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President Bailey Olter addresses 50th UNGA

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter addressed the United Nations 50th Anniversary Special Commemorative Meeting on Monday, October 23, 1995, saying that "As people who have special reliance on the United Nations throughout its existence, Micronesians ... have always felt ... a part of [the United Nations]..." Mr. Olter told the largest ever gathering of world leaders, "[i]t is ... to be celebrated that during the past 50 years there has been a sharp decline in the practice of colonialism by the World's major powers," stated a release from the FSM Permanent Mission at the UN.

However, referring to the persistence of colonialism in the Pacific island region, President Olter stated that the "[United Nations] Charter has been less effective in bringing some nations to put aside their own self-interests and assign their colonial holdings to a rightful place in the history books." He added that "[b]ecause our region lies distant from the homelands of the colonial powers it retains a certain usefulness to them for the disposal of their dangerous materials and for the conduct of tests and other practices too hazardous to carry out at home. Thus ... we ... are forced to endure the consequences of these actions, consequences which will be felt for (See ADDRESS, Page 2)

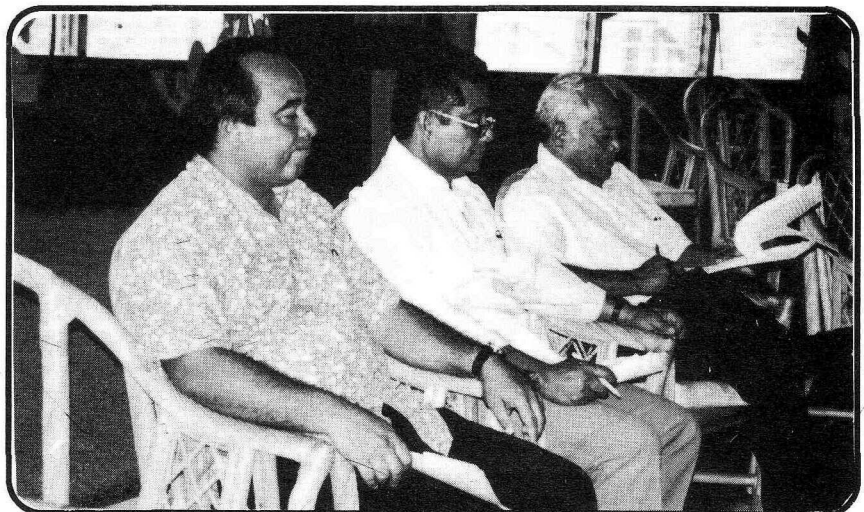
First FSM Summit issues Communiqué

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - At the end of the First FSM's Economic Summit held from November 20 to 24, 1995, participants issued the following Communiqué, "It is the consensus of the delegates to the First Federated States of Micronesia Economic Summit, representing a wide cross-section of the community, that the primary goal of the Federated States of Micronesia as a nation should be to strengthen the economy and make it more resilient to changes in the world economy.

"To this end, the Summit endorses a number of economic reform objectives and strategies. These include reducing

reliance on foreign aid by downsizing the public sector and increasing public and private investment. To reduce risks, the delegates recommend diversifying sources of external funding by attracting additional sources of foreign aid, accessing finance from multi-lateral institutions, and attracting foreign private investment.

"To increase the size and enhance the competitiveness of the private sector the Summit recommends the provision of incentives to productive activities, the improvement of the efficiency of land use and human resources investments to meet the needs of the (See COMMUNIQUE' Page 2)



FIRST FSM ECONOMIC SUMMIT - Sitting together are from left to right: FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz, Vice President Jacob Nena, and President Bailey Olter during the first FSM Economic Summit held in Pohnpei from November 20 to the 24th. The summit brought together government officials and traditional leaders, as well as representatives from the private sectors of the four FSM States.

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productive sectors.

"It is further agreed the Nation should aim for sustainable development through the following: the strengthening of environmental planning; the introduction of economic accounting for non-renewable resource depletion; the strengthening of participatory community planning and resource management; and the preservation, development and revitalization of the unique and diverse cultures of the Federated States of Micronesia.

"In addition to these objectives and strategies, the Summit strongly endorses the attached sectorial objectives and strategies which form an integral part of this communiqué. These include recommendations for reforms in Agriculture, Commerce and Industry, Education, Health, Marine Resources and Tourism.

"Several concerns emerged which cut across all sectors. The Summit recognizes the need for fiscal reforms; institutional strengthening; a shift towards a private sector driven economy; a healthy and proportionately educated population; and that all these efforts be sustainable and respect the culture and environment of the FSM.

"Summit delegates pledged to make sure these recommendations are adequately discussed and debated at State and Municipal levels, throughout all communities, and that continuing input be provided to policy makers. It is the consensus of the Summit that these recommendations then be integrated into the National decision making process through State and National Development Plans and the budgetary process.

"In the interest of ensuring these recommendations be translated into action, the Summit further calls for the establishment of a National Economic Council with the mandate to monitor the implementation of the Summit's recommendations and to increase information sharing between National, State and Municipal governments, non-government organizations and private sector.

"The Summit strongly believes these reforms will strengthen the economy

and reduce the Nation's reliance on external funds. Such reforms are an important initial step in the on-going process of economic reform."

The communiqué signed on November

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generations to come."

While saluting the accomplishments of the United Nations in the advancement of peace and security, President Olter said that the United Nations Charter challenges "...peoples and governments large, small, rich and poor, to incorporate in their policies and actions a true respect for the rights of all, including the least privileged among us, to live in conditions of decency and equity."

Prior to addressing the Special Commemorative Meeting, President Olter had a breakfast meeting with President Kuniwo Nakamura of the Republic of Palau and President Amata Kabua of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to continue a "Freely Associated States" dialogue initiated earlier this year. The discussion centered on economic development cooperation efforts for the subregion.

President Olter, along with other heads of state and government speaking on the same day were hosted to a lunch by Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

The FSM Government observes October 24, the United Nations Day as a legal holiday.

This year's United Nations Day Anniversary Celebration was special because it marked the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Founding of the World Body. In New York, at the United Nations, Heads of State from member nations presented statements honoring the occasion.

At the United Nations, His Excellency Bailey Olter, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, was the fourth speaker at the Fourth Session of the Security Council's Meeting (SCM). His statement was also televised world over including Pohnpei on CNN.

