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President signs 16 bills into law, vetoes 2

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Hagllegam signed into law 16 bills enacted by the Fifth FSM Congress during its First Regular and First Special sessions, while vetoing two other bills, according to FSM Public Information Officer Ketson Johnson.

In disapproving congressional bill No. 5-91, which intended to repeal Section 2 of Public Law 5-5, the appropriation of \$7.2 million to fund the Telecommunications Corporation, the President stated in his letter of August 20 to Speaker Jack Fritz that, "it is a commendable intention, yet my problem with the enactment runs deeper in that it adversely affects National Fiscal Policy."

Section 2 of PL 5-5 provides that no funds from the appropriation may be disbursed to the Telecommunications Corporation until it provides documentation to the Secretary of Finance showing that payment is required. By deleting this section, it permits freer use of the funds by the corporation.

"The fiscal effect of Section 2 is to maintain the bulk of the funding within the National Treasury until it is specifically re-questioned thus allowing the National Government to realize sub-

stantial gains through accumulation of interest," the President said, adding, "I cannot agree with your Committee's on Resources and Development view that the accrued interest should be wholly absorbed by the corporation, as I feel the National Government should increase its funding at every reasonable opportunity."

The President said he believes that the corporation is sufficiently well-funded not to need

the additional earnings from interest, and in realizing that telecommunications is an independent agency, "I would make the point that is not wholly independent," he said, adding that "it, too, is subject to the Financial Management Act and is a Government entity, and in some measure is accountable to the Government for the overall fiscal well-being of the public."

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FSM-U.S. JOINT COMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND DEFENSE MEET - United States Pacific Forces Commander in Chief Admiral Ronald J. Hays, standing, is briefing, July 27, the joint committee on security and defense regarding military activities in the Pacific. The meeting, which included high level FSM and U.S. military officials, was held at Kolonia Town Hall on July 27-29. See story on page 5.

Iehsi, appointed chief of staff

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President John R. Haglelgam has issued a memorandum to all department and office heads designating former Special Assistant for administrative matters, Ieske K. Iehsi of Pohnpei as Chief of Staff effective July 27.

Iehsi, 32, was born Jan. 4, 1955, in Pohnpei State, attended PICS and graduated from Platteville Wisconsin High School with high honors and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and minored in economics from the University of Hawaii in 1977.

Iehsi, who worked as an assistant staff researcher at East West Center, Hawaii, served as assistant clerk of the Senate in the Congress of Micronesia and the FSM Interim Congress, FSM liaison officer to the Trust Territory Government in Saipan and as office manager for the FSM Attorney General's Office and previously served as special assistant to the President for legislative matters for five years prior to becoming special assistant for administrative matters on Oct. 2, 1986.

Iehsi was elected delegate to the Pohnpei State Constitution Convention and served as vice chairman of its General Provisions Committee, and as member of FSM Institute of Micronesian History and Culture Advisory board.

Iehsi has accompanied former president Nakayama on many trips abroad including trips to the first summit meeting with presidents of the Marshall Islands and Palau which resulted in the signing of 1983 Saipan Accords; to Washington which culminated in the Nov. 3rd, 1986, implementation of Compact; first official

trip to Peoples Republic of China which resulted in the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in February 1987, and also accompanied President John R. Haglelgam on his first state visit June 24-26, 1987, to Southern Namoneas islands in Truk.

Former President Tosiwo Nakayama commended Iehsi's appointment to the previous position of special assistant for administrative matters as "by and large (is) due to the demonstration over the past recent years of his effectiveness, intuition, and perseverance under difficult and stressful conditions."

President Haglelgam said the appointment of Iehsi to the position of Chief of Staff is to permit "me to focus my attention on the major issues facing this nation....I will be relying on Mr.

Iehsi to assist me in number of matters relating to departments and offices," adding, "I know that when such a situation arises, you will give him the respect that you have always given me."

Part of Iehsi's responsibilities is to screen much of the routine paperwork passing through the President's Office.

"Please treat a request under his signature from this office as if it were from me," President Haglelgam informed the FSM department and office heads, adding that the president is available for discussion regarding specific situations.

Iehsi is married to former Merihne John of Pingelap and they live with their five children in Kolonia.

Per diem rates reduced to promote fiscal responsibility

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Haglelgam issued August 21 a memorandum decreasing the FSM governments per diem rates.

What is taken here is in line with the President's policy of trimming unnecessary government expenses and promoting fiscal responsibility, FSM official sources said.

The reduction ranging from \$22 for Washington, D.C., to \$10 for the Micronesian outer islands per day is "to fit the changing needs of the official travellers to the various places" most frequented by the FSM governments official travellers the memorandum said.

The new rates, which will become effective September 30, 1987, are applicable only to certain places including some of the Micronesian islands, Honolulu and Washington, D.C., while the current per diem rates in other areas remain the same, the memorandum said.

The new per diem rates call for reductions from \$84 to the new

daily rate of \$70 for Kolonia, Pohnpei and Moen, Truk; from \$76 and \$68 to \$50 each for Colonia, Yap and Tofol, Kosrae, respectively, and a \$10 decrease from \$25 for the Outer Islands.

A \$15 per diem daily rate reduction from the current \$110 for Guam and Saipan and \$11 decrease from Honolulu's current \$106 are being implemented.

The current per diem rates of \$84 for Palau, \$65 for Rota and \$79 for Tinian; \$180 for Tokyo, Japan; \$76 for Majuro, \$30 for Ebeye, Marshall Islands; and \$115 for Los Angeles and \$128 for San Francisco, California, and \$162 New York City remain unchanged.

