

Incumbent Governor Moses wins re-election

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Incumbent Governor Resio S. Moses was declared the winner in the November-10th Governor, Lt. Governor and legislature general elections here, while incumbent Lt. Governor Johnny David, who led the field of four candidates in the Lt. Gov. race, is forced into a runoff election with State Education

Director Damian Sohl, according to unofficial vote tallies from the Pohnpei Election Commissioner's office.

The runoff election is scheduled for Dec. 8 for the second top seat since neither of the two leading candidates in the lieutenant governor's race received the required "simple majority" or

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Governor Resio Moses



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President delivers Independence message

KOLONIA, Pohnpei, (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - In satellite messages to the nation released on Nov. 3rd at 10 a.m. at the FSM President's Office, the FSM President John R. Haglelgam and FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz cited goals of peace, unity and liberty and hardwork as motto for citizens to nurture and to grow so to make their independence strong.

Nov. 3rd marks the first anniversary of the independence of the FSM from foreign domination for the first time in 400 years.

The FSM and the United States of America, a year ago on Nov. 3, signed a pact ending the 1947 Trusteeship Agreement over the FSM islands and declaring the former Trust Territory islands of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Truk and Yap as independent and in Compact of Free Association with the United States of America.

The President of the United States of America, Ronald Reagan, in a congratulatory message to President Haglelgam and the people of the Federated States of Micronesia, said:



President Haglelgam

"It is a pleasure for me to convey to you the congratulations and dear wishes of the American people on the occasion of the first anniversary of the entry into force of the Compact of Free Association between our nations. The Micronesian people may well be proud of their accomplishments and in the flourishing of democracy that has been so strongly evidenced in the past twelve months. For our past, the experience of Free Association has been excellent and surpassed our expectations. I look forward to a continued warm and special friendship between our two coun-

tries."

Following is the full text of President John R. Haglelgam's message to the people of the FSM:

"My fellow citizens, today is the first anniversary of our independence. One year ago, President Nakayama had the honor of announcing to the people of the Federated States of Micronesia and the world that, for the first time in over 100 years, we were a free and independent country. For the first time, we were more than merely possessions in another government's colonial empire or districts in a strategic Trust Territory. We were a country, diverse in our cultures and traditions, but unified by the vision that as a single nation, independence and prosperity could be obtained for all.

Why did our founding fathers choose to join together rather than seek to be separate countries? It was because they understood that alone, each of the states would find it difficult, if not impossible, to

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maintain its independence. But as one nation, independence was possible.

This day and all of the anniversaries of our independence to come, provide us with opportunities to reflect on what it means to be independent and what it will take to maintain our independence.

What does it mean to be an independent nation? For those of us who have been part of the struggle for independence, it has always meant international recognition of our sovereignty. But to the nation, independence must mean much more than that. Independence means accepting responsibility. Responsibility to ourselves and responsibility toward the unborn generations of children who will one day live on our islands.

The most important responsibility of any nation at peace, is to use its resources wisely. We have major fishery and agricultural resources that must be developed to their fullest extent. While we have begun to develop each of these resources, we must always remember that our responsibility to our children is not simply to use the resource today but to maintain it for tomorrow.

An even more important resource in the long-term expansion of our economy is the financial assistance package represented by the Compact of Free Association. We must use it to create an economy that will support our children in the future. This means avoiding expenditures for projects that only assist a few individuals and concentrating on projects that can have an impact upon the economy. This also means working together to coordinate our development goals so as not to destructively compete against each other.

This is what being independent means to me. It is also the be-

ginning of what we must do to remain independent. But while fulfilling the responsibilities placed upon us by our independence is the first step toward maintaining our freedom, we must never lose sight of the fact that independence is not a prize that is won and then is ours forever. The men who brought us to where we are today understood that through their work, a free and independent Federated States of Micronesia would be created and the Trusteeship ended. But what was an end was also a beginning, the beginning of a never-ending effort to maintain and expand our independence. Just as the cornerstone of the process that brought us together was strength through unity, our continued political independence is dependent upon our continued effort to forge unity out of our diversity. I pledge that my administration will continue to do everything in its power to work with the states to bring us together.

To begin this process, we must be willing to transform this loose organization of states into a nation. This does not mean a loss of state political autonomy. It does mean that interdependence among the states should be recognized as beneficial and should be fostered. The National Government shall seek ways to accomplish this through improved transportation and communications between the states. The economic integration that this would permit would increase the size of the markets available to business in all states and thus increase the opportunities for economic growth.

For these reasons, we must strive to become one nation, drawing wisdom from our diversity and strength from our unity. It is often said that you can tell much about an individual by the way that he describes himself. I believe that you can tell much

about our nation by the way that each of us, when traveling, would answer the simple question: "Where are you from?" Today we say that we are from Yap, Kosrae, Pohnpei or Truk. When we have succeeded in creating the nation that we long to become, we shall say that we are from the Federated States of Micronesia.

In closing, I urge you to join me in recommitting ourselves to the goals of peace, unity and liberty that are the motto of our nation. Our founding fathers wisely chose these words as our motto, for without each of these we cannot truly be independent or free. Each of these must be nurtured so that they may grow and in their growth our independence shall be made strong. But to me today, of peace, unity and liberty, unity should be our most important goal.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to these remarks and enjoy the holiday."

FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz, in delivering his Independence Day message to the people, also spoke through satellite from the President's Office. The following is the full text of Speaker Fritz's message:

"Mr. President, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

Today we celebrate one year as a sovereign nation independent from the United States. We are a nation of people with diverse culture and tradition, sprinkled by the good Lord across one million square miles of a vast ocean, and bound together by good will and cooperation. It is a most joyous day for many reasons, but it is also a day for reflection.

Let us rejoice in the knowledge that, despite our differences in heritage, we are able to respect each others wishes and desires. Our strengths lie in compromise and the good will which we have

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found in our struggles to better our lives and the lives of our children. While elsewhere in the world political, philosophical and religious differences have led to violent conflict, we are secure in knowing that the inherent good of individual human beings is the real bond which allows a society to flourish and grow.

When I look out from the shores of our island homes, I am reminded of the book of Genesis, Chapter One, where God separates the Heavens from the darkness and the dry land from the seas. I think of how fortunate we are to live free of famine, pestilence and plague, and see that we are blessed with abundance where other peoples go wanting for even the simplest necessities. But I also feel that we should recognize the responsibilities which accompany our new position as a nation in the developing world.

Under the Compact of Free Association we have many opportunities open to us to improve our material as well as our spiritual lives. But, as with any opportunities, there will be a need for personal as well as collective sacrifices to insure that we reach our goals. Let me briefly outline some of these goals and what is involved in attaining them.

There is, and will always be, strength in a society which is able to feed itself and care for the nutrition of its members. Today, I am sorry to say, we do not feed ourselves. Instead we rely upon imported foods for much of our sustenance. Yes, these foods are convenient. Yes, they are inexpensive. But look at the disruption which is caused when a shipment of rice is delayed and the stores run out. We are unwitting hostages to foreign foods, and these foods are paid for thru

foreign aid. What will happen as foreign aid levels decline?

As a first goal for our nation, therefore, I suggest that we begin to move away from reliance upon foreign foods and tend to our taro, yam and sweet potato. Let us gather breadfruit and catch fish instead of opening cellophane packages and cans. Let us seek new ways to prepare our traditional foods so that they are more convenient to use, but let us not forsake our heritage of food self-sufficiency.

As I cast my view upon our small nation, I see other disturbing aspects of our reliance upon foreign monies. These are in the form of western luxury goods, styles and habits. Ask an economist and he will tell you that if we are to be economically independent, the monies we earn from exports must equal the money spent on imports. It is true that we shall probably never be able to go without some foreign aid, but I wonder if we shall ever be able to pay for the majority of the luxuries, raw materials and equipment which we obtain from other countries.

If we are to make strides in paying for our imports without resort to foreign aid we must begin to mobilize our resources. And as I see it, we have three major resources.

The first of these resources is the sea. Every year foreign fishing fleets take millions of dollars worth of tuna from our waters. It is true that we receive payments for the use of our fisheries by foreign fleets. But we must begin to fish, process, transship and export fish ourselves to maximize the returns which may be obtained from the sea. An added benefit to such increased involvement in fishing would be increased availability of fresh fish in our local markets, which means that we can doubly benefit from such activities.

The second resource we have is the physical beauty of our islands. We must begin to explore the possibilities of limited tourism in our small nation. I am sure that when I mention tourism many of us think of Saipan and Guam, and both the benefits and problems associated with this industry. But we must try to exploit this resource to our benefit while limiting its destructive effects upon culture and social institutions. I think we can do this, but careful planning will be required.

