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New President calls for national unity, economic independence



NEW PRESIDENT INAUGURATED - John Haglglam of Yap is delivering his address during the May 19 ceremony at the Spanish Wall in Kolonia where he was inaugurated as the Second FSM President. Seated at right are FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King and First Lady Paula Ori.

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - President John Haglglam called May 19, during his formal inauguration here, for the FSM people to unite to meet the challenge of establishing economic independence.

The new President, who is from Yap, and Vice President Hiroshi Ismael of Kosrae took office May 11, immediately after being elected by the Fifth FSM Congress from among its four at-large members to replace Tosiwo Nakayama of Truk and Bailey Olter of Pohnpei respectively.

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They were sworn in publicly May 19 by FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King before a crowd of several thousand spectators at the historic Spanish Wall in Kolonia, during a ceremony attended by representatives of the U.S., Japanese, Australian, South Korean, Philippines, Marshall Islands and Palau governments;

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President cites challenges in speech

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - John Haglegam of Yap state cited national unity and economic independence among challenges his administration faces, during the May 19 inauguration ceremony here May when he was formally installed as the second FSM President.

Following is the text of his speech:

"We gather here today to celebrate our commitment to the peaceful transition from one administration to the next. Such a transition is required by our Constitution and I am pleased to report that this transition is complete. All too often we are reminded that constitutional transfer of power is unique. We are proud of our dedication to joining our diverse cultures into one unified nation. And we remain, as we were before, a nation pledged to peace, unity and liberty.

"I am honored to take the oath of office of the President. By this oath, I dedicate myself to working with the Congress and the judiciary to see that our form of government is preserved.

"The oath I have taken before you and before God is not mine alone. It is an oath for all citizens of our young nation. It is the oath of all who realize that our decision to seek a common destiny is a pledge to improve our new nation.

"But this transition in government is not the only transition that we now face. Until a few months ago, we were controlled by other nations. Thanks to the efforts of President Nakayama and others we are now independent. We control our own affairs and chart our own destiny.

"But with independence comes the responsibility to meet the challenges we face. The challenge to bring our people together as one nation. The challenge to end economic dependence on the United States. The challenge to reach economic independence. The challenge to educate our children. The challenge to maintain the qualities of life and culture which make this nation our home.

"Meeting these challenges will be hard. Personal sacrifice will be required. At times we may make mistakes. But we will not fail. We will take credit for our successes, but we must also take responsibility for our mistakes and learn from them. For we may no longer say, 'The Trust Territory is to blame.'

"The Vice President and I accept these challenges. But we cannot do this alone. You, the citizens of this nation, must accept these challenges with us. We know this nation can and will rise to this challenge. We are a people for whom hardship and perseverance are a way of life. We spent years in isolated living on small islands and atolls. We spent generations under foreign rule. But throughout, our people maintained their pride and culture so that one day we would be able to step forward to take our rightful place in the world community.

"That day has come.

"This is a rare moment in our history. A moment for people to unite and set a course that charts the lives of people for decades to come. This is a moment of new beginnings. A moment when a new generation of leaders takes charge. A generation of leaders who are mindful of our past, respectful of our traditions and dedicated to advance our nation and our people. For we know that we must advance together, if we are to advance at all.

"This is also a time for action. We have gained much, but our work has only begun. And there is work for all of us. But work that will require sacrifice. Government and private business must work together to achieve economic independence. All governments--national, state and local--must find new ways to encourage development of our resources. As a recent graduating class of our college told us:

"Let us develop the resources of our land,

"call forth its powers,
"build up its institutions,
"promote all its great interests
"and see whether we also,
"in our day and generation,
"will perform something worthy to be remembered."

"I pledge to work closely with our state officials that we may achieve something worthy to be remembered. And I say to all of you: Let us start today.

"But we cannot do this alone. Our resources are limited and our needs are many. We welcome responsible foreign investors. To those who will work with us we say, 'Welcome.' To those who would use us for their own purposes, we say, 'Go your way in peace, but go you must. For we are a proud and independent people. Having broken the bonds of political domination, we will not submit to economic domination.'

"In the days ahead, I will work with the Congress to redesign the government. The existing obstacles to economic development will be removed. The result will be a government that better serves the people; that advances our development goals; that is economic in its use of public funds.

"Last night, as I sat with my family, I looked at the faces of my sons and I wondered what legacy we will leave them. Today, as I look at young faces in this crowd, I know we will find the answers, and I know where to begin.

"We must educate all of our children. They are the hope of tomorrow. We can be proud that our youth are better educated than any generation in our history. But there is more we must do. So long as one child cannot read, our nation is deprived of its most valuable resource. Every child who is educated is a citizen who will make the future brighter for our nation.

"Our citizens must gain the skills to support our economy in the years ahead. So long as we import technical assistance for basic services, our goals of development will be hindered. We must ensure that our next generation of leaders are better prepared when they take charge of our nation's affairs than we are today. For they will face new and greater challenges.

"Looking at the young faces before me, I am also reminded of a challenge that we face today. The challenge of population growth. We must match the growth of our population to the growth of our resources.

"These are some of the challenges we will face in the next four years. But some say Micronesians cannot meet these challenges. They say we will fail. They say we are destined for dependency. I say they are wrong.

"In closing, let me share with you my vision for this nation.

"I remember being a boy standing at the water's edge, watching the endless ocean and dreaming about what lay over the horizon. As a boy, I dreamt of navigating my canoe through uncharted waters like our ancient navigators. In my boyhood dreams there were always dangers to be avoided and perils to overcome.

"In time, I left my boyhood home and saw the world beyond the horizon. And the dreams of my boyhood matured as I did. Today, my canoe is our young nation and the dangers are real. I stand before you a man. A man with vision.

"A vision of economic security for the nation. A vision of meaningful jobs for all who seek them. A vision of education for all our children. A vision of the day when all nations treat us as equal.

"As the ancient navigators set their course by the stars, I will set our course with these visions. But as our ancient navigators needed a crew to sail their canoes, I need you, the people, to work with me to turn these visions into reality.

"Thank you."

President cites education, population balance

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Gov. Joseph Ada of Guam, and Lt. Gov. Pedro A. Tenorio of the Northern Marianas.

The President, 38, declared that the peaceful transition from one administration to the next was completed, ushering in a new generation of leaders, as he and most of the 12 remaining Fifth Congress members are 40 years old and under.

