of States of 15 independent nations comprising the South Pacific Forum.

The two-day Forum was preceded by the Forum Officials Committee, a preparatory meeting for the Forum, and the Leaders' Retreat.

A Post-Forum Dialogue Partner Meeting, a meeting for frank discussions on wide range of issues between officials of Forum Island Countries and representatives of metropolitan countries with interests in the South Pacific was held after the Forum. The Dialogue Partners this year include Canada, People's Republic of China, the European Economic Community (EC), France, Japan, the United Kingdom, United States, Taiwan and along with the Forum Countries.

Aten named OIC Chuuk's Weather Station

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Bernard Aten, a longtime employee of Chuuk Weather Station, has been promoted to the position of Officer In Charge (OIC) of the Chuuk's Weather Station. He succeeded the late Lasaro Maipi who died recently in Chuuk.

Aten took the oath on May 15, 1994 at the Chuuk State Governor's Office, which was administered by the Chuuk State Supreme Court Chief Justice Honorable Soukichy Fritz.

Attending the swearing in ceremony were Lt. Governor Marcelino Umwech and members of his cabinet, Chief Justice Soukichy Fritz from the Chuuk State Supreme Court, Akira Zuzuki, FSM Weather Services in Pohnpei, representing the FSM National Government and Richard H. Hagemeyer, Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NOAA in Honolulu, and other State Government officials.

After taking the oath of office, Aten said, "on behalf of my wife, Mariko Aten my family and the staff of Weather Service Office Chuuk State join me in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to Richard Ragemeyer for taking time out from his busy schedule to come to Chuuk to join us during this swearing in Ceremony. This is a great moral booster for

me and my staff to have the Regional Director visit us during our time of griever for the loss of a great leader and a close friend, the late Lasaro Maipi."

Okinawa-Pohnpei Club paid courtesy call on President Olter

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Forty members of the Okinawa-Pohnpei club paid a courtesy call on President Bailey Olter, June 30, 1994, in his Cabinet Room and took pictures with him in front of his office at the FSM Capital.

The members of the club were those Okinawans who had lived in Pohnpei during the Japanese Administration of these islands and during the Second World War, and who returned to Pohnpei on a good-will mission to revisit and reminisce with the Pohnpeians and to see the progress that has been achieved throughout the years.

The Club members presented a number of Okinawan folk dances at the Public Gymnasium in Kolonia, July 31, 1994, to which the general public were invited.

The group was accompanied by local businessman Isamu Nakasone, Sadoshy Une, Sipiriano Pablo, and Nohs Sokehs among others.

FSM joins other Nations celebrated the World Populations Day

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM joined on July 11, 1994, other member nations to celebrate the World Population Day, as designated by the UN.

Secretary of the Department of Health Services Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick, relayed the following message from Dr. Nafis Sadik, the Executive Director, United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA).

"On World Population Day we celebrate men and women: as the family as the foundation of peace and stability and the importance of choice to strengthen both individuals and family. It is a day to celebrate our richly varied cultures and traditions. It is a day to recognize what we need to do to make the future secure for the generations to come.

The International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) is meeting this month in an atmosphere of consensus about the importance of population issues for development. The Conference Program of Action recognizes individual choice as the keystone that balances population and resources. Its focus is on improving the quality of life for every member of living and future generations, in a manner that fosters sustainable development with greater equity.

The Program of Action is international framework on which national policies and individual actions can be based. But to make it a reality will call for the participation of every organization and every individual in all country.

UNFPA invites all Governments, United Nations agencies and organizations, non-governmental organizations, universities, population institutions and private citizens to take part in the observation of World Population Day to help raise awareness of the International Conference on Population and Development and the importance of population issues to our future."

