

Many run for the four-year seats in Congress

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter, Incumbent Senator Leo A. Falcam, Dr. Alexander Panuelo, and Rainer Warren are seeking the Pohnpei four-year at large congressional seat in the March 7 elections.

President Olter will complete his first term in May. The 9th FSM Congress will elect the President and Vice President from among its four at-large members during its First Regular Session which will convene here in Palikir in May.

All 14 Congress seats were up for election and a constitutional amendment to change the present two-year terms to four years for districted mem-

bers also was on the ballots throughout the FSM. If approved the amendment would take effect during the 9th Congress.

In the other at-large elections whose winners will be eligible for President and Vice President:

—Vice President Jacob Nena was challenged by former Governor and present FSM Ambassador to the United Nations Yosiwo P. George in Kosrae.

—Incumbent Senator Redley Killion who has been in Congress since 1987 was challenged by Nahoy G. Selifis in Chuuk.

—Incumbent Floor Leader Joseph Urusemal who has been in Congress since 1987 was challenged by Assistant

Secretary for Asia, Pacific, Africa and Multilateral Affairs Jesse Ragimar-Subolmar in Yap.

—In Chuuk, Incumbent Congress Health, Education and Social Affairs Committee Chairman Nishima Yleizah was challenged by FSM Budget Administrator for Grant Management Nick Andon and Planning Specialist Joseph J. Peter. Incumbent Senator Roosevelt D. Kansou and Incumbent Senator Simeon Innocenti ran unopposed.

—Incumbent Speaker Jack Fritz was opposed by Sabino Asor.

—The following candidates ran for the vacated seat held by the late Senator Kalisto Refalopei: Hans Williander,

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NFC CAPT. HONDA - NFC Capt. Honda (left), was dedicated Feb. 16, 1995, in Pohnpei. It is a semi commercial longline fishing vessel from the Government of Japan to the FSM provided under the 1993 Small Scale Fisheries Grant Aid Program to support NFC's Small Scale Fisheries Development Phase II. The project is a continuation of Phase I which provided two other longline fishing vessels to NFC in 1990, NFC Pohnpei and NFC Chuuk. NFC Waab shown in the photo was purchased with NFC Kosrae from the U.S.

Japan donates fishing vessel to the FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A ceremony was held at the Dekchik Port in Pohnpei, February 16, 1995, in which the Charge 'd Affaires, Kiyoshy Nishikawa, of the Embassy of Japan, in Pohnpei, turned over ownership of a longline vessel to National Fisheries Corporation (NFC) President who symbolically received it on behalf of the FSM Government.

Deputy Secretary John Mangefel of the FSM Department of External Affairs expressed heartfelt gratitude of the FSM to the Government of Japan for generously donating the vessel as fisheries aid to the FSM.

Speaking on behalf of the Govern-

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John R. Petewon, and Takamichy Yoshitaka Mori.

—In the State of Pohnpei, Incumbent Senator Dohsis Halbert ran unopposed while Incumbent Senator Wagner M. Lawrence was challenged by former Congress Senator Elias Thomas.

—Incumbent Congress Transportation & Communications Committee Chairman Peter Christian was challenged by the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs and former Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses.

—In the State of Kosrae, FSM Ambassador Alik L. Alik was opposed Incumbent Congress Ways and Means Committee Chairman Claud H. Phillip.

—In Yap, Incumbent Congress Exter-

nal Affairs Committee Chairman Isaac V. Figir was unopposed.

During the March 7, 1995, Congressional Election, FSM voters were also asked to ratify or reject a proposed amendment to the FSM Constitution passed by Congress recently. The amendment proposed to increase the length that each member elected on the basis of population to served for four (4) years instead of two (2) years.

The proposed amendment needed the affirmative vote of three-fourth of each state's voters and three of the four FSM States to approve it to become a part of the FSM Constitution.

The proposed amendment became Public Law No. 8-121 without President Bailey Olter's signature.

Captain Honda

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ment of Japan at the ceremony, Charge d' Affaires Kiyoshi Nishikawa said the FSM is well known for the abundant yellow-fin tuna and skipjack in its rich Economic Zone. By developing its fishing industry, the FSM can obtain a net gain in foreign currency, broaden its employment opportunities, and improve the living standards of its people. He said his country is glad to be part of this effort and looks forward to supporting the FSM in its strive forward in building a self-supporting nation.

