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**NEHA SWORN IN AS FSM CONGRESS SENATOR** - FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz, standing third from left, is administering the oath of office to former Kosrae governor Jacob Nena who was declared the winner of the July 1 congressional special election held in Kosrae, during the opening day of the first special session of the Fifth FSM Congress. Witnessing the swearing in and the seating of the new senator from left are: temporary journal clerk Lirio Soretas, assistant chief clerk Mitchuo Daniel, chief clerk Henry Asugar, Senator Nishima Siron and Nena, far right.

## Congress meets, Nena sworn-in

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Former Kosrae governor Jacob Nena was administered July 13 the oath of office by Speaker Jack Fritz during the opening day of the current special session of the Fifth Congress with all members present except Chairman Kalisto Refalopei who was excused.

Nena, who was declared July 8 by Kosrae national election commissioner Fred Skilling the winner of the recent Kosrae special congressional election held there on July 1, won the at-large seat vacated by the Honorable Hiroshi H. Ismael when he was elected the third FSM Vice President by Congress on May 11.

Senator Nena won a margin of 202 votes in the five-way race

against former FSM Congress vice speaker Joab N. Sigrah, Kosrae State Hospital Administrator Nena Nena, FSM Foreign Service Officer Alik Alik and former Kosrae State senator Donald Jonah.

Senator Nena received 736 votes, Sigrah, 534; Nena Nena, 485; Alik, 355 and Jonah 190.

There were a total of 3,069 or 75 percent of the registered voters turned out to cast their ballots during the special election, Skilling said.

Bills introduced up to the second day during this special session include:

-CB 5-74 to amend FSM Code by adding a new chapter 14 to authorize trial justices to review sentences and life sentences for

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## FSM accredited with first foreign diplomat

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM Information Service) - FSM President John Haglelgam calls the occasion "historic" for the FSM as a new independent nation as he accepted the credentials for the Australian Minister to the FSM in the presence of the Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, some members of the FSM Congress and cabinet members during a formal presentation ceremony held here on July 6 at the FSM Congress Chamber.

Haglelgam said he was pleased to welcome and to accept "the first foreign diplomat accredited to our country," stating that the occasion adds more significance and recognition to FSM as a sovereign nation in the world community of nations.

Stating his gratefulness for the training assistance extended to FSM since 1980, including support given to FSM in regional and international organizations by Australia, the President said, "we look forward to the continuation of this friendship and cooperation between our countries, which is enhanced today by your representation" and adding that the government also looks forward to the time when it will welcome a resident representative from Australia.

Minister Smith, whose previous diplomatic postings included India, Israel and the Philippines,

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# Congress: Supreme Court to investigate legal fees

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eligibility for parole.

-CB 5-75 to amend the FSM Code by adding a new chapter concerning admission to practice law before the FSM Supreme Court.

-CB 5-76 to amend FSM Code to define major crimes as offenses of murder, manslaughter, and negligent homicide and to change the penalty for such major crimes, respectively, and providing that major crimes are punishable by at least 15 years imprisonment.

-CB 5-77 to amend FSM Code to change the level of business interest which requires a foreign investment permit.

-CB 5-78 to appropriate \$15,000 from Compact Capital Account under Section 211(a)(2) to purchase a pelletizer for Yap Feed Mill.

-CB 5-79 to appropriate \$166,620 to help fund the Pohnpei Community Action Agency.

Resolution 5-63 requesting the FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice to appoint a committee composed of attorneys admitted to practice before the court to study the issue of legal fees in the FSM and to submit a report with findings and recommendations to Congress, was also adopted.

The Congress is expected to consider the fiscal 1988 budget and the President's reorganization plan among major issues to be taken up during this 15-day special session.

In another special election related activity, Yap State national election commissioner Fran Defngin reported that unofficial winner of the July 2 special congressional elections in Yap for the at-large seat vacated by the Honorable John R. Haglelgam when he was elected the FSM President,

is Joseph Urusemal with 882 votes to 868 votes for Yap Public Works Deputy Director Henry Falan.

Defngin said Urusemal won even with the decision to nullify or void the 394 votes from Madrich reducing Urusemal's total votes from 2,102 due to irregularities

encountered in that election precinct.

Urusemal, the Yap Outer Islands High School Counselor, is expected to be sworn in soon during this special session of the Fifth FSM Congress, officials reported.