4 Bills & Resolutions passed and adopted by the 8th FSM Congress during

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Third Regular Session of the Eighth Congress adjourned sine die on June 10, 1994, after extending the session one day, passing 24 bills and adopting 14 resolutions, according to the President's Special Assistant for Legislative Matters. The measures are as follows:

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-140, CD 3, vetoed by President Bailey Olter, but overridden by Congress, appropriates the sum of \$10.1 million to fund public projects in the four states of the FSM.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-158, CD 1, amends section 14 of Public Law No. 8-18, increases the employment ceiling for the Department of Health Services to permit the hiring of food inspectors.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-187, CD 2, amends Title 9 of the FSM Code, as amended, to create the new position of National Election Director and establish his office in Pohnpei.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-225, repeals Public Law No. 8-41, in its entirety.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-238, CD 3, amends P.L. No. 8-61, reinstates an appropriation of \$500,000 for Kosrae State Fisheries Fuel Fund.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-239, further amends of P.L. No. 7-93, as amended by P.L. No. 8-9, section 3, to extend the lapse date for obligating funds for construction or renovation of State Centers for Continuing Education by three years to Sept. 30, 1997.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-240, CD 17, appropriates \$31,496,547, for the operation of the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary branches, the Public Auditor, agencies of the FSM Gov't., and the special programs, grants, subsidies, contributions, and refunds of the National Government during fiscal year 1995; establishes a budget for Compact sections 214(b), 215(a)(2), 216(a)(2)(3), and 221(b), and appropriates special funds available therefor under the Compact; establishes employment ceilings; and establishes overtime ceilings.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-

242, CD 1, further amends Public Law No. 8-75, to change the allottee of funds and to modify the use of funds appropriated therein.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-245, CD 2, further amends P.L. No. 8-19, which reduces the \$30,000 previously appropriated for Mortlocks Junior High School and creates a new line or project.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-247, CD 3, appropriates \$236,705 for supplemental funding for the Legislative Branch and raises the employment ceiling for the Congress.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-248, further amends Public Law No. 7-117, as amended, by further amending section 8, as amended by P.L. No. 7-136, 8-20 and 8-50, to adjust lapse date.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-252, further amends P.L. No. 6-67, to apportion funds and modify the use of funds appropriated therein for Yap State and to establish a lapse date.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-258, further amends P.L. No. 7-117, as amended, by further amending section 8, as amended by P.L. Nos. 7-136, 8-20, 8-42 and 8-50, to adjust lapse date.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-259, further amends Public Law No. 7-87, Yap State public projects, as amended by Public Law No. 6-18, and 6-71, to establish a lapse date for the authority to obligate funds.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-260, further amends Public Law No. 5-31, as amended by PL No. 5-75, by further amending section 2, as amended by PL 5-75, to establish a lapse date for the authority to obligate funds.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-261, further amends Public Law No. 5-59, as amended, to modify the uses of certain funds previously appropriated for Yap State public projects and to establish a lapse date for the authority to obligate funds.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-263, further amends P.L. No. 3-55, as amended, Yap State public projects, to establish lapse date for the authority to obligate funds.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-264, further amends P.L. No. 3-55,

Yap State public projects, for reallocating and modifying the use of certain funds and to establish a lapse date for the authority to obligate funds.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-265, further amends P.L. No. 4-91, to reallocate funds appropriated for Yap State public projects and to establish a lapse date for the authority to obligate funds.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-272, CD 3, appropriates \$1.3 million for school needs throughout the FSM during fiscal year 1995.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-273, CD 1, further amends Title 9, of the FSM Code, establishing expiration date for National Election Commissioners.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-274, CD 2, appropriates \$295,652.82 to settle the outstanding accounts of students from the FSM attending Palau Community College.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-276, CD 2, further amends Public Law No. 7-96, as amended by Public Law Nos. 7-126, 8-4, 8-8 and 8-23, by further amending section 1, as amended by PL Nos. 7-126 and 8-23, to modify the use of certain funds previously appropriated for Chuuk State and to change the allottee, and for other purposes.

CONGRESSIONAL BILL No. 8-277, CD 5, further amends Public Law No. 8-18, as amended, to appropriate \$834,136 as supplemental funding for the Executive Branch, Postal Services and College of Micronesia-FSM.

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 8-25, CD 1, ratifies the agreement on economic and technical cooperation between the FSM and the People's Republic of China Governments, signed in Pohnpei on August 10, 1993.

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 8-54, requests that the FSM Dept. of External Affairs request the Secretary of United States Dept. of Agriculture to continue funding development projects in the FSM through the Framers Home Administration.

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CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 8-56, approves certain grant applications for funding under the Operating and Maintenance Improvement Program pursuant to section 210(2) of Title 55 of the FSM Code.

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 8-57, approves the Foreign Fishing Agreement between the Micronesian Maritime Authority and the China National Fisheries Corp.