NFC Executive Board Chairman, Reed Nena, paid tribute to the late Captain Isao Honda, after whom the ship was named, for helping to lay the foundation of fisheries in the FSM. Nena also expressed his gratitude to the efforts and generous assistance from the Government of Japan. Nena concluded by announcing the formation of a joint venture between NFC and the Japanese Tuna Fishing Industry which will provide reliable air-freight services to both the NFC fleet and Japanese fishing fleet.

The new 17-ton longline vessel was named FSS Captain Honda, after the late Overseas Fisheries Corporation Foundation Technical Advisor to NFC, Captain Isao Honda. The vessel is donated to the FSM for the NFC Longline Fisheries Project in FSM from the Government of Japan.

The vessel, NFC Captain Honda, was the third longline vessel the FSM has received from the Government of Japan under its Small Scale Longline Fisheries Development Assistance. It was built at the Nagashima Shipyard Company at a cost of \$1 million. It has a crew of six fishermen and its skipper. The other two vessels are NFC Pohnpei and NFC Chuuk.

Also present at the ceremony were Secretary Asterio Takesy of the FSM Department of Resources and Development and President Peter Sitan of NFC. Takesy took part in the ceremony in breaking the champagne bottle and proposing the toast for the occasion.

130 million world wide estimated to die from TB

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - It is estimated that tuberculosis will kill approximately 30 million people world wide during the next decade. This represents a greater death toll than that attributed to AIDS and malaria combined, according to an article published in the SPC Agricultural News, Vol. 3, No. 2, Dec. 1994.

Human tuberculosis is stated to be the greatest cause of human morbidity and mortality in many developing countries. It is estimated that over 10 million new cases will occur every year by the year 2000; of these approximately 20 percent are AIDS-related. Mycobacterium bovis is known to be transmitted animal-to-human and it has recently been confirmed that human-to-human infection can occur in HIV-positive persons.

In many countries the incidence of human disease due to Mycobacterium bovis and the dynamics of transmission are unknown. Within the Pacific region most countries which recognize that Mycobacterium bovis is present apply control or eradication programmes. However these are usually inadequately staffed and poorly funded and have not succeeded in eradicating the disease.

Of particular concern is the possibility

that a human-to-animal cycle may occur that could lead to the introduction of disease to countries presently recognized as free.

A National Nutrition Plan of Action Review meeting was held in Pohnpei

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A National Nutrition Plan of Action Review meeting was held, Jan. 26, 1995, at Palikir under the auspices of the FSM Department of Health Services.

The following topics were reviewed: Nutrition situation in the FSM; Presentation on International Conference on Nutrition, and Proposed Plan of Action for Food and Nutrition.

FSM Government must develop its response to nine areas of recommendations derived from the 1992 International Conference on Nutrition (INC) held in Rome. The document addressed implementation strategies and activities to implement problems of health and nutrition in the FSM.

During the initial meeting Jane Elymore, FSM Nutritionist, briefly gave an overview of the nutrition problems in the FSM including malnutrition, eating junk food or food with little or no nutritional values, increasing number of people susceptible to hypertension or high blood pressure, cardiovascular or heart attacks, diabetic, communicable diseases, blindness, anemia etc.

Olter establishes contract review committee

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter has established a new Contract Review Committee, membership of which includes representatives from the Office of the Attorney General, Office of Budget and Office of Planning and Statistics (OPS). The Committee will remain in existence until amended or cancelled by the President.

Olter also appointed Acting Administrator for the Division of Construction, James Mormad, to represent OPS until a permanent Director is appointed and confirmed by Congress. Olter urged the Committee to organize by designating a Chairman who will preside over the Committee's deliberations.

President Olter said the Committee will assume the role of reviewing all National Government construction contracts, regardless of funding sources. Adding that all contracts of \$20,000 or more shall come under the review of the Committee.

Among the responsibilities of the Committee is the establishment of bidding procedures, setting forth contract qualification criteria, reviewing and awarding contracts to successful bidders.