The followings are the new rates:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
Kolonia, Pohnpei	\$ 70.00
Moen, Truk	70.00
Tofol, Kosrae	50.00
Colonia, Yap	50.00
Outer Islands	15.00
Boat Travel	10.00
Honolulu, HI	95.00
Washington, D.C.	140.00

Bills Signed

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A bill which seeks to exempt FSM Congress staff attorneys, Economist, Budget Officer, Administrative Officer, and Speaker's Secretary from the Public Service System Act was also vetoed by the President on August 21.

In his letter of disapproval, the President said, "I am alarmed by such a wholesale exemption from the Public Service System Act. I believe it renders the restraints the Public Service System Act places on employees expenditures meaningless, and I am surprised that Congress, which has in the past zealously discouraged extravagance in the public employment sector, now takes such a drastic initiative to favor its employees."

The President said he is concerned that if such a measure becomes law, it will generate a move among other branches and departments of the Government to exempt various members of their staff in order to be fair to their people and give them raises and other benefits not available under the Public Service System Act.

He continues, "I think it is quite unwise to risk the skyrocketing effect the dilution of the Act may inspire.

"On the other hand, I do not want our good public servants to be deprived of the good wage they deserve," said the President, adding "that laborer is worth his hire."

Bills signed include:

-A bill appropriating \$67,500 for the purpose of defraying costs associated with providing FSM national government Social Security Services was signed into law by the President on July 19, 1987, and designated Public Law 5-4.

-Congressional bills 5-9 appropriating \$7.2 million for funding for the Telecommunications Corp.,

and 5-49 to appropriate \$99,179 to reimburse FSM state governments for a portion of the costs of their law enforcement activities regarding national crimes were also signed during July and designated Public Laws 5-5 and 5-6, respectively.

-Congressional Bill No. 5-35 to amend FSM Code as amended by Public Laws 3-15, 3-27 and 4-45 to add a new section to establish procedures for securing and perfecting liens on assets of the FSM Telecommunications Corp. was signed into law on July 30 and designated PL 5-7.

The following bills passed during the July special session were also signed into law by the President:

-C.B. 5-80, to appropriate \$31,000 as supplemental funding for the FSM Congress, was designated PL 5-8.

-C.B. 5-98, to appropriate \$115,757 as supplemental funding for President's Office, External Affairs and Resources and Development departments, and Foreign Investment Board. It was designated by the President as PL 5-9.

-C.B. 5-95, to amend PL 4-28 to change use of funds for Truk State public projects, and was designated PL 5-10.

-C.B. 5-96, to further amend PL 3-34 to change purpose of funds for Truk State public projects was signed into law by the President on August 4 and was designated PL 5-11.

-Congressional Bill No. 5-24, which becomes Public Law 5-12, establishes provisions for service of process outside the territorial jurisdiction of the FSM Supreme Court. With this law, the plaintiff of a criminal case can always serve a complaint on the defendant even if the defendant is residing at a place outside of the FSM; without this law, it is almost impossible to do so.

-Congressional Bill No. 5-86,

is designated PL 5-13, exempting funds appropriated for cooperative and credit union development from lapsing at the end of fiscal year 1987, and authorizing such funds to be used to fund a conference on Yap during the First Quarter of fiscal 1988.

-Congressional Bill No. 5-63, is designated PL 5-14, relating to public projects in Truk State.

-Congressional Bill No. 5-94, becomes PL 5-15, which appropriates \$8,122,475 funds for the operations of the executive branch, Legislative branch, National Judiciary, Public Auditor, agencies of the National Government, and for special programs, grant subsidies, contributions, and re-funds of the National Government during fiscal year 1988 and to provide funding for the college of Micronesia from funds available under the compact and to appropriate special funds available also under the compact.

-Congressional Bill No. 5-107, becomes PL No. 5-17, to reappropriation funds for Yap State public projects.

-Congressional Bill No. 5-108, which becomes PL No. 5-18, relating to the Pohnpei State public projects for the purpose of allowing certain funds to be used for Mwoakilloa Municipal operations, and

-Congressional Bill No. 5-20, which is designated PL No. 5-19, setting forth the procedures for removal of the President, Vice President, and Justices of the FSM Supreme Court.

Adm. Johnson visits Kosrae

LELU, Kosrae - Commander of Naval Forces Marianas Admiral T.J. Johnson arrived August 19 on Kosrae for a two-day familiarization tour, a Kosrae State Information release said.

While on Kosrae, Johnson, who was accompanied by his wife, held discussions with Governor George and other government officials on matters of interest including the status of the Army Civic Action Team (CATs), the release said.

Gov. Moses seeks reelection

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Pohnpei State governor and Lt. governor both have declared that they will seek reelection in the upcoming general election on Nov. 10, 1987, according to a news release by Governor's Press Secretary Mari-alice Eperiam.

Governor Resio S. Moses and Lt. Governor Johnny David made their announcement in an August-28 Pohnpei State cabinet meeting in the Governor's Conference Room in which the governor established leave policy measures for cabinet members involved in political activities, imposed moratoriums on new projects and external travel, and instructed that funds be set aside for an immediate audit of state finances, the release said.

Cabinet members seeking an elective office or actively involved in another's campaign must apply for leave effective Sept. 15, Moses informed the cabinets, adding that Public Service System employees involved in the election in any capacity will also be placed on leave as of that date, Eperiam said.

Governor Moses feels the policy is necessary to ensure that the people of Pohnpei continue to receive the best service available to them during the remaining months of his administration and that all campaigns are afforded the same opportunities.

He said that a person cannot perform these prescribed duties if his mind and heart are in campaign matters.

Citing his belief that it is unfair to use the influence of a person's office against another candidate, Moses then restricted the use of government equipment, facilities or vehicles in the campaign.