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 8-58, approves the Foreign Fishing Agreement between MMA and the Zhong Yuan (FSM) Fisheries Company, Inc, LTD.

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 8-59, approves the Foreign Fishing Agreement between MMA and Ting Hong Oceanic Enterprises.

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 8-60, confirms the nomination of Shinobu Poll to represent Chuuk on the National Board of Nursing.

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 8-61, confirms the nomination of Wincener David to represent Pohnpei on the National Board of Nursing.

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 8-62, confirms the nomination of Anna Boliy to represent Yap State on the National Board of Nursing.

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 8-63, confirms the nomination of Sizue Yoma as representative of the Department of Health Services on the National Board of Nursing.

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 8-64, confirms the nomination of Kun Monkeya to represent Kosrae on the National Board of Nursing.

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 8-67, modifies the total funds estimated to be available for appropriation.

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 8-68, establishes the total funds estimated to be available for appropriation from the General Fund of the FSM for fiscal year 1995.

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION No. 8-69, a resolution extending the session for one more day.

Over \$31 million approved for the operation of the National Gov't. in 1995

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter signed into Law July 21, 1994, Congressional Act No. 8-95, designating it Public Law No. 8-96. The new law appropriated \$31,469,547 for the operations of the National Government and its agencies for Fiscal Year 1995 which begins October 1, 1994, and ends on September 30, 1995.

Of the amount, \$13,956,440 was approved for the operations of the Executive Branch; \$2,524,683 for the Legislative Branch's operations; \$944,975 for the operations of the National Judiciary; \$499,500 for the Public Auditor; \$1,995,097 for the operations of independent agencies, commissions, authorities, boards, bureaus and other national government organizations; \$370,815 to pay power bills for the National Capital; \$846,000 for operating expenses of the Telecommunications Corporation; \$70,000 for hospital staff training, visiting specialists and transportation for physical therapy unit of Chuuk hospital; \$1,200,000 for operations of College of Micronesia-FSM; \$1,089,700 for post-secondary educational assistance; \$2,529,739 for other National Government programs, grants, subsidies, contributions, and refunds;

\$448,850 for Compact section 221(b) programs, the health and education programs; and \$4,993,748 for development, apportioned as follows: \$130,000 for National staff upgrading; \$3,000,000 for business development loans; \$53,500 for a FSM Immigration communication network; and \$1,810,248 for College of Micronesia- FSM furniture and equipment.

The employment ceiling for the National Government and its agencies for FY-95 is 672. However, the President is authorized to transfer up to 12 positions within the Executive Branch. The law prohibits expending of funds for positions not budgeted for. Reprogramming authority is limited to 10 to 15 percent.

All funds appropriated shall lapse (or return to the General Fund) by September 30, 1995, with a few exceptions. Funds for these projects will remain available until fully expended, the law stated.

Olter vetoed CFSM Act 8-97

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter, on July 12, in a letter to Congress Speaker Jack Fritz stated that he has regretfully vetoed Congressional Act. No. 8-97, which amended certain provisions of the existing Election Law.

President Olter said he feared his approving the proposed amendment would do more harm than good because the text of the amendment is incomplete, it does not provide clearly its effective date. Furthermore, first part of section 301 of title 9 would be contradictory to the second part of the same section.

Olter also pointed out that the measure would allow long periods of vacancies and no provision as to how to hold an election if the position were vacant.

Olter offered the assistance of his Attorney General to work together with Congress attorneys on a better version that will eliminate the noted defects, or work with the State Governors in designating national election commissioners.

Olter said that his office is open to suggestions on how to devise a fair and efficient system.

New peace coprs volunteers in Kosrae

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Four new Peace Corps volunteers took their oaths of office in Kosrae administered by David Styles, Peace Corp Country Director in a ceremony held on August 10, 1994, attended by nearly 50 officials and host-families.

The new volunteers were all American females who will begin their two-year tours of duty at their assigned work-sites; the FSM Development Bank office, COM-Kosrae Campus, Kosrae Office of Planning and Marine Resources Development.

Kosrae Governor Thurston Siba delivered the keynote address.

There are five other volunteers in Kosrae whose contracts will expire in July 1995.



