

FSM CABINET SPECIAL ISSUE

President sends Yuletide Message

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Haglglam said it is a time to reflect on the past and set a new goal for ourselves in a holiday message to the people of the FSM. In his message, the President said:

"My fellow citizens,

My family joins me in extending our best wishes for the holiday season to you and your families. It is a special time for all of us.

It is a time to joyfully celebrate and reflect on the message the birth of our Lord brings to the world. It is a time to bring joy, peace, and hope to our families, relatives, friends

and, in a larger sense, our communities. It is a time to reflect on the past and set a new goal for ourselves. It is a time to recall the loss of our loved ones, pray for their souls, and wish that they could have been with us.

It is also a time to reach out to those who

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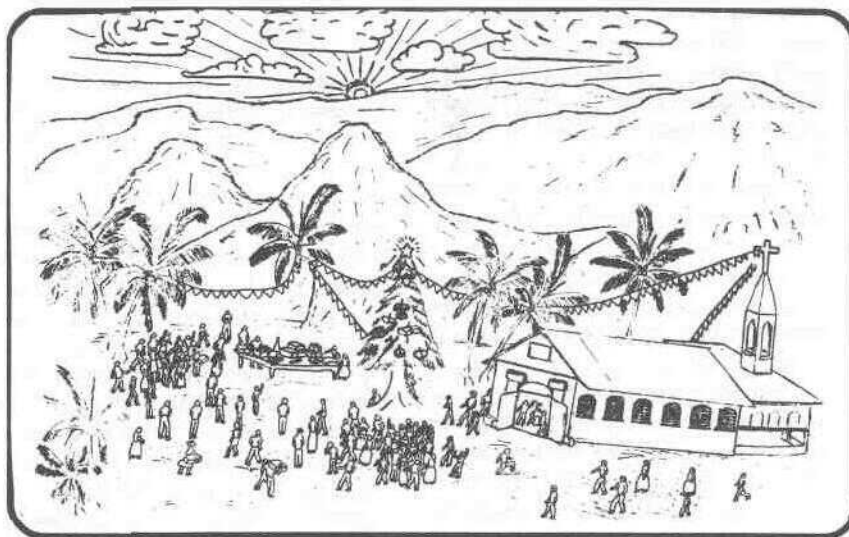
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KIRIBATI AND FSM ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC TIES

TARAWA, Kiribati (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Republic of Kiribati came as ninth among the world nations in recognizing and establishing ties with the Federated States of Micronesia, according to a press release by FSM External Affairs Department.

The FSM Secretary of External Affairs, The Honorable Andon L. Amaraich and the Kiribati Beretitenti (President) and Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Ieremia Tabai, signed diplomatic notes in Tarawa on December 9, 1988, formalizing the establishment of relations.

"The government of the Republic of Kiribati and the Government of the FSM, desirous of promoting mutual understanding and strengthening the existing bonds of friendship between the two countries, have decided to enter into diplomatic relations effective today, Dec. 9, 1988," the release said.



POHNPEI STATE CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN CONTEST WINNER - This scene depicting a Pohnpeian village modern feast being held outside a church on a Christmas morning with a rising sun over the mountains in the east and a pine along with coconut trees decked with Christmas decorations dominate the background with the church front lawn filled with people in festive mood highlighting the foreground, won the \$50 grand prize for Sapwalap Elementary School 8th grader Juda Orlando in the sixth Pohnpei State Christmas card design contest. The design is featured on the official 1988 Christmas card for Gov. and Mrs. Resio Moses and Lt. Gov. and Mrs. Johnny David. (See related story on Page 2)

The two governments have further agreed that the Vienna Convention of Diplomatic Relations will govern the conduct of their relations.

In addition to the Republic of Kiribati, other countries that have established diplo-

matic ties with the FSM are the Republic of Nauru, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Australia, the U.S., New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, and Israel. Japan, the Philippines, and Tuvalu are expected to do likewise during the next few months.

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are not happy because of the problems they have and pray that our Lord touches their hearts and brings hope, peace, and joy to them and their families.

With best wishes for a joyful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you."

Orlando wins Pohnpei Christmas Card Contest

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - An eighth grader from Sapwalap Elementary School was the grand prize winner in this year's sixth annual Christmas Card Design Contest for Pohnpei students.

Juda Orlando, who won second prize in Category III (grades sixth through eighth) of last year's contest, was presented with the \$50 prize by Governor Resio Moses on Dec. 8, during a festive ceremony in the Governor's Conference Room, according to Pohnpei State Press Secretary Marialice Eperiam.