The third resource we have is our people. We have a very high unemployment rate, which is not uncommon for developing countries. By inviting certain types of foreign investors to base their industries in the Federated States of Micronesia we can raise employment levels and improve our lifestyles. Let us not spurn such possibilities until we are sure that compromise cannot be worked out in our favor.

At the outset of my remarks I mentioned that we must be willing to make some sacrifices for development. I feel that one thing which should not be sacrificed is our heritage. In the ensuing decades we will see many foreigners come and go. Some will be visitors, some businessmen. And like all people, there will be some who are good and some who are bad. We cannot help the tendency to be drawn to the habits and customs of these foreigners, and they will have an impact upon our economy and lifestyle.

The impact of these foreigners and their world may produce undesirable effects upon our society, customs and traditions. I urge all of us, within our families, our lineages, and our clans, to reach deep into our customs and traditions to hold on tightly and dearly to that which we regard as good about our heri-

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tage. I wish us to emerge, at the end of these 15 years, as a people whole in tradition and beliefs, survivors not victims of development.

To accomplish all of these goals, and to successfully exploit our development potentials, we must also lay groundwork in other areas. One of the most im-

portant, of course, is international recognition of the new political status which we are celebrating today. True, we are making progress. More efforts must be made, however, to tell the

world that we now stand on our own two feet and will not compromise our self-determination to satisfy the political desires of the superpowers or even our closest neighbors. No one has a right to tell us who we are or what our nation stands for. We

negotiated long and hard for our new status, and the voting record of our people stands as a firm reminder that we have chosen our own path to the future.

Before finishing I would like to offer some advice to those with whom the course of our nation is entrusted. I am referring to our elected leaders. We are charged with seeing that pub-

lic funds are used to develop our nation. Let us rid ourselves of waste and frivolous expenditure. Let us act prudently with the aim of benefitting all of our people, and forsake political partisan-

ship. We must continue in the spirit of harmony and unity which has, for the first year of our new nation, guided us along the uncertain path of independence.

Thank you, and God bless you all."

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50 percent plus 1 vote of the total votes cast during the election, to win. The Dec. 8 date satisfies the Pohnpei Constitutional 28-day requirement following the certification of election results.

Moses received 6,215 or 51 percent of total votes cast to 5,017 or 41 percent for State Health Services division chief Dr. Burton Jano, and 906 or 7 percent for Waien Pingelap (chief magistrate) Welden Welbert.

In the Lt. Governor's race, incumbent David received 4,888 or 41 percent of the votes cast to 3,458 or 29 percent for Sohl; 3,081 or 26 percent for Public Land Authority commissioner Yasuo Yamada, and 456 or 4 percent for Dopias Ihlon of Madolenihmw. Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Coordinator Elsa Thomas, who earlier filed for candidacy in the Lt. Governor's race, withdrew from the race at the last minute.

Some 96 percent or 12,138 of the 12,600 total registered voters turned out throughout the state to cast their votes.

In an election related activity, incumbent Speaker Ambros Senda of U Municipality was reelected.

All incumbent state senators regained their seats except senators William Eperiam of Kitti, John Walter of Sokehs and Dison Gideon of Nukuoro who lost their seats in their election districts while incumbent Senator Alter Paul also of Kitti decided not to run.

In the senatorial races, 82 candidates ran for the 22-seat legislature.

The winners are as follows:

Of the 10 candidates who ran for the four seats from Madolenihmw, winners include the incumbent senators Midion Neth who received 1,475 votes; Nelson Pelep, 1,232; Salter Etse, 1,041, and

Dachuo Johnson, 984.

Of the 14 candidates who ran for the four legislature seats from Kitti, unofficial winners include incumbent senators Kasi-ano Joseph who received 976; Bernel Edward, 1,181; and new comers Mitchuo Daniel, 778; and Herman Semes, 988.

Winners from among the 14 candidates running for the Sokehs four seats include incumbent senators Annes Lebehn who received 1,210 votes; Feliciano Perman, 1,078; Herculano Kohler, 888; and newcomer Tosiwo Liwy, 647.

Winners in U Municipality are incumbent senators Ambros Senda who received 793 votes, and Joseph Moses, 803.

Of the seven candidates running for the two seats for Nett, incumbent senators Ioanes Edmund and Francis Simeon regained their seats with 506 and 408 votes, respectively.

Kolonia's winners include incumbent senators Relio Yamada who received 424, and Yosuo Phillip, 411.

All outer island incumbents regained their seats except Nukuoro's incumbent senator Dison Gideon who was defeated by newcomer Gerson Lekka with 98 votes to Gideon's 83.

Pingelap's incumbent senator Job Micah won over his two challengers with 322 while Mwoakil-loa's incumbent senator Simeron Jim won over two other challengers with 160 votes.

In Kapingamarangi, incumbent senator Iohp Lohete won over three contenders with 233 votes while Sapwafik's incumbent senator Baker Meninzor defeated his challenger Kenio Frank with 236 votes.

Congress adjourns, passes a \$13 million budget

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Fifth FSM Congress adjourned its Second Regular Session, November 12, with the passage of the appropriation bill of \$13 million in the 16th Congress draft, a supplemental budget, for the operation of the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary Branches of the FSM National Government.

The Congress earlier in July passed the budget for the National Government including a first-quarter funding for the executive branch during its First Special Session.

The session was extended two more days to allow the Congress to complete some of its business.

Congress also on November 2, passed the reorganization bill, a measure to reorganize the FSM National Government (see related story on page 8.)

BILLS PASSED LAST TWO WEEKS OF SESSION:

Bills passed during the last two weeks of the session include:

C.B. 5-136, to amend the FSM Code by repealing Chapter Two, which concerns the Trust Territory Administration Procedures, in its entirety.

C.B. 5-145, CD1, to appropriate \$35,671.78 to complete certain public projects in Pohnpei State which were not completed because fundings lapsed.

C.B. 5-154, CD1, to appropriate \$100,000 to replace funds previously appropriated for the reconstruction of Outer Islands High School in Yap State which lapsed before work was to be completed.

C.B. 5-161, CD2, to further amend Title 11 of the FSM Code by repealing certain sections regarding the definition of major crimes and elements of offenses.

C.B. 5-163, to change the allottee of funds appropriated under subsection two to extend the date on which a report on the status of the funds must be submitted from the allottee to Con-

gress.

C.B. 5-168, CD1, to appropriate \$21,000 for matching funds to completing public projects in Truk State which were not completed because fundings lapsed.

C.B. 5-169, to amend Public Law No. 2-34 to change the allottee of funds appropriated under subsection five of section one. (This bill has become Public Law No. 5-26.)

C.B. 5-182, CD1, to appropriate \$67,572.71 for completing projects that were not completed because funding lapsed.

C.B. 5-186, CD2, to implement regional Fisheries Treaties.

C.B. 5-189, CD1, to appropriate \$45,311 for completing certain public projects and programs in the State of Pohnpei.

C.B. 5-192, CD1, to change the use of funds for certain public projects for Faichuk area.

C.B. 5-199, CD2, to appropriate \$97,353 for completing certain public projects and programs in the State of Pohnpei.

C.B. 5-211, to change the allottee of funds appropriated under subsection five of Section 2.

C.B. 5-208, to amend the FSM Code for correcting an error.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

LAST TWO WEEKS:

Congress adopted 18 resolutions during its last two weeks of session, among them were two measures confirming separately the nominations of Jesse Marehalau of Outer Islands, Yap, as the FSM Representative to the United States of America and Marcelino Actouka of Pohnpei as Secretary of Resources and Development Department.

C.R. 5-50 CD1, requesting the FSM Department of External Affairs to follow up on Satawan Island's request for "Miracle Help" from the U.S. Department of the Army.

C.R. 5-88, confirming the nomination of Mr. Jesse B. Marehalau to the position of Representative

of the FSM to the U.S.A.

C.R. 5-90 CD1, requesting the FSM President to expedite his nomination of permanent members of the FSM Airline Corporation.

C.R. 5-91, confirming the nomination of Mr. Marcelino K. Actouka to the position of Secretary of R&D.

C.R. 5-93, requesting the FSM President and the Department of External Affairs and its Honolulu Liaison Officer to negotiate with appropriate officials from the State of Hawaii in the U.S.A. concerning recognition of drivers' licenses issued by the FSM.

C.R. 5-94, requesting the FSM Public Auditors Office to conduct an audit of all projects receiving funds by the FSM Congress, but which projects have not been, to date, audited.

C.R. 5-98 CD1, welcoming the Honorable Michael Wygant and the staff of the U.S. Representative Office to the FSM.

C.R. 5-99 CD3, urging the FSM President and the Department of External Affairs to encourage the promotion of foreign investment by various liaison offices and create a new position of development officer in each IAO office.