Mackwelung issued directive to work four days a week in Kosrae

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Kosrae Governor Moses T. Mackwelung issued on February 6, 1995, a directive adjusting the working hours to start from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with one hour lunch break on Monday through Thursday. No government work will be performed on Fridays. This schedule took effect on February 6, 1995, for all Kosrae Government Executive Branch Departments and agencies with the exception of the Kosrae Department of Education which will take effect on February 20, 1995.

Copies of Governor Mackwelung's letter were distributed to all four State Governors, Speaker of FSM Congress, Chief Justice of the FSM Supreme Court and Foreign Embassies in Pohnpei.

Olter appoints reps. to develop a strategy to secure remaining funds for IDF

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter informed all Government departments and offices in a memorandum dated February 8, 1995, that he has appointed representatives of the following offices to develop a strategy to secure the remaining \$40 million authorized for Investment Development Fund (IDF).

Appointed to the Committee were representatives of the Department of External Affairs FSM Washington Embassy; Office of Budget; the FSM Development Bank; Office of Planning and Development and Department of Resources and Development.

President Olter urged the Committee to organize as early as possible and proceed speedily in developing and implementing strategy for securing the additional \$40 million IDF.

The President also urged those responsible for implementation of IDF programs but are not on the Committee to cooperate with the Committee in its works.

James P. Grant passed away

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The United Nations in the South Pacific regrettably announced the death of James P. Grant, former Executive Director of the United Nation's Children's Fund (UNICEF), on January 28, 1995, (Sunday, Fiji Time), at Northern Westchester Hospital Center, Mount Kisco, New York. He was 72, according to a press release from UNDP in Suva, Fiji.

Grant became the third UNICEF Executive Director with the rank of Under Secretary on January 1, 1980. On January 23, 1995, he resigned when he became ill. "Although Grant was diagnosed with cancer in May 1993, he continued to lead UNICEF with characteristic energy and commitment until he resigned," stated the release.

During his 15 year tenure as head of UNICEF, Grant was acclaimed for his tireless advocacy, and his unflinching commitment, vision and dedication to improve the lives of the world's least advantaged - the children of the developing world.

He will be long remembered for his ability to translate vision into practical action, inspiring thousands of individuals and organizations in every country of the world.



MOBIL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES - Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Guam and Micronesia President Paul F. Rea is presenting a scholarship award to Mayleen Tulensru of Kosrae, during a brief award ceremony held at the South Park Restaurant in Pohnpei. Three students from COM-FSM were awarded a \$500 each scholarship for the first semester. Left to right are: Shreu Robert, Kosrae (awardee); Mayleen Tulensru, Kosrae (awardee), and Rea. Missing from the photo is Alvina Berry, Chuuk (awardee). Present at the ceremony were COM-FSM President Susan Moses, Student Affairs Vice President Hers Tesei, and Mobil Oil Public Relations Coordinator Cecile Bamba-Terlaje.

Possibilities of exporting farm products to the Marshalls

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - There is an opportunity for farm products export to the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) according to Vice President Jacob Nena who visited the RMI in January in an exploratory trip for marketing of farm products from Kosrae and other FSM States. Nena was accompanied by Deputy Assistant Secretary Tadao Sigrah of Department External Affairs.

Businesses, local food markets, processing and packing businesses in RMI are said to be ready to market local food products from the FSM as soon as contacts are established. Any volume of export businesses opened to the FSM or any of its constituent states are vital to the FSM's balance of trade. Therefore, since such activities will undoubtedly narrowed the wide gap that now exists between imports and exports, it must be considered seriously. It will also open the door for increased exports of local FSM farm products.

The Vice President also met with President Amata Kabua of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and discussed economic and trade relations and other matters of mutual benefit to the two countries.

Vice President Nena told FSM Information Service that his trip was fruitful and promising.

CDA reports

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Coconut Development Authority (CDA) during the month of December 1994, shipped and sold to Korea 488 metric tons of dried copra realizing \$161,096.10 or about \$330.11 per metric ton for about 976,000 pounds at .16 and a-half cents a pound.

CDA also reported that 291.55 short tons of dried copra were purchased during the month of December 1994, distributed as follows: Yap, 237.97 short tons; Pohnpei, 32.29 short tons and Chuuk, 21.29 short tons. No copra purchase was reported for Kosrae State.