"This transition in government is not the only transition we now face," the President said, crediting Nakayama with leading the FSM to independence under the Compact of Free Association with the United States which was implemented Nov. 3, 1986.

The main issues outlined by the President as challenges for the new nation are: 1) National unity; 2) ending economic dependence on the United States; 3) reaching economic independence; 4) educating "all of our children," and 5) population growth control to maintain at least the existing quality of life.

"Government and private business must work together to achieve economic independence," the President said.

The President said that he is working with the FSM Congress to "redesign the government" to remove "existing obstacles to economic development."

He said, "We welcome responsible foreign investors...who will work with us...."

But, "having broken the bonds of political domination, we will not submit to economic domination," the President said.

He said, "We must educate all of our children" in order to end dependence on im-

ported technical skills.

Citing "the challenge of population growth" to maintain the quality of life in Micronesia, the President said, "We must match the growth of our population with the growth of our resources."

He said that the people of the FSM must unite to meet these challenges and that the day has come for them to take the "rightful place in the world community" and to "set a course that charts the lives of people for decades to come."

The Vice President said that "the single greatest issue facing our your nation (is) the development of an economy which permits us to stand on our own."

He said that he hopes to work with the states to develop a transportation system which would foster inter-state commerce and travel and to work with the states and FSM Congress to develop a tax structure and development laws which would encourage "appropriate" foreign investment.

The Vice President called for: 1) closer political and economic relations with Pacific neighbors in addition to the United States and Japan; 2) improving international and regional transportation links, including links established by the former President with China, renewed friendships with Europe and ties with the U.N. and regional organizations and development banks, and 3) linking educational programs with planned development.

The Compact funds, which are an essential tool to establish the FSM as a new nation, if not used wisely, would prolong economic dependence which "precludes

political independence," he said.

The Compact funds are seed money for economic development which will be reduced by 30 per cent during the next 10 years, "while our population is growing rapidly by more than 25 per cent within the next nine and one-half years," the Vice President said, citing the need for unity among the people and close cooperation between the state and national governments and executive and Congress to stimulate development.

Congress Speaker Jack Fritz of Truk challenged FSM traditional and political leaders to work together for national interests and not just state and local interests.

Governor cites legacy

Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses welcomed the participants and spectators to the ceremony "to reaffirm our new nationhood" and exercise the basic rights of democracy in the passage of the torch of service to a new leadership.

Moses said that with the legacy left by Nakayama and former Speaker Bethwel Henry in leading the FSM during its formative years, the new leaders should have "the necessary base to charter a more accurate course."

Inauguration Committee Chairman Daro Weital of Pohnpei, who is the FSM Education Office director, served as master of ceremonies. The invocation was given by the Rev. Isamu Welles of the Calgary Baptist Church and the benediction by the Rev. Edward Soucie, Society of Jesus, of the Catholic Mission, both in Kolonia.

The flag presentation was made by FSM and Pohnpei State police and a U.S. Army Civic Action Team color guard.

Entertainment included traditional dances by a group of Yap outer islands men; Polynesian dances by Island Girls and the Little Mike Dancing Group, both of Pohnpei, and singing by the Youth from Sapwalap Church in Pohnpei.

The inauguration program began May 17 with an inter-denominational service in the Catholic Mission in Kolonia with Deacon Geronimo Victor presenting the Homily and Father Soucie, the Prayers of Petition.

Others participating in the service were the Rev. Shem Jimmy, the Rev. Rensper Jack and the Rev. Mr. Hadley of the Protestant Church; Pastor Craig Adams of the Seventh Day Adventist Church; the Catholic Choir; the SDA Choir, and the Denpei Youth Choir.

Inauguration events also included a reception May 18 for the Fifth FSM Congress in the Oceanview Bar and Restaurant and an inauguration party May 19 for the President and Vice President in the Seabreeze Restaurant.



PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION CEREMONY - Seated from left in the front row during the May 19 presidential inauguration ceremony on the stage at the Spanish Wall, Kolonia, are FSM Chief Justice Edward King, First Lady Paula Ori, President John Haglelgam, Mrs. Mitchigo Ismael, Vice President Hiroshi Ismael, Congress Speaker Jack Fritz, Mrs. Francy Fritz and Vice Speaker Elias Thomas.

Amb. Williams, Gov. Ada among inauguration guests

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Former Ambassador Franklin Hayden Williams, now Asia Foundation president, who served as the first special representative to the Micronesian status negotiations under Presidents Nixon and Ford, headed the U.S. delegation to the May 17-19 inauguration ceremonies for FSM President John Haglelgam and Vice President Hiroshi Ismael.

Other members of the U.S. delegation included Rear Adm. and Mrs. Thomas J. Johnson of Guam, commander, Naval Forces Marianas; Acting U.S. Representative to the FSM and Mrs. Steve Mann; Boys Club of America President William Bricker; Ms. Bambi Crowe, State Department White House Liaison officer, and Cmdr. Thomas Coonan and Lt. Paul Martinez of the Navy command in Guam.

Japan was represented by Katsuo Tosa, Consul General in Guam; Australia, by Consul General and Mrs. Richard C. Smith of Honolulu; South Korea, by Consul General Young Chul Park of Guam and Chang Beon Kin, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Southeast Asian Affairs assistant director, and the Philippines, by Consul General and Mrs. Bonifacio Arribas of Guam.

Gov. Joseph F. Ada and his special assistant, Paul Borja, represented Guam, while Lt. Gov. Pedro A. Tenorio and Information and Protocol Officer Frank S. Rosario represented the Northern Marianas.

Interior and Outer Islands Affairs Minister Ruben Zackhras represented the Marshall Islands and Social Services Minister Nobuo Swee represented Palau.

The delegations from the FSM states included:

Yap--Governor's representative Hilary Tacheliol; Legislature Vice Speaker Mike Kigimnang; Legislature Floor Leader Aloysius Fong; Mr. Lukan, Council of Pilung, and Louis Rapangalug and Mr. Sarongbe, Council of Tamol.

Kosrae--Gov. Yosiwo George; State Court Chief Justice Harry Skilling; Legislature Speaker Thurston Siba; State Senators Kasuo Isisaki, Fred Skilling and Kiyus Jackson; Tafunsak Mayor Noel Tulensru; governor's aide Elai Abraham, and private citizen Tosie Elley.