Ben Norman, a fourth grader from Saladak School was also awarded Education Director's award of \$50 when he won the first place in this year's Category II (grades third through fifth). Other first place winners received \$25 cash awards; \$15 to second place winners and \$10 to the third place winners.

In a brief statement before the presentation, Moses thanked all the students for their work.

"The first Christmas was in an austere environment, in a simple abode," Gov. Moses said, adding, "We should strive for the joy that signifies what the first Christmas message is about and not become extravagant."

Orlando's drawing, which has been made into the Governor's official 1988 Christmas Card, depicts a Pohnpeian village modern feast being held outside a Church on a Christmas morning with a rising sun over the mountains in the east. A pine along with coconut trees decked with Christmas decorations dominate the background with the Church front lawn filled with people in festive mood highlighting the foreground.

Other school children receiving recognition were:

(Category I, Kindergarten through second) Ricky Latore, grade 1, Awak School, first prize; Sanricko Hainee, grade 2, Palikir School, second prize; and Erni Latorre, grade 2, Awak School, third prize.

(Category II, grades third through fifth) Ben Norman, grade 4, Saladak School, won the

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President John R. Haglelgam

The second President of the FSM, John R. Haglelgam, was born on August 10, 1949 on the island of Eauripik in Yap State. He attended Eauripik Elementary School and the Outer Islands High School on Ulithi, Yap from 1964-1968. He graduated from Beaverton High School in Beaverton, Oregon before beginning his studies at the University of Hawaii. The University awarded President Haglelgam a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1974 and a Master of Arts degree in 1977. During 1974 and 1975 he studied law at the Willamette University Law School in Salem, Oregon. The President completed his formal education in 1977 when he completed one year as an East-West Center Scholar with the Cultural Learning Institute.

After receiving his college degree, President Haglelgam began his twelve years of service to the people of Micronesia when he was elected to the Congress of Micronesia in 1974. The President was a member of the Congress of Micronesia and the FSM Interim Congress. During that time he served as Vice Chairman of the Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs and had the distinction of being the youngest member ever to serve in the Congress.

President Haglelgam was elected to the FSM Congress in 1979 to fill the vacancy created by the election of Honorable Petrus Tun as the first FSM Vice President. He served as Floor Leader of the Congress of the FSM from 1983 until being elected President on May 11, 1987. President Haglelgam was the only member of the Congress who ever won a seat by write-in votes. He also served as Chairman of the Committee on the Law of the Seas and attended negotiations of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea on behalf of the FSM. The President served as a staff member to the Micronesian Constitutional Convention in 1977. In 1981 he served as Vice President of the Yap State Constitutional Convention. This experience with the creation of the National and a State Constitution has given the President unique insight on the foundation of our system of laws and government.

President Haglelgam is married to Paula Ori of Uman, Truk. They have two sons: William Haglelgam who was born in 1976 and John P. Ori who was born in 1981, and one daughter, Tess Haglelgam who was born in 1988.

Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael

The third Vice President of the FSM, Hiroshi H.

Ismael, was born on November 30, 1936 in Lelu, Kosrae State. He attended intermediate school in Kolonia and Ohwa mission School in Pohnpei through his grammar and junior high school years. In 1957 the Vice president began a two-year nursing program at the Trust Territory Nursing School in Palau where he graduated with a Graduate Nurse Certificate. In 1959-1964 the Vice President attended the Fiji School of Medicine where he was awarded a Diploma in Surgery and Medicine. The Vice President studied Post-Graduate surgery at the Rotura General Hospital and Hamilton General Hospital in New Zealand from 1969 through 1971.

In 1967, Vice President Ismael began his 17 years of service to the people of Micronesia when he was elected to the Congress of Micronesia and then in 1979 upon the emergence of the FSM he was elected to the Congress of the FSM. During this 17-year span, the Vice President served as Vice Chairman of the Resources and Development Committee, Chairman of the Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs, the Chairman of the Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations. The Vice President served as Chairman in 1971 on the Kosrae Island Council Political Status Commission whose efforts culminated in the 1974 law creating Kosrae as a separate administrative district beginning in 1977.