CDA also reported that Touche and Ross auditing firm completed its audit of CDA's operations during the reporting month.

CDA General Manager, Namio Nanpei, reported that all other matters are routine.

OTIA approves fund for Pohnpei projects

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter has informed Pohnpei Governor Johnny David that the Office of Territorial and International Affairs (OTIA) has approved funding of nine projects submitted by his state totalling \$2,070,500 and that Pohnpei State must agree to abide by terms and conditions of the grants, according to President's letter of February 23, 1995.

The funded projects included \$105,000 for Hospital's Operation and Maintenance; \$190,000 for Pohnpei Seaport and Airport; \$405,000 for strengthening Pohnpei

Transportation Authority; \$70,500, for acquiring a Financial Management Improvement Program; \$85,000 for Office of Construction Management & Property Maintenance; \$108,500 for Financial Management Improvement Program; \$71,000, PUC Analysis & Financial Management Plan; \$665,000, for PUC Water, Sewer, solid waste & Operation and Maintenance Improvement; and \$370,000, PUC Power Operation & Maintenance Improvements.

All signed documents must be transmitted to the FSM Embassy in Washington, D. C.

FSM seeks public comments on proposed emergency regulations promulgated pursuant to the FSM Nursing Act.

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Government has issued notice seeking public comments regarding proposed emergency regulations promulgated pursuant to FSM Public Law No. 8-45, the FSM Nursing Act. In this connection, the Governors of Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap and Kosrae States were asked to publicize the regulations in their states. Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed regulations may write to Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick, Secretary of Health Services, P. O. Box PS-70, Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941.

The Nursing Practice Act passed by the FSM Congress has the following purposes: to provide an effective system of examining credentials of people who seek to practice nursing in the FSM to ensure quality services; to establish a mechanism for certifying nursing schools and training programs; and to provide prompt investigation and disposition of complaints regarding licensees and applicants for licenses.

No person shall practice nursing or present himself or herself to the public as being a bona fide nurse without possessing a valid license issued pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act. Applications for registered and licensed Practical nurse must be approved by the Board.

License fees for registered nurse are \$20, for an initial license; \$10, for renewal; and \$30, reinstatement. Licensed Practical Nurse's initial license fee is \$10; renewal, \$5; reinstatement, \$20. For advance practice nurses, in addition to the registered nurse fees, there is an initial fee of \$10; renewal fee of \$5; and for reinstatement, \$20.

The regulations specifically limit the use of titles registered nurse; licensed practical nurse and advanced practice nurse, nurse practitioner or nurse midwife or nurse anesthetist to persons holding valid licenses to practice nursing in FSM.

The regulations set standards of practice by establishing protocols to ensure that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens are protected.

A licensed nurse may lose his or her license for reasons of unprofessional conduct including gross negligence; repeated failure to maintain minimum prevailing nursing practice standards; negligence causing physical and emotional injury to a patient; unauthorized removal or use of drugs or equipment; falsification of records; leaving a patient under his or her care without properly advising appropriate personnel; and removal of a patient's life support system with authorization, to name a few.

Pretrick attends PIHOA meeting held in Saipan

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Secretary of the Dept. of Health Services Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick attended the meeting of Pacific Islands Health Officers Association (PIHOA), consisting of Health Directors from the FSM and its State Governments Palau, Marshalls, Guam, CNMI, American Samoa and Hawaii. The meeting was held in Saipan.

One agenda item pending before the association was the proposed establishment of the Pacific Islands Dental School in the Republic of Palau. The discussions on this matter had been on-going over the past years. A Committee headed by Secretary Pretrick last year met with faculty of Univ. of Louisiana with a request to prepare a propose plan for the school. The plan has been submitted to PIHOA for its review.

Secretary Pretrick said a source of funding the school is now the problem that has yet to be resolved. Like the Medical Officers Training School (MO School) which was sponsored by the U.S. Government and sponsored by the Univ. of Hawaii's Richardson's Medical School, the school need funding and sponsorship.

