

Figir and Mackwelung inaugurated as governors of Yap and Kosrae

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Inaugurations of Governors-elect, Lieutenant Governors-elect and members of State Legislatures of Yap and Kosrae States in the Federated States of Micronesia was held, January 9, 1995, in individual ceremonies scheduled in the two States.

In Yap State, Governor-elect Vincent Figir and Lieutenant Governor-elect Mathias Y. Kuor assumed the two top

State offices replacing two term Governor Petrus Tun and Lieutenant Governor Tony Tawerilmang.

In Kosrae, Governor-elect Moses Mackwelung and Lieutenant Governor-elect Gerson Jackson were sworn-in replacing the one term Governor Thurston Siba and Lieutenant Governor Lyndon Abraham.

The newly elected Yap State Senators inaugurated on the same day were Clement Malalap, Ted Rutun, Tony

Ganngiyan, Robert Ruecho', James Mangefel and Stan Kensof, all representing Yap Proper; and Sabino Sauchmal, representing Satawal, Lemotrek and Elato Atolls; Santus Wichimai, representing Ifalik, Europik and Fachailap; Aloysius Fong representing Ulithi Atoll and Mathew Haleyalu representing Woleai Atoll.

In Kosrae State, the Senators-elects who were inaugurated were Albert

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First FSM native becomes Chief Justice for FSM Supreme Court

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter on January 27, 1995, in a brief ceremony at the Cabinet Room, administered the oath of office to Andon Amaraich as the first native Chief Justice of the highest court of the FSM since its inception in 1981, according to a release from the Supreme Court.

The President acknowledged Amaraich's many accomplishments as a public servant, and discussed some of the goals articulated by the Chief Justice to President Olter in the past. In addition, the President discussed the responsibilities of the Supreme Court and of the Chief Justice.

President Olter in his statement referred to Chief Justice Amaraich's remarks when he was sworn in as Associate Justice about two years ago in which Amaraich expressed his desire to make increasing and better use of the customary dispute resolution processes. According to the President, the Chief Justice places great emphasis on unity

of action, reconciliation and mediation. Additionally, Chief Justice Amaraich stressed the importance of cooperation between the State and National Governments, and between the three branches

of the National Government, warning that separation of power should not be taken to an extreme, to the detriment of the best interests of the people and gov-

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AMARAICH AS CHIEF JUSTICE - President Bailey Olter (right), administering the oath of office to Andon Amaraich (left) as Chief Justice of the FSM Supreme Court. Holding the bible is Mrs. Amaraich (center). The ceremony was held in the Cabinet Room, Jan. 27, 1995.

2 **Federated Development Authority met in Pohnpei**

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Federated Development Authority consisting of the President and the four state governors of the FSM, held a special meeting in Pohnpei in December last year.

Mr. Shigeru Uemura, Board Chairman of the Daiwa International Capital Management Company, gave a general overview of the money market in Japan. This company has been managing the money we receive from fishing fees.

The FSM Development Bank then briefed FDA members on the status of the approved loan for Micronesian Canning Corporation Inc. (MCCI). The FDA agreed with the recommendation from FSMDB that the approval of the loan be cancelled since the loan was not documented within 90 days of the formal notice of the approval. FSMDB

Compact funding for the State of Chuuk Released

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter received word from FSM Embassy in Washington that the Office of Territorial and International Affairs (OTIA) of the U.S. Department of Interior released the funds for Chuuk State under Compact Section 221 (b). These funds were temporarily withheld until resolution of Chuuk State's debt to Guam Memorial Hospital.

Word also was received from the FSM Embassy in Washington, D.C., that it had been informed by the Office of Territorial and International Affairs, Department of Interior, U.S. Government, that it released \$1,281,000 to the Banker's Trust, October 27, 1994, Pohnpei time and October 26, 1994, Washington D.C. time. This amount represents the shares for the States of Kosrae, Yap and Pohnpei.

A delegation from the FSM, consisting of Chuuk State and FSM National officials, held meetings with Guam Memorial Hospital officials, in which Chuuk made a partial settlement and agreed to make complete settlement of its debt early next year.

Chuuk State's share of Compact Section 221(b), funds for health and education programs for Fiscal Year 1995, were withheld because Chuuk State did not settle its debts with Guam Memorial

was instructed to officially inform MCCI of FDA's decision.