In 1975, Vice President Ismael was elected a member of the Micronesian Constitutional Convention and served as Chairman of the Committee on Governmental Functions. In 1983, the Vice President was elected as president of the Kosrae Constitutional Convention and was also responsible for coordinating the constitutional educational program. Once the Kosrae Constitutional was ratified in October 1983, the Vice President became the Special Assistant to the Governor of Kosrae and spent his last year serving as a physician at the Kosrae State Hospital until his reelection to the Congress of the FSM and subsequent election as Vice President of the FSM on May 11, 1987. His experience with the National and Kosrae State Constitution along with his many years of public service have equipped the Vice President to serve the nation with firsthand historical background on the foundation of FSM's system of laws and government.

Vice President Ismael is married to Mitchigo S. Skilling from Kosrae. They have four sons and a daughter: Greeno who was adopted in 1966 at the age of 3; Grant who was born in 1967; Loto who was born in 1971; Paul who was born in 1975; and daughter Kenye who was adopted in 1983 at the age of 3 months.

Secretary Andon Amaraich

Andon Amaraich, 56, was nominated by President John R. Haglelgam and confirmed by the FSM Congress to serve in the third FSM administration after serving as Secretary of External Affairs during the eight years of the first two

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administrations under the former President, the Honorable Tosiwo Nakayama since 1979.

Born Aug. 24, 1932, on Ta, Mortlocks, Truk, Mr. Amaraich attended the College of Guam and began his professional career as an elementary teacher in Truk where he later served as assistant clerk of courts, Truk; Chief Public Defender, Truk; and Assistant District Administrator for Public Affairs, Truk District Government. He previously served as a member in the Truk District Congress for two years through 1960 and represented Truk to the Council of Micronesia for the Trust Territory Islands in 1959, and also served as a special consultant and Chairman of the Micronesian Delegation to the U.N. Law of the Sea Conference and twice served as an advisor to the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

He was a member of the Congress of Micronesia from 1965 to 1974 and also served as a member of the Micronesian Political Status Negotiations for four years up to 1974; and served as a legal staff to the Micronesian Constitutional Convention in 1975; chairman of the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition, a position he held from 1976 through 1987 shortly after FSM achieved political independence.

The Secretary is credited as the statesman who led the FSM for 15 years as the chief negotiator in the difficult Compact of Free Association negotiations with the United States. The Secretary continues to be instrumental in the implementation of the two-year old Compact and its on-going implementation process. The Secretary is currently the chairman of the Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA); vice chairman of the National Fisheries Corporation (NFC); President of the Board of Trustees of Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS); and a member of the Board of the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation.

He is married to former Pwereich Smail of Nama, Mortlocks, Truk and they have 11 children.

Secretary Al Tuuth

Aloysius J. Tuuth served as Secretary of Finance in the first and second FSM administrations and was nominated by the President John R. Hagelgam to continue serving as Finance Secretary in the new administration.

Born April 18, 1938, in Yap, Tuuth attended the Territorial College of Guam 1959; University of the Philippines 1959-1962; College of Guam 1962-1963; University of Hawaii 1964-1965; Goldengate University 1976 and attended Garden State University, San Francisco, California.

Tuuth previously served in the Trust Territory

Personnel, Education and Budget Offices.

Tuuth, 49, is married to former Maria L. Aldan also of Yap and Saipan. They have two daughters Pricilla and Melissa, and a son, Francis.

Sec. Robert Weilbacher

FSM Transportation Secretary Robert Weilbacher became the first Secretary of the newly created Department of Transportation after serving as FSM Resources and Development Department Transportation Division Chief.

He previously worked for the Trust Territory Government under the Bureau of Transportation and Communications as Air Transportation Division Chief, Aviation Branch Acting manager and Manager, Air Operations Supervisor and served in command and as Mate of various Trust Territory (TT) vessels on short term assignments in 1970-1971 and in 1980.

Weilbacher, who hold an unlimited Master's License, operates all navigational, both conventional and electronic, equipment and a licensed Harbor Pilot in all T.T. ports, also received a qualified solo flight certificate from the Naval Air Station (NAS) on Guam in 1974 and certificates from trainings sponsored by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Airport Engineering and Aeronautical Information.

Originally from Kosrae, Weilbacher was graduated from Xavier High School in Truk and received a Bachelor of (nautical) Science in Marine Transportation (BSMT) from the Philippines Merchant Marine Academy.

Weilbacher, 40, is married to former Josepha Arriola of Saipan and they have nine children.