CONGRESS RATIFIES COM TREATY WITH PALAU AND THE MARSHALLS

C.R. 5-100, ratifying the treaty among the governments of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the FSM, and the Republic of Palau regarding the College of Micronesia (COM).

CONGRESS APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF FSMIC LONG-TERM DEBT

C.R. 5-101, approving the assumption by the FSM Telecommunication Corporation of long-term indebtedness to the U.S. Rural Electrification Administration in the maximum principal amount of \$41 million.

C.R. 5-103, approving the Fiscal Year 1988 Block Grant Application.

C.R. 5-104, setting for the of-

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ficial score of the softball game played between the Congress and the Executive branch.

C.R. 5-105, approving the Fiscal Year 1988 application requesting Federal Funding for the Maternal and Child Health Program.

C.R. 5-106, approving the Fiscal Year 1988 Grant Application for consolidated environmental programs.

C.R. 5-107, approving the Fiscal Year 1988 Federal Health Grant applications for sexually transmitted disease prevention and control and childhood immunization.

C.R. 5-111, approving the Fiscal Year 1988 Community Health Center application.

SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR PREVENTION AND TESTING OF AIDS

C.R. 5-112, approving the Fiscal Year 1988 Federal Health Grant application for supplemental funding for AIDS.

C.R. 5-113, extending the Second Regular Session of the Fifth Congress for two more days.

C.R. 5-114, approving the Goods and Services Agreement between MMA and the Federation of Japan Tuna Fisheries Cooperation Association, the National Offshore Tuna Fisheries Association of Japan, the Far Seas Purse Seine Fishing Association.

BILLS INTRODUCED

LAST TWO WEEKS:

C.B. 5-183, to further amend the FSM Code to the compensation of the FSM Representative to the U.S.A.

C.B. 5-184, to appropriate \$6,555 for funding the news letter "A Micronesian Voice" in Honolulu.

C.B. 5-185, to amend the FSM Code for levying an ad valorem import tax on the importation of laundry bar soap for resale.

C.B. 5-187, establishing the National Health Care Plan of the

FSM.

C.B. 5-188, creating a sports and recreation board, to foster and coordinate national sports and recreation programs, to provide for the renovation and building of sports and recreation facilities; to create a sports and recreation funds; to appropriate \$250,000 for the Fund, to authorize the appropriation of monies in fiscal years 1989 for the fund.

C.B. 5-190, to amend the FSM Code to place employees of independent agencies and public corporations created by National Law within the National Public Service System.

C.B. 5-191, to appropriate \$12,000 to purchase furnitures, fixtures, audio-visual and office equipment for the PICS Student Services Improvement Projects.

C.B. 5-193, to appropriate \$500,000 to fund public projects in Kitti and Madolenihmw in Pohnpei State.

C.B. 5-194, to amend PL No. 5-15, for supplemental funding for the operations of the Executive Branch.

C.B. 5-195, to amend PL No. 5-15 to appropriate \$103,022 as supplemental funding for the Congress, and to shift amounts previously appropriated to the Congress and the Office of the Public Auditor among object codes to correct certain accounting classifications to accommodate the new accounting system of the Department of Finance & the States.

C.B. 5-196, to appropriate \$7,000 for supplementing the requirements of the Truk State Recreational Board.

C.B. 5-197, to amend the FSM Code to add communications functions to the Department of Transportation.

C.B. 5-198, to appropriate \$9,077 to purchase a vehicle for the PICS Student Field Practicum.

C.B. 5-200, to appropriate \$20,657 for reimbursing the State

of Truk for expenses incurred in connection with the FSM Congressional Elections held in 1985 and 1987.

C.B. 5-201, to appropriate \$218,705 for the construction of a courthouse for the Supreme Court of the FSM in Truk State.

C.B. 5-202, to amend the FSM Code for prohibiting naturalization and creating the status of permanent resident alien.

\$1.4 MILLION FOR STUDENT LOAN

C.B. 5-203, to appropriate \$1.4 million for funding the National Student Loan Developing Fund.

C.B. 5-204, to appropriate \$250,000 for matching the Yap State appropriation of \$250,000 pursuant to PL No. 3-88.

C.B. 5-205, maximum service charge for returned checks because of insufficient funds in the drawer's account to \$3.00 per check.

C.B. 5-206, to exempt joint ventures and partnership of which a State is a principal from the requirement for a foreign investment permit and obligation to pay gross revenues tax.

AIRPORT DEPARTURE FEE

C.B. 5-209, departure tax of \$3.00 to be imposed upon each person departing the FSM.

C.B. 5-210, to appropriate \$45,000 for purchasing a 5 KW transmitter for Truk State Radio Station (WSZC).

C.B. 5-212, to amend the FSM Code by adding a new section to create an Investment Development Fund (IDF); to provide for the administration of such Fund by the Federated Development Authority (FDA) with the advice and guidance of the IDF Board of Advisors; to appropriate \$20 million for capitalizing said Fund; to specify the purposes of such Fund and certain terms and conditions relating to the projects to be financed, in whole or in part, from the Fund.

C.B. 5-213, to amend PL No. 3-

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59 by changing the use of certain funds appropriated for public projects in the Faichuk area of the State of Truk.

C.B. 5-214, to amend PL No. 2-74 for adding a definition of "employer" and to provide exceptions to the definition of "wages" as required by the terms of foreign aid agreements entered into by the FSM.

C.B. 5-215, to amend the FSM Code for replacing peddlers' permits with sales persons' permit.

C.B. 5-216, to amend the FSM Code as amended by PL No. 4-114, by replacing section 331 through 335 in their entirety; and to establish a National Maritime Code.

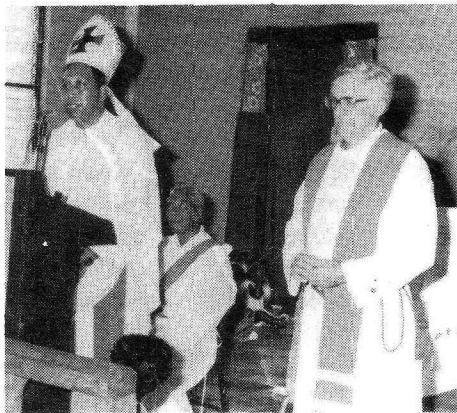
RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED

LAST TWO WEEKS:

Resolutions introduced during the last two weeks of the session included:

C.R. 5-102, requesting the FSM President to convene FSM Economic Conference.

C.R. 5-108, inviting the FSM President to form a National Commission on Foreign Labor.



BISHOP SAMO VISITS FSM CAPITAL - Bishop Amando Samo of Truk addresses the crowd at the Immaculate Heart of Mary's Church in Seinwar, Kitti, during his first visit here as Auxiliary Bishop of the Caroline and Marshall Diocese since his elevation to the bishopric in August. Sitting at the back is Our Lady of Mercy Church Assistant Pastor Geronimo Victor with Pohnpei Church Inter-Pariish Coordinator Rev. Father William McGary, S.J., far right.

C.R. 5-109, confirming the nomination of Mr. John Sohl as a member of the FSM Telecommunications Board.

C.R. 5-110, requesting a report and evaluation from the office of education on the status of the public educational system in the FSM.

C.R. 5-115, extending the sincerest thanks of Congress to Mr. Bernard Helgenberger, former Secretary of Resources and Development Department.

C.R. 5-116, directing the Department of External Affairs to request an expansion of the Farmers Home Administration Program for citizens of the FSM.

Noncitizen work permits

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Editor's note: The FSM Resources and Development Department division of Labor recently issued a public notice implementing the Manual of Administration Policy No. 46 regarding establishment of procedures and authority to make determinations on work permits and applications to employ noncitizen workers. Following is the full text of the notice:

"Effective immediately (Sept. 9, 1987) Policy No. 46, (A policy establishing procedures and authority to make determinations on work permits and applications to employ noncitizen workers) is in force and effect. All affected businesses, construction firms, etc., are urged to comply with the full intent of this operating policy.

"Copies of this policy are available at the Office of the Division of Labor, FSM National Government, situated on the 2nd Floor of Dr. Pretrick's building across from Pohnpei State Government Garage. If you have not received a copy of this policy, we ask that you visit our office and obtain a copy for ready reference and information. Thank you for your attention. /s/ Management."

Gallen joins FSM AG Office

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Joses R. Gallen of U municipality who graduated with an L.L.B. degree (bachelor of law) from the University of Papua New Guinea Law School, received Professional C.G. Weera-mentary Awards for the 1984 best student in jurisprudence, joined, October 1987, the FSM National Government as an Assistant Attorney General.