PHILLIP EARNED MASTER OF LAWS DEGREE - After the graduation Mr. Phillip, had a group photo with some of his class mates. Standing left to right: Zid Udris, Nirit Udom, Frank Champaign, Joseph Phillip and Peter Slach.

1st FSM citizen earned prestigious degree in law

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Joseph Phillip, Esq., FSM Chief Public Defender graduated from Cleveland, Ohio, May 25, 1994, with a Master of Laws degree (LLM) from Case Western Reserve University's Franklin Thomas Backus School of Law. It is a commendable academic achievement in law profession. Phillip is the first FSM citizen to earn this prestigious degree in Law.

Phillip was granted a one year education leave in June of 1993, by President Bailey Olter, to attend the Master of Laws program at Case Western Reserve School in Cleveland, Ohio. In President Olter's brief message of approval to Phillip prior to his departure to begin the law study, the President wrote, "I am always happy to see our people entering in the academic world, seeking opportunities to achieve excellence. This is one of those, yes, I give you my blessing of approval to prepare yourself to enter this very worthy exercise, to better yourself in your chosen field of work."

Gene Babauta, his assistant, was designated Acting Chief, Public Defender. Phillip says that the Presidential bless-

ing made it possible for him to successfully completed the legal training. He expressed his appreciations to both President Olter and Vice President Nena for their seriousness of support in ensuring that the cost of the legal training were met in timely fashion.

Phillip hold a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) degree from the Univ. of PNG School of Law and a Diploma from the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) before embarking on the Master of Laws program.

He was first appointed FSM Chief Public Defender by President John Haglelgam and was reappointed by President Olter and was confirmed by Congress to serve in the same capacity in his administration. Phillip also served for two years of public defender service in Yap State and has practiced law in all the FSM State Courts.

Phillip, who is formerly from Nanlukop Section of Lohd Pah Village of Madolenihmw, is married to the former Manuelita Rodriguez of Nett District, and is now a resident of Kolonia Town. They have three daughters, Irene, Leilani and Isis and a son, John.

Olter issued amendment to Finance Management Act

PALIKIR, Pohnpei - President Bailey Olter issued on June 15, 1994, an emergency amendment to regulations on the FSM Financial Management Act which specifies qualifications of who can be an allottee or suballottee of National Government funds and requiring certain reports from such allottee or suballottee.

President Olter said that these emergency regulations are established in order to reduce the improper expenditure of public funds, increase the proportion of public spending that is properly accounted for, and promote compliance with the FSM laws and regulations regarding financial management.

An allottee must be either an individual person or legal entity duly formed under the FSM laws or laws of one of its States. When no such individual is specified by applicable law or in the request for allotment of funds, the individual deemed to be president, chief executive officer, managing partner, secretary, director, administrator, magistrate, mayor or head of that entity shall be deemed allottee.

A roster of allottees shall be established and maintained by the Secretary of Finance, only those whose names are included in the roster can be allottees. Initially allottees will include all public officials and all offices, departments, agencies, commissions, authorities, boards, public corporations or other instrumentalities of the FSM National Government or any State Government, and other person or entity specifically identified in the act passed by Congress before the effective date of this regulation. Other names shall be added to the roster upon their showing of understanding of obligations and technical ability to fulfill those obligation, satisfactory to the Secretary.

A person or entity shall be suspended from the allottee's roster if it is determined by the Director of Budget, the Secretary of Finance, and the Public Auditor that he has consistently or substantially failed to comply with the obligations of an Allottee.

Allottees are required to file semi-annual reports to Congress and Secretary of Finance. Comparable reports shall be provided to the Secretary not later than each February 1, and August 1, by any allottee to whom custody or control of funds has been transferred. Allottees shall provide such other reports, information, or documentation as the Secretary of Finance may request from time to time in compliance with the FSM Financial Management Act.

Four more students graduated from the MO program in Pohnpei ⁷

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Four more students graduated from the Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program (PBMOTP) in Pohnpei and received their Diplomas in Community Health, Medicine and Surgery. They were Drs. Elieser Johnson of Pohnpei, Kino Ruben and Sabastian Defang of Chuuk; and Sophia Gomokbay of Yap, joining 33 fellow graduate physicians, working in their respective hospitals in the FSM, Palau, the Marshalls, and American Samoa.