If the proposal isn't reactivated by 30 days of notification by the Bank, the loan proposal remains canceled and the money goes back to the Pohnpei sub-account. If reactivated within the 30 days, the loan proposal will be reevaluated and resubmitted to FDA for approval.

Kikuo Apis on behalf of Extended Export of Micronesia (EEM) explained his company's side to the FDA. FDA decided to have the FSMDB and EEM work together to eliminate questioned aspects of the proposal (equity contribution, salaries, prices and building costs) as soon as possible.

FDA did not set a timetable for the Bank and EEM Corporation to work out the questioned aspects. FDA, however,

Hospital among other creditors.

Other FSM states dealings and credit standings with U.S. vendors were also adversely affected. With the debt settlement agreement, FSM's credibility was restored.

President Bailey Olter asked Chuuk State Leadership to take all steps necessary to settle the state's referral debts at the Guam Memorial Hospital to avoid the possibility of the U.S. Government withholding the Compact Section 221(b) health and education block grants for the entire FSM.

Olter's Sept. 23, 1994, letter to Governor Goulard in response to Goulard's Sept. 20, 1994, letter, proposing that his state's debt at Guam Memorial Hospital be retired over a six-year period during which Chuuk Government would pay \$150,000 per year, using its share of the Compact Section 216(a)(2) health and medical programs, including funding for referrals to hospitals and treatment centers. Goulard also suggested immediate submission for a supplemental appropriation specifically to pay for the outstanding medical bills from GMHA. Chuuk ceased sending patients to GMHA until record reconciliations were completed. Another option was to request help from the FSM Congress and Chuuk Legislature.

did stress that the original proposal be revised/repackaged based on the recommendations of and to the satisfaction of FSMDB as outlined in its August 2&5 letters to EEM Corporation.

FSMDB explained to the FDA how Ed Sporl has managed the IDF funds since 1990. The Bank's investment of non IDF funds, which follow basically the same guidelines as the IDF funds, has earned an average return of 4.24 percent vs. the .51 percent that the IDF fund earned during the same period by Sporl and Co. The Bank's investments are managed internally by their Chief Financial Officer.

FDA approved the Bank's request to discontinue the services of Sporl & Co. and allow the Bank to manage the IDF investment portfolio.

By law, the approved budget of the IDF Advisory Board, the FSMDB and FDA were taken from the income produced by the Private Sector Fund. In FY 1994, the approved budgets for all of the entities amounted to over \$190,000. Since most of the Private Sector funds were loaned out and all of the loans were in zero percent grace periods, there is not enough income to fund the approved expenses.

FDA directed the AG's Office to draft legislation to amend the law to allow interests from the State sub-accounts to be used for the operation of the IDF expenses.

Finance explained the need for another international investment manager to manage the Compact Funds. The FDA was convinced of higher return and lower risks by taking this additional manager and so approved.

The IDF loan status report highlighted the payment status of each loan as well as summary status of the five IDF sub-accounts. It points out that four loans are to make scheduled payments while eight more are scheduled to begin repayment in 1995.

The IDF project status report provides a summary of the project history, projected benefits and the current status of the implementation of the project. Most of the projects are progressing in a satisfactory manner while a few are experiencing some difficulty.

FSM Telecom outlined for the FDA, their plans for installing phones in the outer islands for about \$15 million.

FSM insurance plan creates public concern in Pohnpei

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Health Insurance Law, P.L. No. 8-53, created a public concern in Pohnpei State, said state Senator Herculano C. Kohler in a December 5, 1994, letter to FSM President Bailey Olter. "I have been bombarded with concerns and complaints regarding the present National Health Insurance Plan," Kohler said.

Kohler is the Chairman of the Committee on Health and Social Services of Pohnpei Legislature.

Kohler asked the President to propose an amendment which would exempt Pohnpeians from the program or delete the mandatory provision of the law and make it optional. The law currently makes it mandatory for all FSM Government employees to enroll in the program.

Kohler stated that some enrollees have been denied medical help from the program. They, therefore, felt that their health needs could adequately be met without participating in the National Health Insurance program. With their low salaries, they would live better with the current three dollars hospital fee per visit at Pohnpei Hospital.