Governor Moses also set Sept. 15 as the end of all out-of-state travel for cabinet and staff of-

ficers, and instructed all cabinet members not to begin any new projects following that date.

Moses also instructed State Department of Treasury Director Ihlen Joseph to set aside funds for an immediate end-of-the-year audit, adding that the audit must be accomplished as soon as possible so that the new administration knows immediately the most up-dated financial condition of the state, the release concluded.

In another election related activity, 60 potential candidates have already picked up their petitions including Pohnpei State Public Health Division chief Burton Jano of Kitti for the gubernatorial race, and State Education Director Damian Sohl of Sokehs and Public Lands Authority Commissioner Yasuo Yamada of Kolonia for the Lt. Governor's race, Election Commissioner Heinrich Stevenson said.

With the deadline for filing set for Oct. 10, only four out of 22 incumbents have filed their petitions, including Speaker Ambros Senda of U, Senators Kasiano of Kitti, Ioanis Edmond of Nett, and Simeron Jim of Mwoakilloa.

Challengers in the legislature race include: State Federal Relations and Foreign Affairs Special Assistant Santiago Joab for the two seats for U; Pohnpei State Chief Jailer William Panuelo, State Justice Department Director Quirino Mendiola, and Economic Development Authority acting Director Alex Luzama for the two seats for Nett; National Revenue Officer Richard Susaia and State Islands Affairs Special Assistant Shem Jimmy for the three seats for Sokehs, and elementary school teacher Gerson Lekka who is challenging incumbent Senator Dison Gideon for the one seat for Nukuro, Stevenson said, adding that it is still early to tell who will file from other municipalities.

Siron to change to 'Yleizah'

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM CONGRESS RELEASE) - On September 3, 1987, Senator Nishima Siron filed a petition with the Pohnpei State Supreme Court Trial Division to change his last name from "Siron" to "Yleizah."

Senator Nishima Siron, the petitioner, states and alleges under oath as follows: That he is of legal age and sound mind and is a resident of Truk State citizen of the FSM. That he is currently residing in the State of Pohnpei for sometimes now. That the Pohnpei Supreme Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to the Pohnpei State Judiciary Act.

That his real and true last name is Yleizah, but that as a student at the Truk Intermediate School, he used a fictitious last name "Siron", which last name he bears to date. That all of his documents shows "Siron" as the last name, that all of his sib-

lings, except for one brother use "Yleizah" as their last name. That he is desirous of changing his last name from "Siron" to "Yleizah" to reflect his true identity and to delineate his actual kinship relationship with other "Yleizahs."

The Senator states that the change of his last name is not intended to accomplish any unlawful purpose and prays that his petition is granted, and that the Pohnpei State Supreme Court issue an order directing the last name of Nishima be change from "Siron"

to "Yleizah" so that his full name shall read "Nishima Yleizah", and also directing whomsoever that all documents bearing the name "Nishima Siron" be amended to read "Nishima Yleizah", and to grant other and further relief as justice may require.

Forman appointed LC, Asugar as chief clerk

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Seth Forman of Stamford, New York, and Henry C. Asugar of Namoluk, Mortlock, Truk, were recently confirmed by the Fifth FSM Congress as Legislative Counsel and Chief Clerk respectively for the Fifth FSM Congress.

Forman, who replaces Gary Takeuchi of Honolulu, Hawaii, previously worked as the counsel to the Fourth FSM Congress Committee on External Affairs; as a Law Clerk to Guam Superior Court Judge Healy Weeks, FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward C. King and National Aeronautics and Space Administration at the Office of the General Counsel, Washington, D.C.; also served as a temporary counsel to the FSM Congress committee on Health Education and Social Affairs, and a visiting fellow for Basic Legal Techniques Program for Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C.

Forman also previously served as a Legal Intern for the FSM Congress, and was a Peace Corps Volunteer acting as advisor to the Yap Outer Islands of Falalop and Ulithi Atoll, Yap, and was Youth Director for Young Women's Christian Association in Troy, New York.

Forman, born October 6, 1954, received his J.D. degree, 1983, with high honors from Duke University School of Law, Durham, North Carolina, Master of Science and Social Administration (M.S. S.A.) degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Applied Social Science, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1977 and his A.B. degree in Sociology from Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, in 1985.

Forman was admitted to practice law in the FSM and also in District of Columbia.

Forman wrote the Bravo's Fall-out, about international law and nuclear pollution in the Pacific which was published in the 14 North Carolina Central Law Journal, and also wrote the Tarot as the Key to Legal Research and Legal Analysis, published in the Journal of Irreproducible Result.

Asugar, 39, who has been the chief clerk since his appointment to the position in 1985, previously served as Managing Editor for "Met Poraus" newspaper in Truk.

He also served first as a translator for Truk Organization for Community Action (TOCA), Inc. and later became its deputy director; also served as Truk State Congressional Delegation Administrative Assistant for six years prior to becoming the chief clerk of the the FSM Congress.

Asugar, who attended Namoluk Elementary School, was graduated in 1970 from Mizpah High School of Micronesia in Truk and attended summer news writing and Journalism seminars on Saipan at the East West Center in 1969-1970 and training on proposal writing for program planning evaluation and management in 1975 also in Honolulu.

He attended a Community Action Program Directors Trainers training program in Hawaii; U.N. Development Program (UNDP) training program on Sectorial Social and Economic Development Planning and Dale Carnegie course on Effective Management, in Truk, and is currently taking part-time Continuing Education courses at the Community College of Micronesia.

Asugar was once the Truk editor for the Majuro newspaper Microni-

tor and was a translator and Public Information Officer for the Truk First Constitutional Convention in 1980.

Asugar is married to former Maggie Maipi of Iukunor, Mortlocks, Truk State, and they live in Kolonia with their four children.