Truk--Gov. Gideon Doone; State Court Chief Justice Soukichi Fritz; State Senator Hayashi Naka; traditional chiefs Samuel Irons of Dublon, Ousening Mazawa of Polle, Yukutaro Mazawa of Tol, Aiauo Esa of Sapuk and Maikawa Soulang of Nepukos; chief magistrates Mieru Soion of Dublon, Krispin Carlos of Satawan and Senty Penno of Parem; Parem Council Chairman Kachu Francisco; Fefan Councilman Ensen Akapito; Nepukos Section Leader Damian Antonio; Neauo Eucharistic Minister Yosuo Suwain; Chamber of Commerce Chairman Tosiwo Irons; Dublon Councilmen Wiseman Moses and Sapuro Robert; Dublon Treasurer Tereta Francis; Moen Councilman Damian Stephen; Moen Municipal Police Chief Florento Robert, Deputy Chief Masaichy Einat, Officer Maikawa Picho and Officer Selestino Maneul, and Agriculture Chief Arthur Ansin.

Pohnpei--Gov. and Mrs. Resio Moses; Lt. Gov. and Mrs. Johnny David; Legislature Vice Speaker Job Micah; State Senators Yosuo Phillip and Midion Neth; Kolonia Mayor Victor Edwin; Nanmwarki Johnny Moses of U, and Nanmwarki Penihdo Peter of Kitti.

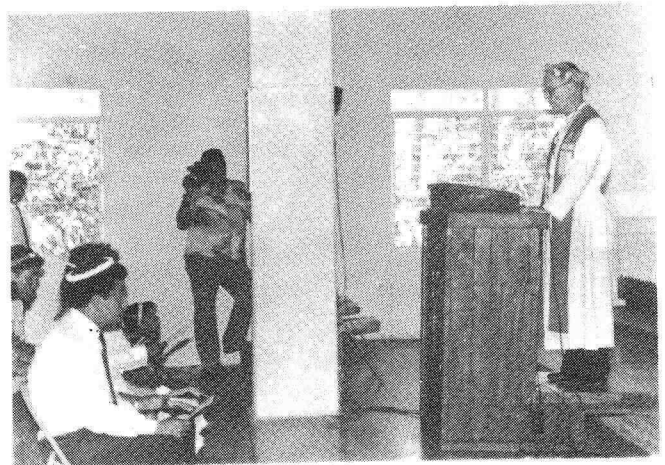
Other distinguished visitors and guests included Mobil Micronesia Oil Co. Vice President Lucky Tarkong; Washington, D.C., attorneys Jim Stovall and Barry Israel; Merry-Lynch vice presidents Larry Blume and Walter Laskey, and Ms. Takue Kusayanagi of the FSM Liaison Office in Tokyo.



JAPAN CONSUL VISITS - Japanese Consul General in Guam Katsuo Tosa, right, accompanied by FSM Tokyo Liaison Officer Jesse Raglmar, center, is visiting May 19 with President John Haglelgam in the President's office.



GUAM GOVERNOR AT RECEPTION - Guam Gov. Joseph Ada, right, is serving himself the buffet dinner during the May 18 reception for Fifth FSM Congress members in the Oceanview Restaurant in conjunction with the May 19 inauguration of the new FSM President and Vice President. At left is Capt. David Roy, Pohnpei Civic Action Team commander.



INTER-DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE - The Rev. Edward Soucie, right, is saying a prayer during the May 17 inter-denominational service in the Catholic Mission in Kolonia as part of the May 17-19 FSM inauguration ceremonies. Seated left is President John Haglelgam.

President unveils reorganization plan

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - President John Haglegam unveiled during a May 21 meeting with holdover cabinet members a plan to reorganize the FSM executive branch by increasing the number of departments from four to eight and eliminating most of the existing offices and independent agencies.

Department heads would become ministers, instead of secretaries, if the reorganization proposal is approved by the FSM Congress.

If the Congress does not approve the reorganization plan during its current session which ends June 9, secretaries may be appointed to head existing departments with the intent of appointing them ministers of the corresponding new departments, the President said.

The goals of the plan which was prepared by the President's Working Group are to combine similar functions, remove personnel and functions duplication, reduce the number of agencies and streamline the government to meet present and future needs, he said.

The existing departments are External Affairs, Finance, Resources and Development and Transportation, and offices, Attorney General, Public Defender, Budget, Planning and Statistics, Personnel, Information, Health Services and Education.

The proposed departments are Foreign Affairs, Finance, Justice, Administrative Services, Marine Resources, Budget and Planning, Economic Development and Human Resources.

The Public Defender's Office is the only office which would be retained as a separate entity.

Twelve of 16 independent agencies would be eliminated, leaving the Social Security Board, FSM Development Bank, Investment Development Fund Board and FSM Telecommunications Corp.

Eliminated would be the FSM Postal Services, Banking Board, Board of Education, Coconut Development Authority, Status Commission, Environmental Protection Board, Foreign Investment Board, Institute of Micronesian History and Culture; Medical Licensing Board, Micronesian Maritime Authority, National Fisheries Corp. and FSM Airline Corp.

Under the plan, the FSM Information Office would become the Public Information Division in the Office of the President which would continue the dissemination of state and national government information and take over the External Affairs Department Micronesian Relations Division functions of coordination actions and communications with the states.

The External Affairs Department would become the Foreign Affairs Department with a Division of International Relations responsible for all international relations, including U.S. relations, the Washington Representatives, the Tokyo Liaison Office and the FSM Status Commission which would be abolished. The position of Deputy Secretary would be eliminated, making the International Relations Administrator the No. 2 person in the department, and the Micronesian Affairs and U.S. Relations divisions would be abolished.

The Attorney General's Office would become the Justice Department with import customs inspections and collections added to the new Immigration and Customs Division, while the Security and Investigations Division would take over postal inspections and maritime surveillance. Law and litigation divisions would be continued.

The new Administrative Services Department would include divisions of Postal Services, now under the independent FSM Postal Services; Personnel, now under the Personnel Office; Training, also under the Personnel Office; Property and Supply, now under the Finance Department with added responsibility for staff housing; Buildings and Grounds to centralize maintenance, Library Services, initially including Microfilm Division functions in the Information Office.

The Finance Department would include existing Accounting, Automatic Data Processing (ADP) and Revenue divisions and a new Investment Division in place of the Treasury Division to

review flow of Compact funds and make sure they are properly invested as the working arm of the Federated Development Authority, in addition to managing the Social Security Fund and performing regulatory functions now under the Banking Board.

