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President Olter won Pohnpei State four-year seat in Congress

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter won the election in Pohnpei with 5,557 votes over incumbent Leo A. Falcam who received 4,898 votes, Alexander Panuelo who received 1,807 votes, and Rainer Warren with 183 votes in the March 20, 1995, final official

Olter proclaimed July 12, 1995, FSM Law Day

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter, on March 15, 1995, issued a proclamation naming July 12, 1995, as FSM Law Day and encourage every man, woman and child including all government, civic, and religious organizations to observe this day and to engage in activities that promote respect for the Law.

This year's celebration will mark the 14th anniversary of the FSM Supreme Court formation which is a significant step in the political, social and economic development history of the FSM.

Respect for law is a fundamental principle of every democratic society and the FSM's constitutional, democratic and legal systems guarantees all its citizens to enjoy its derivative benefits.

In preparation for this year's Law Day Chief Justice Andon Amaraich of the FSM Supreme Court informed President Olter in his March 6, 1995, letter that his office will sponsor a debate on July 12, 1995, between top debating teams from the FSM States on the topic: Resolved that the Federated States of Micronesia not extend the Compact of Free Association.
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vote counts reported by the FSM National Election Director Max Mallarme.

The next President and Vice President will be elected from among the four at-large senators with four-year terms by the 9th FSM Congress after it convenes here in May, 1995.

Congress Floor Leader Joseph Urusemal, who was opposed in Yap by Jesse Raglmar-Subolmar retained his seat in the 9th Congress. Urusemal received 2,129 votes and Raglmar-Subolmar, 1,061 votes.

Vice President Jacob Nena apparently defeated FSM Ambassador to the United Nations Yosiwo George in Kosrae. Nena received 1,874 votes and George, 1,484 votes.

Incumbent Redley Killion is the apparent winner in Chuuk with 12,278 votes to 9,351 votes for Nahoy Selifis.

Incumbent two-year term Nishima Yleizah was the apparent winner in District 1 with 2,244 votes to 1,478 for FSM Budget Administrator for Grant Management Nick

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PRESENTATION OF ELECTION CERTIFICATE - The 1995 Election Certificate was presented to President Bailey Olter (right) by Election Director Max Mallarme (left), March 24, 1995, in the Cabinet Room.

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ciation with the United States of America." Amaraich urged all governments, civic and private organizations involved in programs that will promote respect for the law.

Olter submitted Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapon to Congress for ratification

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter submitted with his letter of March 15, 1995, to Congress Speaker Jack Fritz for its consideration and ratification the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapon which provides the the international framework for preventing the spread of nuclear weapons.

The treaty also proves global and regional security, and assures international trade and cooperation in peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The treaty is critical to world peace as well as the security of the people and environment of the FSM in that it promises reduction and eventual elimination of nuclear weapons.

President Olter, in emphasizing the importance of the treaty, said the Non-Proliferation Treaty, along with the United Nations Charter, are the key documents on international security. It was signed on July 1, 1968, and entered into force on March 5, 1970, after ratification by the United States, the Soviet Union and the United Kingdom, as well as forty other states. Its objective was to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to states other than United States, the Soviet Union, United Kingdom, France and China which already developed and exploded nuclear weapons before January 1, 1967.

If the FSM Congress accede to the treaty, it will proceed to negotiate with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IEAA) on terms and safeguards related to the treaty.

Olter said the treaty does not entail additional appropriation of funds or enabling legislation. However, he urged for favorable consideration by Congress at its earliest convenience.

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Andon, and 381 for Planning Specialist Joseph J. Peter.

In Chuuk District 2, incumbent Roosevelt Kansou running unopposed gained 2,887 votes, and in District No. 3, Speaker Jack Fritz, 3,375, while his opponent Sabino Asor collected 2,018 votes; District 4, John Petewon won by gathering 2,556 votes while his opponents Hans Williander and Takamichy Y. Mori received 2,470 and 1,141 votes, respectively, and District 5, incumbent Simeon Innocenti ran unopposed and received 1,861 votes.

Senator Isaac V. Figir ran unopposed and won the two year seat in Yap with 3,003 votes.

For the Pohnpei District 1, Vice Speaker Dohsis Halbert received 3,011 votes and write-in candidate Ignacio Semens received 346 votes.

In District 2, incumbent Wagner M. Lawrence had 3,633 votes and former Congress Senator Elias Thomas received 674 votes. In District 3, it was incumbent Senator Peter Christian winning the race with 2,029 votes and Resio S. Moses received 1,496.

In Kosrae, incumbent Senator Claude Phillip retained his two-year seat with 1,769 votes, while FSM Ambassador based in Suva Fiji Alik L. Alik received 1,563 votes.

A proposed amendment to the FSM Constitution to provide four-year terms for all 14 Senators was defeated in all states It requires 3/4 of all votes cast in each state to pass.