Gallen held the following posts in Pohnpei State prior to joining the FSM Attorney's Office; Staff Attorney for Pohnpei State Legis-

lature, Deputy State Attorney for Pohnpei State, FSM Supreme Court Law Clerk for Chief Justice Edward C. King, Pohnpei State prosecutor, and also served in Pohnpei State Legislature as the Legislature Aide.



Gallen

Gallen studied political science at the University of Hawaii, Manoa and received his Associate of Arts degree from the Kawai Community College. He graduated from PICS high school where he received a certificate award for high achievement in trade and industry fields.

He was admitted to practice law before the T.T. High Court and Pohnpei District Court as a Trial Assistant, Supreme Court as Trial Counselor, FSM Supreme Court as an Attorney, Pohnpei State Supreme Court as an Attorney, and a member of both FSM Bar and Pohnpei State Bar.

Gallen is married to former Petra Tun of Yap State and they have three children.

Governor declares state of emergency

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses has declared on Nov. 19 a 30-day State of Emergency for Pohnpei State following the spread of whooping cough that has resulted in a number of deaths among children here.

Moses decreed emergency measures and directed state government offices and agencies to cooperate with officials in eradicating the whooping cough and to assist in the medical treatments and care of its victims, and also declared that state funds may be reprogrammed or over expended upon Governor's approval to meet the costs and expenses of the emergency, as the situation justifies.

In response to Gov. Resio Moses' declaration, FSM President John R. Haglegam said that he shares the Governor's concern of a potential danger of an outbreak of pertussis (whooping cough) and has directed the FSM Health Services to assist the state's efforts in setting up early and appropriate intervention preventive planning and activities.

Truk Con-Con postponed

MOEN, Truk (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Trukese voters were not able to go to polls on Dec. 1 to elect their delegates to a convention to rework the Truk draft constitution as scheduled since the islands were devastated by Tropical Storm Nina on Nov. 21.

The draft constitution was disapproved by 70 percent or 12,304 voters during March 11, 1986 general elections.

Formerly scheduled for Nov. 10, the elections were postponed to Dec. 1 but were not held due to Nina's destruction of the government facilities in Truk, official sources in Truk said, adding that Governor Gideon Doone has officially postponed the elections indefinitely.

Reorganization bill passes

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Congress on November second passed the long-awaited bill to reorganize the National Government executive branch, despite concerns by some members as to the cost-effectiveness of the plan.

There were also concerns as to whether the plan is necessary. Congress bill no. 5-18, in its sixth draft, was deferred earlier in the second regular session in May in the wake of serious efforts to provide for further amendments.

President John R. Haglegam signed the bill into Public Law No. 5-21 on Nov. 6, according to President's Office.

A Congress news release on the matter stated that "under the proposed reorganization plan of the National Government, there are 10 departments and offices, eight independent agencies and

four public corporations.

The departments and offices are: the Department of External Affairs; Finance; Resources and Development; Human Resources, and Transportation; and offices of the Attorney General, Budget, Administrative Services, Public Defender and the Office of Planning and Statistics.

"The eight independent agencies include: the Banking Board, Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA), College of Micronesia (COM) Board of Regents, Social Security Board, Investment Development Fund Board, Postal Services, Board of Education and Coconut Development Authority. The four public corporations will be the National Fisheries Corporation, FSM Development Bank, FSM Airline Corporation and FSM Telecommunications Corporation," the release stated.

The Office of the Public Information is abolished and its functions absorbed by the Office of the President along with the Micronesian Relations Division of the Department of External Affairs, while the Disaster Coordination Office which was previously proposed to be transferred to the Office of Planning and Statistics remains under the Office of the President.

The new Department of Human Resources merges the Offices of Health Services and Education. The Department of External Affairs absorbs the functions of the Status Commission.

The release also said that, "the reorganization plan, which becomes effective on January 1, 1988, also abolished the Office of FSM Personnel and put it under the new Office of Administrative Services. The Foreign Investment Board, Environmental Protection Board, and Medical Licensing Board are also abolished with their functions transferred to existing departments or offices with similar functions."

Four complete computer training

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Some 30 hours were spent on basic word processing and systems utility for Wang System by four FSM Congress staff in a computer training course

conducted by Community College of Micronesia Computer Instructor Sepehr Sohrab, according to Congress Administration Director Suda S. Rayel.

The weeklong training course was held Nov. 2-6 at the Congress facilities in Kolonia and was aimed at developing computer skills of the staff for the congressional delegations from the states of Yap, Kosrae and Truk.

Participants included: Cancilina Kephas from Kosrae; Serlyna Esa and Yasuo Roby of Truk and Angela Manmwau of Yap.

Nina hit Truk, left islands in millions worth of damages

MOEN, Truk (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Tropical Storm Nina set a chilling trail as it missed Pohnpei and slammed into Truk Lagoon some 560 miles southeast of Guam and howled away leaving four killed, one missing and presumed dead, 19 injured two of whom are in serious condition and thousands homeless in its wake, according to a joint release by Truk Governor's Office and FSM President's Office.

FSM President John R. Haglegam declared Nov. 25 a state of emergency for State of Truk after the islands sustained extensive damages from Tropical Storm Nina and formally requesting the United States Government for assistance. Truk Governor Gideon Doone earlier on Nov. 21 decreed emergency measures for Truk State and directed the government employees to help repair and assist the disaster coordination activities on Truk.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan has also declared on Nov. 26 Truk State as a major disaster area, according to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IX director Robert Vickers who notified President Haglegam about the declaration through telephone.

Nina, which was located southwest of Pohnpei last Thursday, Nov. 19, traveling west at 8 knots with sustained winds at 55 knots, picked up speed to 60 knots with headwinds gusting up to 85 knots as it slammed into Truk Lagoon at 3:00 a.m. on Nov. 21 and sending the islands reeling in the dark, downed power and telephone poles and destroyed 95 percent of all of lagoon islands crops.

With 60 percent estimated property damage, the situation is becoming critical as the sewer lines are clogged and water scarce, there may be a health hazard if the power is not restored within a few days and the

State center island of Moen is left with only a half day supply of water, Special Assistant to President for Disaster Coordination, Ehnson Johnson said.

Several representatives from groups around the region and the United States, including FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers from Honolulu and a representative from the U.S. Department of Interior were already there in Truk to help out, Johnson said, adding that Truk State government employees and Civic Action Team continuously work on a 24-hour debris clean-up and emergency restoration of essential public services.

It is estimated that it will take at least several months or even years to restore public utilities and to rebuild thousands of homes which were totally destroyed by Tropical Storm Nina.

As of Nov. 24, the count for total destruction of private homes on Moen has reached 643 with another 600 sustaining damages by Nina.

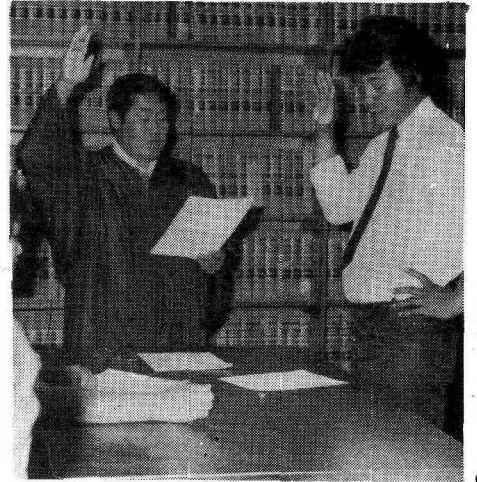
Government officials estimated that Nina's damages are 90 to 95 percent for Truk State Lagoon islands and that estimates from the outer islands are yet to be received.

Current repair cost estimates for the extensive damages in agricultural crops, public and private buildings and facilities is \$6.06 million for the lagoon islands, Johnson said, adding that a report is being finalized and that the people are now relying on relief aid for food and school buildings for shelter.

Food and shelter are critical needs right now, Johnson noted, adding that the Micronesian communities may send monetary or food donations to Governor's Office in Truk for distribution.

A three-man telephone linemen team from the FSM Telecommunications from Pohnpei met with representatives from FEMA, Corps of

Engineers and the Department of Interior in Truk for an initial assessment of damages by Tropical Storm Nina, Johnson said, adding that Truk is in critical need of housing, water, food and medical supplies.



JOSEPH AS CHIEF CLERK - Pohnpei State Court Chief Justice Edwel Santos, left, is swearing in Nelson Joseph of Kolonia as chief clerk of the Pohnpei State Supreme Court on Nov. 2. Joseph replaces Dohsis Halbert who was elected to a two-year seat in the FSM Congress in March. Maryann Camacho of U was also sworn in as assistant chief clerk by Chief Justice Santos.

Special session called

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Haglegam called a special session of the FSM Congress to be convened here on Nov. 30 and asked the FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz to make the necessary arrangements for the attendance of the senators.