Sec. Marcelino Actouka

Department of Resources and Development Secretary Marcelino K. Actouka of Pohnpei is a certified Electrical Engineer who received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and Master of Science degree in Urban and Regional Planning and currently a Ph.D candidate in Political Science with a major in Energy/Economic Relationship from the University of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa. Actouka previously served as FSM R&D Energy Planner, Energy Planner and Electrical Engineer for the former Trust Territory Government's Office of Planning and Statistics and Bureau of Public Works on Saipan, respectively; and worked as a Public Service intern, serving as Acting Superintendent who was responsible for the installation, design and inspection for the utilities operations and maintenance under Ponape District Public Works Department.

He also served as an Electrical Consultant for the Pacific Basin Development Council Research Institute and was responsible for the coordination of the Pacific Coal Trade Project, a

report for the economic opportunities for Commonwealth of Northern Marianas, and also served for five years as a Special Assistant to the Executive Director of the Pacific Basin Development Council in Honolulu, assisting in energy and marine development plans for various countries in the Pacific Basin. He also worked at the State of Hawaii Department of Planning and Economic Development and was a Fellow at the Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP) of the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii. He served as the Electrical Engineering Consultant to Alfred Yee, a division of Leo A. Daly firm in Honolulu, for the technical proposal for FSM Capitol Complex and CCM campus and Pohnpei International Airport in Pohnpei.

Actouka, 42, has been the keynote speaker at numerous international conferences, including the "84 Bioenergy International Conference" held in Sweden. He has numerous publications, mostly relating to Energy, Technology Transfer, and Economic Resources Development for Pacific Islands.

Sec. Eliuel Pretrick

Dr. Eliuel Pretrick, Department of Human Resources Secretary, was born on July 8, 1931, in Kitti Municipality, State of Pohnpei.

Pretrick attended intermediate school in Kolonia, Pohnpei before going to school to continue preparation to enter Assistant Medical School in Guam from 1948-50. In 1951, Pretrick was among the first Micronesian students to enter Fiji School of Medicine in Suva, Fiji. In 1954, he graduated from Fiji School of Medicine with a Diploma in Surgery and Medicine. After he began his career as a Medical Officer at Pohnpei Hospital in 1955, he received one year post graduate medical experience at Hilo Memorial Hospital in 1958-59. He participated in East West Center Medical Training Program in 1964 and University of Hawaii School of Public Health, where he received his Master of Public Health degree from the Program in 1968-69.

Dr. Pretrick started his career as a medical officer on March 1955. In 1964-66, he was elected as a member of the Congress of Micronesia. In 1966, he became District Director of Health Services for Pohnpei and served in this capacity until March 1980 when he became the Chief of the Division of Health Services, Department of Social Services, for the FSM National Government. In 1986, he became the Director of Office of Health Services until 1988, when he was appointed by President Hagelgam as Secretary, Department of Human Resources, FSM.

He also had served on numerous committees and boards during his 33 years of public service. He served as members of T.T. Manpower Council, Elementary/Secondary Education Council, Micronesia and FSM Health Council.

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President John R. Haglelgam and his cabinet



**The President,
John R. Haglelgam
of Eauripik, Yap**



**External Affairs
Secretary Andon
Amaraiich of Truk**



**Finance Secretary
Al Tuuth
of Yap**



**Vice President
Hiroshi H. Ismael
of Malem, Kosrae**



**Attorney General
Jack Warndof
of Arkansas, USA**



**Budget Director
Del Pangelinan
of Pohnpei**



**Chief of Staff
leske K. Iehsi
of Pohnpei**



**External Affairs
Deputy Secretary
Asterio K. Takesy
of Ulul, Truk**



**Special Assistant
Luey K. Luey
of Malem, Kosrae**

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**Transportation
Secretary Robert
Weilbacher of
Kosrae**



**R/D Secretary
Marcelino K. Actouka
of Pohnpei**



**DOHR Secretary
Dr. Eliuel Pretrick
of Pohnpei**



**National Planner
John A. Mangefel
of Yap**



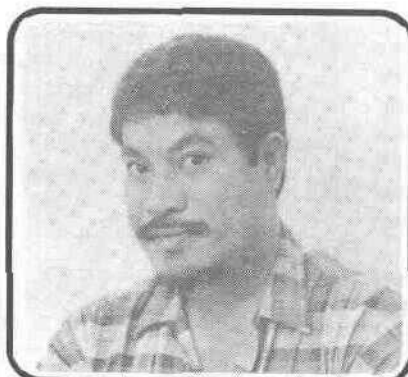
**OAS Director
Kohne K. Ramon
of Pohnpei**



**Public Defender
Michael Powell
of Nevada, USA**



**Special Assistant
Ehson D. Johnson
of Pohnpei**



**Special Assistant
Ketson P. Johnson
of Pohnpei**



**FSM Rep. to USA
Jesse Marehalau
of Ulithi, Yap**

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cil, Ponape Scholarship Board, Sports Council, and as an Affiliate Members of American Medical Association. Currently on Committees of Joint U.S./FSM on certain Compact issues, President's Training Committee and Board of Regents, College of Micronesian and President of Micronesian Medical Association.