## FSM SUPREME COURT CALENDAR

TRIAL DIVISION-STATE OF POHNPEI

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Case Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Proceeding</u>
July 27/9:00	FSM v. Kinam	Sexual Assault	Sentencing
July 27/9:00	FSM v. Edward	Murder	Arraignment
July 27/9:00	Sets v. Martinez	Debt	Hearing
July 28/	FSM v. Edward	Murder	Responses
July 28/9:00	PT&S v. Aquilizan	Debt	Trial
July 29/9:00	In re Charley	AWDW	Sentencing
July 29/9:00	FSM v. Edward	Murder	Pretrial
July 30/9:00	Bank of Guam v. Island Hardware	Debt	Pretrial
July 30/9:00	Bank of Guam v. Semes, et. al.	Debt	Pretrial
July 31/9:00	FSM v. Eliam et al	Robbery	Initial Appearance
July 31/9:00	In re Johna	Robbery	Initial Appearance
Aug. 4/9:00	FSM v. Edward	Murder	Trial
Aug. 5/9:00	Sets v. Edgar	Debt	Hearing
Aug. 5/9:00	Sets v. Ringlen	Debt	Hearing
Aug. 5/9:00	Sets v. Del Campo	Debt	Hearing
Aug. 5/9:00	Sets v. Ponapart	Debt	Hearing
Aug. 5/9:00	Sets v. Santos	Debt	Hearing
Aug. 5/9:00	Sets v. Langimes	Debt	Hearing
Aug. 5/9:00	Sets v. Charley	Debt	Hearing
Aug. 6/9:00	In re Conrad	AWDW	Trial
Aug. 7/9:00	FSM v. Edward	AWDW	Trial
Aug. 11/9:00	Mailo v. Tuwum-Barimah	Damages	Pretrial
Aug. 12/9:00	Bank of Hawaii v. Silbanuz	Debt	Hearing
Aug. 12/9:00	Bank of Hawaii v. Hainrich	Debt	Hearing
Aug. 12/9:30	Sets v. Elias	Debt	Hearing
Aug. 12/9:30	Sets v. Hemon	Debt	Hearing
Aug. 13/9:00	Greg v. Greg	Divorce	Pretrial
Aug. 18/9:00	FSM v. Willy	AWDW	Hearing
Aug. 18/9:00	FSM v. Kalio	Murder	Hearing
Aug. 19/9:00	Mailo v. Twum-Barimah	Damages	Trial

# Minister....



**FIRST FOREIGN DIPLOMAT TO FSM PRESENTS CREDENTIALS** - Moments before he presents his credentials to President John R. Hagllegam, Australian Minister to the FSM, the Honorable Richard Smith, standing, says "My country is honoured to enter into a diplomatic relationship with the FSM" during formal presentation ceremony held at the FSM Congress Chamber on July 6. Sitting at the background from left are: Mrs. Janet Smith, President Hagllegam, and External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich. At the foreground from left are: Vice President Hiroei H. Ismael, Senator Isaac Figir, Attorney General Carl Ullman, External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy, Transportation Secretary Robert Weilbacher, and Special Assistant Ieske Iehsi.

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is also the Australian Consul General stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Minister, who was accompanied by his wife Janet, informed the President that he looks forward to working with "you, your colleagues in government and your people in the important task with which my government has charged me."

That is "maintaining and further developing the close and friendly ties between Australia and the Federated States of Micronesia," said the Minister while presenting his letters of introduction and credentials from the Prime Minister of Australia, the Honorable R. J. Hawke, which introduced him as Australia's Minister to FSM.

"My country is honoured to be able to enter into a diplomatic relationship with the Federated States of Micronesia, and I am honoured, personally, that you have seen fit to agree to my appointment as Australian Minis-

ter," Minister Smith, who also attended the May-19 FSM Presidential Inauguration here, concluded.

## Neth awarded degree

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Farmers Home Administration Pohnpei and Kosrae states Area Supervisor Shelten G. Neth received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Pacific Wes-

tern University, Los Angeles, California, in June, according to a news release by Catherine Carter of the FWU.

Neth, who completed his degree requirements by off-campus studies which were coordinated from Pohnpei over a period of 19 months, said the program cost him

\$2,000, but that he was really glad for being able to continue his work at home without going through hassles of the regular

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## 21 completes coastal training

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - A two-week training course on coastal resources management planning aimed at providing participants understanding of coastal environment,

management and planning techniques began on July 6 at the Pohnpei State Legislature Chamber and was scheduled to run through the middle of the month, according to FSM Marine Resources Division Chief Mike Gawel.