Kohler stated that careful and thorough review of the issue prior to enactment of mandatory legislation would be helpful.

Finally, Kohler recommended the Dept. of Health Services under Secretary Eliuel Pretrick, administer the program and that the change take effect as soon as possible. The National Health Insurance is now administered by the Office of Administrative Services.

Congress in its last special session, passed a bill that re-defined the employees' dependent allowing for a broader definition, enabling more members of an employee's family to be eligible for coverage under the National Employees' Health Insurance Plan. It also make the Plan optional for national government employees rather than mandatory.



MACKWELUNG SWORN-IN - Moses Mackwelung (left) is being sworn-in as Governor of Kosrae. Holding the Bible during the administration of oath is Mrs. Mackwelung (center). Administering the oath is Kosrae Chief Justice Lyndon Abraham (right).



FIGIR HEADS YAP STATE - Vincent Figir (center) is being administered the oath of office by Acting Chief Justice Constantine Yinug (left), with Carol Falegong, Figir's wife holding the Bible.

Olter transmitted Cairo Action Plan to Congress

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter on Nov. 16, 1994, transmitted to Congress Speaker Jack Fritz, a copy of the Program of Action Document adopted, Sept. 13, 1994, at the final Plenary Session of the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, Egypt.

President Olter said that the Program of Action is for the next 15 years. The FSM plans to ensure a solid foundation for successful implementation within the FSM. In this connection, the executive and legislative branches of the Government plan to combine their efforts in implementing the program.

Innauguration

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Welly, Fred Skilling, Steve Sigrah, Tadasy Sigrah and William Tosie, representing Lelu Municipality; Akiyusi Palsis, James Palsis, Josiah Saimon and Kiyus Jackson, representing Tafunsak Municipality; Hiteo Shrew, Palikkun M. Shrew and Simion J. Phillip, representing Malem Municipality; and Madison T. Nena and Renster Andrew, representing Utwe Municipality.

President Bailey Olter was represented at the Yap Innauguration Ceremonies by Deputy Secretary of the Department of External Affairs John Mangefel, and at Kosrae's Inaugurations Ceremonies by Vice President Jacob Nena in response to invitations from the two States.

Amarach

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emments. Among the important judicial responsibilities enumerated by the President in his speech was the harmonization of the application of the constitution and the national law with the customary, social, and geographical characteristics of the Nation and the States.

President Olter also noted that the Chief Justice of the FSM has many responsibilities. As the top judicial officer of the highest court in the nation, he is the chief administrator of the national judicial system.

These duties are all in addition to his role as a justice of the Supreme Court who hears cases at both the trial and appellate levels.

In closing, President Olter stated that he had no reservations that Justice Amarach is "profoundly competent" to fill the position of Chief Justice. The newly confirmed Chief Justice took a characteristically humble position, drawing an analogy to a story about Mr. Eisenhower. In the story, Mr. Eisenhower asks a farmer how much milk a cow which the farmer is selling will be able to give in a year. The farmer says, "I don't know that, but I know that this old cow will always give you all that she has to give." The Chief Justice, in likening himself to that cow, praised the drafters of the oath of office which states, "I promise to do my best to carry out the duties of Chief Justice," and concluded by saying, "Mr. President, like the old cow, this old man will give all he has 'to the best of my abilities' like that old cow."

4 San Francisco Opera Center to fund raise for PATS

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - According to Judy Caldwell, for centuries opera has been used to tell the stories of man's conflicts, with himself and his world. Through powerful music and emotional song the stories deal with life's eternal struggles, of love and hate, war and peace. The stories are dramatic and are presented grandly on stages that create other places and times, and they transport us through music into our own hearts, for they sing of all the universal and familiar feelings of humankind. Although sung in many languages, the music of opera communicates to its audience all the joys and pains of living that the characters depict.