The existing Budget and Planning and Statistics offices would be combined into a Budget and Planning Department with Budget, Planning and Statistics divisions. The Planning Division would take over planning functions now in OPS, the Disaster Control Office, the Coconut Development Authority and the Resources and Development Department Energy and Agriculture divisions.

The Economic Development Department would take over most of the R&D functions in a Business Registration Division which
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Spending freezes, interim Postmaster announced

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - President John Haglegam announced May 14 in a cabinet meeting his first official actions since taking office May 11, including the appointment of an interim FSM Postmaster General; freezes on hiring, purchases and travel, and government vehicle use restrictions.

The President also announced that he will attend the May 29-30 South Pacific Forum meeting in Apia, Western Samoa.

He asked all cabinet members, holdovers from the administration of former President Tosiwo Nakayama, to submit courtesy resignations.

Jim Miller, a former U.S. postal inspector who joined the FSM Postal Service in January, 1986, as management and training officer and was named March 17 Assistant Postmaster General, was named May 13 interim Postmaster General until a new one is appointed by the President.

Miller replaces Leo A. Falcum, who served as the first Postmaster General, until he was seated May 11 as the Pohnpei at-large member of the FSM Congress.

In separate May 14 memorandums to all department heads, Haglegam imposed freezes, with exceptions for emergency situations which would require written justification for his review, on the executive branch which "remain in effect until further notice" on:

- 1) Hiring, 2) purchasing and contracting in excess of \$1,500 and 3) "all unnecessary travel," including "all travel under existing Travel Authorizations as well as new requests."

Haglegam announced that he signed May 14 Presidential Order No. 3 restricting government-owned vehicle use to official government business hours with penalties of suspending national government driving permits for violating the order.

"I have taken this action as one of my first official acts as President, because it will prolong the life of government-owned vehicles by reducing wear," he said in a memorandum to department and office heads.

"The savings realized through lower maintenance costs will contribute to my goal of creating an efficient government for the people of our nation," the President said.

"The President and the Vice President are the only persons who are authorized to use government-owned vehicles on a 24-hour basis," the presidential order states.

All other government-owned vehicles are to be picked up and dropped off between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the national government complex near the President's office.

Exceptions to the order may be granted in writing by the Attorney General to departments and offices which require government vehicle use outside of normal work hours and to newly arriving or departing employees from outside Pohnpei for up to two weeks.

Committees organized, Nakayama to speak

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Fifth FSM Congress organized its committees and approved, during the first two weeks of its First Regular Session, nine resolutions, including an invitation to former President Tosiwo Nakayama to address the Congress which was scheduled for May 29.

The session is scheduled to continue through June 9.

The five standing committees include:

Ways and Means--Chairman Tony Otto, Truk; Vice Chairman Redley Killion, Truk, and members Nishima Siron, Truk; Peter Christian, Pohnpei; Elias Thomas, Pohnpei; Isaac Figir, Yap, and Claude Phillip, Kosrae. Budget Officer Tim Burehrer is the staff counsel.

Judiciary and Government Operations--Chairman Figir; Vice Chairman Leo Falcum, Pohnpei; and members Dohsis Halbert, Pohnpei; Jack Fritz, Truk; Phillip, Otto, and Siron. Legislative Counsel Seth Forman is the staff attorney.

Resources and Development--Chairman Nick Bossy, Truk; Vice Chairman Christian, and members Kalisto Refalopei, Truk; Killion; Halbert; Figir, and Phillip. Harold Judd is the staff attorney and Richard White, economist.

Health, Education and Social Affairs--Chairman Halbert; Vice Chairman Falcum, and members Killion, Bossy, Figir, Phillip and Otto. Gary Takeuchi is staff attorney.

External Affairs--Chairman Refalopei; Vice Chairman Siron, and members Falcum, Thomas, Figir, Phillip and Fritz. Maketo Robert is the staff attorney.

Fritz is the Congress Speaker; Thomas, Vice Speaker, and Phillip, Floor Leader.

Resolutions approved are:

CR 5-1 congratulating Benter Steven who was elevated May 3 to the traditional title of Nahniken of Kitti.

CR 5-2 expressing condolences to the people of Kitti and family of the late Nahniken Katerson Ehpel who died April 30.

CR 5-3 appointing Seth Forman to Congress legislative counsel.

CR 5-4 inviting Nakayama to address the Congress during the current session.

CR 5-5 expressing deepest appreciation to Bethwel Henry of Pohnpei for his service as the first Speaker, during the First-Fourth Congresses, 1979-87.

CR 5-6 extending sincere thanks to Joab Sigrah of Kosrae for his service as the first Vice Speaker, during the First-Fourth Congresses, 1979-87.

CR 5-7 expressing deepest gratitude to Bailey Olter of Pohnpei who served 1983-87 as the second FSM Vice President, after serving as an at-large member of the First-Second Congresses.

CR 5-8 expressing condolences to the people of Guam and family of former Guam Delegate Antonio B. Won Pat who died May 1 in Bethesda, Maryland.

CR 5-9 expressing heartfelt thanks to Nakayama for his service 1979-87 as the first FSM President.

Other resolutions introduced include:

Falcum hits pork barrel spending

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Senator Leo A. Falcum of Pohnpei, in his first statement May 25 in the FSM Congress, said that spending by the Congress on pork barrel projects "is a national disgrace."

Falcum said that the people of Pohnpei are disappointed in not having a representative in the presidency or one of the major Congress leadership positions.

He charged that "cronyism has taken over" and said the danger of power being in the hands of one faction is the loss of control over the use of public funds.

Falcum called for the revision of foreign investment laws, development of a uniform commercial code and a bankruptcy law to stimulate investment and economic development.

CR 5-10 to ratify the Pacific Islands States Agreement on implementing the Multinational Fisheries Treaty with the United States.

CR 5-11 to ratify the Multinational Fisheries Treaty with the United States.

CR 5-12 expressing appreciation to and conferring "Honorary FSM Citizenship" on the Rev. Hugh F. Costigan, who is suffering intestinal cancer in New York City, for his 40 years of service to Micronesia, since coming to Pohnpei in 1947 and founding the Ponape Agriculture and Trade School here in 1965 to serve all of Micronesia.

CR 5-13 expressing gratitude to Gary Takeuchi for his service since 1983 as a staff attorney and 1984 as legal counsel.

CR 5-14 requesting that the President apply for FSM membership in the International Monetary Fund.

CR 5-15 expressing gratitude to Harold Judd for his service since July, 1985, as Resources and Development Committee legal counsel.