From the end of World War II in 1945 until the implementation of the FSM Constitution, the Micronesian Islands, were a Strategic Trust placed under the

24 by some twenty-five participants including President Bailey Olter, Congress Speaker Jack Fritz and head of the four State delegations.

United States of America by the UN Trusteeship Agreement.

Until 1965, when the Congress of Micronesia was established by Secretarial Order of the Secretary of the US Department of Interior, the High Commissioner performed the role of lawmaking and as well as executive functions.

In 1979, the Constitutional Government of the Federated States of Micronesia was established. The FSM became a self-governing state.

On September 17, 1991, the FSM became a member of the United Nations.

December Declared as National Accident Prevention Month

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The month of December has been declared by FSM President Bailey Olter as the National Accident Prevention Month in the FSM. He further requested all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, and schools throughout the FSM to promote awareness of causes of driver impairment, existing laws against drunk driving, and ways to establish healthier and safer use of alcohol and other drugs among citizens, particularly our young people.

In a proclamation issued November 29, 1995, Olter noted that there is an increasing problem to pedestrians and drivers because of alcohol and drug abuse that has given rise to traffic fatalities, property damage, physical, economic and emotional hardships. Records in hospitals show a significant increase over the past eight years.

The trend can be averted and reversed with concerted public education against drunk driving and drug use.

FSM holds first Economic Summit in Pohnpei

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The First FSM Economic Summit was held in Pohnpei, beginning November 20, drawing nearly 250 people to its opening.

The opening and closing of the Summit was broadcast live over the four state through the facilities of the FSM Telecommunication Corporations.

FSM President Bailey Olter in his opening remarks thanked all who gathered for the Summit, adding that they were there not only because they wanted to be but because of the importance of the Summit.

In thanking the government and private representatives and the traditional leaders, President Olter said, "You are an indispensable component of the economic development equation for our nation."

The President acknowledged that all citizens wish for a good life for individuals, families, and for the Nation. "It is our good fortune that we have reached our current quality of life without having to lose our culture." The FSM has seen real improvements in paved roads, new ports, a world class telecommunications system and investment in fisheries development.

Nevertheless, the FSM's economy is contracting rather than growing and wages in the public sector are increasing. Government expenditures continue to exceed income. Domestic production contributes only a small share of the national income with exports only 30 percent of the FSM's income, he added.

On the positive side, since 1986, he said, FSM exports have increased "thirty-fold," the import-export ratio has markedly improved. But the growth in domestic value added has lagged behind the growth in exports.

He said that value added, can further be elaborated as an increase in value of a commodity from its original value due to the finishing work done to any partially manufactured item imported into the FSM for purposes of finishing in the FSM before it is exported or sold domestically. A good example is garment manufacturing which may be partially produce garments elsewhere

and then bring them into the FSM for completion. Value added, is another way of increasing employment opportunities in developing countries. However, local citizens must be well trained so they can qualify for the jobs required to be performed. Again a garment factory is a good example, in that if the FSM citizens do not meet the qualifications set forth by the factory owners, the jobs available will have to be filled by foreign workers. Thus, unemployment will continue to exist.

The President said, "If the nation is to grow and provide work for future generations we must work to strengthen our economy and make it able to meet the challenges in the world economy. Our aim must be to become self reliant in an ever changing world."

He took note of the changes taking place in the world and their effects on the FSM, including the Compact, the end of the cold war, and the domestic difficulties in the donor countries influencing the way they look at the FSM and their attitudes toward financial assistance to developing nations. With all these, Olter declared, "We must adjust to these changes if we are to survive."

This summit and the economic reform we are undertaking, he said, will show our seriousness to help ourselves. "Receiving help from friends is helpful," President Olter said, "but too much reliance on this source, particularly on a single one is foolhardy, and of course risky." Olter in illustrating his point said that with the lack of U.S. appropriation, the FSM might not receive its Compact second quarter monies for the current fiscal year.

The Summit, he said, gives the FSM a good chance to think about the challenges. And with goodwill and best efforts, the Summit will provide a blueprint for the FSM's economic development. Concluding his remarks, President Olter said, "This Summit is, after all, only one step toward meeting the challenges facing our nation. Thank you and God bless the FSM."

Congress Speaker Jack Fritz, in his keynote address, stated his belief that the ultimate success of the goals and

policies are in the hands of the States. Within the framework of the Federation, the States have primary responsibility in areas of transportation, services and other elements of the infrastructure crucial to economic development. Speaker Fritz urged the States to "...effectively redirect increasingly scarce financial resources where they are most needed," which he said, is the main purpose of the Summit.

The States must take steps to develop production and export-oriented businesses rather than consumer-oriented, import-based businesses. "Our nation is rich, both in renewable natural resources and in natural beauty. Taken together, these are more than adequate to provide a strong foundation on which to build a national economy, and to make us sound in financial terms as well," he said.

Regarding the National Government's role he said, "Personally, I would like to see the National Government financial assistance to the States earmarked for achieving its goals." Specifically, Fritz stated that Chuuk State should pay its own outstanding debts. Any money loaned by the National Government should be used to develop Chuuk's infrastructure which will lay a solid economic development foundation.

The Summit's opening plenary was also attended by the Vice President, members of the Cabinet, Members of the FSM Congress, Chief Justice of the FSM Supreme Court, the four State Governors, Speakers and members of State Legislatures, traditional leaders, business leaders and private and other sector representatives.

The plenary session continued with situation reports presented by members of the Economic Management and Policy Advisory Team (EMPAT), Messrs Chris Lightfoot and Kevin O'Keef, who discussed the current economic situation in the FSM and the proposed reform strategies.

The Summit was funded by a \$100,000 appropriation from Congress by Public Law No. 9-037, which paid travel and other costs of holding the Summit. The Summit concluded, November 24.

4 President sends condolences to Israel upon learning of assassination of Rabin

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter, on learning of the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin forwarded the following statement to His Excellency Ezer Weizman, President of the State of Israel on November 6, 1995: "I am deeply saddened to hear of the untimely death of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, an eminent leader whose entire career was single-mindedly devoted to the service of his country and his people, while advancing the broader causes of peace and freedom for all mankind.