On March 17, at 6:30 p.m., on the stage of PICS cafeteria, members of the San Francisco Opera Center will present for Pohnpei an evening of such music and song, appearing for their sixth year in a benefit fund-raising performance for PATS, Pohnpei Agriculture and Trade School. The San Francisco Opera Center is committed to reaching out to the Pacific and since 1987 has brought its activities to more than ten Pacific nations. This year it sends performers from Japan, Mexico, South Africa, and the United States on a Pacific Tour that brings opera to the islands of Pohnpei, Guam, and Saipan. They will sing in English and the languages of Europe, songs of love, sorrow, tragedy and hope. Medleys of the American musical theater will include songs from West Side Story and Man From La Mancha. Music truly provides a bridge between cultures that does not need translation.

PATS has benefitted from the journey these artists make each year, as have organizations in Guam and Saipan. These fundraising performances have helped PATS continue in its commitment to train young Micronesians in the areas of agriculture, construction, and mechanics, as well as academic skills. Just as opera represents many cultures, so too, do PATS students represent the variety of island cultures in Micronesia, allowing growth and understanding through living and working together, learning each other's traditions, community responsibility, and forging new

friendships. Graduates of PATS have taken responsible roles in the life of their communities and will continue to do so in the future.

Tickets for the opera's performance are \$5 each and may be purchased in advance or at PICS on the night of the show. A Buffet Dinner at the Village Hotel is also planned to honor the performers after the show. Dinner tickets are \$25 each and must be purchased in advance. All tickets are available at the Pohnpei Public Library, the Village Hotel, and Village Travel. All money raised by these events will go directly to PATS due to the generous donation of services by Continental Micronesia, Good News Press, PICS, Pohnpei Utilities Corp., the Village Hotel, the San Francisco Opera Center, and all the individuals who have volunteered their time and talents to make this event possible.

Experience the music and songs of La Boheme, Carmen, Man From La Mancha and West Side Story, and more, during an exciting evening of opera performed by members of the San Francisco Opera Center.

Olter supports proposed establishment of National Weather Office on Guam

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter expressed his appreciation and support for the proposed establishment of a National Weather Service Office on Guam in a letter to Richard H. Hagemeyer, Director, Pacific Region, National Weather Service, dated September 27, 1994.

Olter said he was pleased to hear of the proposed plan which will make it possible to forecast weather conditions on Guam, which he expects will impact the economy of the FSM. In particular, it will help movement of airplanes and boats which are the main transportation means among the islands.

Olter also expressed his satisfaction with the weather service performance of the stations in Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap which he expects to work closely with the new forecast office.

Reliable weather information for Continental Micronesia Airlines flights in the FSM is being obtained from the United States mainland said a staff member of the FSM Dept. of Transportation and Communications.



AUSTRALIAN DAY CELEBRATED IN POHNPEI - The Australian Day was celebrated, January 26, 1995, with officials, traditional leaders, and friends at the newly completed Australian Ambassador's residence in Pohnpei. Above is President Bailey Olter (left) with Ambassador Peter Stanford (right), and a State Police Officer in the back during the celebration.

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The U.S. Farmers Home Administration now has a new name. It is now called Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD). This is a result of a reorganization in the U.S. Department of Agriculture authorized by U.S. law which the Secretary of the Department, Mike Espy, ordered implemented last month, according to a news release from the Area Supervisor, Shelten Neth.

The purpose of the reorganization is to provide better and more efficient services to its clients and at the same time reduce the current number of agencies in the Department.

It is expected that over the next five years, this change will save a total of \$3.6 billion by the elimination of 14 separate USDA agencies and a reduction of up to nearly 11,000 positions nation-wide, said Francis J. Blanco, Acting Rural Economic and Community State Director in Hilo, Hawaii.

Blanco also said that the new RECD will make available the farm lending, rural housing, water and waste disposal, community facility and business and industry programs formerly administered by Farmers Home Administration (FMHA) and the Rural Development Administration (RDA). The farm loan programs will eventually become part of a new Farm Service Agency to be created under the reorganization.

Meanwhile, services will still be available from the existing Farmers Home Administration. Further information regarding these changes will be publicized as it becomes available, according to Neth.

In another related activity, access to the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) National Computer Center in Kansas City was successfully implemented in the Pohnpei Area Office during the period September 19 to 30, 1994, according to FmHA Hawaii State Director Francis Blanco.