The goal of the course is to provide participants broad objectives through practical experience in the assessment and planning of coastal zone protected areas, Gawel said.

The course was jointly sponsored by the South Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP) and U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) through a request by the

FSM Department of Resources and Development. Additional support was made available by a grant from University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program and Wildlife Fund.

Participants include: Gawel, FSM; Donna Scheuring, FSM Environmental Health; Flinn Curren and Tashiro Ludwig, Pohnpei Marine Resources; Yasuo Yamada, Public Land Authority; Elden Ellan, Health Services; Evans Raymond, Planning Office; Patrick Rodriguez, Pohnpei Transportation Au-

thority; Herson Anson, Forestry; Jerry Fagolimul and Robert Finiginam, Yap State; Nena Palsis and Jack Sigrah, Kosrae; Elliot Cholymay and Romio Osiena, Truk;

Donald Dengok, Palau; Thornly Hite and Iyan Laenamae, Solomon Islands; Timothy Jerry, Spensin James and Asher Edward, Community College of Micronesia.



# FSM Leaders praised Hicom for her many years of sup

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Mrs. Janet McCoy, who has been the Trust Territory High Commissioner since 1981, and the last U.S. presidential appointee for the position of High Commissioner for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, concluded her six years as head of the T.T. administration in a ceremonial tour of the islands which have gained political self-government recently.

McCoy, on the morning of July first, boarded a military aircraft as part of her farewell visit, accompanied by Interior deputy assistant secretary Kittie Baier and other dignitaries to Majuro, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, then to Pohnpei, the Capital of the FSM for closing ceremonies before returning to Saipan for final ceremonies there.

The visit here entailed a one-hour plane-side ceremony, where FSM Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, who spoke on behalf of the FSM President John R. Haglberg, who was off island, and the people of the FSM, and Congress

Governor Resio S. Moses in welcoming Mrs. McCoy to the Capital of FSM and praising her for her many years of "dedicated service" to the people of the FSM.

Ismael called Hicom's goal upon assumption of her responsibilities over the islands some five and half years ago when she said she was to be the last high commissioner for the Trust Territory as "the flicker of light at the seemingly endless tunnel of our quest for complete self government," adding that the "closure of the Trust Territory government is made possible only because of our emergence as a sovereign nation state."

The Vice President also presented Mrs. McCoy a "wall tray" as a token of gratitude for her "courage and generosity in working herself out of a job in order that people might achieve a life of dignity and self-respect."

Speaker Fritz also presented the High Commissioner a resolution adopted by the Fifth FSM Congress during its first regular session in May, thanking her for



**HICOM IS MET UPON ARRIVAL -** FSM Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, third from left, is greeting High Commissioner Janet McCoy upon her arrival during her July 1 farewell visit to the FSM capital. U.S. Pacific military forces commander in chief Admiral Ronald J. Hays, third from right, is being greeted by Pohnpei Governor Resio Moses, partially hidden by Pohnpei First Lady Susan Moses, right, with U.S. Acting Representative Steve Mann, second from left and his wife Dr. Janice Soreth, far left, looking on.

half of the governments and the people of the FSM.

Fritz praised Mrs. McCoy saying, "You have successfully achieved what several of your predecessors had hoped would be their mark of achievement. You have assisted with us in the order of transition to budgetary government in our region and in doing so, become the last and most memorable High Commissioner of the Trust Territory."

The High Commissioner said "I find myself in a strange position for being real happy and real sad; that is hard to do all at the same breath, but that is precisely how I feel for leaving warm friends, people who have meant so much to me and have helped me so much," and adding that she only wish that she would have the opportunity to work with the new FSM administration.

"But I must give tremendous thanks and tremendous appreciation to the former administration. President (Tosiwo) Nakayama has been my friend, support-

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**GOVERNOR RESIO MOSES SHARES A MOMENT WITH MR. WILLIAM MCCOY -** Pohnpei Gov. Resio S. Moses, fifth from left, shares a light moment with the High Commissioner's husband, William, fourth from left, during the farewell ceremonies on Pohnpei. Others in the photo include: Admiral Hays, Vice President Ismael, Mrs. Janet McCoy and husband William, Governor and Mrs. Susan Moses, U.S. Acting Rep. Steve Mann and wife Dr. Janice Soreth, former FSM president Tosiwo Nakayama, Commander and Mrs. T. J. Johnson, and Pohnpei Lt. Gov. Johnny David.



# Support, credited her for highest achievement in territory

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er, advisor and certainly one of the finest people to work with that I have ever known. I thank you, Tos.," McCoy said, recognizing the presence of Mr. Nakayama in the crowd, amid applause.