"On behalf of the People and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, and on my own behalf, may I extend to you our most profound sense of sorrow as we join you in mourning of this great loss to you and to mankind. Our prayers are with you."

Israeli Government offers training in water resource management

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Division of Training in the Office of Administrative Services has announced openings in a training program offered by the Government of the State of Israel through its Embassy in Suva to the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia starting in January 1996.

A workshop on water resource management is scheduled for February 28 to March 27, 1996, at the Center for International Agricultural Development Cooperation (CINADCO), in Tel Aviv, Israel. Its aim is identifying problems pertinent to water quality management and to review modern methods of solving those problems based on accumulated knowledge and experience.

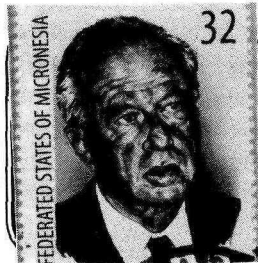
It is designed for agriculture extension staff and researchers from both government and private sectors who will be involved in irrigation. Nominees must have an academic background in agriculture, plus three years experience in their professional fields and full command of written and spoken English.

The application deadline is two months before the scheduled beginning of the course. Anyone interested must contact the Training Division, Office of the Administrative Services.

FSM issues stamp honoring the late Rabin

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Postal Service on November 30, 1995, issued a single 32 cent memorial postage stamp honoring Yitzhak Rabin, the late Prime Minister of Israel.

Rabin who shared the Nobel Peace



Prize in 1994, was assassinated in Tel Aviv, Israel, on November 4, 1995, and his death created a profound sense of sorrow around the world.

In a letter to Israel President Ezer Weizman on the day of Rabin's burial, President Bailey Olter praised Rabin as single mindedly devoted to his country's services and people and he promotes peace and freedom for all mankind

This memorial stamp is now on sale

Olter urges reinclusion of FSM's eligibility in IDEA

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICES) - President Bailey Olter has instructed FSM Ambassador to the United States Jesse B. Marehalau to give priority to the efforts being taken for the re-inclusion of FSM eligibility to the U.S. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) by facilitating efficient information exchange.

The re-inclusion efforts must be based on the needs of the students for whom the FSM lacks competent staff and financial resources. The time frame remaining for re-inclusion efforts is getting short and only effective and prompt handling of contacts and communications with relevant offices in the U.S. Government can bring desired results.

The FSM Department of Education, Olter said, is preparing a presentation to the National Association of Special Education Coordinators (NASDSE), the Association of University Affiliated Programs (AUAP), the Senate Subcommittee on Disability Policy, U.S. Department of Education and others in Washington, D.C. for which much assistance is needed.

at all the FSM Post Offices and the Philatelic Bureau in Pohnpei. A first day cover with the single stamp affixed is also available.

The stamp is simply inscribed "Yitzhak Rabin's Life." The portrait of Rabin is in full color, with text and graphics appearing in black, white or the blue of Israel's Flag. The star of David appears next to Rabin's name.

Everyone is advised that as a matter of policy for commemorative stamps, this single stamp is issued in limited quantity and is available for sale within a one year period from the official day of issue, November 30, 1995.

In a related activity, two new Christmas stamps were issued on October 30, 1995, in 32 cent and 60 cent denominations which are the domestic and the international air mail rates. These poinsettia stamps were designed by artist Kristin Rosenberg. They beautifully capture the spirit of the holiday season by displaying a traditional symbol of Christmas.

The poinsettia was first brought to the United States by an American Statesman, Joel R. Poinsett, who found it in Mexico while he served as a diplomat there in the 1820s. Since then, poinsettias have been dispersed around the world, where they appear as holiday decorations.

Christmas has been celebrated in the Pacific Islands yearly since the 1850s, when the missionaries arrived on our shores.

These beautiful stamps will be available for sale as a set in mint condition at their combined face value of 92 cents at all post offices throughout the FSM and also at the Philatelic Bureau in Kolonia, Pohnpei. Both stamps is available at the price of \$1.72.

All citizens and friends who are currently residing in FSM are encouraged to buy and use these beautiful stamps. They are beautiful and can promote and enhance the awareness of our being a stamp issuing country throughout the Philatelic World.

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Finance receives first cash drawdown RECD approves 155 loans

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Department of Finance reported that it received the first cash drawdown of \$340,000 on the fisheries loan of \$6.5 million from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Sept. 1995.

Of the \$340,000 first drawdown, \$110,000 was issued to Micronesian Longline Fisheries Corporation (MLFC) for creation of its Imprest Fund Account at a local commercial bank as required in the loan agreement, the report stated. The remaining \$230,000 was deposited into another Imprest Fund Account at the bank for which the Secretary of the Department of Finance was designated by the President as the Suballottee.

From the total loan of \$6.5 million, \$4.5 is for MLFC to establish a longline fishing company in the FSM owned by FSM citizens and \$2 million is to be used for institutional strengthening, particularly in the FSM Department of

Resources and Development (R&D).

MLFC Board of Directors has hired Gerald Russo as the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer for the company. Russo has solicited bids for construction of first the six longline fishing vessels and one training vessel.

Upon completion of the review of the revised prospectus by a Guam Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Firm, MLFC will be in a position to award construction contract or contracts for the vessels to selected company or companies and also resume sale of its shares of stocks at \$20 a share. The company's lawyer must review and the President must approve the revised prospectus before implementation by the company officials.

The designs call for the construction of fiber glass vessels with length between 20 and 22 meters from bow to stern, says Jesse Giltamag, Assistant Project Director at R&D.

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, during the period June 19 to 23, 1995, approved 155 loan applications for Pohnpei, according to a release from Area Supervisor Shelten G. Neth.

The total amount for the approved loans was \$1.1 million for the improvement and repair of homes to make them safe, decent and sanitary for very low income families.

Of the 130 outstanding loan applications, Neth reported that on August 8, 1995, the RECD Office on Guam authorized the approval of 79 applications amounting to \$500,000.

This recent development leaves only 51 applications pending for Pohnpei.

The RECD Office in Pohnpei concluded its release by reminding its clients that inquiries for RECD program services are welcome on Mondays only.

Monthly report from the Department of Finance on its activities

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Acting Secretary of the Department of Finance Ihlen Joseph reported that the Department's Division of Automated Data Processing hired Raghu Raman as Computer Advisor under a one-year contract. Raman was previously employed by the Government of the Republic of Nauru in a similar capacity.