In Kosrae State, the votes were 1,741 for yes and 1,015 voted against the proposed amendment. The yes votes in Kosrae were less than 3/4 of the votes needed. The total votes cast were 2,756, and 2,067 yes votes were needed in order to pass the proposed amendment in that state; Pohnpei State, 4,116 voted for and 6,178 voted against the proposed amendment; Chuuk State, 6,264 voted for and 8,559 voted against; and Yap State, 2,021 voted yes and 1,028 voted against the proposed

amendment. The yes votes are less than the 3/4 votes needed in that state to pass the amendment. Total votes cast in Yap were 3,049 and 2,286.75 yes votes were needed in order to pass the amendment.



PRESENTATION OF ELECTION CERTIFICATE - Election Director Max Mallarme (left), presents a 1995 Election Certificate to Vice President Jacob Nena (right), March 24, 1995, in the Vice President's office.

Guam Governor invites FSM to participate in Guam Micronesia Fair

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter in March 15, 1995 letters to all FSM State Governors, informed them of an invitation from Guam's Governor Carl Gutierrez for the FSM to participate in the Eighth Annual Guam Micronesia Island Fair to be held from May 25 to 27, 1995, at the Governor Joseph Flores Beach Park, Tumon, Guam.

The advance notice will give each Governor adequate preparation time. A State desiring participation should respond to Governor Gutierrez's invitation by March 30, 1995, with an information copy sent to the FSM Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development in Pohnpei for final logistical arrangements.

The FSM has participated in similar Fairs over the past years which has enhanced the exposure of its cultural dances, handicrafts, and carvings to the tourism industries.

President Bailey Olter delivers his State of the Nation Message

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The following is the full text of the State of the Nation Message which President Bailey Olter delivered on March 23, 1995, during the 3rd Special Session of the 8th Congress. The Message was broadcast live out of the Congress Chamber in Palikir, Pohnpei.

[SALUTATION: "VICE PRESIDENT NENA, SPEAKER FRITZ, HONORABLE SENATORS, MEMBER OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, HONORED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:]

AT THE INAUGURATION OF MY ADMINISTRATION FOUR YEARS AGO, THE WORDS OF AN AMERICAN WRITER WERE USED TO ARTICULATE THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF OUR ADMINISTRATION. I REMAIN CONVINCED IN THE WISDOM OF THOSE WORDS, SO I ONCE AGAIN RECALL THE QUOTATION FROM OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES: "THAT WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT IN LIFE IS NOT SO MUCH FROM WHENCE WE COME, BUT RATHER TO WHERE WE ARE GOING."

IN TWO MONTHS THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE REORGANIZED WITH A NEW PRESIDENT AND A NEW CONGRESS AT THE HELM AND BECAUSE THE NEXT SIX YEARS WILL BE A CRITICAL PERIOD FOR THIS NATION, I COMMEND THE SAME THEME TO THE NEW LEADERSHIP, BUT WITH MORE VIGOR AND VITALITY. THIS IS BECAUSE SECURING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE, PRIMARILY FOR OUR CHILDREN, SHOULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK OF THIS NATION. WE MUST LEAVE A LEGACY A STEP ABOVE WHAT WE FOUND FROM OUR FATHERS AND FORE FATHERS. IN MAKING THIS REDEDICATION OF OBJECTIVE, I CALL ON THE CONGRESS, THE TRADITIONAL ELDERS, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FOUR STATES, AND THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE.

IF WE ARE TO SURVIVE AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE, THE STAGE MUST BE SET IN THE NEXT SIX YEARS. AND WITHIN THAT PERIOD ALSO WE MUST ACHIEVE A BASIS ON WHICH A SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH CAN TAKE PLACE. TO DO THIS, WE MUST BE TOGETHER, RISE ABOVE REGIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL, SELF-IN-

TERESTS AND POLITICAL BICKERINGS AND GET TO WORK.

FOUR YEARS HAVE LAPSED SINCE I TOOK THE PRESIDENCY, AND AS YOU MAY RECALL I THEN SPOKE OF THE NEED TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS A MATTER OF URGENCY. CERTAINLY, WE HAVE ACHIEVED A MEASURE OF SUCCESS. BUT THIS IS FAR FROM SUFFICIENT. WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED WHAT AP-



President Olter

PEARED AS INSURMOUNTABLE CONSTRAINTS AGAINST OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

THE VULNERABILITIES OF SMALLNESS AND ISOLATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET, NON-ARTICULATION OF POLICIES IN AREAS ESSENTIAL TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY, INADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURES TO SUPPORT AND CREATE NEW INDUSTRIES, AND THE FAILURE TO FORMULATE A WELL COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT POLICY BETWEEN AND AMONG THE STATES AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT ARE CONSTRAINTS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED NOW.

BUT DESPITE THESE PROBLEMS, WE HAVE SEEN SOME MEASURE OF ACHIEVEMENT. SINCE DECLARING OUR RIGHTS TO THE MARINE RESOURCES IN 1978, THE INITIAL BENEFIT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THIS RESOURCE HAS BEEN THE ACCESS FISHING RIGHTS. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR VAST PELAGIC FISHERIES RESOURCES.