FSM-U.S. Joint Committee meet

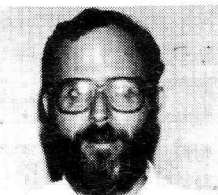
KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A top U.S. military official met with the FSM officials here July 27 to establish an FSM/U.S. Joint Committee on Security and Defense Relations under the Compact of Free Association and to discuss other related issues.

United States Pacific Forces Commander in Chief Admiral Ronald J. Hays headed the U.S. delegation while the FSM side was headed by FSM External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich.

Major topics of discussion centered on entry of Micronesians into the U.S. military, the use of Department of Defense (DOD) medical facilities and unpaid medical bills owned by the FSM states to Triple Army Medical Center in Honolulu, presence of the U.S. military civic action teams (CATs) in the FSM, and visits by U.S. military vessels and aircrafts, among others.

FSM President John R. Haglelgam and Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael and other high level FSM officials listened to briefings by special U.S. military officers on Soviet threat and Libyan activities in the Pacific, and attended the Pacific area update briefing which included a slide show and information about where the U.S. forces are located in the Pacific.

The Joint Committee which is to meet at least semi-annually also decided to formulate subgroups to look at ways to make the CATs more effective and to study the medical bill problems more closely, officials said.



Forman



Asugar

Special Session adjourns, approves Guam Ka

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Fifth FSM Congress adjourned its First Regular Session mid-July after passing an appropriation bill of \$8.1 million for the First Quarter funding of the executive branch, and full year funding for the legislative branch, national judiciary, public auditor, and agencies of the National government, during fiscal year 1988.

Bill 5-94 which was submitted by the President provides for fiscal 1988 first quarter operations funding enough to accommodate the executive branch activities while funding the other government branches and some agencies of the national government for the entire fiscal year 1988.

Agencies receiving full funding include those not affected by the proposed reorganization plan, and those affected, received partial funding, according to an FSM Congress news release.

Other bills passed on final reading before the Congress adjourned include:

-C.B. 5-20, CD2, to amend the FSM Code by adding a new chapter to set forth the procedures for removal of the President, Vice President, and Chief Justice of the FSM Supreme Court.

The bill is needed to implement the constitutional provision on impeachment in case impeachment proceedings ever occur. An impeachment proceeding must be initiated by resolution of Congress if the accused official committed an act of treason, bribery, or conduct involving corruption in office. An impeachment resolution shall describe each alleged instance, provide or state the location of documentary evidence of each alleged instance.

-C.B. 2-24, CD1, to amend FSM Code to establish provisions for service of process outside of the territorial jurisdiction of the FSM Supreme Court.

-C.B. 5-58 to amend the FSM

Code to increase scope of emergency situations in which emergency account can be established.

-C.B. 5-63 to further amend section 2 of PL 4-95 for reallocating funds for certain public projects in Truk State.

-C.B. 5-80 to appropriate \$15,000 supplemental funding for the FSM Congress.

-C.B. 5-86 to further amend PL 4-51 to exempt funds appropriated for cooperative and credit union development from lapsing with the understanding that such funds are to be used to fund a conference on Yap during first quarter of fiscal year 1988.

-C.B. 5-91 to amend PL 5-5 by repealing Section 2 and renumbering Sections 3 and 4 regarding interest on Compact funds for the FSM Telecommunications Corp.

-C.B. 5-95 to further amend PL 4-28, the Truk State Public Project, to change the use of funds appropriated thereby.

-C.B. 5-96 to change the purpose of funds appropriated in certain public projects in Truk State.

-C.B. 5-98 to further amend PL 4-51 as amended by Public Laws 4-88 and 5-1 to appropriate \$193,523 as supplemental funding for operations of the Office of the President and the External Affairs Department.

-C.B. 5-99 to further amend FSM Code to exempt FSM Congress staff attorneys, Budget Officer, Administrative Office, Economist, and Speaker's Secretary from the Public Service System Act.

-C.B. 5-103 to further amend PL 4-51 to appropriate \$7,100 as supplemental funding for the FSM Resources and Development Department Division of Commerce and Industry.

-C.B. 5-107 to reapportion funds for public projects in Yap State, and

-C.B. 108 to extend the lapse dates for certain public projects in Pohnpei State.

Resolutions adopted after the second day of the July Special Session include:

Resolutions 5-22, 5-25 and 5-27, confirming Dr. Eliuel Prettrick, Kohne Ramon and Del Pangelinan to the positions of Director of FSM Education, Personnel Officer and Budget Officer, respectively.

-C.R. 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 the Congress.

-C.R. 5-64 inviting the FSM President to give the State of the Nation Message on July 17, 1987.

-C.R. 5-65 confirming the nomination of Truk State Government Chief of Staff Koichi Sana to the Board of Directors of the FSM Development Bank.

-C.R. 5-66 expressing appreciation of the FSM Congress to the people of Lukunor Island in the State of Truk.

-C.R. 5-73 confirming Aloysius J. Truth as Secretary of FSM Finance Department.

-C.R. 5-74 confirming Jack Warndof as the FSM Attorney General.

-C.R. 5-75 confirming Andon Amaraich as the Secretary of FSM External Affairs Department.

-C.R. 5-76 approving the Alcohol and Drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation Block Grant in fiscal 1987 and 1988.

-C.R. 5-77 confirming the nomination of Asterio Takesy to the position of Deputy Secretary of the FSM External Affairs Department.

-C.R. 5-78 confirming the nomination of Daro Weital to the position of Director of the FSM Office of Education.

-C.R. 5-80 approving the "For-

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eign Fishing Agreement between the Micronesia Maritime Authority and Guam Kashyu Inc."