The Division of Investment drew down from Hawaiian Trust Company, Limited, \$2,183,687.30 in September for operation of the FSM National Government. For FY 1996, the Division received copies of Annual Cash Drawdown schedules from the four FSM States which reflect a 46 percent inflation adjustment. Chuuk State's drawdown schedule reflects an agreed arrangement formulated based on the current financial situation.

The Division of Revenue's Commissioner and his Tax Advisor met with the FSM Public Auditor and the newly recruited investigator to discuss ways for cooperation in sharing information between the two offices. A meeting was held between Finance and Attorney General's Office where discussions were held on tax matters under administrative appeal procedure.

The Division reported it collected from Chuuk \$4,382.40; Kosrae, \$7,084.58; Pohnpei, \$214,820.78; and Yap, \$12,678.19. A total collection for the month was \$238,965.95. During the same month delinquent taxes reported were as follows: Chuuk State, \$4,063,319.76; Kosrae, \$857,439.54; Pohnpei, \$3,391,667.33; and Yap, \$4,391,667.33, a total of **\$13,222,475.13.**

The Division of Customs collected a total of \$124,952.94 from petroleum tax distributed as follows: Chuuk, \$31,299.70; Kosrae, \$12,241.90; Pohnpei, \$48,399.97; and Yap, \$33,011.37.

Import collections totalled \$299,367.52; Chuuk collection totalled \$102,832.95; Kosrae, \$38,667.92; Pohnpei, \$99,392.27; and Yap, \$58,474.38.

Postal collections totalled \$10,715.67. Of this, \$2,456.35 from Chuuk; \$1,456.74, from Kosrae; \$5,175.39 from Pohnpei; and \$1,627.19, from Yap. Penalties collected totalled \$4,614.27 of which \$398.52, came from Chuuk; \$3,804.23, from Kosrae; \$402.32, from Pohnpei and \$9.21, from Yap.

A total of \$13,900 in Import License fees was collected as follows: Chuuk,

\$3,600; Kosrae, \$2,400; Pohnpei, \$5,300; and Yap, \$2,600. Only \$200 was collected in Pohnpei for Insurance business license and the following export license fees were collected: Chuuk, \$130; Kosrae, \$10; Pohnpei, \$70; and Yap, \$70, totalling \$280.

Pohnpei's EDA exported for Ting Hong 404,842 kilograms of fresh tuna to Japan while NFC exported 10,648 kilograms of fresh tuna to Japan. The Micronesian Fishing Venture exported 4,634 kilograms of fresh tuna also to Japan.

From Chuuk, Ting Hong and NFC exported 203,030 kilograms of yellow fin tuna and also exported 36,812 metric tons of catches from purse seine vessels which include frozen skipjack, yellow fin tuna, and blue marlin.

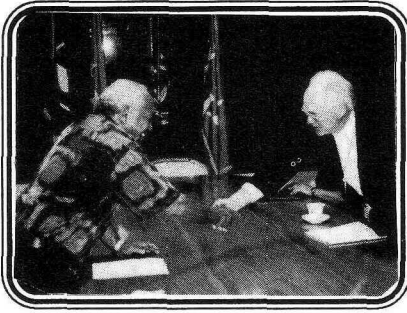
Yap exported to Japan 431,499 pounds of tuna by Ting Hong and 674,437 pounds of tuna by NFC. Kingtex, the garment factory, exported 5,380 cartons of finished clothing to the U.S. Mainland.

Kosrae's Pacific Tuna Industries Company, a joint venture between Ting Hong and Kosrae State exported 148,448 kilograms of fresh tuna, marlin and skipjack to Saipan, Guam, China and Japan.

6 Archbishop White visited FSM to bid farewell

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Apostolic Nuncio to the FSM Archbishop Thomas A. White arrived Pohnpei on November 20, for a day to bid his farewell before retiring from service in March of 1996.

Archbishop White, paid courtesy calls



WHITE BID FAREWELL - Archbishop White (right) shook hands with President Bailey Olter (left) during the Archbishop's visit to the FSM to say farewell. Accompanying White when he called on the President were, Bishop Amando Samo and Fr. Rex Edwin and staff from the Department of External Affairs.

Australia offers training for an FSM male athlete

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter informed the four FSM State Governors that the Australian South Pacific 2000 Sports Program and the Oceania Olympic Training Center is offering an elite athlete training grant for one FSM resident male who will be trained and coach in Australia for six weeks to three months early in 1996.

Olter has asked each Governor to submit name of a qualified male track and field athlete from his state including the athlete's age, track and field events, qualification records, and regional and international experiences, including the Micronesian Games.

The elite status would mean a gold medalist in either the FSM Games or the Micronesian Games. The deadline for submission of nominations was December 1, 1995, and submissions should be faxed to: Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick, President, FSM Amateur Sports Association, P.O. Box PS 319, Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941, Fax number (691) 320-5263.

on President Bailey Olter and Department of External Affairs Secretary Asterio Takesy. Archbishop White also called on Congress Speaker Jack Fritz. Bishop Amando Samo and Father Rex Edwin accompanied Archbishop White.

President Olter thanked Archbishop White for his role in establishing and promoting the recognition and nurturing of the cordial diplomatic relationship now existing between the FSM and the Holy See. Archbishop White also helped in obtaining favorable consideration for the elevation of Bishop Amando Samo and the recent ordinations of Father Rex Edwin and Father Etwel Pelep both from Pohnpei.

President Olter hosted a luncheon in honor of the Apostolic Nuncio Thomas A. White at the Skylight Hotel.

On his way to Pohnpei, Archbishop White spent one day in Chuuk where he was welcomed and was hosted by Bishop Amando Samo and the Catholic Church officials as well as State Government officials.

Archbishop White who resides in New Zealand was accredited to the FSM and presented his credentials to President Olter in January of 1994. He will be ending his more than 30 years in the foreign service and his diplomatic career when he retires this year.

He, reportedly, has indicated that he plans to return to his home in Ireland.

JICA offers one slot in Crop Production training

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter informed the four State Governors in a November 14, 1995 letter that Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is allowing FSM one slot in a Vegetable Crop Production Group training to be held from February 26 to September 20, 1996. However, Olter recommended that five nominations be submitted to JICA for its final selection. Nomination papers together with photographs, medical histories and examination forms, and a copy of a country report must be submitted to the FSM Department of External Affairs by December 4, 1995.