WE HAVE INVESTED IN THE FISHERIES INDUSTRY, ABOUT \$7.5 MIL-

LION. BUT TIME WILL BE NEEDED BEFORE WE CAN REALIZE A RETURN ON THE INVESTMENT. THE NATIONAL FISHERIES CORPORATION HAS ALSO MADE INVESTMENT EFFORTS ON SHORE-SIDE FACILITIES AND SMALL LONGLINE FISHING VESSELS WHICH ARE BEGINNING TO SHOW POSITIVE RESULTS. IN 1994 THE CORPORATION'S INCOME STATEMENT SHOWED NO INCOME LOSSES AS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS YEARS. ALSO WORTHY OF NOTE IS AN NFC AIRFREIGHT JOINT VENTURE WITH A JAPANESE TUNA FISHING INDUSTRY TO IMPROVE THE TRANSHIPMENT OF FISH FROM THE FSM, THUS PREVENTING A MONOPOLY ON TRANSHIPMENT OPERATIONS.

FISHERIES REMAIN THE LARGEST REVENUE GENERATOR FOR THE FSM. THE MICRONESIAN MARITIME AUTHORITY HAS COLLECTED OVER \$123 MILLION DOLLARS FROM FISHING RIGHTS FEES FROM DISTANT WATER FISHING NATIONS, AND \$70.5 MILLION IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS ALONE. THE AUTHORITY CONTINUES TO NEGOTIATE OTHER BENEFITS SUCH AS JOINT VENTURES, CREWING OF FSM CITIZENS ON FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS, TRAINING OF FSM CITIZENS IN THE FISHERIES INDUSTRY AND IN IMPROVING OUR INFRASTRUCTURES TO SUPPORT A GROWING DOMESTIC FISHING INDUSTRY. THE AUTHORITY HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN RESOURCES CONSERVATION IN CARRYING OUT SCIENTIFIC STUDIES OF THE TUNA RESOURCES WITHIN OUR EEZ, EITHER ON ITS OWN OR IN COLLABORATION WITH EXTERNAL SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS.

STEPS HAVE ALSO BEEN TAKEN TO PROHIBIT FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS FROM ENGAGING IN ENVIRONMENTALLY UNFRIENDLY ACTIVITIES. OUR FISHING AGREEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE MORE STRICT, MAKING FISHING COMPANIES COMPLETELY LIABLE FOR THEIR FISHING ACTIVITIES IN OUR ZONE.

TURNING TO EDUCATION AND HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, THESE UNDERTAKINGS SHOULD BE FOREMOST ON OUR WORK AGENDA. BUT, OFTEN THESE

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MOST CRITICAL AREAS ARE GIVEN LESSER PRIORITY THAN THE MORE POLITICALLY GLAMOROUS ISSUES. THIS APPROACH MUST CHANGE BECAUSE THE STRENGTH OF OUR DEMOCRACY WILL BE DEPENDENT ON THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE'S MINDS AND THEIR BODIES.

PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH SERVICES ARE ENCOURAGING.

IN EDUCATION, SIZEABLE ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FROM THE U.S. AND THE ADB TO REFORM THE SYSTEM IN TERM OF PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW INITIATIVES TO GIVE OUR CHILDREN A WORLD CLASS STANDARD EDUCATION BY THE YEAR 2001. AND IN HUMAN SERVICES, GOOD EFFORTS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN TOWARD THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN, CHILDREN, FOOD SAFETY AND NUTRITION, ENVIRONMENT, CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, FAMILY PLANNING, AND SO FORTH. I AM ELATED BY THESE ON-GOING AND PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS. YET, I AM ALSO DISTURBED BY NEGATIVE REPORTS CIRCULATED BY REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNING THE STATUS OF OUR HEALTH AND EDUCATION IN COMPARISON TO OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE DECLINING SHOULD NOT BE THE ISSUE. RATHER, ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO OUR INFRASTRUCTURES THAT ARE FAST DETERIORATING, ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT WHICH ARE EITHER OUTDATED, INSUFFICIENT OR NONEXISTENT AND THE LACK OF BASIC MEDICINES AT OUR HOSPITALS. OUR STUDENTS' TEST SCORES ARE FAR BELOW THE WORLD'S NORMS AND TOO MANY OF OUR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN ARE NOT IN SCHOOL. FROM THESE GENERAL INDICATORS IT IS SELF-EVIDENT THAT WE ARE HEADED DOWNWARD. TO THIS END, I CALL UPON THE CONGRESS TO CREATE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION ON HEALTH AND EDUCATION TO LOOK INTO THE DECLINING STATUS OF THE NATION'S HEALTH AND EDUCATION. WITH THE

TENTATIVE OPENING OF THE PALIKIR CAMPUS FOR THE COLLEGE NOW SCHEDULED FOR SPRING 1996, THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO SERIOUSLY EXAMINE THE STATUS AND FUTURE OF OUR EDUCATION. TO DO OTHERWISE WILL BE SYNONYMOUS WITH FORGETTING THE FUTURE OF OUR CHILDREN, OUR MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCE.