Secretary Pretrick is married to former Kesia Wolphagen of Sapwuahfik (Ngatik) Island, Pohnpei State. They have seven sons and two daughters.

AG Jack Warndof

John H. (Jack) Warndof of Arkansas, U.S.A., was sworn in as FSM Attorney General on July 27, 1987 after having served as Assistant Attorney General for the Division of Law and Litigation Division Chief since 1984.

Warndof previously served for three years as a staff attorney for the FSM Congress (1980-1983), and served as Public Defender for the Trust Territory Government in Truk for two years (1978-1980), did private law practice in Little Rock, Arkansas, and served as an attorney for the Arkansas Department of Labor from 1972-1976.

Warndof received his Juris Doctor from Washington College of Law, American University, Washington, D.C. in 1970, and Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, Arkansas.

He was admitted to Bar, State of Arkansas in 1972 and admitted to practice before State Supreme Court and all inferior State Courts; United States Supreme Court; United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas; United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands; High Court of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and was also admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Prior to his legal career, Warndof has varied experience serving as part of a surveying crew in Arkansas; dam construction in Texas; crab processing boat, seismographing crew, deck hand on oil exploration ship in Alaska; inspector of commercial campsites in New England for AAA; bartender and resident manager of an apartment building, and clerk-aide for a U.S. Congressman in Washington, D.C.

Among his noted accomplishments, Warndof was instrumental in drafting the FSM Congress' first law waiving sovereign immunity and the first criminal code, Supreme Court jurisdiction, constitutional amendment procedures, and advise and consent problems.

Director Del Pangelinan

Del Pangelinan served as Budget Officer in

the first and second FSM administrations and was re-appointed as FSM Budget Office Director by President John R. Haglelgam under the new administration.

Born June 3, 1937, in Pohnpei, Pangelinan was graduated from Xavier High School, Truk, and attended the University of Guam.

Pangelinan served in the Trust Territory Finance and Budget departments in Saipan, the Saipan Utilities Agency, and Ponape as Budget Officer and District Administrative Officer prior to being picked as the first Micronesian Washington Office Administrative Assistant before joining the FSM in 1979.

Planner John Mangefel

Former Yap State Governor John Avilla Mangefel - known as poet, teacher, judge, writer, author of Cousin Ngabchey Letters, statesman, special assistant to governor and now FSM National Planner - was born May 10, 1932, in Gal, Kanifay Municipality, Yap State, attended Japanese school in 1939, Kanifay Elementary School in 1945-47, and Yap Intermediate School through 1951.

Mangefel was appointed by President John R. Haglelgam as FSM National Planner and took oath of office on June 21, 1988, in the presence of the Vice President and the FSM governors in a ceremony held at Pohnpei State Governor's Conference Room.

He graduated from Pacific Islands Central School (PICS) in Truk before enrolling at the University of Hawaii High School for two years in 1954. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from the University of Hawaii and did one year of graduate studies at East-West Center as a National Science Foundation Grant awardee to Northern University in Boston Massachusetts.

Mangefel previously served as a Yap District classroom teacher (1957-1960); Yap District Teacher Supervisor for one year prior to representing the Trust Territory Government to South Pacific Commission (SPC) meeting in Lae, Papua New Guinea in 1965. While serving as Superintendent of Yap District Elementary Schools in 1966, Mangefel was appointed as an Associate Justice in the Yap District High Court by the Trust Territory High Commissioner and held that position for two years through 1968.

He was elected to the former Congress of Micronesia House of Representatives in 1968 and won re-election to that seat in 1970. He ran successfully in the 1972 Congress of Micronesia senatorial race and served on various senate standing committees on Ways and Means, Resources and Development, and Health. In the Fifth Congress of Micronesia, Mangefel was also a member of the Joint Committee on Future Political Status, and Program and Budget Planning.