2nd Kosrae Con Con held in January

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Second Constitutional Convention for Kosrae State got underway, January 17, reported Fred Skilling from Kosrae State's Public Affairs Office.

Governor Moses Mackwelung, Chairman of the Pre-Convention Committee and Acting President opened the ceremony with the new Speaker, Hiteo Shrew giving the opening remarks on behalf of Kosrae State Leaders.

The 14 delegates, elected Delegate Yosiwo P. George, President of the Convention; Delegate Alik K. Alik, Vice President; and Delegate Nena S. Nena, the Convention Floor Leader.

George is currently the FSM Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations; Alik is FSM Envoy to Fiji and the South Pacific Countries, and Nena S. Nena is employed by Kosrae State Health Services Department.

Chairing the four Convention's Standing Committees are Delegate Aliksa B. Aliksa, Chairman of General Provision Committee; Delegate Rensly Sigrah, Chairman of Finance and Revenue Committee; Delegate Singkichy P. George, Chairman of Civil Liberty

and Tradition Committee; and Delegate Canny Palsis, Chairman of Government Structure and Function Committee.

Of the 14 delegates to the Convention, five are from Lelu, four from Tafunsak, three from Malem and two from Utwe.

The Kosrae State Constitutional Convention law allows the Convention to meet for 20 days to complete the review of the Constitution. However, the law also allows an extension of a maximum of ten additional days if the Convention needs more time to wrap up its work.

Following the Convention, a program of education will commence to inform the citizens of Kosrae State about the suggested changes, if any, resulting from the Convention which will then be presented in a plebiscite for ratification.

The Kosrae State Constitutional Convention completed its 7th meeting day, January 27, 1995, passing on first reading 14 Committee Proposals out of 61 Delegate Proposals introduced by individual delegates, according to a telephone call from the Convention's Information Officer Fred Skilling.

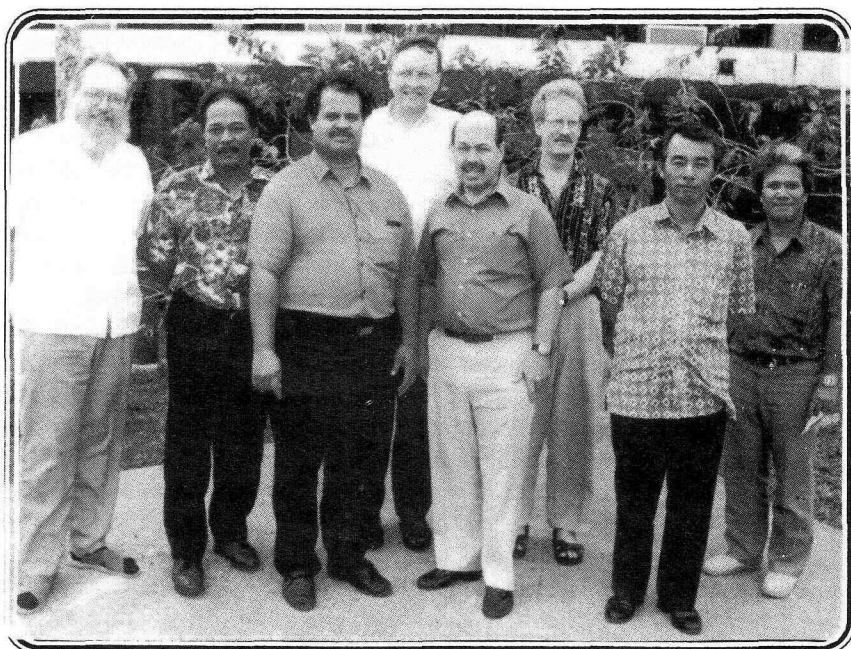
The 14 Committee Proposals, which were adopted on First Reading by the Convention, will be taken out to the villages for public hearings before the Convention deliberates on them for passage on second reading.

Among the 14 proposals, one is to limit land ownership to persons of Kosraean decent. Kosraean decent was defined to mean at least one of the parents be a Kosraean.

Another will increase revenue sharing as follows 40% to the State Government and 60% to Municipal governments. Presently, the formula is fifty-fifty.

Another proposal is to establish Village Commissioners in the Executive Branch as State employee to coordinate and oversee State-funded projects. Municipalities may use them as their chief executives if they so choose by amending their current charters.