"The job is done with happiness on both sides, that is the way to leave it and that is the way I am leaving you now," Mrs. McCoy said, adding "My heart will remain in Micronesia regardless of where I go and the great deal that will be right here in the FSM."

U.S. Pacific military forces commander in chief Admiral Ronald J. Hays, who spoke on behalf of the military, thanked the government for the reception and mentioned that the islands were first administered by U.S. Navy, but "we are here to pay tribute to a new nation, the FSM, and also to the High Commissioner, Mrs. Janet McCoy," adding that the military is grateful for her "super support and cooperation" she has provided it.

The High Commissioner was also

accompanied by her husband William, U.S. State Department East and Pacific Affairs deputy assistant secretary Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy, former U.S. presidential Micronesian status negotiator Ambassador Fred M. Zeder, former Hicom Executive Assistant Neiman Craley, who was the Master of Ceremonies, and military officials including: Admiral Hays; naval intelligence commander Rear Admiral Dale Hagen; T.J. Johnson, commander of naval forces Marianas; Pacific naval facilities engineering commander Arthur W. Fort; Rear Admiral William P. Kozlovsky, commander of the U.S. Coast Guard's 14th District, and Colonel Richard Chapman, commander of the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll (formerly known as Kwajalein Missile Range), a 15-man Navy band and a color guard.

Among the FSM dignitaries present during the farewell ceremony on Pohnpei were: former FSM president Nakayama, Truk Governor Gideon Doone, Pohnpei Lt. Governor Johnny David, Pohnpei Supreme Court Chief Justice Edwel Santos and Nanmwarki Benido Peter of Kitti.

The Pohnpei ceremony was highlighted by a presentation and reading of a congratulatory message from U.S. Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger and the pinning of the Department's highest medal on the High Commissioner for distinguished public service from the U.S. Department of Defense, by Admiral Hays on behalf of Commander in Chief.

McCoy is the last of 13 high commissioners - and only woman - to serve in the post since it was opened in 1947 after the United Nations established the strategic trusteeship following the end of the World War II.

The farewell ceremony ended in Saipan in the Northern Marianas for a special flag-lowering ceremony at the Headquarters on Capitol Hill where the U.S. flag is



MRS. JANET MCCOY IS PRESENTED A WALL TRAY - Vice President Hiroshi R. Ismael, right, is presenting a wall tray decor to the High Commissioner as a token of gratitude from the government and the people of the FSM for her many years of supportive service.

replaced by the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) flag.

The High Commissioner's retired position on July 10 after being in existence for 40 years, signifies the end of the Trusteeship in the Micronesia, but the T.T. office will stay open due to the unsolved political status for the Republic of Palau.

The Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Covenant with the United States was approved on March 12, 1976 with the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the FSM becoming independent in Free Association with the U.S. on Oct. 23 and Nov. 3, 1986, respectively.

The Trust Territory Government has administered all of Micronesia since 1947 under an agreement with the United Nations, which gave the U.S. strategic control over the islands until the islanders gain political self-government.

The T.T. office employees have decreased from 350 to 16 at present and after October, the T.T. will have only five staff who will oversee the administration's last unfinished Capital Improvement projects, officials said.



HICOM IS LEID WITH MWARAMWARS - "You are so good to me," says the High Commissioner, center, as she walks toward the Pohnpei air terminal. Accompanying Mrs. Janet McCoy through the honor guard from left are: Admiral Ronald J. Hays, Interior Assistant Secretary Kittie Baier, McCoy, Ambassador Fred Zeder, and Kathy Route of External Affairs department.

# Buehrer joins Executive Branch



**Buehrer**

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Former FSM Congress Budget Officer and Ways and Means Committee staff attorney Timothy S. Buehrer of Arlington, Virginia, joined the Executive Branch on June 22 as FSM Economic Planner, according to the President's Office.

Buehrer previously worked as an associate in the Pierson Semmes and Finley law firm, Washington, D.C., and Summer legal intern for Department of Defense, Washington, D.C. He also served as a Summer intern on the 1979 U.S. Vice President's Task Force on Youth Development, Summer law clerk for the Squire, Sanders and Dempsey law firm in Cleveland, Ohio, and also a part time legislative research assistant for Senator Chester G. Atkins, Massachusetts State Senate.

Buehrer, 30, received his Doctor of Law degree from Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1982, and Master of Public Policy from John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University at Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Bachelor of

Science degrees in Chemistry and Political Science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he minored in economics.

