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President cites Compact reduced funding in Message *Cautions the nation to prepare for stepdowns in funding*

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - In a message to the nation delivered May 12, at about 10:00

a.m. at the FSM Congress Chamber, the FSM President John R. Haglelgam informed the FSM Congress members and

the nation that under the Compact of Free Association the FSM will experience reduced funding assistance.

Haglelgam made his state-of-the-nation message which was broadcast live throughout the nation and the world except Pohnpei State which was having problems with its radio transmitter, during the Third Regular Session of the Fifth FSM Congress before a gallery packed with FSM and states officials.

Present were Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, Chief Justice Edward King, Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses, U.S. Rep. to the FSM, Michael Wygant, Nanmwarki of Kitti Benido Peter, Pohnpei State Speaker Annes Leben and Vice Speaker Job Micah, and Senators, Joanes Edmund, Herculahno Kohler, and Mitchuo Daniel, also other FSM officials including, Budget Officer Del Pangelinan, Attorney General Jack Warndof, and Secretaries of External Affairs Andon Amaraich, Resources and Development Marcelino Actouka, Finance Al Tuuth, Transportation Robert Weilbacher and other officials and citizens.

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NATION MESSAGE - President John R. Haglelgam is giving his State of the Nation Message on May 12, 1988, at the FSM Congress Chamber in presence of the FSM Senators, Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, Chief Justice Edward King, and U.S. Rep. to the FSM Michael Wygant and a gallery packed with State and National Government Officials and traditional leaders. Clockwise from the bottom are: Senators Dohsis Halbert; Isaac V. Figir; Leo A. Falcam; Elias Thomas; Haglelgam; Speaker Jack Fritz; and Congress Chief Clerk Henry Asugar.

Minimum Standards set

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Two seminars on the National Minimum Curriculum Standards were convened here January 25-29, and April 25 to May 3, 1988 which were organized through FSM Human Resources Department Education Division's Program Development and Research Administrator

Weldis J. Welley for the representatives of the FSM States and the National Government to work together on the refinement and enhancement of the draft National Minimum Curriculum Standards (NMCS).

The facilitators for both seminars were Kathleen Busick and Roiochy Johnny, both

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Henry sworn-in as Postmaster General

KOLONIA, Pohnpei, May 26, 1988 (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Former FSM Congress Speaker and current State and Local Government Affairs Special Consultant to the President, Mr. Bethwel Henry, was sworn in by President John R. Haglelgam as FSM Postmaster General in a ceremony held May 25 at the President's Office at 3:00 p.m. following his confirmation by Congress earlier that day.

Former FSM Postal Inspector Jim Miller has been acting Postmaster General since the position was vacated by Leo A. Falcam when he was elected to Pohnpei's four-year at-large seat in the FSM Congress in 1987.

Henry's nomination was among the five Presidential cabinet nominations submitted to Congress for confirmation including, former Yap Governor John A. Mangefel as FSM Planner for Office of Planning and Statistics, Dr. Eliuel Pretrick as Secretary of Human Resources Department, Michael Powell of Reno, Nevada, as Chief Public Defender, and Kohne Ramon as Director of Office of Administrative Services.

The ceremony was attended by Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz, Mrs. Marine Henry and FSM cabinet officers where Henry was also presented the resolution confirming him as Postmaster General by Speaker Fritz.

Henry, 53, who was elected to the First Congress of Micronesia in 1965 and served as Floor Leader in the first session and held the position of speaker for the House of Representatives in every term since the second session of the former Congress of

Micronesia until it was replaced by the FSM Interim Congress in 1978, and also served as Speaker of the First through the Fourth congresses in 1979 through 1987. Henry has been serving as Special Consultant to the President since January 1988.



HENRY SWORN IN AS POSTMASTER GENERAL. President John R. Haglelgam, left, is administering the oath of office to former FSM Congress Speaker Bethwel Henry, right, as the new FSM Postmaster General during a May-25 ceremony held at the President's Office. Holding the Bible is Mrs. Marine Henry.

19 complete fish poisoning workshop

KOLONIA, Pohnpei - The Federated States of Micronesia Resources and Development Department Marine Resources Division and the Community College of Micronesia jointly conducted training of technicians in testing for occurrence of poison in fishes from May 25-27 at the CCM Science laboratory in Kolonia, according to FSM Marine Resources Division Chief Mike Gawel.

Increasing cases of poisoning and even deaths are occurring in Micronesia from eating of reef fishes which are normally safe to eat in most areas but at certain locations become poisonous. Occurrence of this poisoning is often biologically linked to environmental damage to coral reefs. As populations and impacts of development

and of dynamiting and damage to reefs continue to increase, the exposure of more and more persons to this poisoning may occur.

"Unsafe fish may collapse the development of fish industry"

"As commercialization of fishing and export of reef fishes increases, there is danger of an unsafe fish entering the market and, as a result of its poisoning a consumer, development of this industry could collapse" concerned officials reported.

The FSM Department of Resources and Development, has investigated this problem recently and, as a result of evaluating different testing methods, has chosen a plan of action for testing fishes, including this training course.