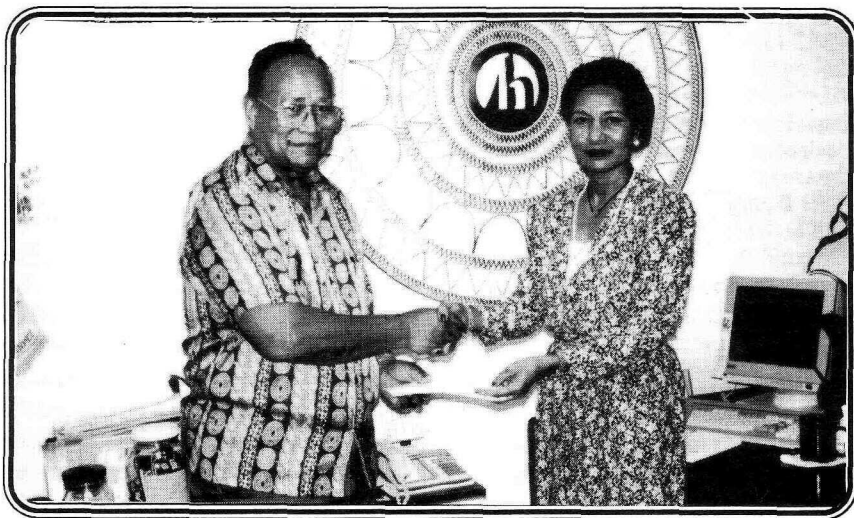
Before implementation, all loan transactions were forwarded to the Guam District Office for computer input into the National Computer Center. With communications capability now operational, all transactions relating to loans and grants, except for a few transactions

limited to District Office use only, can now be processed by the Pohnpei Area Office directly into the National Computer Center. This means that Pohnpei Office can now provide better service to Farmer's Home Administration's borrowers by timely processing of loan transactions as well as providing up-to-date status on borrowers' accounts, according to Mona J. Tara, Area Office Assistant.

Lilian Andrada, Information Resources Manager, Hawaii State Office, has trained the staff on various loan transactions, status inquiry, delinquency monitoring and electronic mail.

The FmHA Management commends the Pohnpei staff for their dedication, their sacrifice by attending training sessions that started at 6:00 a.m. due to time difference between Pohnpei and Hawaii, and their learning enthusiasm.

The Farmers Home Administration expressed its special gratitude to the FSM Telecommunications Corporation's Plant & Engineering Manager, Kevin Mulholland, and to the FSM Finance Department's Computer Technical Advisor, Bernard Mendis, for their assistance in the initial set up of the equipment and successful conclusion of the program.



BOH DONATES TO FSM GAMES - The Bank of Hawaii donated the first check to the FSM Games in February 1995. The FSM Games will be held in July this year. Accepting the check is the President of the FSM Amateur Sports Association, Secretary Dr. Eliuel Pretrick (left). Presenting the check is the BOH Assistant Vice President and Manager Christina Michelsen. Accompanying Pretrick to the presentation was James Tobin (missing from the photo) who is the FSM and the Association's Sports Administrator.

Nena from Kosrae radio participated in the Intern Development Program in Hawaii

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Tolena Nena from Kosrae and Katalina Uili from Tonga were Hawaii Public Radio's third and fourth participants in an ongoing Intern Development Program sponsored by the Pacific Islands Development Program at the East-West Center and the Pacific Islands Broadcasting Association and Hawaii Public Radio, according to a May-June 1994 issue of Pacific News from Manoa.

Tolena, from Kosrae in the FSM, is a radio news producer from the Kosrae Broadcasting Authority.

A native of Vava'u, Tonga, Uili has been with the Tonga Broadcasting Commission's newsroom for seven years, writing news stories in both English and Tongan. She is also the host of two 30-minute news magazine programs and delivers both Tongan and overseas news.

The interns work at the Hawaii Public Radio news department for four months. One of the goals of the Program is to provide comprehensive daily news coverage of the Pacific for Hawaii and the Pacific program, broadcast on all Hawaii's Public Radio stations.

Olter requests overtime funds from Congress

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter transmitted to Congress legislation to fund the overtime accrued by the National Police and the Division of Immigration of the FSM Government during fiscal year ending September 30, 1994. Neither the National Police nor the Immigration Division have funds to cover the overtime nor can the overtime be avoided.

President Olter said most of the overtime is attributable to the large increase in 1994 in the number of foreign fishing vessels and aircraft flights resulting from increased tuna fishing activities.