The Government of Japan will bear the cost of airfare, accommodations and a daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the course, Olter concluded.

Congressman Underwood visits President in Pohnpei

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Guam's Congressman Underwood stopped over in Pohnpei, October 9, 1995, on his way to Guam from Washington, D.C., for a brief visit with President Bailey Olter and Vice President Jacob Nena regarding the FSM citizen residents in Guam and to reaffirm his friendship with FSM citizens which he developed when he was working at the University of Guam.

Congressman Underwood met with President Olter, Vice President Nena and Acting Secretary of the Department of External Affairs Epel Ilon in Palikir on the impact of the FSM citizen s residing in Guam under the Compact of Free Association between the United States of America and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Governor must approve SGS application

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter, in a November 6, 1995 letter to all FSM State Governors stated that FSM/Australian Small Grant Scheme (SGS) applications from both government or non-government agencies in each State must be approved by the Governor of the respective State or his designee. Furthermore, applicants should indicate how funding can be acquired for sustained utilization of such project. As an example, if funds for construction are requested, the requestor must indicate sources of funding for continued operation and maintenance of such facility. These requirements are applicable to construction projects as well as social and economic development projects.

All applications will be reviewed by the President's Development Evaluation and Foreign Assistance Committee (DEFAC) before submittal for approval to the Australian Embassy. Such applications will be reviewed by appropriate departments of the national government that will be involved in implementation.

Olter's statement on nuclear testing by France

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter issued the following statement regarding the continued nuclear testing by the Government of France: "The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia is deeply troubled by the continued testing of nuclear weapons by the Government of France in the South Pacific. The detonation of its third nuclear device in only two months in the face of relentless and increasing worldwide condemnation shows France's extreme arrogance and sheer insensitivity to the prevailing global sentiments against its nuclear testing program.

"The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia reiterates its call on the Government of France to

seriously heed the preponderance of global opposition, which includes a majority of its own people, to uphold its important obligations under the relevant international laws, to abide by the spirit of the renewed emphasis on the global disarmament, and to desist from further testing once and for all.

"The decision by France to persist in its selfish and destructive nuclear weapons testing program has critically undermined the credibility of France as a responsible world leader and its commitment to world peace and disarmament. Such persistence has only strengthened the resolve of the FSM Government to work in solidarity with like-minded countries of the region to oppose the continued testing by France until it abandons its nuclear-testing plans."

Papua New Guinea issued statement on 2nd nuclear test conducted by France

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea and current Chairman of the South Pacific Forum issued the following statement regarding the second nuclear test conducted by France on October 2, 1995, at Fangatufa Atoll in French Polynesia:

"I have held long and constructive discussions with the French Minister for Co-operation, Mr. Jacques Godfrain, during the Post Forum Dialogue meeting two weeks ago reiterating Papua New Guinea's abhorrence to France's arrogance and, whilst we want to create a closer links, France's attitude disregards and shows arrogance. This continues to be barriers and destructive to our good intentions."

"I am obliged to restate categorically and emphatically the extreme outrage Forum Governments feel at France's decision to continue its nuclear testing program so soon after the Forum Statement on nuclear testing was issued at the recent South Pacific Forum in Madang followed by the dialogue meeting we had with the French Minister for Co-operation, Mr. Jacques Godfrain.

"In expressing our concerns over the second test, I have requested the Forum Secretary General to take immediate steps to ask all Forum Governments to immediately begin a review of France's status as a Post Forum Dialogue Partner. This action is in accordance with the decision of Forum Leaders which I quote: 'Should France continue its testing in the Pacific, the Forum will review France's status as a Post-Forum Dialogue Partner.'

"Where Forum Governments once accepted that France's assurances of good will and constructive engagement in the South Pacific region, we now know that they disregard the Forum's views on testing.

"In concert with and in support of world-wide condemnation of French Nuclear Testing, I also wish to urge all members of the United Nations to lend their support to a forthcoming United Nations Resolution that is currently being negotiated by interested parties at the United Nations in New York.

"As Chairman of South Pacific Forum I urged the international community to give strong support to ensure that those nuclear powers engaged in nuclear

France may sign Treaty of Rarotonga

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Secretary of the Department of External Affairs Asterio R. Takesy informed President Bailey Olter in a November 10, 1995, letter that the Governments of France, the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have indicated their intention to sign the relevant protocols to the Treaty of Rarotonga in the first half of 1996.

The Treaty of Rarotonga refers to the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone which prohibits storing, transporting and use of nuclear weapons in the Pacific. There are three protocols, one of which requires colonial powers like France to sign the treaty to make it more meaningful.

FSM has not signed the treaty due to its current Compact of Free Association with the United States of America which grants the defence responsibilities to the United States. Since the United States has indicated its intention to sign the Treaty, the FSM can now sign the Treaty.

testing fully realize the implications of their behavior including the world's condemnation of their activities. I will be reaffirming the Forum's concerns when I address the General Assembly on October 2, 1995.

"To seek wider international condemnation, I will also be asking, on behalf of the Forum, for support from the Non Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit which will take place next month in Columbia.

"Papua New Guinea's delegation to this particular summit has been instructed to continue the lobby against French Nuclear Testing in the Pacific and seek the Non Aligned Movement's endorsement.

"Finally, whilst I make the Statement as Chairman of the Forum, I should point out that individual Forum Governments may wish to take further retaliatory action of their own.

"I respect the rights of those Forum Governments who might want to do so."

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Department of Resources and Development in a news release stated that today, travel and tourists worldwide produce \$3.4 trillion of gross output. In the next ten years, this will double to \$7.2 trillion. Today, travel and tourism employ 212 million people or 1 out of every 9 jobs. Over the next ten years, 125 million new jobs will be created, adding one more new job every 2.5 seconds. Today more than \$701 billion has been invested in new facilities, plants and equipment. Over the next ten years, this will grow an average of 6.8% a year, investing on average \$3.2 billion a day in new travel and tourism opportunities. Today, travel and tourism provide to governments around the world about \$55 billion in tax revenues. By 2005, this will nearly triple to \$1.4 trillion. Tourism is now the world's largest industry and is the leading category of international trade, overtaking oil and motor vehicles, electronic equipment, clothing textiles and raw materials.