Buehrer's duties include, evaluating of economic development projects for the national government for consideration by the

President, assisting in the implementation of and reviewing the continuing viability of the FSM overall economic plan, and assisting in the preparation of all reports to the U.S. and other entities relating to economic development.

## Iohp, CD specialist

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Kidsen K. Iohp of Pohnpei joined the FSM Health Services as a Communicable Diseases Specialist, according to FSM Health Services Director Dr. Eliuel Pretrick.

Iohp, who was a Math and Sciences instructor at the Community College of Micronesia here since 1980, attended Montana State University at Bozeman and received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Rocky Mountain College, Billings, Montana, and Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from the University of Hawaii School of Public Health in 1983.

Iohp previously served as a Pohnpei Medical Laboratory Technologist was awarded two fellowships, one of which was by East West Center for graduate studies in Public Health at the University of Hawaii and the other by World Health Organization in an internship program in Microbiology at the Whangarei Base Hospital in New Zealand.

Iohp, 37, is married to former Dicksina Paul of Pingelap and they live in Kolonia with their three children.



**Iohp**

# Luey appointed special assistant

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - President John R. Haglelgam recently announced the appointment of former Kosrae State Legislature Floor Leader Luey K. Luey of Malem to the position of Special Assistant to the President for legislative matters replacing Nishima Siron who was elected to a two-year term seat in the FSM Congress in the March 3rd general elections.

Luey (pronounced Lou-e), served as chairman of the Resources and Development Committee for the Second Kosrae State Legislature, as floorleader of Malem Municipality Charter Commission, and vice chairman of Finance Commit-



**Luey**

tee to the First Kosrae Constitutional Convention.

He also served on various boards including Federated State of Micronesia Development Bank

Board, Kosrae Island Credit Union Board and Kosrae Transportation Authority Board, as member.

Luey earned his Associate of Arts degree from Maunaloa Col-

lege, Maui, Hawaii; Bachelor of Arts and Masters degrees in Diversified Education from U.S. International University, San Diego, California, and pursued post graduate studies in Leader-

ship and Human Behavior but had to stop for financial reasons.

Luey is married to former Shruie George of Malem and they live in Kolonia with their six children.

# Actouka, Kilafwakun join R/D

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Marcelino K. Actouka of Pohnpei and Nelson Kilafwakun of Kosrae recently joined the FSM Department of Resources and Development as Energy Planner and Business Development Officer, respectively, according to Acting Secretary Edgar Edward.

Actouka, 38, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and Master degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, is a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at UH with a dissertation topic of "Oil: The Critical Link Between Dependence and Retarded Economic Self-reliance in Micronesia."



**Actouka**

Actouka previously served as Energy Planner and Electrical Engineer for the former Trust Territory Government Office of Planning and Statistics and Bureau of Public Works, respectively, and worked as a Public Service intern, serving as Acting Superintendent of Utilities for the Ponape District Public Works Department.

He also served as an Electrical Consultant for the Pacific Basin Development Council Research Institute and was given the Pacific Coal Trade project coordination of a report for the economic opportunities for Commonwealth of Northern Marianas, and also served as a Special Assistant to the Pacific Basin Development Council Executive Director assisting in development plans, and also served as an Electrical Consul-

tant to Alfred Yee, a division of Leo A. Daly firm, for the technical proposal for FSM Capitol Complex and CCM campus in Pohnpei.

Kilafwakun, 30, former Kosrae State Economic Development Technician, received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Small Business Management from Eastern Washington State University, Seattle, Washington, and Special Certificate in Business from Saxon Business Institute, Miami, Florida.

He previously served as assistant manager for Pizza Hut Inc. in Honolulu, Hawaii, and served in various capacities for local businesses both in Pohnpei and Kosrae, and attended a Public



**Kilafwakun**

Management Workshop sponsored by the U.N. Economic and Social Commission for the Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) while employed with the Kosrae State government.

Kilafwakun is married to former Biliana Moses of Mand, Madolenihmw, and they live in Kolonia.

## Irons tops T3 graduates

MOEN, Truk - George Irons of Truk was given a Final Trade Test Certificate, the highest Trades Training & Testing (T<sup>3</sup>) achievement in Mechanical trades recognized by International Labor Organization (ILO), in a June 24 ceremony that awarded 18 certificates of completion to other participants in the T<sup>3</sup> program held at the Trade Training and Testing Center in Truk, Program Coordinator Henry Hickey said.