-C.R. 5-84 approving the Territorial Teacher Training Assistance Program grant application, and

-C.R. 5-85 setting forth the sum of total funds estimated to be available for appropriation from the General Fund of the FSM for fiscal year 1988.

Vice President ordained minister

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael of Malem, Kosrae, was ordained a lay Minister in the Kosrae Congregation Church here on August 14, 1987.

Two other FSM officials who were also ordained ministers during the ceremony are Special Assistant to the President Luey Luey and the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics Acting Planner Timothy Semuda. Ministers Luey and Semuda are also from Kosrae.

The ordination ceremony took place at the Kosrae Congregation Church in Kolonia Pohnpei and was conducted by Pastor Calvin Edwin.

"New responsibilities include giving sermons, preaching and ministering to the people," Minister Luey said.

Present during the ceremonies were: FSM Congress Senator Jacob Nena of Lelu, Kosrae, several FSM officials, Kosrae Congregation Church choir, Mand United Church of Christ Church choir, friends and others.

A reception was held at the Kosrae Congregation Church grounds in honor of the new ministers, families, and friends following the ceremonies.

CFSM Economist is White

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - (FSM Congress Release) - Doctor Richard White of Washington, D.C., is the Economist for the FSM Congress.

White, 30, previously worked as an Economist for the division of Economic Analysis, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

His primary areas of expertise is Marine Transportation Economics with experiences in a variety of Maritime Markets including the U.S. Inland and Coastal Waterways Systems, and the International Tanker, Dry Bulk and Liner Ocean-going Trades. This job included investigation of the U.S. Preference Gain Trades and the U.S.-Soviet Maritime Agreement, involving in analysis of the regulation for the U.S. Liner Industry.

In the course of his work, White had developed and written financial and economic analysis computer programs for use by staff, had computer experience with mainframe and microcomputers, Basic language, UNIX operating system, waterloo script and data resources "econometric programming system" (EPS).

White also served as Microeconomic, part-time faculty at the Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland, and a tutor at Hine Junior High School in the Department of Transportation, Community Outreach Program, Washington, D.C., prior to joining FSM Congress last year.

His professional associations include the American Economic Association where he participated in a study examining the economic impact of redesigning U.S. line trade routes, routinely compiled studies on the performance of various sectors of the Maritime Industry including Inland Water Ways, Coastwise Shipping Activities and Waterborn International Trade and performed an analysis of the regulation of U.S. Subsidized Liner Operators who wish to operate unsubsidized tonnage without regulatory constraint.

White received his Ph.D. in Economics (Political Economy and Economic Development), August 1985 and Master degree in Economics in 1982 from the American University, Washington, D.C., and B.A. degree in International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, in 1979.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED - FSM President John R. Haglelgam is blowing out the candles on a cake during August 10 surprised party commemorating his 38th birthday in the President's Conference Room. The honorable Haglelgam was elected President in May when he was 37. Present during the event were: First Lady Paula Ori, right, Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael and Second Lady Mitchigo Ismael, members of the cabinet and other officials.

Moses: Literacy a right, not a privilege

Ways & Means to hear Monitization Proposal

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE)- Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses delivered a strong statement on the direction of human resources development in the Pacific during the July 20-21 Global Community Forum '87 held in Apia, Western Samoa, according to a press release by Pohnpei State Governor's Press Secretary Marialice Eperiam.

Governor Moses represented the FSM in the forum with participants from throughout the Western Pacific, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Canada, Japan, Chile, the United Kingdom, West Germany, Indonesia, the United States, Netherlands, France, Korea, Singapore and China, the release said.

Visual telephone participants included the Chairman of the Managing Board in West Germany Fritz Hermans and U.S. Senator John Rockefeller IV.

In his prepared speech which was also published, Moses spoke on world population increase, cultural transition for developing countries, technical assistance from developed countries and education.

Governor Moses said he was worried about population growth, but was more worried about the utilization of "our people," said the release.

Moses said that when developing, countries remember best their tradition. The societies in Micronesia were "active and functioning" long before the arrival of twentieth century technology, he said and added, "as a former educator (Moses was the former president of the Community College of Micronesia prior to becoming Pohnpei Governor in 1983), I realize that students learn best when we add new learning to what is already known."

He said that opportunities for various types of education must

be made available to our young people - that education not be limited to classrooms and textbooks.

Moses also said that national planners should place highest priority in teaching reading and writing in a vernacular language and also an international language if possible.

"Literacy," the Governor said, "should be a right, not a privilege."

However, as much learning as possible should take place at home, Moses said, as "Micronesians learn best in Micronesia."

The governments should provide incentives to encourage professionals to return home with their skills, he said.

Unintimidated by the representatives from the developed countries, Moses criticized the international technical programs offered by them, asking that they be reassessed.

Moses noted that without the reassessment, the "otherwise profitable programs can be unsuccessful if participants have only a peripheral knowledge of the people with whom they are working," the release stated.

Yoshio Okawara, Japan's former ambassador to Washington and the chairman of the two-day meeting, said the key problem is to determine what should be the appropriate mode of economic development best suited to the realities and needs of the local economies of the island nations.

The Forum was organized by the Association for the Promotion of International Cooperation, the IC2 Institute at the University of Texas at Austin, the Institute of Pacific Studies of the University of the South Pacific, the National Institute for Research and the Ronya-George Kozmetsky (RGK) Foundation.

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM CONGRESS RELEASE) - As part of the Congressional Committee on Ways and Means efforts in gaining knowledge about the Monitization Proposal, members of the committee left to Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles, California, September 7.