Bills introduced during the first two weeks of the session are:

CB 5-1 to create the position of FSM Ambassador-at-large with a \$30,000 annual salary and \$10,000 annual representation fund.

CB 5-2 to provide \$30,000 in fiscal 1988 for the FSM Trades Training and Testing (T3) Program Coordinator's salary.

CB 5-3 to designate "Patriots of Micronesia" as the FSM National Anthem.

CB 5-4 to appropriate \$80,000 for fiscal 1987 operations and expenses of the FSM Airline Corp. which was created by the Fourth FSM Congress during its Fifth Special Session here in April.

CB 5-5 to establish the Foreign Affairs Advisory Council and provide \$9,000 during fiscal 1987 for its travel funds.

CB 5-6 to increase the expense allowances Speaker and four-year Congress members to \$10,000 and two-year members to \$7,500 from \$3,000 a year, while retaining annual salaries at \$30,000 for the Speaker and \$27,000 for other members, as set by the Fourth Congress.

CB 5-7 to appropriate \$500,000 to the FSM Coconut Development Authority for the fiscal 1988 copra price subsidy.

CB 5-8 to approve the formula for dividing Compact of Free Association funds under its Section 216 (a) (3) to include: Truk, 36.6 per cent; Pohnpei, 28.4 per cent; Yap, 16.1 per cent; Kosrae, 8.9 per cent, and the national government, 10 per cent.

Human Resources to include Education, Health Services

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would include the Registrar of Corporations and Labor Division functions and Business Promotion Division to attract foreign investment and implement the Investment Development Fund under the Compact.

The Marine Resources Department would include divisions of Marine Resources to take over functions of the R&D Marine Resources Division and National Fisheries Corp. which was not established; Fisheries Licensing to take over Micronesian Maritime Authority functions, and Maritime Transportation and Regulation to take over maritime functions of the existing Transportation Department which would be abolished.

The Human Resources Department would put the existing Education and Health Services offices, formerly under the Social Services Department, back in one department with divisions of Education, including present Board of Education functions; Health Services, responsible for Environmental Protection Board and Medical Licensing Board functions, as well as its current functions, and Liaison Offices in Honolulu and Guam, now under External Affairs, responsible for student services and medical referrals.

Special elections to be held July 2

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Special elections are to be held July 2 for the at-large FSM Congress seats in Yap and Kosrae which were vacated the new President and Vice President, according to External Affairs Micronesian Relations Chief Johnny Hadley.

John Haglegam of Yap was elected President and Hiroshi Ismael of Kosrae, Vice President, on May 11 by the Congress from among its four at-large members.

Congress Speaker Jack Fritz declared the two seats vacant in May 13 notices to the Yap and Kosrae national election commissioners which automatically sets the election date 50 days after the Speaker's declaration, according to the National Election Code.

Fr. Samo designated Auxiliary Bishop

MOEN, Truk - The Rev. Amando Samo, pastor of Moen and the first Trukese to be ordained a Catholic priest, will be consecrated Aug. 15 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral here as the Auxiliary Bishop of the Caroline and Marshalls Diocese, according to Archbishop Antonio Magnoni, Apostolic Delegate to the Pacific Islands.

Father Samo, 38, will be the first islander to serve as a bishop in the diocese. He was ordained a priest Dec. 10, 1977, after completing theological studies at the Pacific Regional Seminary in Fiji. He will assist the Most Rev. Martin Neylon, Bishop of the Caroline and Marshall Islands, in diocese administration with Truk as his primary responsibility.

Father Samo was born Aug. 16, 1948, on Moch Island and was graduated from Truk High School and Chaminade College in Honolulu. He also taught a Xavier High School here, before studying for the priesthood.

Academy adds grade 11

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Calgary Christian Academy is accepting applications through July for enrollment in grades 1-11 for the Fall Semester which begins Sept. 8, according to Calgary Baptist Church Pastor Isamu Welles, school administrator.

The 11th grade is being added this year and the 12th grade is planned for the 1988-89 school year to complete the high school program, according to Welles who said that the academy had 130 students, including 30 high school pupils enrolled in 1986-87.

Applications for admission and information about tuition and fees may be obtained at the church near the Ohmine School in Kolonia, or by writing to Pastor Isamu Welles, Administrator, Calgary Christian Academy, P.O. Drawer H, Kolonia, Pohnpei FSM 96941.

Students to pay \$15 per credit

Regents okay tuition changes

COLONIA, Yap - The College of Micronesia Board of Regents approved during its May 17-19 meeting here a proposed new tuition structure which will require students not receiving U.S. financial aid to pay \$15 per credit, according to COM Executive Director Singeo Singeo.

The new tuition structure complies with the principles of a treaty for interim COM funding agreed to by the FSM, Marshall Islands and Palau representatives during an April 22-24 meeting in Honolulu.

The agreement states that the board would formulate at tuition and fees so students could "bear an appropriate responsibility for funding their own educations."

The new tuition structure proposed by the board sets the tuition at \$55 a credit for non-Micronesian students, according to Dr. Singeo who said that legal residents of Palau, the FSM and the Marshalls will be charged \$15 a credit with the difference to be provided as a subsidy by the governments from the \$1.5 million which they agreed to in the Honolulu negotiations for a treaty on interim funding for the college.

The new tuition structure will go into effect uniformly throughout the system, during the 1987 Fall Semester, according to Singeo who said that "hopefully the \$15 fee will be in effect only for one year, while we analyze costs and look for additional revenue sources and means to cut costs."

"During the school year, we should be able to determine whether the \$15-per-credit tuition would need to be decreased or increased and how much," he said, noting that the three governments requested more information on the costs.

The governments will asked to provide additional funding for the COM Continuing Education Center staff in each jurisdiction, because the CECs are not covered by the \$1.5 million previously provided by the U.S. Interior Department, Singeo said.

"With regards to the hundreds of applicants that our campuses have received, our tentative plan is that first we will send to the governments the names of the students who have applied and have been accepted, but who are not eligible for Pell grants," Singeo said.

"Then we will ask the governments to let us know if any of these students would receive scholarships from the governments," he said.

"Those who will not receive full government scholarships will have to show that they can afford to pay the \$2,100 per year for room, board and tuition on campus," Singeo said. "After such assurances are provided by the students or their governments, the campuses will send to those students acceptances letters and airline tickets."

"The cost will be much less per year for

non-boarding students and we hope that many young people will take advantage of college programs offered at the Continuing Education Centers or the main campuses, whether they receive scholarships or not," he said.