Also passed on first reading is a proposal that will unify all government salaries into one system to be called Kosrae Public Service System. Currently, each branch of the government maintains its own system.



FSM & U.S. TELECOM BOARD - Above are those who attend the 7th FSM/U.S. Joint Telecommunications Board Meeting held at the Department of External Affairs Conference Room on February 24-27, 1995.

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Board of Regents of the Land Grant College of Micronesia (COM) met on January 11 and 12, 1995, at Palau Community College Campus in Koror, Palau, and approved further decentralization of Land Grant Services and reiterated its support for its programs throughout Micronesia, according to a release by COM Executive Director Dr. Singeru Singeo.

The Board decided to immediately hire a USDA-certified Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or an animal doctor who will assume the role of Agriculture Extension Services (AES) of the research programs in the three colleges in the FSM, RMI and Palau. Also, \$25,000 was approved to match U.S. federal grant funds to pay for the salaries of two additional researchers, one each for Palau Community College and Marshall Islands Community College. There already is one for the COM-FSM. This reflects the growing demand for veterinary services in the FSM, Palau and the Marshalls to assist in the programs on piggeries, poultry, meat inspection, and animal feed production which will help raise animals to be used for substitution for imported meat, according to a release from Land Grant Office.

The Board also allocated \$100,000 from the Fiscal Year 1995 College of Micronesia's federal share of \$380,000 to each Micronesian college, and requested each college to find local matching funds to establish credible campus-based research programs. The funds will remain available until July 31, 1995, when any remaining unmatched portions will be given to other colleges that have matching funds.

Director Anita R. Suta of Cooperative Extension Service (CES) reported that thus far, Micronesian governments and organizations have provided matching funds in an aggregate amount well over \$618,000, the COM's federal share for FY 95. As a positive response, the Board approved an additional \$75,000, from its endowment funds for FY 95, for CES programs, one each in Palau and Marshall Islands, and four in the FSM.

The COM Board of Regents also approved \$50,000 to be allocated to each of the three colleges to fund land-grant instructional programs during the school year 1994 and 1995.

The Board held its next meeting in Hawaii, beginning on February 4, 1995, during which the Board discussed the relationship and program coordination among all colleges and land-grant programs with USDA officials, chief executives of all colleges, land-grant directors, deans and vice-presidents of campus-based land-grant programs.

Finally, the Board elected its 1995 officers: Yoichi Rengiil, Chairman; Oscar DeBrum, Vice-Chairman and

PNG copra producers are benefiting from higher prices on world market

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Copra producers in Papua New Guinea (PNG) are benefiting from higher prices on world markets, reported Radio Australia. The Chairman of PNG Copra Marketing Board, Urban Giru, says the price of smoke grade copra has increased by seven dollars a ton to 264-U.S. dollars. Hot air grade copra has now been fixed at 264-dollars a ton. Mr. Giru says the Board will also increase the premium rate from four dollars to 17 dollars a ton for hot air grade copra.

The PNG Government has called on Foreign Fishing Companies to submit specific plans for the development of the tuna fishing industry in the country. Fisheries and Marine Resources Minister, Titus Philemon, has issued an instruction to the companies' agents for submission of the plans. The move is part of the PNG Government's policy of ensuring the country meaningful benefits from the exploitation of tuna resources in its Economic Zone. This involves the development of shore-based facilities and tuna fishing by the people of Papua New Guinea. It also requires that distant water fishing vessels make at least three port calls a year and that they purchase fuel, supplies and utilize other services at PNG ports.

Bermin Weilbacher, Secretary/Treasurer.

The meeting was chaired by 1994 Chairman Bermin Weilbacher who represents the FSM and attended by Yoichi Rengiil representing Palau and Oscar DeBrum representing Marshall Islands.

Also in attendance were COM Executive Director Dr. Singeru Singeo, who also served as Residential Instruction Director; Anita R. Suta, Cooperative Extension Services (CES) Director; and Budget and Finance Officer, Richardo Vera Cruz.

China Embassy in FSM issued statement on security assurance to Kazakhstan

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the Federated States of Micronesia in Pohnpei issued on February 8, 1995, the following statement on security assurance to Kazakhstan.