Is it any surprise, then, that nearly every country and major city is pursuing tourism as an economic development tool? Tourism means jobs for the residents; it means increased revenues for governments and provides a stimulus for other business development such as agriculture, construction, transportation, fuel, retail and services.

But what about the negative impact of tourism? Does not tourism development also bring with it destruction of the environment and a loss of cultural values and traditions? True, it can. But it also has the power to sustain, even improve a country — environmentally, socially and culturally, and, unlike so many industries that deplete natural resources, tourism not only preserves and protects, but also enhances and nourishes.

Will this happen automatically? No — and no industry does — not fisheries, not agriculture, not construction, not manufacturing. With careful planning and intelligent decision-making, tourism can provide economic, cultural, social and environmental benefits for all FSM residents.

FSM is blessed with so many of the ingredients that make for a successful

tourism destination. It is located in the fastest growth center for tourism in the world. In the last thirty years, the Pacific-Asia region has entered the highest growth rate of visitor arrivals, more than double the world average. It will continue to be the fastest growth area for at least the next ten years.

How does FSM leverage its inherent strengths to achieve the positive benefits of tourism and avoid the negative environmental, social and cultural impact? Is it possible to develop a tourism industry that respects, protects and perpetuates the culture and the environment? Can FSM successfully compete in the international marketplace with so many well-established and well-financed destinations?

The answer is yes. In the next series of articles we will explore the ways and means to achieving that, the release concluded.

FSM invests in Tokyo's Investment Market

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Officials from the FSM Department of Finance went to Tokyo, Japan, to meet with Mr. Iwata of Daicam Investment who is managing the FSM's investments of fishing permit fees which were paid to the FSM in Japanese Yen and invested in the Tokyo's Investment Market, according to Acting Secretary Ihlen Joseph.

The two-member delegation included the Former Finance Secretary, now serving as Finance Consultant, Aloysius Tuuth and Administrator of the Division of Investment, Rose Nakanaga.

The current investment market in Tokyo is influenced by economic conditions which require constant monitoring and consultation between the FSM Finance and its designated money managers. The delegation also met with FSM Ambassador Masao Nakayama and Embassy officials to discuss matters relating to the department. It is interesting to note that the Embassy officials and employees in Tokyo are paid in cash rather than checks, explained Joseph. Company Credit Cards are useable for purchases but not personal checking accounts as used in the U.S. or in the FSM.

China donates small drilling rig to FSM including spare parts

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Chinese Government has donated a small drilling rig, including spare parts for two years, to the government of the FSM under a recent agreement signed by H. E. Ambassador Chen Youngchen and Acting Secretary of External Affairs, Hon. Jesse Raglmar Subolmar, of their respective government, according to an Embassy release.

With the United Nations Development Program's (UNDP) technical assistance, the drilling rig will help provide the islands' inhabitants clear and hygienic drinking water to satisfy their water needs. It is for this reason that Chinese Government donated the drilling rig, the release concluded.

The UNDP Chief Technical Advisor, Robert Goodwin, said that the drilling rig, when received, will be used for drilling up to 15 wells on Yap's outer island of Fais now experiencing critical water problems. This project will take up to six months. After that project, the rig will be moved to other islands in Yap state and other states.

Pingelap atoll in the State of Pohnpei, reportedly is also having water shortages. A team from the Office of Planning and Statistics is scheduled to visit Pingelap and Sapwufik atolls to investigate water problems. The type of drilling rig being donated is well suited for such well drilling projects, Goodwin added.

For the islands in Chuuk lagoon and other volcanic islands, Goodwin said different drilling equipment would be required. In this connection, the FSM is working on a soft loan package of approximately \$2 million from the Asian Development Bank. An ADB team is currently conducting evaluations on the proposed projects under this loan in various states of the FSM. The loan will also include funds for purchase of drilling equipment suitable for use on volcanic islands of the FSM, Goodwin concluded.

CINPAC assists countries on disaster

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (Colonel Robert Windus and Major Larry Roaff while in the FSM called on Vice President Jacob Nena and explained to Nena that they have been lending assistance in various countries, to victims of typhoons and earthquakes in the recent past, including Bangladesh, Japan, Western Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea.

Windus and Roaff are members of a team from U.S. CINPAC in Honolulu who came to the FSM to assess FSM's preparedness planning and operation capabilities during disaster and to provide suggestions for matching resources to threats in coordination with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Other team members; Lieutenant Colonel Kathy Page and Lieutenant Colonel Greg Malkasian are in Chuuk State; Lieutenant Colonel Dan Perryfield is in Kosrae, and Lieutenant Colonel Larry Ockalek is in Yap. They will complete their work on August 18, 1995.

The team is gathering information on locations of hospitals, clinics and dispensaries in Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap States; locations of police stations, fire stations, prisons and school buildings; locations and length of runways and other operable airfields.

The team is documenting locations of radio broadcast stations and television stations, their operating frequencies, power outputs and call signs. They are looking at location of supplies of food, cooking utensils and costs, that can be used in the event of a major disaster; also the locations and inventories of engineering equipment including backhoes, bulldozers, cranes, heavy trucks, generators, chain saws, that can be used during emergency and locations and capacities of available warehouses that can be used for storage of disaster supplies.

Information compiled by the team will be made available to the FSM and be used in events of disasters. CINPAC works cooperatively with FEMA during disasters.

Olter requests information on state consumption expenditure

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter in a November 14, 1995, letter to each state governor solicited their assistance in providing the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics with information on each respective state government's consumption expenditure in Fiscal Year 1995. The information is needed in order to prepare government consumption expenditure reports.

These reports (132-P) are required for both the assessment of FSM's FY-1995 gross domestic product (GDP) and the development of the National account, Olter said.

Government consumption expenditure equals the services produced by the general government for its own use, he added. Since these services are not sold, they are valued at their cost to the government and this cost is defined as the sum of intermediate consumption, compensation of employees, consumption of fixed capital and payments of indirect taxes, less the value of state's account production of fixed assets, and less the sales of goods and services.

President Olter stated that further information can be obtained by contacting the National Office of Planning and Statistics.