Cook wants closer relations with the FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter received from Prime Minister Sir Geoffrey Henry of the Cook Islands a letter indicating his country's desire for a closer relationship between the two countries.

Sir Henry said his Foreign Minister will be writing to the FSM Secretary of External Affairs to formalize the steps necessary for accreditation of Cook Islands High Commissioner in Canberra to the FSM.

Prime Minister Henry concluded his letter by inviting President Olter's views on ways in which both the FSM and the Cook Islands may contribute to greater Regional and Bilateral cooperation.

Chuuk requests Olter to approve MMIC permit

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Chuuk's House of Rep. adopted on Nov. 3, 1994, during its 1st Special Session, 2nd Legislature, Resolution No. 02-94-HR-14, requesting President Bailey Olter to approve the Foreign Investment Permit application by Micronesian Marine Industries Corporation (MMIC).

In justifying its support, the resolution says 20 percent of MMIC stock is owned by FSM citizens; that MMIC in its proposed joint venture with Katau Corp. in Chuuk, with 77 boats, will yield an estimated revenue of over \$200,000 per month to Chuuk Fresh Tuna, Incorporated (CFTI).

President Olter has requested relevant offices in the FSM National Government to review the resolution and make recommendations on the course of action to be taken.

Japan Red Cross visits Pohnpei in November on a fact finding mission

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A delegation of ten members from the Japanese Red Cross Society arrived Pohnpei in November this year, on a fact-finding mission to the FSM, according to the Department of External Affairs.

The delegation was comprised of officials from Kanagawa Prefecture as the Kanagawa Prefecture Red Cross Chapter in Japan has expressed keen interest in issues relating to Red Cross and its potential assistance to the FSM.

Pending before Congress for its ratification is the FSM's proposal to gain membership in the International Red Cross Society. Congress has not taken a decision on the matter. The Red Cross Society and its various Chapters respond to emergencies and disasters suffered by a country or a people by providing relief and volunteers to provide health and safety services.

Heading the Delegation was Director General of Kanagawa Chapter, Yukitsuka Kobayashi, accompanied by Sub-Leaders Yoshimitsu Yamamoto and Kasuo Konno; Records Kasuo Komiyama and Yuji Yokoyama; Public Relations officer Takami Yanagihara; Interpreter Ms. Yuko Kusamichi; Accountant Mamoru Ishida; Nurse Kayoko Seki and Secretary Kazuhiko Fujii.

The Delegation paid a courtesy call on President Olter and in preparation for their visit, a staff member of the FSM Embassy in Japan arrived Pohnpei earlier to work with the Department's staff.

SPF donates pharmaceutical drugs to FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A donation of pharmaceutical drugs has been received by the FSM Dept. of Health Services from the Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan. The Department is responsible for determining how they'll be distributed to the four states, according to the FSM Embassy in Japan.

The cargo was transported to Pohnpei on a Ting Hong flight specially chartered by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, a Tokyo-based charitable organization. It has extended to the FSM in the past

George authorized to sign UN Convention on Desertification

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter has informed the United Nations Secretary-General, Boutros Boutros-Gahli, that the FSM Permanent Ambassador to the United Nations, Yosiwo George, has been granted the authority to sign the UN Convention on Desertification, on behalf the FSM Gov't.

The Convention on Desertification intends to combat desertification in those countries, particularly in Africa, experiencing serious drought causing large land areas to become barren and unfertile.

The Convention was opened for signature in Paris, France, on October 13, 1944, and remains open for signature in New York to October 13, 1995.

Palikir water system

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter has approved a proposal to expand distribution of water by authorizing more house hook-ups to the Palikir water system in the neighboring communities as proposed by the Office of Planning and Statistics.

Special Assistant to the President for National Planning, Del Pangelinan, in a letter, told the President there is a sufficient supply of water for communities in Tomwara, Dolon, Nanmal, Ironkodi, and in the Capital's neighborhood.

Completion of the system's rehabilitation is expected in March 1995 and will provide a surplus of water for COM-FSM, which can also be shared with the adjoining communities of more than 1200 persons.

other assistance programs such as disaster relief and scholarships.