In 1974, Mangefel participated in the Congress of Micronesia's investigation of shipping services for Micronesia, and the Economic Development Planning of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand.

Mangefel served in the former Congress of Micronesia as a senator from the Fifth to the Seventh Congresses before he was elected as the first Yap State governor in 1980 and won re-election in 1983 for the second term as Yap governor.

While as a governor, Mangefel also served on FSM Future Political Status and Transition Commission and the Micronesian Maritime Authority representing the State of Yap.

Mangefel, 56, is married to Helen Teresa Turge of Bogol, Tomil Municipality, Yap.

Director Kohne Ramon

Kohne Ramon was sworn in by President John R. Haglelgam to serve as the first Administrative Services Office Director created under the new reorganization of the FSM Executive Branch.

Born Feb. 11, 1950, in Pohnpei State, Ramon was graduated from high school in Elma, New York as part of the American Field Service (FAS) Program, and from the University of Guam with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management in 1972.

Ramon previously served in the Trust Territory Personnel Office, and later as the College of Micronesia Personnel Director and as special services coordinator in the FSM Representative Office, Washington, D.C., prior to becoming the FSM Personnel Officer in 1983.

Currently, Ramon serves as the chairman of the FSM Social Security Board.

Ramon, 38, is married to former Elysyer Solomon of Mand, Madolenihmw, and they live with their son Jimmy and daughter, Joanne, in Nannpohnma, Sokehs.

Chief Public Defender Michael Powell

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Former Nevada State Deputy Chief Public Defender Michael Powell was recently appointed by the FSM President as the FSM Chief Public Defender replacing John Brackett who became an advisor.

Powell was born in New Orleans, Louisiana and at the age of five moved with his family to Nevada. In 1968, joined the U.S. Marine Corps and saw combat duty in Vietnam and was decorated for his service there. After receiving an honorable discharge in 1974, Powell continued his education and received a BS degree from the

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University of Nevada, Reno, in 1975. He attended law school at the University of San Diego and was awarded his Juris Doctorate in 1978. He returned to Nevada and spent his first year out of law school as a law clerk for the Eighth Judicial District Court. From 1979-1983, Powell engaged in the private practice of law in Carson City, Nevada and acquired a great deal of experience in civil and criminal law.

He came to the FSM in 1983 and worked for the Truk Public Defender's Office for two years. Most of his work was criminal defense, but he also handled some civil matters, helped administer the office, and trained local personnel. He also found time to teach law courses at the College of Micronesia Extension Program in Truk.

He returned to Nevada in 1985 and served as the Chief Deputy of the Office of the Nevada State Public Defender in Carson City. He was charged with supervising appeals to the Nevada Supreme Court, giving litigation support, and supervising trial deputies state wide.

Powell, 41, is married to former Mary Goddard of Reno who teaches English at the College of Micronesia in Pohnpei. They live in Dolonier, Nett.

Chief of Staff Ieske Iehsi

Born, Jan. 4, 1955, in Pohnpei State, Chief of Staff Ieske K. Iehsi attended PICS and graduated from Plateville Wisconsin High School, Wisconsin, U.S.A. with honors and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and minored in economics from the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1977.

Iehsi, who previously worked as an assistant staff researcher at East West Center, Hawaii, also served as assistant clerk of the Senate in the Congress of Micronesia and the FSM Interim Congress, FSM Liaison Officer to the Trust Territory Government in Saipan, and served as office manager for the FSM Attorney General's Office, as special assistant to the President for legislative matters for five years and later on was promoted to the position of special assistant for administrative matters on Oct. 2, 1986, a post he held until his July 27, 1987 appointment as Chief of Staff by President John R. Haglglgam.

Iehsi's public service career is extensive including his election as a delegate to the Pohnpei State Constitution Convention where he served as vice chairman of its General Provisions Committee. He was a member of FSM Institute of Micronesian History and Culture Advisory board.

Iehsi participated as staff in the following historical events: the first summit meeting with presidents of the Marshall Islands and Palau

which resulted in the signing of 1983 Saipan Accords; meetings in Washington D.C. which culminated in the Nov. 3rd, 1986, implementation of Compact; first official trip to the Peoples Republic of China in February 1987, and also accompanied President John R. Haglglgam on his first state visit June 24-26, 1987, to Southern Namoneas islands in Truk, and the FSM's First State Visit to the Commonwealth of Australia on Oct. 1988.