The five-day special session is to consider relief funding for the State of Truk which sustained extensive damages by Tropical Storm Nina, funding for the recently collapsed Mutenennea Bridge in Kosrae, and the philatelic agreement of the FSM Postal Service which requires immediate action, among other issues, the President's Nov. 25-letter to Speaker Fritz said.

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SENATOR DOHSIS S. HALBERT
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SENATOR NISHIMA E. YLEIZAH
TWO-YEAR TERM, TRUK STATE
VICE CHAIRMAN, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Actouka as R&D Secretary

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Former FSM Resources and Development Engergy Planner Marcelino K. Actouka of Pohnpei was sworn on Nov. 12 by President John R. Haglelgam as the Secretary of Resources and Development Department replacing Bernard Helgenberger who resigned in May.

The Nov.-12th event brings to a total of 12 cabinet officers being sworn in by President Haglelgam in the new administration, including, Chief of Staff Ieske Iehsi; External Affairs Department Secretary Andon Amaraich and Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy, FSM Representative to the United States of America, Jesse B. Marehalau; Finance Secretary Aloysius Tuuth; Transportation Department Secretary Robert Weilbacher; Budget Officer Del Pangelinan; Health Services Director Dr. Eliuel Pretrick; Education Director Daro Weital; Personnel Officer Kohne Ramon, and Attorney General Jack Warndorf.

Former FSM Washington Deputy Representative Jesse Marehalau of Falalap, Ulithi, Outer Islands, Yap State, was administered the oath of office on Nov. 4 by the President during a ceremony held here at the President's Office while others took oath during the summer.

Chief of Staff Ieske Iehsi said that completion of cabinet nomin-

ations is expected soon for the Office of Public Defender and Office of Planning and Statistics while the Public Information Officer is the only other officer not required the advice and consent of the FSM Congress.

The reorganization bill, which was passed on final reading by the FSM Congress on Nov. 2, was signed Nov. 6 into law by President Haglelgam and is now designated Public Law No 5-21.

Luey, new FSMDB board chairman

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Special Assistant to President for legislative affairs, Mr. Luey Luey, was elected chairman of the FSM Development Bank (FSMDB) Board replacing James Lukan of Yap, while Truk State Government chief of staff Koichi Sana was elected vice chairman to replace former board member Nena Nithan of Kosrae during a reorganization meeting of the board held recently in Pohnpei, according to a FSMDB news release.

The board was briefed on the impact of PL No. 4-106 which went into effect on June 2 to reduce the previous interest rates of 8, 9 and 10 percent all to five percent per annum on all new approved loans and also eliminate accrual of interests during the grace period, FSMDB president Manny Mori of Truk said, adding that the law took effect on existing loan accounts on Oct. 10 with their terms remaining the same while the monthly payments are reduced.

"The Bank anticipates big turn-out for the existing borrowers who are expected to take advantage of the reduction in interest rate," the release said, noting that "it is anticipated also that PL 4-106 would erode the financial position of the Bank."

Kilafwakun joins Congress

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Former FSM Resources and Development Department Business Development Officer Nelson Kilafwakun of Kosrae was appointed Nov. 22 as Deputy Economist for the FSM Congress.

Kilafwakun, 30, received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Small Business Management from Eastern Washington State University, Seattle, Washington, and a special certificate in Business from Saxon Business Institute, Miami, Florida.

"Kilafwakun is to be trained to take over my job," FSM Congress Economist Dr. Richard White said, adding that he is teaching a seminar on economic development beginning in January as part of Kilafwakun's training and for others who may be interested.

Major topics considered during the 29th Board Meeting included: the FSMDB's interest in administering the Investment Development Fund (IDF), and the prospect of FSMDB's subscribing stocks from the Bank of FSM.

Other members of the Board are: Mr. Mori, Secretary/Treasurer; Herman Semes, Pohnpei; Lukan of Yap; and FSM Finance Secretary Al Tuuth, representing the FSM Government.

Palik as FSMDB VEEP

In another FSMDB related activity, former Kosrae State Planner Aren B. Palik was appointed the vice president of the FSMDB.

The vice president's duties and responsibilities include among others ensuring of efficient overall operations of FSMDB and the coordination of departmental activities such as loans, finance, accounting and project development.

Palik is a native of Lelu, Kosrae, who attended Lelu Elementary School and graduated from Kosrae High School and Eastern Oregon State College, La Grande, Oregon, in 1982 with a B.S. degree in Business/Economics.

He had held positions with the FSM National Government as Planner in the Office of Planning and Statistics and as Economic Planner and Planner for the Kosrae State Government prior to his appointment.

Palik previously served as chairman of Kosrae State Board of Education and vice chairman of Kosrae Private Industry Council; and member of Kosrae State Tax Review Committee, State Incentive Award Committee, and Lelu Municipal Charter Commission.

Palik, 28, is married to former Adelita Abraham of Kolonia, Pohnpei, and they have a three-year old daughter, Sonja.



Palik

FSM Congress members' short biographies

FRITZ, Jack (TRUK State: 2-year term) - In the Congress leadership, the two-year term Speaker Fritz, of Truk State was elected to the Second FSM Congress in 1981 when he defeated incumbent Senator Julio Akapito as representative of the Southern Namoneas in the Truk Lagoon, the state's Third Congressional District.

Fritz was born March 23, 1950, on Kuttu Island, Mortlocks, served as an interpreter in the 1975 Micronesian Constitutional Convention and received a BA degree in political science in 1974 and law degree in 1979 from the University of Hawaii. He was admitted to the T.T. Bar Association and worked as a legislative counsel in Truk, before being elected to the Congress where he served as Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee chairman in the third and fourth congresses. He is also a member of the FSM Supreme Court and the Pohnpei State Supreme Court Bar associations.

Speaker Fritz serves as Vice Chairman of the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition, and the Chairman of the Committee on Transition of the Commission.

The Speaker is married to former Francy Bossy of Moen and they have five children.

THOMAS, Elias (POHNPEI State: 2-year term) - Vice Speaker Thomas, of Pohnpei State was elected to a two-year term representing Kittu and Madolenihmw in Pohnpei's Second Congressional District since the First FSM Congress in 1979. He served as chairman of the External Affairs Subcommittee during the Fourth Congress and was vice chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. He is now member of the Committee on Resources and Development.

Born March 3, 1940, in Kittu, Thomas attended the former Pacific

Islands Central School in Truk, joined the WSZD Pohnpei State Broadcast Station as an announcer in 1965 and later became station manager, before serving 1976-79 as the Trust Territory Broadcast Chief in Saipan.

The vice Speaker is married to former Misko Joseph of Pohnpei and they have eight children.

PHILLIP, Claude (KOSRAE State: 2-year term) - Floor Leader Phillip of Kosrae State was elected to the Third FSM Congress in 1983 to replace Hiroshi H. Ismael when he gave up the Kosrae two-year seat. He served as Vice chairman of the Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee during the Fourth Congress and is member of the Committees on Ways and Means, and Resources and Development.

Phillip was born Nov. 21, 1947, in Kosrae. He graduated from Kosrae High School in 1967 and received a BA degree in political science from Doane College, Crete, Nebraska. He was a social studies instructor at the Micronesian Occupational College (MOC), Palau; Marshall Islands District Civic Affairs Officer and also served as Public Defender's representative and a Land Commissioner for Kosrae.

Floor Leader Phillip served as member of the Kosrae State Political Status Commission, Kosrae Transportation Authority Board of Directors and member of the College of Micronesia (COM) Board of Directors from 1970 to 1985.

He is married to former Betty Olkeriil of Palau and they have three children.

OTTO, Tony (TRUK State: 2-year term) - Senator Otto of Truk, who is the chairman of Ways and Means Committee, was elected to the two year seat in the FSM Third Congress in 1983 by defeating incumbent Senator Masachiro Christlib in the Truk Fifth Congressional District which includes the Halls and Western Islands. He served as Health Education and Social

Affairs Committee Chairman during the Fourth Congress and is now member of the Committees on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, and Health, Education and Social Affairs.

Otto was born Jan 31, 1948, in Truk. He attended Truk High School and worked two years as a teacher before attending the Truk Teacher Education Center (TRU-TEC), received an AS degree in education from CCM, Pohnpei State, and a BA degree from the University of Hawaii. He served as CCM student activities coordinator and physical education instructor, Weipat Junior High School teacher, Truk bilingual education curriculum writer, MICAL director and instructional supervisor.

FIGIR, Isaac V. (YAP State: 2-year term) - Judiciary and Governmental Operations Chairman Figir of Yap State was elected to the Third Congress in 1983 by defeating incumbent Floor Leader Luke Tman for the Yap two-year seat. He served as External Affairs Chairman during the Fourth Congress and is now serving on the Committee on Ways and Means.