IN PLANNING AND STATISTICS, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES, WE RECENTLY CONDUCTED OUR FIRST NATION-WIDE CENSUS ON POPULATION AND HOUSING. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND TO THOSE WHO HAVE INTEREST IN THE PROJECT.

I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE UNDP, WATER RESOURCE MASTER PLANS HAVE BEEN COMPILED FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, SOME ALREADY PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED WITH THE SUPPORT OF EXTERNAL AND LOCAL FUNDING. AN UNDERTAKING OF THIS MAGNITUDE WILL REQUIRE INTERSECTORAL COLLABORATION AMONG THE EDUCATION, HUMAN SERVICES, AND R&D DEPARTMENTS. ALSO CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS WATER PROJECT IS COOPERATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THE MATTER OF OUR DEVELOPMENT BANK SHOULD BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IN REFERENCE TO OUR FINANCIAL STANDING VISA-VIS OUR DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. THE BANK HAS OVER \$50 MILLION DOLLARS IN ASSETS; IT HAS COME A LONG WAY TO HELP US MEET OUR DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. WITH THE SUPPORT OF CONGRESS IN THE ENACTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW 8-47, WHICH WOULD PRIVATIZE THE BANK, THE BANK WILL CONTINUE ITS INVOLVEMENT IN FINANCING PRIORITY PROJECTS.

I AM PLEASED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EFFORTS BEING UNDERTAKEN IN OUR COLLECTION OF LOCAL REVENUES AND TAXES. OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS WE HAVE SEEN REVENUE INCREASES FROM LOCAL TAXES AND FISHING RIGHTS FEES, COUPLED WITH A MODEST EARNING ON OUR INVESTMENT SCHEMES. BUT THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL THEME OF IMPLEMENTING FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN THE WAY WE DO THINGS, I CALL UPON CONGRESS FOR COOPERATION IN REASSESSING OUR FISCAL POLICIES SO THAT WE MAY INCREASE THE BASE AND THE LEVEL OF LOCAL REVENUES. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE ARE OF THE SAME MIND THAT FISCAL POLICY CHANGES MUST BE MADE AT OUR OWN INITIATIVE TO DEMONSTRATE OUR POLITICAL WILL AND DETERMINATION TO DO BETTER.

PROFESSIONAL ADVICE AND GOOD RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY RENOWN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. IT IS NOW OUR TURN TO MAKE THE MOVE.

SINCE 1983 THE FSM TELECOMMUNICATION CORPORATION HAS DEVELOPED INTO A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR OPERATION WHOSE ASSETS NOW EXCEED \$64,000,000. CLEARLY WE HAVE A MODERNIZED, EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, AND I BELIEVE WE HAVE MET THE EXPECTATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE. RECENTLY, THE CORPORATION HAS UP-GRADED ITS CAPABILITY. THE CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS INFORMATION CONNECTION SYSTEM WITH THE STATES' OFFICES IS NOW COMPUTERIZED, ENABLING THE CORPORATION TO PERFORM ITS TASKS MORE EFFICIENTLY. WITHIN THE PAST THREE YEARS TELECOM HAS GONE FROM 3,000 PHONE CONNECTIONS TO OVER 7,000, HANDLING 125,000 CALLS PER DAY. FOR THE NEXT DECADE AND INTO THE 21ST CENTURY, WE WILL SEE EXPANSIONS INTO OUR OUTER ISLANDS.

ANOTHER PUBLIC AGENCY THAT HAS MADE PROGRESS IS THE POSTAL SERVICE, WHOSE OUTBOUND AND INBOUND MAIL MOVEMENT HAVE INCREASED BY 65% AND 35% RESPECTIVELY WITH CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN REVENUE INTAKES. IN INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT, THE CENTRAL OFFICES AND THE POHNPEI BRANCH ARE UNDERGOING NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION. MINOR IMPROVEMENTS ARE ALSO UNDERWAY IN YAP AND CHUUK. THE POSTAL SERVICE HAS THE GOAL OF BECOMING AN INDEPENDENT, SELF-SUS-

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TAINING OPERATION.

IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE TASK OF NATION BUILDING HAS BEEN AN AWESOME CHALLENGE. OUR COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION "TO MAKE ONE NATION OF MANY ISLANDS" HAS BEEN TESTED AND CHALLENGED BUT WE HAVE PREVAILED SO FAR. WE NOT ONLY BELONG TO ONE ANOTHER; WE NEED EACH OTHER IN OUR EFFORT TO ATTAIN ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY AND POLITICAL SOLIDARITY.

I WILL BE REMISS IF I DO NOT TAKE NOTE OF OUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. THE PEOPLE OF THE FSM JOIN ME TO REITERATE OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION UNDER THE COMPACT. I AM PLEASED BY THE SPIRIT IN WHICH OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE WORKED TOGETHER NOT ONLY IN ADDRESSING BILATERAL ISSUES BUT IN GLOBAL MATTERS AS WELL. THE FSM IS COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING OUR CLOSE RELATIONS.