Part of Iehsi's responsibilities as the Chief of Staff is to screen much of the official communication passing through the President's Office.

Iehsi, 33, also holds the Pingelap traditional title "Noahs," and is married to former Merihne John and they live with their five children in Kolonia.

Deputy Sec. Asterio Takesy

Asterio Takesy has been serving as Deputy Secretary of External Affairs Department since Dec. 31, 1981, after having served as the second FSM Liaison Officer in Washington. He was re-appointed as Deputy Secretary by President John R. Haglglgam and reconfirmed by the Congress to serve in the third administration.

Born May 25, 1944, on the island of Ulul, Truk, Takesy was graduated with honors from Xavier High School there, before attending the University of Guam and the University of New Mexico.

He began his career as an administrative assistant in the Truk District Education Department, did a short duty at the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Headquarters Information Office, served as chief clerk of the former Congress of Micronesia House of Representatives, assistant secretary for the 1975 FSM Constitutional Convention and executive director of the Commission on Future Political Status and Transition (CFPS&T) before his posting at the Micronesia Washington Liaison Office.

Takesy, 43, is married to former Justina Yangilmau of Palau and they have three daughters and one adopted son.

Special Asst. Luey Luey

Special Assistant Luey K. Luey is not unknown to government and politics. He is from Malem and had served as Kosrae State Legislature Floor Leader prior to his appointment by President John R. Haglglgam as Special Assistant to the President for Legislative matters. Recently, his responsibilities were augmented to include governmental affairs, making him a special assistant to the President for Governmental Affairs.

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

Committee to the First Kosrae Constitutional Convention.

He is also serving on various boards including FSM development Bank Board, Kosrae Island Credit Union Board and Kosrae Transportation Authority Board, as member.

Luey earned his Associate of Arts degree from Maunaloa College, Maui, Hawaii; Bachelor of Arts and Masters degree in Diversified Education from U.S. International University, San Diego, California, and pursued post graduate studies (Ph.D.) in Leadership and Human Behavior but had stop for financial reasons.

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

Spec. Asst. Ehsen Johnson

Ehsen D. Johnson was re-appointed in 1987 by President John R. Haglglgam as Special Assistant to the President for Disaster Coordination and Special Programs after having served in the same position in the previous administration.

Johnson was graduated from PICS High School in Pohnpei and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Guam in 1972 with minors in Political Science and Vocational Counseling. He also took studies in Cooperative Education and Secondary School Classroom Management from College of Micronesia Extension Services in Saipan and Pohnpei.

Johnson previously served as a teacher at PICS where he coordinated a cooperative education program for the seniors, and later served as Assistant Principal of PICS.

Since his appointment as Special Assistant for Disaster Coordination and Special Programs for the FSM, Johnson has attended numerous workshops, seminars and trainings relative to his responsibilities. Johnson's work includes program coordination with U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding disaster programs for the FSM and also coordination of the FSM Weather Services Stations.

Johnson, 40, is married to former Selihna Moses of Mand, Madolenihmw and they live in Kolonia with their five children.

Spec. Asst. Ketsen Johnson

Special Assistant to President for Public Information, Mr. Ketsen Johnson, joined the former FSM Office of the Public Information in 1982 as FSM Government's Assistant Public Information Officer after serving one year as FSM Congress Assistant Public Information Officer. He was appointed June 1, 1983, by the former FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama, as Public Information Officer and held the post until his appointment by President John R. Haglglgam, as Spe-

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cial Assistant to President for Public Information on Jan. 1, 1988.

Born July 18, 1947, on Pingelap, Pohnpei, Special Assistant Johnson graduated from the Jesuit-run Xavier High School of Micronesia in Truk, received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English/Literature from the University of Guam with a minor in Psychology and took graduate studies in English Literature at Ateneo de Manila University, Manila, Philippines, while taking Jesuit Spirituality studies in 1973-75. While at the University of Guam, Johnson was on the list of "Who's Who among students in American Universities and Colleges" and served as Trust Territory Students Organization president, media consultant to UOG's school newspaper and a contributor to "Xanadu" the literary magazine for UOG.

Johnson briefly served as a ghost-editor for the Pohnpei Catholic Church newsletter "Usuhn Nan Madau" in summer of 1972, and previously served as classroom teacher and dean of students at Xavier High School, Truk; School counselor and Journalism teacher at Pohnpei Islands Central School (PICS) High School; and editor-in-chief of the now defunct Ponape Sun newspaper.