Figir was born Aug. 20, 1947, in Yap. He was graduated from Yap High School, received a BA degree in behavioral sciences from the University of Guam in 1971 and an MS degree in social sciences from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, in 1975. He served in Yap as a radio announcer and disc jockey, and legal counsel for Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, and in Pohnpei was a Researcher and later became Executive Director of the FSM Commission on Future Political Status and Transition.

Senator Figir serves on the Board of Directors of WAAB Transportation Company and Yap Cooperative Association (YCA) in Yap State, and the Bank of the FSM. He is also a member of the FSM

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Task Force on Airlines.

He is married to former Mary Berngun of Gagil, Yap State, who presently serves as the Director of Yap State Health Services. The Senator and his wife have four children.

BOSSY, Nick (TRUK State: 2-year term) - Senator Bossy of Truk State, was elected to the Fourth FSM Congress in 1985 by defeating incumbent Sasao Goulard in the Second Truk Congressional District which includes Piis Moen and Fono, and Moen. He is a member on the Health, Education and Social Affairs Committee, and the Chairman of the Committee on Resources and Development.

Bossy was born Sept. 12, 1936, in Truk where he attended Xavier High School. He also attended the University of Hawaii and served as a Truk Hospital lab assistant, Marianas District personnel director and returned to Truk in that post, a position which he held until his election to the Sixth Congress of Micronesia in 1974. During the Sixth Congress of Micronesia, he was appointed to serve on the Joint Committee on Administrative Appointments, the Micronesian Delegation to the Law of the Sea Conference, and on the Joint Committee on Micronesian Claims.

REFALOPEI, Kalisto (TRUK State: 2-year term) - External Affairs Chairman Refalopei of Truk State, who is a member of the Committee on Resources and Development, represents the Second Congressional District which includes the Fai-chuk Islands in the Truk Lagoon since being elected to the First Congress in 1979, serving as a two-year term Senator.

Refalopei was born July 16, 1946, on Wonei Island, Truk State and attended St. Julia School, Truk Intermediate School and Fai-chuk Project School. He served in the Truk District Legislature,

was a Policeman for the then Truk District, and a member in the FSM Interim Congress.

In the Sixth and Seventh Congress of Micronesia, Senator Refalopei served on the House Committees on Appropriation and Health Matters, a position he also held during the Interim Congress of the FSM.

Senator Refalopei served in the Fourth Congress as vice chairman of the Committee of External Affairs.

HALBERT, Dohsis H. (POHNPEI State: 2-year term) - Health, Education and Social Affairs Chairman Halbert, was elected March 3 to the two-year seat replacing former Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry as representative of the First Congressional District in Pohnpei which includes Kolonia Town, Sokehs, and the islands of Kapingamarangi, Nukuoro and Sapwuafik. Senator Halbert is a member of the Committees on Resources and Development, and Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

Born in Sokehs, Oct. 28, 1949, Halbert was graduated from the Pohnpei Islands Central School (PICS), received an AS degree from the Community College of Micronesia in Pohnpei. He was serving as Pohnpei State Supreme Court Chief Clerk when he was elected to the Fifth Congress. He previously served as an elementary teacher, War Claims field representative, COM administrative assistant, Pohnpei District Agriculture Division administrative assistant and Ponape District Court Clerk.

Senator Halbert serves on the Pohnpei State Scholarship Board and a member of the FSM Task Force on Cholera. He is married to former Martha Elnei and they have five children.

CHRISTIAN, Peter (POHNPEI State: 2-year term) - Christian who is the vice chairman of the Committee on Resources and Devel-

opment, and member of the Committee on Ways and Means in the Fifth Congress, representing the Third Congressional District composed of U, Nett, Mwoakilloa and Pingelap. Senator Christian was the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee during the Fourth FSM Congress.

Born Oct. 16, 1947 in Pohnpei, attended Xavier High School in Truk, the University of Hawaii and took courses at the Honolulu Business College. Senator Christian was a member of the Pohnpei State Legislature before being elected to the First Congress of the FSM.

He is a prominent member of the State of Pohnpei Business Community serving at one time as president of the Ponape Chamber of Commerce. He was also chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ponape Community Action Agency, the Ponape District Employment Service Officer, and also served as Ponape Field Services Officer.

Senator Christian is married to former Maurina Weilbacher of U and they have two children.

LEIZAH, Nishima (TRUK State: 2-year term) - Yeleizah who is the vice chairman of the Committee on External Affairs and member on the Ways and Means, and Judiciary and Governmental Operations committees, is a two year-term Senator representing the First Congressional District of Truk, the Mortlock Islands. He was the Special Assistant to the First FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama when elected to Congress on March 3, 1987 over veteran Senator Raymond Setik.

Born July 2, 1945 in Truk, and a graduate of the University of Guam with a BA degree in political science.

He served as Truk District Civic Affairs Officer, Assistant Clerk and Clerk of the former Congress of Micronesia Senate, Clerk of the FSM Interim Con-

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gress, FSM Congress Chief Clerk and FSM External Affairs Department Liaison Officer in Honolulu and Guam. Senator Yleizah also served as the External Affairs Administrative Officer.

He is a member of the FSM Job Training Partnership Act council. The Senator is married to former Missy Yoma and they have four children.

KILLION, Redley (TRUK State: 4-year term) - Killion, was first elected to Congress, in March 1987 by defeating incumbent Koi-chi Sana for the Truk at-large four-year seat. In the Fifth Congress, Senator Killion serves as vice chairman on the Ways and Means Committee and a member of the committees on Resources and Development (R&D), and Health, Education and Social Affairs (HE-SA).

Born Oct. 23, 1951 on Moen Island, Truk State, was awarded a Congress of Micronesia scholarship to complete his senior high school education at Marit High School in Eugene, Oregon. He was graduated from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee with a Masters degree in economic and a certificate in economic development and planning, received his Bachelors of Arts degree from the University of Hawaii in economics.

Killion held various posts at the Trust Territory Department of Resources and Development, and the Office of Planning and Statistics. He served as Truk State's first Director of Resources and Development and at the same time served on various FSM National Boards; FSM Development Bank, FSM Foreign Investment Board, National Fisheries Corporation, including the ad hoc committees representing Truk State.

He is married to former Jacinta Antonio and they have seven children.

FALCAM, Leo A. (POHNPEI State: 4-year term) - Falcam who is the vice chairman of the Committees on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, and Health, Education and Social Affairs, and a member of the External Affairs Committee was born, Nov. 20, 1935 in Pohnpei and a graduate of the University of Hawaii who did his graduate studies at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public administration and international affairs, at Princeton University, New Jersey. He was a delegate and Chairman of the Pohnpei delegation to the 1975 Micronesian Constitutional Convention, and was elected one of the Convention's vice presidents.

Earlier, Falcam served as Political Affairs and Executive Officer on the High Commissioner's staff in the former Trust Territory Government. A former Assistant District Administrator and later became Administrator of Pohnpei District. Senator Falcam was the first elected Governor for Pohnpei. He also served as a Liaison Officer for the then FSM-Washington Liaison Office, and the Chairman of the Pohnpei Constitutional Convention from 1983-84.

Senator Falcam served as the the first FSM Postmaster General until March of 1987, when he was elected to the Pohnpei at-large four-year seat in the Fifth Congress.

Falcam is the President of the FSM Bank and member of the Bank's Board of Directors, a member of the PATS Board of Trustees and the PATS PEACE Foundation.

Senator Falcam is married to former Iris Green of Honolulu and they have four children.

URUSEMAL, Joseph (YAP State: 4-year term) - Senator Urusemal who serves on the Committees on Resources and Development, External Affairs, and Education, Health and Social Affairs was graduated from Rockhurst College,

Kansas City, Missouri, with a BA degree in Justice Administration. He is also a graduate from Xavier High School in Truk.

Urusemal was elected to the Fifth FSM Congress during a Special Election for the at large four-year term seat for Yap State vacated by John R. Haglegam when he was elected the FSM President.

Senator Urusemal was born, March 19, 1952 in Woleai, Yap State was a Correction Officer in Jackson County, Missouri. He served as classroom teacher and counselor at the Outer Islands High School on Falalop, Ulithi, a position he held until his election to the Congress. He also served for one year on the Yap State Education Five Year Plan Steering Committee.

Senator Urusemal is married to Olania Latileilam and they have one child.

NENA, Jacob (KOSRAE State: 4-years) - Senator Nena, who was elected during the Congressional Special Election to the at large four-year term seat for Kosrae vacated by Hiroshi H. Ismael when the latter was elected Vice President of the FSM, is a member of the Committees on Health, Education and Social Affairs, Judiciary and Governmental Operations, and External Affairs.