In Washington D.C., Chairman Tony Otto of Truk, Vice Speaker Elias Thomas of Pohnpei and Congress Economist, Richard White, will be meeting with representatives of Merrill Lynch, while the bulk of the delegation will meet in L.A. with representatives of Merrill Lynch, First Boston Corporation and the Solomon Brothers. These are investment banking firms and brokerage houses that the committee wishes to entreat on the technical aspects of the plan.

Chairman Otto, Vice Speaker Thomas and Economist White will then travel to L.A. to join the others in their meetings there.

The Monitization Proposal which was assigned to the committee on ways and means is a financing scheme that would try to generate money for the FSM as U.S. funds under the compact is declining.

Other members of the delegation include Vice Chairman Redley Killion and Senators Nishima Siron of Truk, Dohsis Halbert, Leo A. Falcam, and Peter Christian of Pohnpei, and Isaac Figir of Yap.

Representing the executive branch of the National Government is James Lukan of Yap who is the Administrator of the new Investment Management Division with FSM Finance and also the chairman of the FSM Development Bank Board of Directors.

The delegation is due back on Pohnpei around the Sept. 20.

Ten companies granted entry assurance

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Micronesian Shipping Commission (MSC) which regulates commercial shipping services into Micronesian ports have extended entry assurances for two common carriers and gave satisfactory rating to eight others during its third annual meeting held August 18-21 in Piti, Guam, at the Governor's Conference Room, according to FSM Sea Transportation System Development Officer, Captain Matthias Ewarmai.

Ewarmai, who was elected the Commission's Executive Secretary, said that the Commission was established in 1981 when representative of the three Micronesian island nations of Palau, the FSM and the Marshall Islands initiated an agreement to foster and perpetuate inter-country cooperation and consultation on matters affecting international shipping in Micronesia.

The Micronesian governments saw the importance of continuing this type of controlled shipping service which was exercised by the Trust Territory Government.

The 10 shipping companies which have been granted entry assurance are: From West Coast and Honolulu to Micronesia - Pacific Micronesian Line (PML: a non-vessel operating common carrier); Philippine, Micronesia and Orient Navigation Co. (PM&O) which also provides services from the Philippines and Malaysia; Kyowa Line via transshipment at Yokohama, and Matson Navigation Company (MATSON) which provides service to Majuro, Ebeye and Kwajalein.

From Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Japan and Philippines to Micronesia, are: Nippon Yusen Kaisha (NYK) to Truk, Pohnpei, Kosrae and Majuro; Tokyo Senpaku Kaisha (TSK) to Yap and Palau only; Saipan Shipping Co. (SAISHIP) to Truk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Ebeye and Majuro; Tiger Line (the shipping arm of United Micronesian Deve-

lopment Association, UMDA) to all Micronesian ports; and Palau Shipping Co. (PALSHIP) to Palau and Yap only.

From ports in Australia and New Zealand to all ports in Micronesia is Zim Line with transshipment out of Guam.

"The public is encouraged to utilize these authorized carriers under the system for shipping of goods to insure prompt delivery," Captain Ewarmai urged.

Membership in the Commission is composed of one senior representative from each of the three Micronesian entities, Ewarmai said, adding that Republic of Palau Foreign Affairs Director Victorio Uherbelau, who is Palau's representative to the Commission, was reelected as chairman during the August meeting for another one-year term.

Other participants in the August meeting include: FSM Transportation Department Secretary Robert Weilbacher (who is the FSM representative to the Commission); Pohnpei State Public Works Director Bernin Weilbacher, Pohnpei State Port Manager Menast De-

pich, Truk State Transportation Officer Thomas Narruhn, Yap State Port Manager Fredrick Figir, Palau Port Inspector Arvin Raymond and Ewarmai of FSM Transportation Department.

Republic of the Marshall Islands did not send any representative to the August meeting, Ewarmai added.

Swiss Envoy visits Kosrae

LELU, Kosrae - Switzerland Ambassador to South Korea, the Honorable H.P. Erismann visited Kosrae on August 17, as part of a five-week planned vacation to include visits to Yap, Palau and the Philippines, a Kosrae State Information release said.

Erismann, who was accompanied by his wife and two children, was met at the airport by staff of the Governor's office upon arrival. The Ambassador and his family toured points of interest in Kosrae and were treated to a boat ride and fishing trip around the island while on Kosrae, the release said.



FOURTH PACIFIC REGION EDUCATION PROGRAM CONFERENCE (PREP) HELD - FSM President John R. Haglelgam, at the podium, joined Pohnpei Gov. Resio S. Moses, left, in welcoming over 350 participants to the conference and challenging them "to educate the Pacific child." From left are: Moses, Haglelgam, Tom Pangelinan of Commonwealth of Northern Marianas, Guam Education Deputy Director Ione Wolf and Donald Nugent who represented Hawaii State School System Superintendent Charles Toguchi. See related story on page 10.

PREP conference held on Pohnpei

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Kolonia, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Participants in the Fourth Annual Pacific Region Education Program Conference (PREP), and the first PREP conference held in the FSM rose to the challenge of the conference theme of educating the Pacific child with counter-challenges, warnings and requests, but stressed the importance of increased regionalism, during the three-day conference which ended here August 13, 1987, according to Pohnpei State Governor's Press Secretary Marialice Eperiam.

Eperiam said that more than 350 participants from throughout Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii, American Samoa and Oregon took part in the conference which was held at the Pohnpei Islands Central School (PICS) high school cafeteria.

Dedicated to the Pacific child: Growing with the Challenge, the conference featured an opening ceremony, 60 seminar sessions and a closing session, Eperiam said.

The opening session set the pace for the meeting with guest speakers, FSM President John R. Haglegam, Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses and American Samoa Education Director Tauese Sunia, throwing out counter challenges to the conference challenges, warnings and requests during their speeches.

Governor Moses, in his welcoming remarks, said the educators gathered for the conference are "tasked with the most important work of mankind, the training of our child."