Legal counsel briefed the Regent on the drafting of the treaty as directed by the governments, he added.

The Regents directed Singeo to implement during the 1987 Fall Semester a plan to expand the COM presence at the CCM Nursing School site in Majuro by recruiting full-time English, science, math and, if feasible, business instructors and integrating the CEC, College of Tropical Agriculture and Sciences and Nursing School programs into one unit as a step toward establishing a separate campus.

The Executive Director also was directed to prepare a plan further expansion of the Majuro facility to be presented at the next board meeting in October.

Nursing School Director Kapilly Capelle was directed to make arrangements with the Marshall Islands government for housing to accommodate incoming nursing students this fall, or to formulate a plan for the second-year students to continue their training at the CCM campus in Pohnpei.

The board directed CCM President Catalino Cantero, CE Director Anita Suda and Singeo to implement the recommendations by Truk Regent Ansito Walter regarding credit transfer between the CECs and CCM.

Dr. Walter recommended 1) a single admission policy for degree programs; 2) a residency requirement for completing degree work at the CCM campus, not the CECs, and 3) in addition to the CCM entrance test, a placement test for all degree-seeking students.

The board directed the Executive Director to prepare the fiscal 1988 COM budget for consideration during the October meeting, instead of the annual meeting in January.

Singeo said that he obtained in Guam a copy of the draft COM Personnel Manual which was prepared by Regent John Salas at the request of the board during its January meeting in Pohnpei, and the draft will be circulated to staff members throughout the system for comments before final approval.

Tape tells problems

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Micronesia Institute is issuing an audio tape produced by island students in the Washington, D.C., area on problems of adjusting to U.S. college life, according to Steve Kanai, Institute press officer.

The cassette with the program taped by the Voice of America may be ordered for \$8 each with a script for an additional \$2 and a 10 per cent discount for orders of 10 or more of each from the Micronesia Institute, 2152 Wyoming Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, telephone 202/387-7525 or 202/393-1411 extension 34.

The cost includes postage and all orders will include an insert on the effect of the Compact of Free Association on financial aid for FSM and Marshall Islands students.

Grads told support for COM system 'critical'

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - College of Micronesia Vice Rector Damian Sohl told 1987 Community College of Micronesia graduates, during their May 17 commencement exercise, that their support for the COM system is "critical."

Sohl, who is the Pohnpei State Education Department director and Pohnpei representative on the COM Board of Regents, said, "At this juncture of the College of Micronesia's development, it is critical that you, as representatives of the three governments, namely, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia, will give full and sincere support to this institution, being the only regional higher educational institution."

He noted that representatives of the three governments agreed, during an April 22-24 meeting in Honolulu, to a treaty which would provide interim funding for COM based on student enrollment, restructuring the Board of Regents and reaffirming support for a unified COM system.

"The representatives of the three governments now are more convinced that we cannot afford, especially now, to send our students abroad for college education," Sohl said, noting that students from the FSM and Marshalls who enroll for the first time in college after November, 1986, are not eligible for U.S. financial aid.

"They also understand now that the college exists to serve their needs and the college has a mission to bring college education to individuals who cannot leave the islands to attend college in Guam, Hawaii, mainland U.S. and elsewhere at an affordable rate," he said.

The Vice Rector noted that May 18 would be the 17th anniversary of the 1970 date when Trust Territory High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston issued Executive Order 70-2 changing the name of the Micronesian Teachers Education Center in Pohnpei to CCM.

CCM has graduated 1,045 students since the first class of 35 graduates in 1971, he said.

Sohl cited the support provided to the COM system by the U.S. and TT governments, out-going FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama and presidents Amata Kabua of the Marshalls and Lazarus Salii of Palau.

CCM President Catalino Cantero, in his welcoming address, said that the 16th commencement ceremony is the first to be held outside of the Catholic Mission in Kolonia and in the new CCM gymnasium which was completed in January, and that the Vice Rector is the first Regent to address a CCM graduating class.

The Class of 1987 graduates are:

Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts--Amo Abraham, Knorr Dannis, Epikenio Eperiam, Fredrick Hebel, Kester James, Jolden Lihpai, Luwihter Samuel and Plordes Sonden, Pohnpei; Ormiyne Amram, Peter Aniol, George Curley, Kilaria Ditus, Edson Elimo, Valerio Marcus, Kaftor Nuchu and Lyma Setik, Truk; Catherine Charley, Lorinda Esau, MaryAnn Freddy, Jack Nedlic, Castro Nedlic, Brightly Nena, Fred Skilling and Iros Waguk, Kosrae; Juanito Enailung, Yap, and Jorbi Balos, Komean Edwin, Wilbur Heine and Remy Jello, Marshalls.

Associate in Science, General Business--Gale Dannis, Eric Elia, Victoria Johnson, Kapwulani Neth and Lorina Susaia, Pohnpei; Callistus Hachibmai, Yap; Justin Lani, Marshalls; Luilin Sostin and Cinder Kom Welley, Truk, and Atina Waguk, Kosrae.

Third-Year Certificate, Elementary Education--Arthur Albert, Primo Aliksa, Alik Isaac, Richard Tolenoa, Hermis Tosie and Salik Welley, Kosrae; Florence Andrike, Langbar Erakrick, Abji Jally, Jiloji Jarom and Anthony Katlong, Marshalls; Richard Billy, Rencelly Sana and Isaoshy Uruo, Truk; Adriano Donne, Pohnpei, and Sesariyo Harong, Margaret Leemgof, Margaret Lukan, Robert Nam, Richard Pekalur, Titus Rapsilug, Martin Tachibemal, John Taibemal and Stanislaus Yiluy, Yap.

Certificate of Achievement, Special Education--Suichy Albert, Nobuo Namelo, Augustine Rabuda and Yoshita Robert, Truk; Masao Alexander, Joseph Route and Nihlo Samuel, Pohnpei; Bellis James, Marshalls, and John Mailyang, Yap.

Certificate of Completion, Special Education--Jesse Choay, James Waayang and Venantius Yug, Yap; Winton Clarence, Kosrae, and Fred Ruben, Truk.



PRESENTS NURSING CERTIFICATE - Pohnpei Education Director Damian Sohl, center, also College of Micronesia Vice Rector, is present Practical Nursing Certificate to Dalina Pedrus, right, with Community College of Micronesia President Catalino Cantero assisting during the May 17 CCM graduation ceremony. Pedrus is one of 14 Pohnpeians to complete the one-year certified practical nursing program.