Born October 10, 1941 in Lelu, Kosrae State, Senator Nena graduated from the Pacific Islands Central School (PICS), received his BA degree in political science with a minor in English and Economics from the College of Guam. In 1971, he was on an East-West Center grant and at the same time working for a graduate degree in public administration and business management.

Senator Nena began his working career by teaching at PICS High School, served as Ponape District Political Affairs Officer, Acting District Rep. and Deputy District Rep. for Kosrae. Nena became the

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first elected Governor for Kosrae State, but lost his re-election bid for Kosrae governorship to Yosiwo George in 1983. He served as the Executive Director for the Kosrae Transportation Authority and was a private businessman until his election to the Fifth FSM Congress.

Senator Nena was a member of the Micronesia on Political Status and Transition, Chairman of Lelu Municipal Government Constitutional Convention, president of Lelu PTA and Lelu Christian Endeavor, member of the Kosrae State Constitutional Convention serving as Chairman of the Committee on Government Structure and Operations, and he once was on accompanied President Tosiwo Nakayama to the South Pacific Forum.

He is married to former Lerina Jack and they have nine children.



TAKE BAR OATH - Three of the nine lawyers who passed the August 20 FSM bar examination are being sworn in Nov. 5 in the FSM Supreme Court Chamber by Chief Justice Edward C. King are from right Pohnpei State Attorney, Office of Prosecutor, Randy Boyer; Pohnpei State Special Counsel Lloyd Mashita; and Daniel Berman of Ezra, O'Connor, Moon & Tam in Pohnpei. Micronesian Legal Services Corp. staff attorney Joel Jasperse and Truk Legislative Counsel Mary A. Flanagan were sworn in Oct 27 while former Truk State Attorney General Charles Paul Ake was sworn in Dec. 1. by Associate Justice Richard Benson in Truk. Former Truk Legislative Counsel Raymond Tiernan, Kosrae assistant Attorney General David Huscher and Kosrae State Court Law Clerk Margaret Huscher will be admitted upon taking of oath.

Congress adjourns, hits plan in speeches

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Editor's note: During the last regular session of the FSM Congress held in Oct and Nov., members of the Fifth Congress responded critically to issues under consideration on the floor. Among the notable speeches made are the following which deal with the issues of reorganization, budget, and the general coverage of the last session:

Speaker compliments members

Following is a statement by Speaker Jack Fritz, on the last day of the session:

"Now that we are about to conclude the second regular session of the fifth congress, I hope you will forgive my lack of modesty if I recall something I said on the first day of session. At that time I said it was time to stop studying and start taking action. I believe we have met that challenge.

Decisive action, plan passes

We have taken decisive action on numerous issues. We have passed a reorganization bill, even though skeptics thought we might debate it forever. We have put together and passed a congress budget bill, which implements the reorganization and represents our first major step in using capital account funds for development projects. We have resolved the issue of major crimes jurisdiction. We have confirmed important presidential nominations. We have ratified the COM Treaty. We have passed needed legislation on subjects such as MMA, extradition, fisheries treaty implementation, and so forth.

On other issues, such as monetization and the retirement plan, we have made significant progress in our work even though we have not reached final decisions. We have increased our understanding of those matters, and defined the issues which must still be resolved.

Accomplishments are many

These accomplishments are the product of a great deal of work. We are all tired, and perhaps a little impatient with each other. Each of us has had his individual moments of disappointment in this legislative process of the last few days. However, looking back over our accomplishments this session, I believe we should all take a moment to smile, forget temporary frustrations, and pat each other on the back. My fellow senators, I would like to congratulate each of you for your success this session. I would like to also congratulate our staff for working so hard and patiently with us. Most high expectations set the goals we have worked towards. We cannot spend very much time patting ourselves on the back. New challenges will arise and pack us in the future. We have solemn obligation to repeatedly prove ourselves worthy of such challenges.

Congratulations for a job well done

But for now, let's take a few moments of pride in a job well done. As the good book almost says, to everything there is a season, a time to rend, a time to sew, a time to legislate, and a time to rest, relax, and recover from so much legislating.

May you all have a pleasant and safe journey home, whether that journey is a few minutes by car or several days by Senator Urusemal's canoe."

Senator Redley Killion of Truk, who opposed the passage of reorganization bill, delivered his additional remarks on the last day of the second regular session: "Mr. Speaker, I beg the indulgence of the Congress to permit me to make a few comments on the budget that we have passed today.

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Despite the long hours that we have spent reviewing this budget, I look upon it with fear. It is not a fear that the budget will inhibit the necessary work of government because, if anything, I believe that we have been too generous to ourselves and to the other branches of the government. Nor is it a fear that our revenues will be insufficient to meet our expenses since our budget office estimates that we will have well over a million dollars left over after making this appropriation.

Fear we may be ignoring realities of our economy

It is my fear that while we are generously meeting our immediate needs, we are ignoring the long term realities of our economy. This year we will spend over \$14 million on the operational costs of our government, including over \$2 million for congress alone. Since our local revenues amount to no more than \$7 to \$8 million a year, we can only meet that budget by relying on the funds we receive from the U.S. Government under the provision of the Compact.

It's time to contain cost

I believe that the time to contain the cost of our government is at hand. I would not feel this way if I thought that our revenues would increase for the foreseeable future. But we all know that in only four short years our compact operational funding will be reduced by 15 percent. At that time, given the current trend of our government expenditure, our operational cost would have been increased by 35 percent at the least. Moreover, with the states clamoring for an even larger share of national taxes, we may find that after the next constitutional convention,

the level of available local revenues will be reduced.

We must act now

However, I believe that if we act now, we can be ready for these reductions. If instead, we continue to increase the size of our government to use up to limited available resources, we will have hired so many people that the only means of reducing the budget will be to lay some people off or reduce everyone's wages. And we all know how difficult either of those actions would be.

Bureaucratic waste must be avoided

Furthermore, why do we spend so much on our government? For years we objected to what we saw as the waste of the bureaucratic Trust Territory Government. We said that if only we could have the money that we spent on the Trust Territory Government bureaucracy we could do wonderful things for our people.

Well, we have been given the chance and what have we done? We have created a national bureaucracy that has grown over the past several years to consist of over 425 people and the states are complaining about the size of the National Government and think of the wonderful things that they could do for their people if only they received the money that we use. Soon they may try to petition the National Government just as we got rid of the Trust Territory Government one year ago. But where can we cut today? I would suggest that we look first to our own budget. This year is the first that we shall spend over two million dollars on the operation of Congress. In the last year we have gone from 57 to 61 employees.

Congress functions with less staff

Given that congress was able to function for years with fewer

employees and less funds, we should be able to find ways to conserve in our own budget. There are also places that can be cut in the budget of the other branches. We need to be less swayed by the individual cries of the people who are asking for more money for their department or offices and more aware of the need to reduce our expenditures.

We must invest our money

But savings should not be generated for savings sake. I believe that we should invest any savings in our future. By suggesting that we invest, I do not mean that we should reduce our work force today in order to send our money off to the U.S. to be placed in stocks or bonds. By suggesting that we invest, I mean that we should provide funds to our own economy through worthwhile development projects. We have taken a strong first step in this budget by approving the President's recommendation that \$3 million be given to the FSM Development Bank to encourage the development of the private sector. But we can do more. By channeling funds saved from our operations and, dare I suggest, public projects, to development, we can begin to create the type of economy that can support the government services that our people have come to expect. Unfortunately, without funds for development in addition to the capital account, I do not believe that we can reach this goal.

President must provide lead

In this effort I would seek the support of the President as well, while in these remarks I have focused on actions that we should take, the President should provide leadership in this area. Disappointingly, while his rhetoric has been consistent with these goals, we have yet to see

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concrete actions from the executive branch to implement such goals. While the budget bill that we passed today was a substantial increase in the operational cost of the government, it was a reduction in the President's original budget request which was submitted to us at the beginning of this session. With all due respect to President Hagelgam, I urge him and his administration to put in place his often expressed desire to limit the cost of government by presenting us with a budget next year that holds the line on or reduces the operational costs of the National Government. If he does this, he will have my support for keeping the final appropriation within the total that he proposes.

Re-org.plan bill, lip service

A week ago I spoke to you about my thoughts on the reorganization bill that was recently signed into law. I spoke about how we had taken the President's attempt at limiting the size and cost of the government and returned to him a bill that paid lip service to the idea but did not actually accomplish much of anything. Such reorganization further expands the size of our government thus increasing its operation cost which is contrary to what it was originally set to accomplish.

Today we have continued to pay lip service to the goal of reducing the cost of our government but instead we have continued to pass increases.