He called this time as one of transition and added that a choice must be made to either join or remain isolated from the world community, but he pleaded that the choice "strike a balance between our Pacific heritage vis-a-vis the world view," adding that "In the context of education, such a balance can be achieved," the Governor said.

He used the first FSM President

Tosiwo Nakayama and Yapese canoe navigator Pius Paialug as examples of different ways of being educated and called upon the conference participants to consider these methods during their deliberations.

The Governor asked the schools to teach the basic skills, adding that "Literacy is a right more than a privilege," but warned that it's a "double-edged sword."

"Without proper conditions, it can be a source of discontent where satisfaction was intended; knowing to write, one can produce a great book, but one can also forge a check," Moses said.

FSM President Haglegam followed, retelling a story he was told as a youngster which challenged the conference participants to teach appropriate subjects in school.

"The challenge," the President said, is "to make our youth successful and productive members of the society."

President Haglegam pledged the National Government's support in establishing a minimum curriculum in the schools, in teaching the harmful effects of drugs, in establishing a National School Health Program, in increasing parental and community involvement in the schools, in incorporating traditional values in the curriculum and finally in educating that population growth affects the quality of life.

Haglegam concluded his talk by citing a Yapese proverb: "We cannot change the direction of the wind, but we can adjust our sails to get to our destiny."

In response to the speeches, Sunia said that the children are "the one hope of the Pacific Region. If mishandled (they) could be our worse threat."

He asked that all teachers be committed to teaching as a profession and for those who looked at teaching as an occupation to find a job elsewhere, adding that

those teachers who wasted away their students' time "have committed mental murder."

Sunia also asked that teachers be brave enough to accept risks for the sake of education concluded his speech shouting, "Our kids are as good as any kids in the world."

Conference participants then broke down into groups to take part in the seminar sessions, until the closing session which was held in the afternoon of the last day. In this session the spirit of regionalism flourished, Eperiam said.

Keynote speakers for the session included: Pohnpei State Education Director Damian Sohl; President of the Council of Chief State School Officers and Oregon State Superintendent of Public Instruction Verne Duncan; Representing the Superintendent of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Henry Sablan was Tom Pangelinan; Yap State Education Director Anfonso Fanechigi; representing Kosrae State Education Director Singkitchy George was Hanson Sigrah; Truk State Education Director Marcellino Umwech; representing Secretary of Education for the Republic of the Marshall Islands Kinja Andrike was James Bogden; University of Hawaii Professor Donald Toppings, and Deputy Director of Education for Guam Ione Wolf.

Senda and the State Legislature and Governor Resio Moses. The finale was a traditional feast held in the Pohnpei Nahs on August 13 in the evening.

PREP, based in Honolulu, is an arm of the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory funded by the U.S. Department of Education to provide technical assistance to members.

For Pohnpei, this assistance has been primarily in the area of curriculum development of education; the Trust Territory of the

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Pacific Islands Office of Education; the Pacific Regional Education Program and the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory.

Pohnpei State Education Deputy Director Education Ewalt Joseph was the Conference Coordinator.

Joab Sigrah, as Associate Justice

TOFOL, Kosrae (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Governor Yosiwo George nominated August 19 the former FSM Congress vice speaker Joab N. Sigrah of Tafunsak, Kosrae, to the position of Associate Justice for the Kosrae State Court and urged the Legislature for confirmation, according to a Kosrae State Information release.

Sigrah who is known "to be well respected by the people of the FSM" has proven to be a good leader for both the State and the entire nation, the release stated, adding that the Sigrah's 30 years as an FSM law maker and his knowledge of the customs are considerable key factors in his nomination to the position.

As an FSM law-maker, "the nominee held duties and responsibilities with determination and sound judgment in the enactment of laws" for the interest of the people, the release stated, adding that Sigrah's experience in these areas qualifies him to the position of Associate Justice.

7 directors sworn-in

TOFOL, Kosrae - Six executive department directors and the State Attorney General took oath of office in a ceremony held on August 25, 1987, at the Governor's Office in Tofol, Kosrae.

Attorney General Douglas Daley, Education Director Singkitchy George, Conservation and Development Director Gerson Jackson, Public Affairs Director Fred Skilling, Health Services Director Arthur P. Sigrah, Personnel and Employment Services Director Rensley Sigrah were sworn-in by Governor Yosiwo George as state attorney general and department directors, respectively, at the close of business hours on August 25, a Kosrae State Information release said.

The ceremonies were held in the presence of other government officials, staff, wives of the directors and friends, the release said.

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - "Through your commitment and sustained efforts, Peace Corps will continue to make meaningful contributions to the development of Micronesia and Palau," Peace Corps Country Director Robert G. Clarke told the nine new Peace Corps Volunteers during a swearing in ceremony held August 15 on Palau, according to a Peace Corps Micronesia press release.

The affair in Palau was part of a day-long swearing in ceremonies simultaneously held with ones on Pohnpei and Yap following a 11-week intensive program that 33 Peace Corps trainees underwent during their training period, the release said, adding that Truk swearing in ceremonies were held on August 14 for the 11 trainees there.

The new Volunteers join 41 others who are currently serving in a variety of community development, education and marine resources programs throughout the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau.

"As a former Peace Corps Volunteer and your Country Director, I am pleased and proud to have the opportunity to swear you in as active members of the greatest people-to-people development agency on Earth," Clarke, who headed the local Peace Corps officials who administered the oath of service to the Volunteers throughout Micronesia, told the gathering in Palau.