The ceremony held at Health Services in Palikir was officiated by Christian Gulbrandsen, M.D., Dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine, Univ. of Hawaii and attended by Government and School officials, family members and friends.

Gulbrandsen in his remarks stated that great efforts and great expense have gone into their education as physicians and expectations are high for the graduates to provide new leadership in health care delivery in the region.

He also thanked health officials in Micronesia and American Samoa for their roles in training the new physicians, adding, that without the support of the family members the completion of the training would not have been possible for the graduates.

"You now join a respected profession of medicine. Hold your heads up high, but do not be condescending. Your professional life is just beginning. Do not forget that you have been taught to inquire, to search for data, to establish hypotheses, and to ask

Tourism conference held in Chuuk

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The first FSM Government sponsor Tourism Conference was held at the Xavier High School in Chuuk from July 18 to 22, 1994. In attendance were representatives of state Governors, Legislature Speakers and the President of the Senate of the Chuuk State Legislature and representative from the President's office.

Tourism development is a key strategy in the long-term economic development of the FSM and the conference was a critical step towards pulling together the State and National resources in execution of the development strategy in this area.

The agenda include defining the roles of the National and State Government, and the tourism industry; a national tourism policy; and discussion and agreement on the tourism strategies. The conferees also discuss the quality of life in the FSM and its environment.



MO STUDENT GRADUATED - Sophia Gomokbay received her diploma from Dr. Pretreck during a brief ceremony held at the Dept. of Health Services. From left to right: Dr. Pretreck, Gomokbay, Sebastian Defang, and Dr. Gregory Dever.

further questions. Learning never stops. And, wherever you find yourself, your teachers are always available to you. You are only a phone call away.

"Third, keep in touch with your classmates. They will be your supporters. Be prepared to receive as well as provide help. You have learned to do this over the past five years. Keep it up.

"Now, Doctors, I wish you well. Good luck on a successful career," he concluded.

Of the 37 graduated so far from the PBMOTP, 29 are from the FSM and the rest are from the Marshalls, Palau and American Samoa. Of the 29 FSM graduates in-

cluded seven from Yap, 11 from Chuuk, seven from Pohnpei and four from Kosrae.

More FSM citizens to serve in the U.S. Military

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Several young men and women of the FSM were enlisted into the U.S. Armed Forces, June 30, 1994, in a ceremony at the U.S. Army Civic Action Team Camp in Paies, Kitt, according to a release from the U.S. Embassy in Pohnpei.

U.S. Ambassador March Fong Eu made the welcoming remarks and congratulated the enlistees and their families and friends.

The new members of the U.S. Military will be joining another 20 FSM citizens who joined the U.S. Military last year in May.

These new U.S. military members will be serving either four-year enlistment periods in job skills such as medical specialist, finance specialist, unit supply specialists, Abrams crew members, cargo specialist, fire direction specialists, airborne, animal care specialists, chemical operations specialists and cannon members.

They will begin reporting for basic training at various Army Bases around the U.S. starting October 1994 through January 1995.

These enlistees of the U.S. Armed Forces are: Justin David, Legina Nakanaga, Amerither Thozes, Marylynn Yoma, Saikichy Simram, Burleigh Tara, Justino Monkea, Bernard Biocan, Xavier Jibemai, Ignatius Gilkagnang, Mercedes Libian, Patricia Ruecho, Filemino Kilicho, Nikemau Sipenuk and Norman Yleizah.

The Embassy also gave special recognition to Nikemau Sipenuk who will be receiving an Army College fund of \$30,000, for his superior qualifying scores.



PRESIDENT ADDRESSES TOURISM CONFERENCE - President Olier above addresses the Tourism Conference held at Xavier High School in Chuuk State, July 18 - 22, 1994.