"China fully understands the desire of Kazakhstan for security assurance. The Chinese Government has unconditionally undertaken not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapon against non-nuclear-weapon state or nuclear-weapon-free zones. This long-standing principled position also applies to Kazakhstan. The Chinese Government urges all other nuclear-weapon States to undertake the same commitment so as to enhance the security of all non-nuclear-weapon states including Kazakhstan.

"Abiding by the spirit of the Sino-Kazakhstani Joint Communiqué On the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations in January 1992, the Sino-Kazakhstani Joint Communiqué in February 1992 and the Joint Statement on the Basis of Sino-Kazakhstani Friendly Relations in October 1993, China respects the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Kazakhstan and stands ready to further develop Sino-Kazakhstan friendly relations of cooperation on the basis of the five principles of peaceful co-existence."

FSM concerned about shipment of high level radioactive waste

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Government is very much concerned about a proposed shipment of 13,000 tons of high level radioactive waste from France to Japan across the Pacific Ocean sometime during March and April this year, using a route similar to the 1992 shipment via Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean, according to a release from the FSM Department of External Affairs.

Despite repeated assurances from the Government of Japan that Pacific regional governments will receive advance notice on these types of shipments, no such notice has yet been received by the FSM Government from the Government of Japan.

The release stated that in the next 10 to 20 years, there may be between 100 and 200 such shipments. Due to the high level of radioactive materials proposed for shipment, it is feared that mishaps, natural disasters or sabotage may cause leaks, spills or dumpings in the ocean resulting in a catastrophic, even fatal situation, to say the least. Thus, the shipments are cause for alarm.

The Forum countries have drafted a treaty to ban the importation and transboundary movement of hazardous and toxic wastes in the Pacific Region, which treaty is expected to be signed by the Forum Leaders in their next Forum meeting early this September in Papua New Guinea. The FSM has chaired the ongoing negotiations, in the person of Secretary Resio S. Moses, on the proposed treaty and has indicated its support for a total ban on shipments of nuclear wastes in the Pacific.

In 1992, a plutonium shipment from France to Japan through the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean was protested by the countries in the region. How close the route used was, to the FSM is not known. However, the FSM Government indeed expressed grave concern about the shipment.

Plutonium when reprocessed can be used for fueling nuclear power plants in time of peace and possibly nuclear weapons in time of war.



DONATION- Ambassador Eu is donating some books to the Pohnpei Public Library. From left to right are: Nell Lawson, Pohnpei Public Library, Ambassador March Fong Eu, LCEDR Greg Stewart, USCG Basswood Commanding Officer.

U.S. donates goods to some FSM organizations

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A variety of goods, destined for groups specifically chosen by the American Embassy, arrived aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Basswood January 30, 1995, according to a release from the U.S. Embassy here in Pohnpei.

The Basswood brought with it medical supplies, hygiene products, toys, books, and sewing equipment and supplies as part of "Project Handclasp."

The Project is a humanitarian program sponsored by the American Armed Forces. It gathers goods and supplies from American citizens for distribution to needy areas.

U.S. Ambassador to the FSM, March Fong Eu, on January 31, 1995, in a brief ceremony held in the warehouse of Federated Shipping Company (FSCO) at Dekchik, presented some donated materials from "Project Handclasp" to different organizations.

The Pohnpei Public Library received literally a ton of books which will be housed in its new addition. Librarian Nell Lawson accepted the 1,000 volumes on behalf of the library.

Pohnpei State Hospital Administrator MaryLou Hawley accepted for the hospital a variety of medical supplies.

The Salvation Army, represented by Lt. Michael Eyers, received cases of toys and hygienic products, while Our Lady of Mercy Vocational Training School received two sewing machines and cases of sewing products. Sister Maria Capallerp accepted the donation for the school.

Programs administered by RECD approved to be extended

HILO, Hawaii (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - State Director Francis J. Blanco announced that outgoing Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy has approved the extension of various program administered by Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD) to the Freely Associated states in the Western Pacific. These areas include the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands and Palau. RECD administers the programs of the former Farmers Home Administration, Rural Development Administration and Rural Electrification Administration.