Certificate, Practical Nursing--Sandrina Andon, Luwisa B. Jano, Moringiana David, Lambert Edmund, Rose F. Iohp, Carmerina D. Jano, Julynna Joel, Welshihner John, Joseph Johnny, Retty Julios, Johle Lorrin, Dalina Pedrus, Hackett Smith and Tomaciano Solomon, all of Pohnpei.

Cinder Kom Welley of Truk is the class valedictorian. Other Honor Roll graduates include Amo Abraham, Gale Dannis, Eric Elias and Luwihter Samuel, Pohnpei; Primo Aliksa and Salik Welley, Kosrae; Langbar Erakrick, Abji Jally and Justin Lani, Marshalls, and Callistus Hachibmai, Sesariyo Harong, Margaret Leemgof, Margaret Lukan, Richard Pekalur, Martin Tachibemal, John Taibemal and Stanislaus Yiluy, Yap.

Sydney urges more skills

MADOLENIHMW, Pohnpei - Ponape Agriculture and Trade School should be the terminal education program for graduates to enter the labor force with vocational skills, former PATS Principal Jesse Sydney told the 1988 graduating class here on May 16.

"PATS has always been a terminal school and should continue to do so," Sydney said.

Sydney is an auto mechanics instructor with the U.N. International Labor Organization-sponsored FSM Trades Training and Testing Program in Pohnpei who conducted ILO basic auto mechanic basic skills certification test at PATS this year.

"At the end of four years here your products should meet the requirement at the job entry level," he told the 34 graduates.

Sydney said that it is not surprising that private sector development is slow in Micronesia due to educational policies which put priorities on academic, instead of vocational training.

He asked, "What good are fantastic goals and policies a country has if its labor work force is untrained and crippled?"

The class valedictorian address was given by Frank Pedro and the salutatory address by John Kintaro Jr., both construction majors from Palau.

Other members of the 18th PATS graduating class are:

Agriculture--Aloysius Wag, Nicholas Moon and Simion Taiyegir, Yap; Bailey Kephas, Kosrae; Erihs Ringlen, Pohnpei; Ezekiel Kappys, Truk, and Fernando Sengebau, Ismael Anastacio and Kashgar Rangulbai, Palau.

Construction-- Albert Andrika, Daniel Tokeak, Daniel Tokeak and Edward Bobo, Marshalls; Benedict Ngiraungil, Palau; Dominic Thing, Joseph Hafler and Peter Hagileisa, Yap; Grilly Jack, Lennora Peter, Ronald Jack and William Manuel, Pohnpei, and Keren Peter, Truk.

Mechanics--Bernard Ehmes, Lawrence Yanneris, Ricky Narruhn, Ricky Solomon and Ringlen Hadley, Pohnpei; Eddie Jormelu, Marshalls; Ismael Luey, Kosrae; John Lukangaw, Yap, and John T. Setsuo and Patrick Isimang, Palau.

Fulbright Scholar:

Free, responsible media 'essential'

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Free and responsible print and broadcast media are essential to maintaining an informed public and a democratic society, according to Dr. Glen D. Phillips, a U.S. Fulbright Scholar who conducted a lecture-seminar program on "Needs for a Democratic Society" in Truk, Yap, Palau and Pohnpei.

Phillips, a communications arts professor who specializes in of broadcast journalism media law at the California State Polytechnical University, Pomona, was sent by the U.S. Information Agency to Pohnpei in September to assist the Community College of Micronesia in developing a mass communications program.

Phillips was in Truk, Feb. 8-19; Yap, March 3-14; Palau, March 15-28, and Pohnpei, April 19-May 9 to present the seminar on behalf of CCM. Presentations in Kosrae, Majuro and Kiribati were cancelled. He also went at his own expense to gather information on media training facilities in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Bangkok, Thailand; Singapore, and Manila.

Citing the tradition of oral communications in Micronesian cultures, the lack of private media and lack of training in basic news writing technology provided for government information and broadcast personnel, Phillips said that public education on the need for modern media should start in the elementary schools.

"The beginning has to be in the lower grades to establish an understanding and desire for a free media," he said, and "we should encourage high school and college newspapers."

Phillips said he tried to make the participants aware of world issues in context with the need for media to keep them informed about global events and how they affect their lives.

The seminars were attended mainly by broadcast and education officials in each jurisdiction, he said.

The topics included discussions of "The Overwhelming Need for a Free Media;" contemporary world issues; the differences between print and broadcast journalism styles; sports coverage; the negative aspects of Western media; media alternatives in Western, Soviet Bloc, totalitarian and developing societies; public relations and government; ethics and responsibility in media, and media and the law.

Mau teaching navigator skills

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Pius (Mau) Pailug, one of the last traditional navigators of Yap and the Truk Western Islands, said here that he is teaching a new generation of seafarers to keep his skills alive.

Pailug, 55, of Satawal Island, Yap state, gained international recognition for guiding the Polynesian double-hull canoe, Hokule'a, in 1976 from Hawaii to Tahiti and back, using his traditional methods of observing the currents, swells, winds, wave patterns, birds and star positions, instead of electronic navigational devices.

He was featured in the motion picture and video documentary, "The Navigators, Pathfinders of the South Pacific," which was produced in 1982 by Dr. Sam Low and KHET, Hawaii Public Television, with funding by the Hawaii Committee for the Humanities; Pacific Resources, Inc., and the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations. The Hokule'a Project is part of the Hawaii Rediscovery Program sponsored by the Polynesian Voyaging Society.

As a Micronesian, he was selected in 1973 for the project, due to the lack of traditional navigators in modern Polynesia.

Following the 2,800-mile trip in 1976 from Maui to Tahiti in 33 days and back in 22 days, Pailug guided the Hokule'a from Hawaii to Tahiti and back in 1980; from Hawaii to Tahiti and Roratonga, Cook Islands in 1985, and from Roratonga to New Zealand, Tonga, American Samoa, the Cook Islands and Tahiti in 1986.

He arrived March 21 in Pohnpei and left May 9 to go to Honolulu for the arrival of the Hokule'a from Tahiti under the guidance of Nainoa Thompson, his traditional navigation student from Hawaii.



SATAWAL NAVIGATOR Pius (Mau) Pailing is holding a copy of "The Navigators, Pathfinders of the Pacific," based on his navigating the Hokule'a on its first voyage from Hawaii to French Polynesia in 1976.