Last year, the Foundation decided to inaugurate an "Essential Drugs Project" to assist countries with serious shortages of basic medical supplies and medicine. Through interactions between officials of the FSM Embassy and the Foundation, FSM was chosen as one of the 15 countries to receive the assistance this year.

The donation to the FSM is worth 55 million Japanese Yen or, more than half a million in US dollars.

Olter approves AG's request to establish rep. offices in the state

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter approved on October 14, 1994, a request from the FSM Attorney General to establish representative offices of the FSM National Police in each of the four FSM States to enforce national laws against criminal acts committed in each state. The request was made in a letter to the President dated Oct. 5, 1994.

Attorney General Camillo Noket in justifying his request said that the creation of the FSM National Police in June of 1993 by Presidential Order No. 1, was to enforce fisheries laws, the Controlled Substance Act, the Weapons Control Act, and all other laws within the national jurisdiction. He believes this purpose can be meaningfully accomplished by placing an enforcement arm of the FSM National Government in each of the States.

In the past, there were few criminal activities in these areas. But today criminal activities associated with fishing industries, drug trafficking, and financial crimes are on the increase and beginning to show adverse effects on lives in the FSM. Only through proper preparation and swift handling of such problems can we keep such crimes from escalating to an uncontrollable level, Noket said.

Decentralization of the law enforcement efforts of the FSM can ensure compliance with the FSM laws. This can be achieved by placing one or two National Police officers in each State, depending on the level of criminal activity in each state. The Attorney General would like all four offices to be opened simultaneously.

The lack of effective enforcement of these statutes in Yap State has contributed to the rise in drug trafficking and fire arms smuggling in that state. Monitoring the flow of contraband can be enhanced by implementation of the Attorney General's proposal. Investigations of vessel related criminal activities can also be performed by such National Police Officers. Urgent need is shown in Yap State.

Olter urged FSMASA to finalize FSM Games plans

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter urged the FSM Amateur Sports Association during its January 25th meeting to get on with the task of finalizing the plans for the FSM Games scheduled for July 9 to 21, 1995, in Pohnpei, so that the four FSM States will have ample time to prepare for their full participation.

President Olter spoke at the opening of the Association's meeting at the Central Building in Palikir. He acknowledged that time for preparation is getting short but said, "...with dedication and hard working members of this organizing committee, all of us can achieve what seems to be an impossible task. So let us make history by organizing and implementing our first ever FSM Games."

President Olter concluded by urging the Committee to base its decisions on FSM National Unity.

Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick, the President of the Association who gave opening remarks, said the youth of FSM must get involved in all sports activities in order to foster unity and development in FSM. He urged the State representatives to ensure their readiness for the Games.

The Organizing Committee during the meeting reviewed and finalized the lists of games to be played and the opening

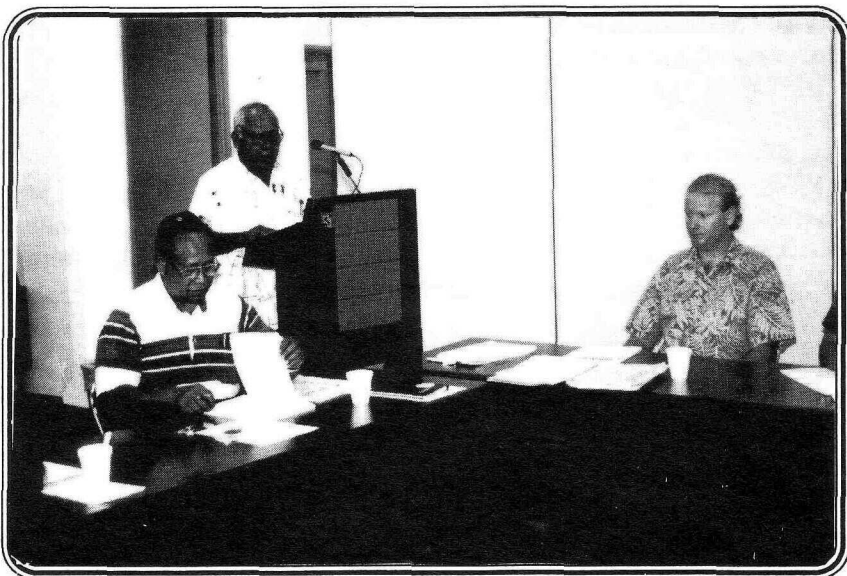
and closing ceremonies for the Games, among other things.