IT IS THE TENDENCY NOW AMONG DONORS TO SHIFT PRIORITY FOR THEIR AID. AND THE UNITED STATES IS NO EXCEPTION. THUS, IT IS INCUMBENT ON US TO BE COGNIZANT OF THIS REALITY. WE MUST TAKE NOTICE OF THE CHANGE OF POLICIES IN THE HALLS OF POWER IN WASHINGTON. IN THIS REGARD, I COMMEND TO THE NEW LEADERSHIP TO CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE UNITED STATES TO ENSURE THAT THE AMICABLE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WE HAVE DEVELOPED OVER THE YEARS WILL CONTINUE.

THE CURRENT STATE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH ASIAN, PACIFIC AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IS INCREASING IN BOTH QUANTITY AND IN QUALITY.

WE WELCOME THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN POHNPEI, JOINING AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. AND WE REITERATE OUR INVITATIONS TO OUR OTHER FRIENDS TO ESTABLISH THEIR PRESENCE IN POHNPEI. DURING THESE TIMES OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP WE HOPE OUR FRIENDS WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH US,

AS A DEMONSTRATION OF OUR MUTUAL COMMITMENTS AS PARTNERS. AFTER ALL, IT IS IN OUR COLLECTIVE INTEREST TO SEE GREATER DEVELOPMENT IN THESE ISLANDS. THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES, NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, ISRAEL, JAPAN, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, GERMANY AND FRANCE AND MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS IS APPRECIATED AS THEY ARE MAKING POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NATION BUILDING.

WITH THE UPCOMING MEETING OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM IN PORT MORESBY, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE AND SOLIDIFY OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS WITH THE REGION IN COMMON AND VITAL AREAS. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR FRIENDS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC FOR IT WAS UPON THEIR SUPPORT THAT WE HAVE COME TO WHERE WE ARE. THE FSM WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY ITS ROLE IN MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RESOLUTION OF REGIONAL ISSUES AS WELL AS TO PROTECT OUR INTERESTS. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE DRAFT WAIGANI TREATY, THE FSM ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS TREATY AS IT AIMS TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT. I ASK CONGRESS IN ADVANCE FOR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION FOR THE TREATY WHEN IT COMES TO YOU FOR RATIFICATION.

SINCE BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THE STEADY GROWTH OF OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE WORK OF THAT WORLD BODY AS WELL AS IN ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. THE FSM HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE UNITED NATIONS SPONSORED FORA ADDRESSING THE CRITICAL ISSUES OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. THESE ISSUES, AMONG OTHERS, ARE OF PRIORITY TO US BECAUSE THEY HAVE IMPLICATIONS ON OUR SUSTAINABILITY. SINCE MEMBERSHIP, WE HAVE NOT ONLY ASSUMED ADDED RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS BUT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM. OUR

MEMBERSHIP SHOULD NOT BE FOR ACCESSING U.N. ASSISTANCE ONLY; WE MUST DO OUR PART IN THE RESOLUTION OF GLOBAL ISSUES OF CONCERN TO OUR ISLANDS, E.G., RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENT, POPULATION, THE ELIMINATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, ETC.

I AM THANKFUL ALSO FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR EUROPEAN FRIENDS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA ON ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST SUCH AS THE ENVIRONMENT, DISARMAMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AMONG OTHERS. WE HOPE FOR THE SAME SUPPORT IN OUR QUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN, AND PACIFIC GROUPS FOR THE LOME IV CONVENTION.

FOUR YEARS AGO, I MADE A PLEDGE BEFORE YOU TO FURTHER PROMOTE AND EXPAND OUR INTERNATIONAL PERSONALITY. NOW WE HAVE TAKEN OUR PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS. BUT, THE WORK HAS JUST BEGUN. WITH DECLINING FINANCIAL RESOURCES, OUR DIPLOMACY MUST CONCENTRATE IN AREAS WHERE POTENTIALS FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE EXIST. THE CONGRESS MUST CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH THE ADMINISTRATION IN THE PURSUIT OF TRANS-LATING OUR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ACHIEVEMENTS INTO ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES.

AS PRESIDENT I AM AWARE OF THE VARYING ASSESSMENTS ABOUT THE WORK WE HAVE DONE, OR HAVE FAILED TO DO. EVEN AS WE SPEAK ABOUT THE STATE OF THE NATION, POINTS OF VIEWS AND PERSPECTIVES WILL VARY, EVEN IN THIS HALL, AMONG LEADERS, THE PEOPLE, OUR INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS AND PARTNERS, AND ADVISERS. BUT, AS I HAVE ALLUDED TO EARLIER, THE MORE IMPORTANT WORK FOR US IS TO CONSTRUCT A FUTURE IN WHICH OUR PEOPLE WILL HAVE CONFIDENCE, RATHER THAN TO DWELL UPON FAILURES AND MISTAKES OF YESTERDAY. IT IS SELF-EVIDENT THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE ON THE CHALLENGES FACING US WITHOUT FEAR. TO BE EFFECTIVE

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AND RESPONSIBLE AS GUARDIANS OF A NATION OF MANY ISLANDS, WE HAVE TO READJUST RADICALLY OUR APPROACH TO NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN A FUNDAMENTAL WAY AS WE TAKE ON CHALLENGES AND INITIATIVES FOR THE COMING YEARS.