Pailug said that he may accompany the Hokule'a on a trip from Hawaii to Japan being planned for 1988, if funds are available, with Thompson as the navigator.

He said that he and his fellow navigators, about 14 in Satawal and others from Ulithi Atoll in Yap to Namoweto Atoll in Truk, are concerned that they may be the last of the traditional navigators, so they began teaching youths on their islands.

Pailug said he has 15 students, ages 17 to 40, and most are his sons and nephews.

"Whatever a father knows, he passes on to his sons," he said, adding most of the teaching is done at night which "is for storytelling."

Microfilm documents from Saipan arrive

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The FSM Information Office received the first portion of more than 3,000 reels of Trust Territory documents on Microfilm to be distributed to the new Micronesian nations, according to Microfilm Administrator Jones George.

The 631 reels received March 11 and 459 reels received April 28 from Advanced Micro-Image Systems Hawaii, Inc., are available for viewing and copying at the FSM Information Office, George said, adding that indexes of the materials received are being printed out by the Finance Department mainframe computer.

The FSM is the first Micronesian government to receive Microfilmed TT documents, he said.

Insurance pays loan

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Credit life insurance benefits were paid for the first time April 27 on an FSM Development Bank loan, covering the current balance of \$14,764.68 owed by Likiaksa Benjamin, 37, who died March 8, according to FSM-DB President Manny Mori.

"In addition, the dependants (heirs) of the deceased will soon get full title to the properties mortgaged to the bank," Mori said.

Mr. Benjamin borrowed \$17,000 in January, 1986, to establish a furniture shop, he said, noting that "without the insurance, the heirs of the deceased borrower would be burdened with paying the loan which has a maturity of seven years."

Credit life insurance is required on all FSMDB loans with low premium charged at rates which are reduced as the balance owed is lowered, Mori said.

Need to reduce food imports cited in workshop

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - Pohnpei and the FSM must reduce food imports and eat more local food to overcome existing malnutrition problems and to achieve greater economic self-reliance and maintain political independence, according to participants in the May 25-27 Pohnpei State Food and Nutrition Policy Development Workshop here.

The workshop was organized by an inter-agency State Food and Nutrition Committee with the assistance of the Food and Agriculture Organization and U.N. Development Program Regional Project on Development of National Food and Nutrition Planning and Programs in the Pacific.

The Pohnpei workshop is the first of a series of state workshops which are being planned to lead up to an FSM National Food and Nutrition Policy Development Workshop, according to Dr. Maarten Nube, FAO project coordinator based in Tonga.

The participants included Pohnpei State Legislature members and representatives of the state Conservation and Resource Surveillance, Education and Health Services departments; Office of Planning, Budget and Statistics; Community Action Agency; FSM Health Services Office; College of Tropical Agriculture and Sciences; churches; Pohnpei Head Start Office; Ponape Agriculture and Trade School; the U.S. Peace Corps office, and FAO.

"As governor, I would support a food and nutrition policy" to improve health conditions and help the economy, Pohnpei Gov. Resio Moses said in his welcoming remarks during the opening session May 25 in the Seabreeze Restaurant.

C&RS Director Kikuo Apis said, "In this workshop, we should focus on how we can educate our people about the importance of nutrition."

Nube cited statistics showing that Pohnpei had the highest rate in the Pacific project area of food imports at \$129 per person per year and 28 per cent of total imports in 1985, while the FSM imported food at the rate of \$123 per capita and 23 per cent of its total imports in 1983. The average for the South Pacific countries was \$80 per person per year.

At the same time, older Trust Territory reports and incomplete recent reports indicate that Pohnpei has a relatively high rate of malnutrition and poor growth through undernourishment in infants and children associated with the decline of breast feeding and poor hygiene and diets based too much on rice, sugar and other starchy foods, but lacking in greens and fruits. Adult malnutrition takes the form of obesity and its related health problems such as diabetes and hypertension, according to Nube who is a nutritionist.

"The conclusion that there is a problem of child malnutrition in all states of the FSM cannot be denied," he said, citing 145 cases reported by the Pohnpei State Hospital between May 1, 1986, and April 30, 1987.

The most effective way to reduce food imports is to make them more expensive than local food by imposing tariffs, according to FAO economic consultant John Cameron of East Anglia University in England.

The tariffs would stimulate local food consumption and their revenues could be used to develop local food production, Cameron said, adding that the FSM is the only place in the Pacific where rice

is less expensive per pound than root crops, because there are no tariffs on food imports here.

"Reducing imports must be a primary goal for federal and state governments in the FSM to achieve greater self-reliance," he said, suggesting that the FSM set a goal of reducing food imports by 10 per cent a year to the level of about \$80 per capita during the next five years.

The FSM could join the other South Pacific countries in "making imported food and drink less attractive by increasing their prices through higher tariff rates, improved labeling and restricting imports of undesirable, unhealthy items."

Cameron suggested that reducing food imports should have priority over large-scale export projects, such as the proposed black pepper development project and fish cannery planned for Pohnpei which would require large resource commitments while having a nominal impact on the state's trade imbalance.

"A small producer system producing steady gains in output and productivity is a desirable way forward from a cultural standpoint," Cameron said, adding that "it is also ecologically and economically feasible, especially if marketing is underpinned but not dominated by a Food Services Program committed to the use of local food, financed by tariffs on imported food and coordinated closely with agriculture and fishery extension services."

State Agriculture Chief Adelino Lorens said that breadfruit, bananas, sweet potatoes and taro are the most common substitutes for rice when its availability is limited.

Lorens said that among the constraints on local food production in Pohnpei are lack of technical skills and efficient market outlets, small land holdings and complex ownership, limited financial resources, relatively high labor costs at \$8 a day which inhibits exports and makes domestic products non-competitive and lack of incentive to make the extra effort to make farming profitable.

State Agriculture Extension Advisor Morea Veratau indicated that fish and poultry are the main local sources of protein in Pohnpei, while pigs are raised here in large numbers, primarily for funerals and feasts.



FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY - Former Ambassador Franklin Hayden Williams, left, now Asia Foundation president who headed the U.S. delegation to the FSM presidential inauguration, is participating May 19 in the official flag-raising ceremony officially opening the U.S. Representatives' Office in Pohnpei with, from left, Acting U.S. Representative Steve Mann, Boys Clubs of America National Director William Bricker, White House Liaison Officer Mary R. Crowe and Mitchell Hagerstrom of the U.S. Representative's Office.

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