Clinton congratulate FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter received on Nov. 16, through diplomatic channels a congratulatory message issued on Nov. 3, 1995, from United States President William J. Clinton, on the eve of their 10th year in free association.

It reads, "Dear Mr. President: I note with great pleasure that on November 3, our nations will begin their tenth year in free association. In less than a decade, the Federated States of Micronesia has established itself as a valued member of the community of nations and has demonstrated its commitment to democratic principles, both at home and abroad.

"At the same time, I am gratified that the close relationships between our countries and peoples, established during World War II and the following trusteeship, continue unabated. On behalf of the American people, I extend to you and all citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia warmest congratulations and best wishes for continued success. Sincerely, William J. Clinton."

Veterans Day celebrated in Pohnpei

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Veterans Day was celebrated here in Pohnpei beginning with the raising of the FSM and U.S. Flags.

US Ambassador to the FSM March Fong Eu, in brief remarks for the occasion, thanked her guests and audience for attending this year's Veterans Day celebration which is her first since she arrived in the FSM. Official commitments in previous celebrations have prevented her attendance. She thanked those whose efforts made the ceremony a success.

Others who participated in the program included Major Frank Semens, retired United States Army; Mike Peterson, US Marine Corps and newly elected Commander of the FSM Veteran's Association; and Alison MacConnell who has been helping in recruiting Pohnpei youths into the U.S. Military since the Compact went into effect, Nov. 3, 1986. Ms. MacConnell recalled

the cruelty of war. She also recalled moments of difficulties and the joy of accomplishment while recruiting for the U.S. Military in Pohnpei. MacConnell presented a gift to Pohnpei Associate Justice Judah Johnny for his extraordinary assistance which made one recruitment occasion successful. Although Justice Johnny was not present due to prior commitments, his son Moses Johnny, who also served in the military, was on hand to receive the gift on behalf of his father.

Veterans Day, November 11, was set aside in 1952 and annually thereafter in commemoration of the end of hostilities in 1918 and 1945 and is observed as a legal holiday in the U.S.

The guests included President Bailey Olter, the Australian Ambassador, members of the FSM Veterans Associations, and U.S. veterans and Embassy staff and friends. The Master of Ceremonies was Lynn Pangelinan a staff member at the U.S. Embassy.

Oaths of office administered to eight cabinet members

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter administered oaths of office to eight members of his Cabinet, August 30, 1995, in front of

Development Bank. He said in order to achieve objectives set for agriculture, fisheries, tourism, health and education a fixed percentage of FSM's collective budget must be earmarked for development and

foreign exchange as foreign assistance to developing countries "globally flattened." Consequently, we must focus, he said, on tourism but in as balanced a way as possible.



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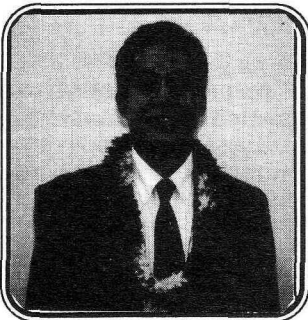
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over 50 witnesses.

Sworn-in were the Secretaries of the Dept. of Health Services, Eliuel K. Pretrick; the Dept. of External Affairs, Asterio R. Takesy; Dept. of Education, Dr. Catalino L. Cantero; and Dept. of Transportation and Communications, Lukner B. Weilbacher; National Planner Bermin F. Weilbacher; Director of the Office of Administrative Services Kapilly Capelle; Post Master General Bethwel Henry; and Public Defender Joseph S. Phillip. Each Cabinet member was accompanied by his wife who held the Holy Bible while he recited his oath after the President.

In his remarks, President Olter congratulated the Cabinet for winning the confidence of Congress by their abilities to serve the people of the FSM. He said that he and Vice President Jacob Nena looked forward to their help attain objectives of the coming four years. President Olter said that topping the list of priorities is the development of human resources in all respects. Curriculum for elementary to high school and post-secondary levels must be aligned with FSM's socio-cultural values of today, is very important, calling attention to the Human Resources Study by Asian

maintenance of infrastructures essential for growth and good livelihood.

President Olter called attention to his administration's policy which sets development priorities in fisheries, tourism and agriculture where he said the FSM's economic sustainability must be built. Increased agriculture capability, he said, will minimize FSM's food dependence on other nations. In 1993 rice imports were a little over \$4 million according to FSM Government's 1994 Trade Bulletin.

We must find ways for earning needed

President Olter urged External Affairs to take preliminary steps toward continuation of FSM's association with the US, and to seek ways to maximize assistance from other countries. President Olter recommended the FSM Embassy in Suva be relocated to Canberra, Australia, in the near future. Finally President Olter told his Cabinet Officers to urge their employees to be honest in their commitment with the Government regarding working hours, accountability of government equipment and other assets.

Nominations for Secretaries of Finance and Budget not re-submitted to CFSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter did not submit his nominations for the vacant posts of Secretary of the Department of Finance and Director of Budget to Congress during this recently concluded Second Regular Session of Congress.

President Olter in a November 24, 1995, letter to Congress Speaker Jack

Fritz, stated that in light of the newly discovered information more review is needed. The letter did not specify the newly discovered information.

In a secret ballot, Congress rejected the nominations of Patrick Mackenzie and Aloysius Tuuth as Secretary of Finance and Director of Budget, respectively. Congress did not state its reasons for rejections. Because of the (See NOMINATIONS, Page 11)

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rejections, both nominees have been serving as consultants in their former offices, the National Budget Office and Department of Finance. They first resigned following the election of President Olter in May of this year as required by law.

The report by Congress Committee on Ways and Means, Chaired by Senator Nishima Yleizah of Chuuk, which is responsible for reviewing and recommending confirmation or rejection of both nominations, did not hold public hearings on either of the nominees, stating that the Committee had adequate knowledge about both nominees. The Committee's report failed to endorse or make an outright rejection of either nominee. Then when the nominations were brought before the Congress, they failed to receive adequate support. Meanwhile, FSM will have staff in acting capacity until nominees are confirmed.

Nimwes attends conference related to disasters

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Special Assistant to the President on Disaster Control and Special Programs, Chutomu Nimwes, attended a weeklong meeting at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland, which include all States Emergency Control Directors in the United States and its insular areas including the FSM, Nimwes told FSM Information Office.