Trainees receiving certificates in area of Basic Construction are: Foustino Stephen; Hamlin Rufues; Gideon Doone, Jr. and Aroy Haruo in Intermediate level. In Basic Mechanical: Kerson Rydawn; Simakichy Ranik; Patrick Phichid; Yngidoky K. Aiken; Lorenzo Robert; Roy Kete in Intermediate Skill, and George Irons in Final Skill level. In Intermediate Electrical level: Sweeter Serious; Anten Farata; Frank M. Son; Son M. Son; Harry Gouland; Joseph Kirion; John Kansou, and Petewon M. Son.

Hickey said that T<sup>3</sup> program also graduated 15 trainees in Yap who received awards from Yap

State Legislature Resources and Development Committee Chairman Vincent Figir in a June 26 ceremony held at the T<sup>3</sup> Center in Kolonia.

Yap trainees receiving certificates in Basic Construction are: Filemar Yow and Kiliffa Sigrah; in Intermediate Construction level - Stanley Yanfog; Francisco Yifith; Dominic Thing and James Wuyoch. In Basic Mechanical, Ambrose Minginfel; In Intermediate Mechanical are: Pius Palui; Benito Sham; John Gilfeten; and Alphonsius Ruemae. In Basic Electrical level are: Alfred Chon and Fagalyow.

Hickey said Irons was selected to the highest level as a result of a test conducted by the ILO expert in Mechanical Trades, Mr. Bill Brown, in Vanuatu late last year, adding that Irons received one of the highest grades ever given by Brown.

"Micronesians going to the U.S. can certify they have a certain skill level in a particular trade and thus enhance their chances for employment in the U.S.," Hickey added.



# SPC mourns for Boyd

NOUMEA, New Caledonia - The South Pacific Commission is saddened by the sudden death of its Finance Manager Ivan Boyd, who died at 61 on May 28 in Australia, according to an SPC press release.

Boyd, an Australian citizen, had been in the service of the Commission for 32 years in the capacity as Finance Manager that spanned the tenure of 11 Secreta-

## Amaraiich, MMA chairman

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - FSM External Affairs Department Secretary Andon Amaraiich was elected the new Chairman of the Micronesian Maritime Authority Board replacing former FSM Resources and Development Department Secretary Bernard Helgenberger, during the board's July 14 annual meeting held in Kolonia, according to MMA Executive Director Peter Sitan, who is also the secretary for the Board.

Sitan said the Board new members are Senator Isaac Figir of Yap who replaces John Haglegam when the latter was elected the FSM President and Senator Claude Phillip of Kosrae who replaces the former Congress vice speaker Joab N. Sigrah.

Other members include: Congress Vice Speaker Elias Thomas of Pohnpei as vice chairman, Senator Nick Bossy of Truk and FSM Resources and Development Department Acting Secretary Edgar Edward as members.

Sitan also reported that the MMA Office has been relocated to Bernard's new building near PAMI, and the telephone number is still 700.

ries-General with dedicated effort in providing essential support to the work of the regional organization, the release said.

Burial services were held on June 7 in Noumea, New Caledonia, and was attended by a large crowd including his widow, two grown-up sons, friends and colleagues, who interpreted their sentiments in moving hymns, the release added.

SPC Secretary General Palauni M. Tuiasosopo praised Boyd for his many years of honest, hard-working and outstanding qualities of service to the region, adding that Boyd was "a calm and collected individual, yet vivacious and outgoing, (with) characteristics of a true diplomat in work, even during difficult and demanding times."

## Neth: libraries valuable assets

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university campus.

He has applied for and was accepted to continue studies for a

doctorate degree in Public Administration at PWU, Neth said, adding that the Pohnpei Public Library and Community College Library were valuable research centers to him during his studies.

Neth also said that PWU has a good program for Micronesians or anyone who has had formal college

campus education but was not able to complete degree requirements for some reason.



**PATS RECEIVES DONATION** - Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) Deputy Director Catalino Sam, left, receives on July 7 the key to Mazda 626 sedan, far left, from Pohnpei Mobil Oil Superintendent Sch-nel Johnson. The mazda-donation with the value equivalent to \$5,000 represents half of the total summer contribution, one half of which is a check of \$5,000, Mobil Oil Micronesia gave PATS in recognition of late Rev. Hugh Costigan's outstanding contributions toward the education of youth in Micronesia. Mobil also contributed \$500 to the 1987 FSM Presidential Inauguration and \$1,000 to Pohnpei Sports Council, company officials said.

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