The games to be played during the 10 day meet are as follows: track andfield; outrigger canoe racing; swimming for men and women; baseball for men; fast-pitch softball for men; slow-pitch women's softball; lawn tennis for men and women; table tennis for men and women; volleyball and basketball for men and women; spear fishing; and micro-all around weight lifting for men.

Each athlete must now begin practicing if he wants to participate in the Games. This, too, is true for the teams.

Pohnpei Governor's Special Coordination Committee Chairman, Yasuo Yamada, reported that Pohnpei will welcome the FSM Games as planned. He further offered assistance needed.

Those attending the meeting besides Secretary Pretrick were Jim Tobin, FSM Games Sports Administrator; Sosiro Yamamura, FSM Games Staff; Pohnpei Representative Shelten Neth; Maker Palsis and William Palik from Kosrae; Senator Theodore Rutun from Yap; Aurelio Sauder from Chuuk and Tadao Sigrah, Joses Gallen, James Mormad, and Mohner Esiel representing the National Government.



FSMASA MEETING - President Bailey Olter addressing the FSM Amateur Sports Association during their meeting held at the Central Building in Palikir. Left to right are FSMASA President Dr. Eliuel Pretrick, FSM President Olter, and FSM Sports Administrator James Tobin.

Postal Service issues stamps commemorating FSM leaders



Johnny Moses

Anton Ring Buas

Belarmino Hatheylul

Paliknoa Sigrah

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Postal Service issued and released a second set of stamps commemorating Micronesian leaders in a stamp issue series called, Local Leaders of Micronesia.

This distinctive set of four stamps honors four of FSM's very own prominent sons, whose immense contributions as public servants and private citizens have been felt throughout the country, according to a release from the FSM Postal Service.

The stamps in frame were presented to Vice President Jacob Nena and the families of those on the stamps on December 27, 1994, in a brief ceremony held in the President's Cabinet Room. The Presentation of the stamp issue to the Vice President was made by Postmaster General Bethwel Henry and the Vice President presented those to families and relatives.

The ceremony was concluded with the Vice President, Acting Chief Justice and Postmaster General signing the individual programs which have the is-

sues of stamps carrying the FSM leaders.

The FSM is a modern, thriving nation largely because of the wise guidance of its farsighted leaders. To honor these wise and resourceful leaders, the FSM features in this year's local leaders, issue these leaders who have passed from our midst: (1) Pohnpei's Nahnmauwarki Johnny Moses. Johnny Moses served many years as the paramount traditional leader of U Municipality. He was a member of the Pohnpei State Constitutional Convention and was a vital part in the unification of Micronesia as well as, giving important help to the newly elected leaders of the National and State Constitutional Governments. (2) Yap's Chief Belarmino Hatheylul. He was one of Micronesia's founding fathers, serving as a delegate at the Micronesia's Constitutional Convention. A champion of traditional customs, Chief Hatheylul believed in the unity of Micronesia. (3) Anton Ring Buas of Chuuk. He was Chuuk's first District Judge and handled many difficult land cases. He also prac-

ticed local medicine and was credited with saving many lives. (4) Paliknoa Sigrah of Kosrae. He was known as King John. He was instrumental in establishing Kosrae democratic government and democratic way of life. The last king of Kosrae, he was also a respected religious leader.

Our first set of stamps commemorating local leaders of Micronesia was issued on Sept. 16, 1993, when FSM honored Ambilos Iehsi of Pohnpei, Andrew Roboman of Yap, Petrus Mailo of Chuuk, and Joab N. Sigrah of Kosrae. The first Micronesian who appeared on our stamps was the late Ispahu of Madolenhimw Samuel Hadley, who was depicted on the PATS stamp issued July 31, 1990, with the late father Costigan.

The set of stamps commemorating Micronesian leaders, is available at all post offices throughout the FSM and at the Philatelic Bureau in Kolonia, Pohnpei beginning Dec. 27, 1994. The practice for commemorative stamp issues, is that the stamps are available for a limited period of 12 to 18 months and then will be withdrawn.

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