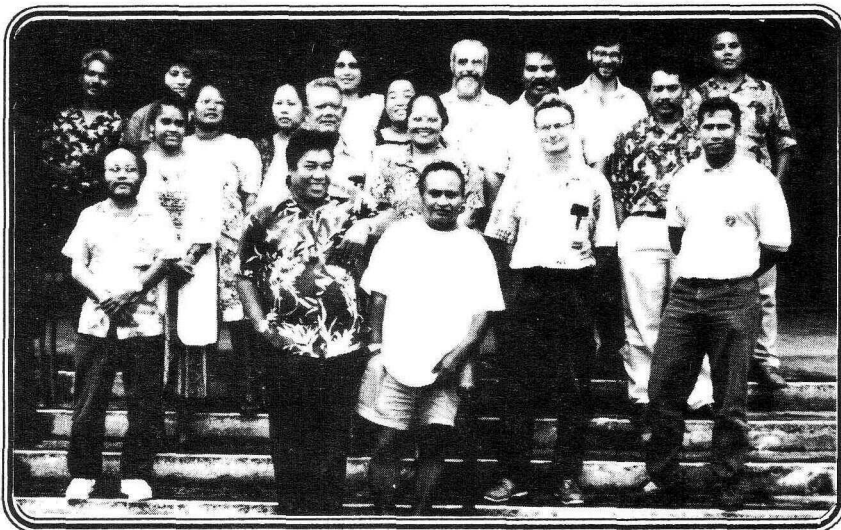
Pohnpei created task force to develop strategies to obtain compensation for war damages

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter received early July, a letter from Pohnpei Legislature on Legislature Resolution No. 118-94, L.D. 1, adopted in the 8th Regular Session of the 3rd Pohnpei Legislature which creates a joint task force to develop strategies for obtaining compensation for damages suffered by Pohnpeians and other Micronesians during WW II.

Membership on the task force include three from the Pohnpei Legislature appointed by the Speaker and three from Executive appointed by the Governor.

The resolution claims that the full adverse impact of damages resulting from the war has not been fully addressed; explanations on waiver built in the payment releases were inadequate and not well understood; compensations for deaths and damages were inadequate, and coordinated efforts toward obtaining just compensation is lacking.

The resolution further stated that the findings of the task force will be shared with the President of FSM, the Governor of Pohnpei State and the Speaker of the State Legislature.



NCD PREVENTION AND CONTROL WORKSHOP - Above are the participants of the 1994 FSM Non Communicable Disease (NCD) Prevention and Control Workshop held in Palikir, Pohnpei. Some of the participants are from Chuuk, Dr. Kiosi Aniol, State Director, Health Services, Dr. Kasyan Roby, Medical Officer, and Mx. Mike Reuney, Chief, Dispensary; Kosrae: Dr. Vita Skilling (not in photo), Medical Officer, and Jocelyne Charley, NCD Coordinator; Pohnpei: Dr. Elizabeth Keller, Medical Officer (not in photo), and Andreas Henry, Public Health Nurse (not in photo); FSM: Jane Elymore, Food and Nutrition Program Manager, Jeff Benjamin, Administrator, Medical Division and PHHS, Donna Wichimai, R.N., Public Health Advisor, and Amato Elymore, Health Statistician. The workshop consultants were Dr. Steve Auerbach, Medical Epidemiologist, USPHS, Dr. Rod Jackson, WHO STC on Cardiovascular Disease, Lerina Nena, FSM Health Services, and Dr. Adrian Pointer, Community Health Center, Pohnpei.

New Zealand Ambassador Marshalls visited FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - New Zealand Ambassador to the FSM arrived Pohnpei August 8, 1994, from Chuuk where he made his first visit to that State, according to the Dept. of External Affairs.

He was met upon arrival at the Pohnpei International Airport by the staff from the Dept. of External Affairs.

During his two-day visit to Pohnpei, Ambassador Brian Marshall paid courtesy calls on Deputy Secretary John Mangefel of the Department of External Affairs, Director of Budget and Chairman of Development Evaluation of Foreign Assistance Committee (DEFAC) Patrick Mackenzie, Finance Secretary Aloysius Tuuth, Resources and Development Secretary Asterio Takesy, and President's Special Assistant for National Planning Del Pangelinan.

Ambassador Marshall also paid courtesy calls on Pohnpei Governor Johnny David and the Dean of the Diplomatic Corp, Ambassador Peter Stanford of Australia. He also met with Pohnpei Forestry Chief Herson Anson and the Asian Development Bank's Watershed Project Team Leader Robert Goodwin.

Ambassador Marshall is New Zealand's Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia with residence in Tarawa. He was accompanied by his wife Phyl Marshall, who is also First Secretary at the New Zealand Embassy. They departed Pohnpei, Wednesday, August 10, 1994, for Majuro, Marshall Islands.

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