The Peace Corps program in Micronesia and Palau began in 1966 with a strong emphasis on teaching English in elementary and secondary schools. In the 1970's, the program expanded here to include projects in health, village development, agriculture, appropriate technology, small enterprise development, and vocational education. Since 1985, Peace

Corps has renewed its efforts primarily in the area of community development and emphasized health, youth work and agriculture extension. In addition, all Peace Corps Volunteers assigned here teach English as part of their assignment, the release added.

Currently, more than 5,000 Peace Corps Volunteers from the United States are serving in over 60 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific, the release said, adding that since 1966, over 4,000 Volunteers have served in the FSM and Palau.

Peace Corps Volunteers who swore in during the ceremonies include:

-Pohnpei: Cathy Louis, Mwoakiloa; Marie Vider, Sapwafik; Esther Gray, Nukuoro; and Patricia Worley, Kapingamarangi.

-Truk: Peggy Sue Cuthbert, Sapeta, Fefan; Michael Epstein, Murilo, Halls; Charles Glover, Kuttu, Mortlocks; Catherine Hung, Sapor, Fefan; Kimra Knoke, Fonomo, Udot; Theresa Lynn, Sapou, Uman; John Murphy, Munien, Tol; Garr Reynolds, Nama, Mortlocks; Lynn Roundguiere, Nonwin, Halls; Cecilia Swartz, Lukunor, Mortlocks, and Cathyrn Wilcox, Moch, Mortlocks.

-Yap: Catherine Crist and Robert Goldblatt, Yap Proper; Beth Demmer, Fais; Gwendolyn Ewers, Falalop, Woleai; Bob Godfrey, Ifalik; Lester Hayes, Pig, Feraulap; Jonathan Pearson, Lamotrek; Leslie Poland and Charles Spale, Outer Islands.

-Palau: Robert Beardsley, Ngeremlengui; Andrew Karrer, Kayangel; Charles Peterson, Ngchesar; Paul Nedeau, Airai; Amy Sweeny, Ngerchelung; Julie Sauer, Peleliu; Susan Jenkins, Ngiwal; Cynthia Gerra, Ngaraard, and Tammy Money, Belau Modokgei School, Nyatpang.

24 Enlistees sworn-in in Pohnpei

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KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Twenty four enlistees from the State of Pohnpei, for the U.S. Military Enlistment, were sworn in, August 6, at the Pohnpei State Legislature Chamber by the Operations Officer at the Honolulu Military Entrance Processing Station, Captain Susan Higgins.

Captain Higgins led a U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command, Micronesian Deployment for Medical and Enlistment processing Team which visited the FSM to recruit those qualified to be enlisted in the U.S. Arm Forces early last month.

Captain Higgins called the swearing in ceremony as "an historic event."

FSM Secretary of External Affairs Andon Amaraich, speaking on behalf of the FSM National Government, noted that under the compact between the FSM and the United States, FSM citizens are free to join the U.S. military on a voluntary basis and not a requirement imposed on the FSM citizens by the FSM or the U.S. Governments, adding, "We assume that your being here in this group, that you have thought about it and that you have consulted your parents and that you are sure that this is what you wanted to do," Amaraich told the recruits.

Governor Resio Moses called the ceremony "touching" and told the recruits, "you are now members of the U.S. military, be the best you can be as you take your new responsibility, and as your Governor still, I command you, to be

good and excellent representatives and ambassadors of the FSM, and most of all the people of Pohnpei State." Adding, "And I would wish that you take that spirit and do the best you can in the responsibility which you have undertaken as citizens of the world."

"I thought of arm forces in a very old fashion term, for example, a soldier on a battle field with a rifle or a sailor on deck of a warship steaming toward its target but what it is, is an opportunity to be well trained in a skill and also having a level of discipline and experience in handling responsibility far beyond what a young person could normally be expected to have," U.S. State Acting Representative to the FSM, Steven Mann told the recruits.

"It should be mentioned very strongly that you are the ingredient to the defense of free nations everywhere and preserving those values of democracy, respect for human rights, and individual liberty, that are so much a part of the FSM," Mann added.

The new recruits who will be leaving the FSM sometime between October and December, are scheduled to spend a few days in Honolulu before being sent to basic training in California, Texas, Florida, South Carolina or Georgia, according to Higgins.

The Processing Team began in Yap State where seven Yapese including two women were sworn into the Navy and Army. In Truk, five men joined the Army and four signed on with the Navy. Eleven

men from Kosrae were enlisted, six with the Army and five into the Navy. The processing team ended its enlistment efforts on Pohnpei after an hour long swear-in ceremony.

Those sworn-in in Pohnpei include: Marvin A. Suzuki, Joseph H. Vitt Jr., with the Marine Corps and with the Air Force is Joseph J. Johnny; Epleen Ardos, Biza Biza, Marcia J. David, Eileen E. Edwards, Justin R. Lucios, Tony Nakasone, Pertus L. Panuelo, Johnny L. Peter, and Zaiger

J. Poll, Army; and Alfons Augustine, Cassius Donre, Paulino Edwin, Waiser I. Gallen, Herbert L. Hebel, Vincent Kallop, Smither S. Iorrin, Jefry Poll, Tony A. Route, Paul Z. Villazon, Nelsin H. Wilson, and Kathleen H. Wolpha-gen, Navy.

Moen choir visits Kosrae

LELU, Kosrae - Over 60 Moen Protestant Church choir members arrived in Kosrae, August 24, on Continental Air Micronesia, for a five-day goodwill and church-related tour, a Kosrae Information release said.

The visitors were met at the airport by Tafunsak Congregation Church as the host, and Lelu Congregation Church with mwaramwars and songs before they were escorted to Tafunsak Municipality for reception and other activities.

The Moen Protestant Church choir toured the local churches of Malem, Lelu, Utwe, and other points of interest before departing Kosrae on August 28, the release concluded.

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