Special Assistant Johnson is responsible for the production and dissemination of the FSM Government official newsletter "The National Union" and is also responsible to advise the President and other officials on public information policy and methods and provides liaison with visiting press or broadcast representatives from other countries.

Johnson, 41, is married to former Marilyn Aldover of Cebu, Philippines. They have three children: Christopher, 13; Jasmine, 11, and Dahlia, 7.

Rep. Jesse Marehalau

First FSM diplomat to be accredited to any country Jesse Marehalau, FSM Representative to the U.S., a native of Falalop Ulithi, attended ST. Mary's School in Yap and graduated from

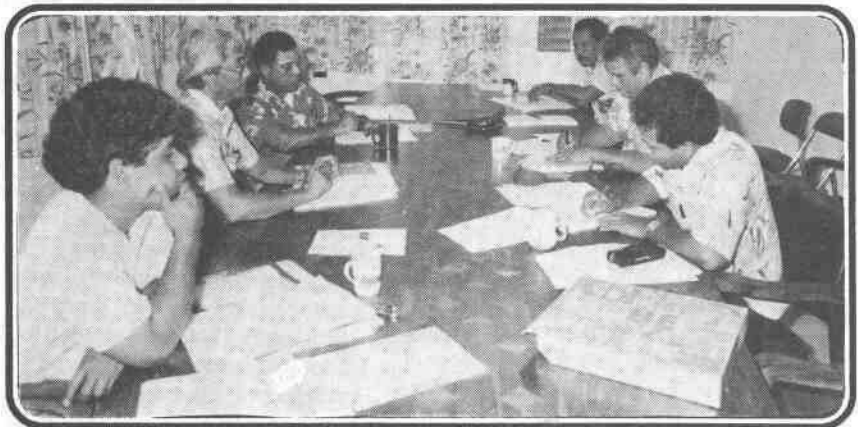
Xavier High School in Truk and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Cham-inade University in Honolulu, Hawaii.

He previously served as Yap State Assistant Fisheries Officer and later as division chief of Yap State Marine Resources; also served as Foreign Service Officer in the FSM External Affairs Department assigned to former FSM Washington Liaison Office as Assistant Liaison Officer and later as Deputy Representative for the past five years prior to his appointment as Representative. An amendment to the Compact diplomatic provisions to change the designation of the primary diplomats exchanged between the FSM and U.S. from "Representative" to "Ambas-

sador" is still pending before the two respective congresses.

Marehalau also served as numerous boards and committees on Yap State and at national level including, as member of Trust Territory Advisory Board on Education, and as vice chairman of Yap Board of Education, Scholarship Board, Yap Board of Health, and Yap Community Action Program; as chairman of Yap Task Force on Education, Yap Day Committee, and as secretary/treasurer for Yap Cooperative Association, among others.

Representative Marehalau, 41, is married to former Martha Lorerang of Mogmog, Ulithi, Yap, and they have one son, Nelson Marehalau, 7.



STAMPS DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE MET - The FSM Stamps Design Review Committee met Nov. 8-9 to recommend names and pictures and to approve police guides for the FSM and the new FSM Philatelic Agent. Participants of the meeting were from left clockwise: Madison Nena, Kosrae; Wie Fiti, Truk; Isamo Welles, Pohnpei; FSM Philatelic Bureau Manager Sintaro Ezra; Postmaster General Bethwel Henry, and Assistant Postmaster General Ignacio Stephen. Yap's Rep. James Lukan was unable to attend the meeting.

Christmas Card

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Education Director's award and first prize; Freny Saick, grade 5, Kapingamarangi School, second prize; Danny Sonden, grade 5, SDA School, third prize.

(Category III, grades sixth through eighth) Serleen Welly, grade 7, Ohmine School, first prize; Simon Orlando, grade 8, Sapwalap School, second prize; and Jimsack Linson, grade 6, Kapingamarangi, third prize.

(Category IV, High School) Childen Wolphagen, grade 11, PICS High School, first prize; Murphy Poll,

grade 12, PICS High School, second prize; and Akripa Soukon, grade 10, PICS High School.

According to the contest coordinator or Pohnpei First Lady Susan Moses, over 2,000 school children representing 27 schools submitted entries for this year's contest with "Christmas In My Village" as the theme.

Master of Ceremonies, State Elementary Education chief Joseph Felix said that he has been associated with the contest since its inception in 1983 and has seen a steady improvement in the quality of art produced.

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