The RECD programs that will now be made available are Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants, Community Facility Loans, Business and Industry Loans and Rural Business Enterprise Grants. These programs will complement the Rural Housing Program loans that have been available in these areas for many years through Framers Home Administration. Blanco cautions that the available funding for the Western Pacific is very limited and will be inadequate to meet all of the anticipated requests for financial assistance.

The extension of these programs to the Freely Associated States areas is part of the Clinton Administration's budget initiatives which seek to promote economic development in rural areas by financing essential community facilities including infrastructure requirements and providing opportunities for job, creation and retention by assisting new or expanding businesses.

The decision to make the programs available to the Freely Associated States under the Compact Agreement passed by Congress in January 1986, is the result of an extended review by departmental officials with coordination of the Hawaii State Office, U.S. State Department and Department of the Interior. The decision will allow all eligible applicants within the Hawaii State Office jurisdiction including Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, to benefit from these financing alternatives.

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter in a response letter to Congress, stated that the Executive Branch will assist the FSM Congress in hosting the up-coming 57th Council Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Union (APPU), scheduled to take place from April 23 to 27, 1995, at the FSM Capital.

Congress Vice Speaker Dohsis Halbert in his letter to the President said that he expects delegations from 18 full member nations and associate members and two member organizations to whom invitations have been extended. Halbert stated that as host, the FSM National Group wishes to do all that is possible to make the visiting delegations' stay pleasant and enjoyable. In this connection, Halbert requested Customs and Immigration Officials to be cordial and expedient in dealing with guests upon their arrival and departure.

APPU holds its Council Meetings in preparation for the Annual General Assembly which is usually held towards the end of each year.

The upcoming 57th Council meeting will be the second time the FSM has hosted APPU's Council Meeting. The first was in the 1980s when FSM was an Associate Member. It was held at Pohnpei Legislature Chamber in Kolonia.

APPU is an organization of Legislative bodies in the Pacific and Asian region of which FSM Congress is a member. FSM Congress' membership dated back to the inception of the FSM Constitutional Government in 1979, at which time FSM was still a United Nations Trust Territory administered

by the United States. For that reason FSM Congress was allowed in as an associate member. Following FSM's independence on, November 3, 1991, the termination date of the Trusteeship Agreement, FSM Congress became a Full Member.

APPU has been a very helpful forum where lawmakers of member nations meet and discuss areas of mutual interest and of special interest as well. FSM Associate Group repeatedly sought the understanding of influential National Groups such as Japan, Thailand, Korea,

Philippines, to mention a few, in its quest for termination of the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement. The effort paid off. The Agreement was finally terminated. Understandings in other areas including economic development, immigration, and fishing have been discussed and resolutions have been adopted indicating general support of participating members.

It is the understanding of member groups that they will in good faith make reasonable efforts in implementation of resolutions adopted by the APPU General Assembly.

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Pohnpei State Supreme Court Associate Justice Sungiwo Hadley, and private attorney Ronald Paul Moroni, were admitted to the FSM Bar after taking the oath of office administered by FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Andon Amaraich. The ceremony held at the FSM Supreme Court on February 17, 1995, was witnessed by Supreme Court staff, relatives and friends.

Hadley, has for the past 20 years, worked with Micronesian Legal Services Corporation as counselor and Board Member. He also served as the first Chief Clerk of the FSM Supreme Court at its formative stages. In other capacities, he served as representative of Kitti and Madolenihmw in the Congress of Micronesia, Executive Director of Pohnpei Community Action Agency, and Special Assistant to Pohnpei Governor on matters regarding

the Pohnpei Public Land Authority (PLA).

Moroni is also an Independent Planning Consultant (PIPCO), and has his office in Pohnpei. He has worked for the FSM Congress, the U.S. Department of Interior, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Prior to that, he worked for the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation as a Directing Attorney in Yap State.

Moroni holds a masters degree in Regional Planning from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and a Jurist Doctor (J.D.) from Duke University's School of Law in Durham, North Carolina. He also has a B.A. in Economics from Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

As members of the FSM Bar Association, Hadley and Moroni, took the membership oath supervised by Chief Justice Andon Amaraich and signed their respective documents pertaining to their membership.

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