IN THE SHORT TERM AND IN THE CONTEXT OF THE IMPENDING TERMINATION OF THE COMPACT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE NEED TO BE PRUDENT IN THE EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS. ALSO EVIDENT THROUGH GOVERNMENT RHETORIC IS THE URGENCY FOR LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES TO MOBILIZE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AWAY FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND FROM LOW ECONOMIC PRIORITY AREAS TO OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND ENTREPRENEURS WHO ARE MORE ENTERPRISING THAN THE GOVERNMENT IN CREATING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. OUR LAWS AND POLICIES ON INVESTMENT, TAXATION, LABOR, TRADE, DEEP-SEA FISHERIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, MUST UNDERGO A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW WITH NEW LAWS ENACTED THAT WILL INCREASE OUR STAGNANT REVENUE BASE AND GUIDE OUR DEVELOPMENT POLICIES IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. OTHER COST CONTAINMENT MECHANISMS MUST BE IMPLEMENTED TO DECREASE THE SIZE AND COST OF GOVERNMENT, DISCOURAGE AND ELIMINATE FRIVOLOUS TRAVELS, AND TO REEVALUATE AMBITIOUS INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS. THESE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, MUST MERIT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION.

THE NATION, AT ALL LEVELS, MUST RESIST ANY TEMPTATION TO COMPROMISE THE UNITY THAT BINDS US TOGETHER. IN UNITY OUR CHANCES OF SUCCESS IN BUILDING A FUTURE ARE FAR BETTER. AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, EFFORTS BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE CONGRESS MUST PROJECT CONSTRUCTIVE COMMITMENT TO UNITY, RESISTING TENDENCIES THAT WILL POLITICALLY ALIENATE AND SEPARATE THE STATES. WE MUST BECOME MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE STATES SO OFTEN

CONVEYED THROUGH THE STATE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES.

OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE WILL BE THE NEED FOR THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE DIALOGUE WITH THE STATE LEADERSHIP ON THE MATTERS OF STATE APPROPRIATIONS SO THAT THE ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR ESTABLISHED DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND STRATEGIES.

ALL OF THESE ARE INDICATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE POLICY CHANGES; THIS IS THE TIME TO MOVE AWAY FROM DOING BUSINESS AS USUAL THAT HAS PROVEN COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO SOUND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES. IN THIS REGARD, WE ARE PLEASED THAT WITH THE HELP OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, AND THE UNITED STATES AND HOPEFULLY OTHER DONOR PARTNERS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO EFFECTUATE STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN A COMPREHENSIVE WAY WITH THE ANTICIPATION THAT TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WILL COME FROM OUR DONOR PARTNERS.

ON THE QUESTION OF THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE TERMS OF THE FREE ASSOCIATION RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I RECOMMEND TO THE NEW PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS THAT WE BEGIN THE INITIAL STEPS AS EARLY AS NEXT YEAR AS THIS WILL BE AN IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING. THE CURRENT STATUS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. HAS BEEN EXCELLENT; BUT, CONSIDERING THE NEW TRENDS IN AMERICAN POLITICS THAT HAVE RESULTED FROM THE CHANGING CONDITIONS AROUND THE WORLD, A NEW COMPACT MAY NOT BE AS ACCOMMODATING AS THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENT.

FINALLY AND ON A RELATED MATTER, THE SHIFTING PRIORITIES OF GLOBAL DONOR PARTNERS WILL ALSO HAVE IMPACT ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IN THE FSM AS IT HAS ADVERSELY AFFECTED ALL DEVELOPING NATIONS EVERYWHERE. EVIDENT FROM THE RECENT SOUTH CENTER AGREEMENT IN WHICH FSM IS A SIGNATORY, THE UNITED NA-

TIONS GROUP OF 77 HAS FINALLY ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT DEVELOPING NATIONS CAN NO LONGER HEAVILY DEPEND ON THE HELP OF THE TRADITIONAL DONOR PARTNERS; CONSEQUENTLY, THEY MUST TURN TO ONE ANOTHER FOR COOPERATION WHICH IN ESSENCE MEANS DOING THE BEST WITH ONE'S OWN RESOURCES.

THIS ESSENTIALLY CONCLUDES MY MESSAGE, HOWEVER, SINCE THE VICE PRESIDENT AND I WILL SOON BE DEPARTING OUR RESPECTIVE OFFICES, WE ARE PREPARED TO EFFECT A SMOOTH TRANSITION. THUS, A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT WILL BE PREPARED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FOR PRESENTATION TO THE NEW LEADERSHIP. WE HAVE ALSO ASKED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR LAWS, FOR ALL POLITICAL APPOINTEES IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO TENDER RESIGNATIONS TO THE NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT. THIS WILL ALLOW THE NEW LEADERSHIP TO SELECT CABINET OFFICIALS IN WHOM THERE WILL BE TRUST AND CONFIDENCE.