The conference focused on a new plan for the Performance Partnership Agreement role of the States and that of the Federal Government in the event of emergency and disaster.

Nimwes returned with a draft agreement between the Federal Government and the FSM to be reviewed by the FSM Government which will include inputs from the four States Disaster Control offices. The AFSM has up to August to develop its draft agreement. A technical person is available and will help the FSM develop its Performance Partnership Agreement.

Federal Emergency Management Assistance is prorated at 25 percent by state and 75 percent from the Federal Government. There also is relief assistance for up to 26 weeks for disaster

Extended Exports of Micronesia breaks ground

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Extended Exports of Micronesia (EEM) Corporation held its ground breaking ceremony on September 20, 1995, for the Garment Factory building, a 120 foot wide 140 foot long pre-fabricated building.

EEM Corporation is a joint-venture between FSM and foreign investors to produce T-shirts for other U.S. companies. It anticipates a beginning production level of 6,000 dozens of T-shirts reaching in three years of a target of 7,000 dozens in three years. EEM will export its products to the US.

It will employ a maximum of 341 people mostly from the FSM. It has begun a hiring and training program under the JTPA while awaiting completion of the factory building and arrival and installation of sewing machines.

EEM has awarded the contract of \$270,000 to H & K Builders to build its

facilities, completed in three or four months.

Attending the ground breaking ceremonies were EEM Officials, investors and stockholders representatives, the Plant Manager, U.S. Embassy's Charge 'd Affaires, a.i. Stewart Brown; Pohnpei Legislature Speaker Itor Harris was among many Pohnpeian who attended the occasion.

In his remarks, Brown stated the garment factory is consistent with the purpose for which the Investment Development Fund (IDF) under the Compact was established. He expressed his optimism that the project will succeed and provide employment opportunities to the citizens of FSM. With that, those citizens who are employed the prospects of 2001 financial difficulties in FSM will not be noticeable for their incomes from exports will not be affected.

Brown expressed his gratitude to the U.S. Investors for investing in the FSM.

Speaker Harris expressed his support for the venture saying its a step forward in the economic development for Pohnpei State. He impressed upon the company's officials the need to utilize local manpower or Pohnpeians.

victims whose employment or work is disrupted by a Presidential declared disaster, said Nimwes.

Disaster Reduction in FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter proclaimed October 11, 1995, as International Day for Disaster Reduction in the Federated States of Micronesia, in conjunction with United Nation's declaration of the decade of the Nineties as the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

President Olter reminded all citizens to remember this year's theme, "Women and Children Key to Prevention".

The proclamation recalls that the FSM has suffered from disasters including typhoons, floods, droughts, tsunamis and other natural disasters causing loss of life and property worth in the millions of dollars, owing to its geographical location.

While disaster can not be prevented, its damaging effects can be minimized by adequately informing the affected public and taking mitigating measures.

Work plan for FSM Disaster Preparedness

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter in a November 21, 1995 letter to Congress Speaker Jack Fritz attached a copy of the FY - 1996 Work Plan for the FSM Disaster Preparedness Improvement Grant in the amount of \$50,000 for review and approval of Congress as required by Public Law No. 6-22.

The funds will be used to improve and upgrade the capabilities of the FSM States and the National government in its preparation for natural disaster.

12 FSMASA represented at South Pacific Games

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Four athletes from Pohnpei and three staff members represented the FSM Amateur Sports Association (FSMASA) at the South Pacific Games in Tahiti, French Polynesia.

FSMASA member Shelten G. Neth of Pohnpei, the official representative was accompanied by Sports officials Jim Tobin and Chris Freiberg and athletes Elias Rodriques, Bendura Rodriques, Eneriko Ardos and Randy Germinaro.

The FSM Delegation attended the Games' opening ceremony which began on August 12, 1995, all conducted in French without translation, Neth said in a report received in Pohnpei.

Long-distance runners Eneriko Ardos, Elias Rodriques, Bendura Rodriquez and Randy Germinaro all look excitedly forward to their first taste of an international athletic competition when they raced in the 10,000 meter.

South Pacific Games Council met in a reorganization meeting and elected Papua New Guinea (PNG) for President; Fiji for General Secretary; and Saipan for Treasurer.

The FSM sports delegation share the same floor as the Papua New Guinea team at the athletes village.

Weather in Tahiti ranges from 50 at night to 70 in the day, colder than it is in the FSM as Tahiti is located closer to the temperate zone than the FSM.

Asia Sat-2 launch visible in Pohnpei

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - AsiaSat-2 communications satellite launched from Xichang China on, November 28, was visible in Pohnpei, according to FSM Telecom personnel who provided technological support to Lockheed Martin Astro Space Engineers in tracking the launch.

The spacecraft clear the horizon at 10:46 PM in the Northwest sky and reach an elevation of 22 degrees East-Northwest above the horizon three-and-a-half minutes later. The spacecraft was visible at this time.

The spacecraft circled the globe, clearing the Pohnpei horizon at 12:20 a.m. in the West. At 12:30 a.m., a rocket was fired to place the spacecraft in its parking orbit. The weather conditions were favorable, the spacecraft was visible as a "shooting star" during its second pass over Pohnpei. At that point the second stage rocket carrying AsiaSat-2 blasted it into its position, says Nahzer Yens at the FSM Telecom headquarters.

AsiaSat-2 was tracked and monitored by Alan B. Meeh, Senior Hardware Design Engineer and Robert Loncosk, Senior Engineering Specialist from Lockheed Martin during the launch, using a portable tracking system which was placed on the roof of the FSM Telecom Headquarters building. They were assisted by FSM Telecom's personnel. Meeh and Loncosk left Pohnpei upon successful completion of their mission.

Lockheed Martin selected Pohnpei as a Pacific tracking site because of its favorable geographical location and FSM Telecom's ability to provide technological support for the tracking portion of the launch mission.

The AsiaSat-2 spacecraft will provide telecommunications and broadcasting services in the Asia-Pacific region.



Above are the four athletes in a photo session with Vice President Jacob Nenea (far left). Among them during the visit were (in the back left to right), Shelten Neth, Jim Tobin, Chris Freiberg, and Irish Falcam. In the front row, far right is Penny Weilbacher. Falcam and Weilbacher are the co-chairpersons of the FSMASA committee on the queen contest during the First FSM Games.

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