1991 will bring harsh realities

We are now well on the road to that day in 1991 when we will have to face to harsh reality of layoffs or pay reductions to finance the first step down in compact funding unless a financial or economic miracle occurs within the next four years. I hope that

with the next budget we will turn from that path and onto the road to measured economic growth.

Thank you Mr. Speaker and members of congress for your indulgence."

Following is the full text of floor remarks by Vice Speaker Elias Thomas of Pohnpei regarding FSM Public Information Office and the National Union, a sacred trust, as relative to reorganization plan. The text was inserted in the Congressional Journal on Nov. 5, during the 25th day of the second regular session:

"The FSM Congress passed a bill on final reading that would restructure the National Executive Branch's organization. One of the offshoots of this bill is the restructuring of the Public Information Office into a mere division under the Office of the President.

FSM PIO is the National Union

When one talks about the FSM PIO, one thinks about the National Union. For added to its routine functions as a government office, PIO has, for the past years since the inception of the FSM as a Constitutional Government, kept the nation informed through the National Union. Yet, as a government paper, the National Union has to struggle to keep its mandate clear of accusations ranging from misinformation to deliberate cover-ups of government activities, not only from ordinary citizens but from senators of the FSM Congress as well. As a paper, the National Union surpassed government officials' expectations. It has become a people's paper!

The National Union detractors love to call it the National "Union". Because, as one such detractor says, you cry when you read its lousy articles. But other than its so-called "lousy articles," there is one reason to

truly cry about in this re-organization scheme that the President proposes. And that is the very real threat to the National Union's credibility as a government newspaper.

National Union must not be shadowed by the government

To put it under the auspices of the President's Office would give credence to accusations that what comes out of the paper is propaganda. In practical terms, one cannot expect the National Union readers to rely on its contents under the shadow of such accusations. One cannot also operate under President's Office and expect to publish without constraints to one of the constitutionally guaranteed freedoms: the freedom of expression. We might as well not publish any newspaper at all.

Not enough reason to clip Union

The President has not given sufficient reason for clipping the wings of the Nation's only newspaper. Except that it is cost effective. And here lies another danger of this kind of exercise in cost efficiency. To sacrifice our freedom of expression in the name of economy is to court the road to a breakdown in democracy.

Perhaps what we need is to re-examine the functions of the PIO. Under an independent FSM, the people needs a truly free and responsible newspaper.

The public needs to know the officials

Government officials should not view this as a threat to the orderly running of the government. The public needs to know how their elected officials govern the nation, and no government official in the nation has the right to decide what the public

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should and should not know, except when it touches the security of the nation.

When can freedom of press fly

The press in other independent nations worries about such higher virtues as ethical considerations in journalistic writings while in totalitarian countries, the press struggles through censorship, arrests and imprisonment. We are not a totalitarian government, yet our press is barely surviving. And now, we're clipping its wings. When can freedom of the press truly fly?

The nation needs an independent newspaper. Several private individuals attempted such enterprise but all fail on account of those quirks of economics that do not allow a business to survive when expenses exceed income. So we are left with the PIO as the only viable means to let the public know what their government officials are up to.

PIO cannot be effective when taking orders from any office

The PIO cannot be effective for as long as it is viewed as taking orders from one of the heads of the three branches of the government. PIO's functions must encompass all three branches and all four states, to ensure free flow of information to and from the public. The answer is not to hide under the President's Office but rather to broaden its functions under our new and independent nation.

The President must only be concerned that these functions are carried out well by the head of the office. If the President is dissatisfied with performance, he needs only to replace the officer-in-charge. But let us not underestimate the sacred trust of freedom of expression. For the rest of the world does not know

of our existence as a nation and it is by this trust that other nations will measure our capability as a free independent nation.

Gentlemen, (two days ago), on Nov. 3rd, we celebrated the first anniversary of the independence of our sovereign nation. It certainly is a time to remember that we gained independence from foreign domination for the first time in 400 years. It would be ironical to think that as we regain our freedom, we in turn trim the very outfit that informs and educates our people. We clip the wings of the means to which the people's right to know and participate in making our government, depend on.

PIO must expand to inform

As we gain our freedom, the FSM Public Information Office - the only vehicle to inform the people - must be allowed to expand, without government's constraints, in order to help our nation become a cohesive, strong government able to withstand, even flourish, because peoples' views about government activities and the testament of government's execution of peoples trust or mandate can be both made known or heard publicly without fear. This is what "freedom from domination" within or without is all about, isn't it?

Gentlemen, as I (was) prepared to vote on the reorganization plan, I (was) deeply agitated at the thought that our government's only public information office is brought to further government constraints in the bill.

A government w/o free public information is intolerable

A government without free public information would be intolerable. A government with "controlled" public information not only is courting distrust or suspicion, but is walking the road to a breakdown in democracy.

My colleagues, media and government are essential "partners" to a democratic government. The Third U.S. President Thomas Jefferson, who was a renowned political philosopher, wrote in a letter to a friend, that: "The basis of governments being the opinion of the people, the first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government. I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter. But I should mean that every man should receive those (newspapers) and be capable of reading them."

Media to inform and to safeguard liberties

To Thomas Jefferson, the media has two major functions: to inform the people and to safeguard personal liberties. They, too, should be the goals of a free government and responsible media.

I am tempted to believe that this should be one of the responsibilities of our administration in helping somehow in the realization of those goals. I cannot emphasize enough that it is incumbent upon us to move forward toward realization of these goals when we consider the proposed move to stunt the Office of the Public Information.

The National Union should remain where it is or be made independent

Gentlemen, I think it is time to either expand and keep the Public Information Office or the National Union where it is, or make it into a semi-government agency until such time that it can financially run its own operations without government help.

My good senators, two things are certain: (1) that we need a

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newspaper to freely inform the people and the people to express its views regarding government activities, and (2) as a free government, our Public Information Office should not be under the control of any government department if we value the credibility of our efforts in the eyes of our people. Thank you."



MAREHALAU SWORN IN - President John R. Haglegam, second from left, is administering the oath of office to Jesse Marehalau of Yap as FSM Representative to the United States of America, with wife of FSM Personnel Officer Kohne Ramon, Elsihner, holding the Bible, during a Nov. 4 ceremony in the President's Office. The ceremony was held in the presence of the Vice President Hironi H. Ismael, Congress Speaker Jack Fritz and other government officials. The Congress confirmed Nov. 2 the nomination of Marehalau, who was serving as acting FSM Rep. to the United States.



U.S. PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR VISITS THE FSM - U.S. Peace Corps Director Lore Miller Ruppe, third from right, the director of 6,000 volunteers in 62 nations, is paying a courtesy call Nov. 7 on President John R. Haglegam, second from left, during her Nov. 6-8 visit to the FSM Capital. Mrs. Ruppe, who is the longest tenured Peace Corps Director following her appointment by President Reagan in 1981, said during a press conference here that 5,000 Volunteers have been assigned to the Micronesian islands since 1966, and that Peace Corps wants to establish on-going programs and bridge the gap in the developing countries. Others in the photo clockwise are: Country director Bob Clarke; U.S. Representative to the FSM, Michael Wygant; Haglegam; FSM chief of staff Ieske Iehsi; Ruppe; PCV chief of staff David Scotton who accompanied Director Ruppe; and Peace Corps Pohnpei Representative Elsihner Ramon.

UNDP offers \$1M for cyclone warning system

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION OFFICE) - The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) recently approved US\$1.0 million or \$1.13 in Fijian dollars for a new four-year program to assist Pacific island countries to establish regional tropical cyclone warning system, UNDP Resident Representative Jerrold Berke said, in a recent press release.

Berke, who visited the FSM capital in July and held discussions with the President and other national and Pohnpei State government officials as part of monitoring the UNDP programs in the FSM, said that of particular significance in the South Pacific is the long term effect of the cyclones (typhoons in Micronesia) devastations on the vulnerable economies of the developing nations.

Over the past 12 months severe cyclones have struck Fiji, the Solomons, Vanuatu, the Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and the Tokelaus, the press release said.

The cyclone program was established in January of 1986 with

the primary objective to improve and upgrade cyclone (or typhoon) forecasting and warning services based on the existing Regional Specialized Meteorological Center in Nadi, Fiji, which will be connected through improved communication links to the national meteorological centers in the participating countries.

The project will also seek to foster the use of meteorological information by the authorities, and the community at large, and to reduce the loss of lives and damage to property, and to avoid serious setbacks to the island economies due to devastations caused by tropical cyclones, Berke said.

The project envisions to make available expert services, short-term consultancies, training and meteorological and communications equipment over the 1987-1999 period, and gives advice and assists in formulation of disaster prevention and preparedness plans as well as the establishment of educational programs on the structure and effects of tropical cyclones.

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