ON BEHALF OF VICE PRESIDENT NENA AND MYSELF AND OUR FAMILIES AND IN PREPARATION OF OUR DEPARTURE FROM OFFICE, I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR HUMBLE GRATITUDE TO CONGRESS AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THESE FEDERATED STATES FOR THE PLEASURE OF SERVING IN OUR RESPECTIVE CAPACITIES. OUR SHORTCOMINGS WERE MANY AND FOR THESE WE ASK YOUR UNDERSTANDING. WITH YOU WE HAVE DONE WHAT WE COULD TOGETHER. BUT OUR NEW RESOLVE SHOULD BE TO DO MORE FOR OUR PEOPLE IN THE NEXT 2 TO 4 YEARS.

I ALSO EXTEND OUR APPRECIATION TO THE JUDICIARY, THE FOUR STATES, OUR TRADITIONAL AND BUSINESS LEADERS FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT.

TO OUR CABINET OFFICERS, SPECIAL ASSISTANTS AND ALL THE EMPLOYEES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WHO HAVE SUPPORTED OUR WORK, WE OWE A DEBT OF GRATITUDE. TO THEM I EXPRESS OUR HEART FELT THANKS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH."



Taro roots for many years have provided nutrients to FSM people 7

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Taro, sawa, mwahng, pwula, lak, or mal: these are all names for the plant that has helped provide good nutrition to the people of the FSM for over a hundred years. The names may differ from island to island, but the value of this starchy root crop and its tasty green leaves stays the same.

On many islands, taro root does not play an important part in daily life that it once did. People who live in towns and work all day sometimes find that it is quicker to cook rice than to grow or buy and prepare taro.

What we do know is that the taro leaves and stem are packed with special nutrients that can never be found in any European imported vegetables. It has a very high content of vitamins and minerals which are important to the health of a human being.

Taro root is an excellent source of energy which the body needs to stay active. It also provides iron and calcium which is much needed for our bones and teeth. The leaves and stems provide vitamin A which are needed for healthy eyes and protection from disease.

The Family Food Production and Nutrition Project, which is under the Department of Conservation and Resource Surveillance, have found some ways to simplify cooking methods of taro and other local produce which are available and nutritious. We have also found ways to preserve taro in a very effective modern way, especially for working mothers and wives.

Raw taro can be grated, wrapped in tin foil or plastic bags and stored in the refrigerator for as long as one month. It can also be peeled and chopped into cubes and stored too. This can be done during the weekends or holidays. When needed for cooking remove from storage area and mold into whatever recipe or dish desired. Here is an example of a fast and nutritious taro dish.

Taro and Fish Soup

One pound raw cube taro
One pound raw fish
Half onion, and one coconut
Lemon grass and Kangkong tips
Lay lemongrass leaves on bottom of pot.

Unwrap raw taro cubes and put into pot with two cups of water (do not defrost taro cubes before cooking.) Boil for 15 minutes, add fish and boil for ten minutes, add onion, coconut cream and kangkong leaves, stir for two minutes and serve while hot

In this recipe you have all the ingredients necessary for a balanced meal. You may notice that salt is not mentioned

because when using lemon grass or lemon in food you tend to forget about the taste of salt which is not very good for our health.

You are welcome to attend our cooking and gardening demonstrations, every Tuesday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am

For more information, please contact,

The Family Food Production and Nutrition Program Coordinator Alicia Germinaro, at the Division of Agriculture, P.O. Box 1028 or Phone #320-2400 or 320-2401.

This program is jointly sponsored and funded by the Pohnpei State Government and the United Nations Children's Funds, (UNISEF).

ADB and U.S. assist FSM and Marshalls economically

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - To help avert a financial crisis for two Pacific Island nations as they lose their main source of income, funding from the Compact of Free Association (between the two nations and the United States of America), the Asian Development Bank and the United States Government are providing the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia assistance to put their economies on a sounder footing for sustainable economic growth. A grant totaling \$5 million is being given to formulate structural adjustment policies to cope with the reduction of the United States supports for their economies over the next few years, according to a release from ADB.

Both the FSM and the Republic of the Marshall Islands are former US Trust Territories, now independent. Under the 15-year Compact of Free Association which began in 1986, the countries receive diminishing support from the U.S. until the year 2001. This support amounts to two-thirds of the countries' gross domestic product, so the reduction will have a massive impact unless ef-

fective adjustments are made.

The ADB and the US Government will provide each country with \$1.5 million and \$1 million, respectively. In addition, each government will contribute \$500,000 in counterpart funding. The assistance will provide funding for a policy advisory team of international consultants who will help the governments draw up economic strategies and policies for more rapid and self-sustaining growth and in particular address the countries' structural problems. The assistance includes monitoring policy implementation and providing on-the-job training for government officials.

The advisory teams will address a wide range of issues, including trade policies, which covers tariffs and subsidies, and measures to encourage fishing and tourism. The scope of work will also focus on wage and labor policies, financial policies for development of finance institutions and the banking system, and public sector management systems.

The technical assistance will be for three years. The executing agency will be the Ministry of Finance in the Marshall Islands and the Department of External Affairs in the FSM.



OLTER HOSTS CONGRESS - President Bailey Olter (right) on March 22, 1995, hosted a dinner reception at Across the Street Restaurant in honor of the Third Special Session of the 8th Congress. Floor Leader Joseph Urusemal (left) presented a resolution to the President inviting him to deliver his State of Nation Message the next day.

8 The FSMSA is holding a queen contest to raise funds for the FSM Games in July

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - In raising funds for the FSM Games in July this year, a sub-committee is being assigned to coordinate a Queen Contest. The winner of the contest will be crowned "Miss FSM Games," and also be given a scholarship.

The Chairpersons of the Sub-Committee on Queen Contest are Mrs. Iris Falcam and Mrs. Penny Weilbacher, Pacific Librarian and Pohnpei Campus Director, respectively, at the College of Micronesia-FSM in Pohnpei.

The rules and regulations of the contest have already been established and tickets have been distributed to the states. The minimum tickets being sent to each state is at 5000 dollars worth and more tickets may be re-

Olter submitted supplemental for Controlled Substance Procurement Revolving Fund

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter submitted a proposed bill to Congress Speaker on March 15, 1995, requesting an additional appropriation of \$10,000, to supplement the Controlled Substance Procurement Revolving Fund, for which \$5,000, has been funded. However, the amount funded is insufficient to meet the current demands of the four FSM States hospitals.

The drugs or medical pain-killers are used on those suffering from injury and disease to relieve them of their agony. Surgical operations cannot be performed without these medicines or controlled substances.

President Olter concluded his letter saying that the Department of Health Services will work with the States in developing needed guidelines for the control and use of such drugs. In this connection, he urged Congress to favorably disposed of the matter.

quested when needed. All requests will be kept confidential until noon of July 8th, when the figures will be looked at.

The requirements the candidates must meet in order to be qualified for the "Miss FSM Games" are: they must be female, FSM citizen, minimum of a high school senior or a high school or GED graduate, not older than 25 years of age before July 1, 1995, and must be single, never been married and have no children, never been pregnant or not pregnant at the time of the contest.

Anyone can participate in the contest as long as she meets the requirements mentioned. Those from Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap living on Pohnpei and wishing to participate shall communicate their wishes to the FSM Sub-Committee Chairpersons, Falcam and Weilbacher. They can be contacted at COM-FSM at 320-2481.

The candidate from each state who raised the most money will compete with the other three states' biggest fundraisers. The state candidate who turns in the most money will be crowned "Miss FSM Games." The first runner-up will be the Royal Princess, and 2nd runner-up, the second princess, and 3rd runner-up, third princess.

The Chairpersons emphasize that this is not just a beauty contest but a fund-raising contest as well. Proceeds after the contest's expenses shall be used for one scholarship in the area of sports and related fields, physical education, and for the purchase of sports equipment.

"Miss FSM Games" will be awarded ten percent of the total amount collected by all states, after expenses are deducted. Five percent of the award will be in cash and five percent will be held in trust for a maximum of three years for the queen - to be used for college. Each state Queen finalist will receive a \$500 cash advance to assist the candi-

date in preparing her wardrobe for the final contest in Pohnpei and for other incidentals. Her total state award, however, will be 10 percent of the total amount collected from her respective state, after expenses are deducted.

Round trip airline tickets will be provided for the candidates from Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap, and one chaperone for each of the three candidates. Hotel accommodations and vehicles will be provided for all four candidates and their chaperones during the final contest time in Pohnpei.

The person/organization who contributes the most money from each state, will win a prize.

Deadline for all tickets and money to be turned in is 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 8, 1995. The coronation of "Miss FSM Games" will be on the night of July 8, 1995, at the PICS Cafeteria.

To ensure smooth coordination and representation, the Sub-Committee has selected representatives from each state and an FSM representative from each state who resides in Pohnpei. They are: First Lady Penina Mackwelung and Mrs. Lerina Nena, wife of FSM Vice President Jacob Nena, Kosrae; Emmy Musrasrik; FSM Supreme Court Pohnpei; Christine "Kiki" Stinnett, owner of Truk Stop Hotel, and Lore Nena, Director, Financial Aid Office, COM-FSM, Chuuk; and Geraldine Midagyou of Yap Community Action Program, and Terry G. Thinom from the Office of the President.

The Chairpersons urge all residents of the FSM and their friends from outside to assist your favorite candidate by purchasing tickets and they also encourage organizations, associations, and other groups to sponsor a candidate. Help the sports programs in the FSM through this fund-raising effort. Kosrae State reportedly already has lined up 6 candidates; Chuuk, three; Pohnpei seven and Yap, one.

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