Trainees included twenty-two fisheries and health services staff from all FSM states and the Marshalls Islands. The head instructor, Ms. Lauren Nakagawa, is an expert fish toxin technician from the University of Hawaii's Medical School where she works for professor Hoagy Hokama, the inventor of the "pokestick" test for poisonous fish. Previous to the training she prepared instructors Ahser Edward, Spensin James, Austin Bowden-Kerby and Kit Dahl of CCM and Moses Nelson of FSM Marine Resources Division to be trainers in the testing technique. They will be able to offer additional training in the future to any technicians wanting to conduct tests for poisonous fishes.

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Congress adjourns 3rd regular session

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Fifth Congress adjourned June 7 its Third Regular Session after passing the \$20 million 1989 fiscal year budget in the eighth Congress draft, confirmed all but one of the Presidential cabinet nominations, and approved eight bills and 15 other resolutions.

The session was most interesting as Congress, which was momentarily boycotted by three-fourths of the Pohnpeian Delegation after a disagreement broke out on the floor, struggled to complete its agenda during the last weeks of the session.

Pohnpeian delegation walked out and Yap delegation flew back to Yap for a week-end of consultation with the Yap leaders after Senator Kalisto Refalopei of Truk, representing Faichuk, hit his table and sent a coffee cup shattering on the floor after disagreeing with what was being discussed on the floor.

Speaker Jack Fritz called the session as the "most trying of all sessions this Congress" has endured, while others make reconciliatory remarks and reaffirmed their states' commitment to the 10-year old FSM unity, during the last day prior to adjourning. Senator Refalopei, who did not attend the closing session, had Senator Nick Bossy also of Truk inserted his remarks in the Journal. Refalopei expressed his apologies to the Congress but said he regretted to find that Pohnpeian voters have elected representatives who are "timid" to represent them in the Congress.

Presidential cabinet nominations who received confirmation by the Congress during the last week of the Session include: Former Yap governor John A. Mangefel as FSM National Planner; Michael Powell as Chief Public Defender; and Dr. Eliuel Pretrick as Human Resources Department Secretary. Former FSM Congress speaker Bethwel Henry was confirmed by the Congress earlier in the Session as the new FSM Postmaster General while action on the nomination of Mr. Kohne Ramon as Director of Office of Administrative Services was deferred to the next Special Session.

BILLS PASSED

C.B. 5-51, CD2, to authorize the FSM President or his designee to submit to the

voters of the FSM the question: "Shall there be a convention to revise or amend the Constitution?" in the national election to be held on March 7, 1989.

C.B. 5-215, CD1, to amend the FSM Code concerning peddlers; to replace peddlers' permits with salespersons' permits, and concerning noncompliance with the law relating to salespersons' permit.

C.B. 5-238, CD1, to amend the FSM Code to delete the budget submission deadline which conflicts with other provisions of law.

C.B. 5-259, CD2, to amend Public Law No. 4-95 for changing the use of funds for statewide public projects.

C.B. 5-265, CD1, to amend the FSM Code to require the advice and consent of the Congress for appointments to the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia.

C.B. 5-270, CD5, to amend Public Law No. 5-15, for appropriating \$1,194,710 as supplemental funding for the National Government Budget.

C.B. 5-280, CD1, to amend title 3 of the FSM Code for bringing the section into accord with the Constitution and other statutes concerning the FSM Congress membership and terms of office.

C.B. 5-281, CD1, to appropriate \$192,655 for purchasing a computer system, including hardware and software, for the National Government Financial Management System.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

C.R. 5-133, congratulating the former FSM Congress vice speaker Joab Sigrah for his confirmation as an Associate Justice of the Kosrae State Court, and wishing him success in his new position.

C.R. 5-134, approving the Agreement between the U.S. and FSM Governments to amend the governmental representation provisions of the Compact of Free Association; and authorizing the FSM President to agree to an effective date of the Agreement.

C.R. 5-137, confirming the nomination of Mr. Alik M. Kilawakun as Kosrae State National Election Commissioner.

C.R. 5-140, respectfully inviting the President to give the State of the Nation Message on May 12.

C.R. 5-141 CD1, setting forth the sum of the total funds estimated to be available for

appropriation for fiscal year 1989.

C.R. 5-147, approving the fiscal year 1989 Federal Health Grant Application for the FSM Maternal and Child Health improvement project.

C.R. 5-148, approving the 1988 to 1989 Federal Grant application for the Senior Community Services Employment Program.

C.R. 5-149, confirming the nomination of Senator Kenchy James as member of the FSM Social Security Board.

C.R. 5-152, expressing sincerest gratitude and appreciation to Richard H. White, Ph.D., for his outstanding service to the FSM Congress and to the Nation, and wishing him much success in his future career.

C.R. 5-154, welcoming the Honorable J. Bennett Johnston, Chairman of the United States Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and his staff to the FSM, and respectfully inviting the Honorable J. Bennette Johnston to address the Fifth FSM Congress.

C.R. 5-155 CD2, expressing sorrow and extending deepest sympathies and condolences of the FSM Congress to the family of the late Chiro Sikan and the people of Truk State.

C.R. 5-156, expressing sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Honorable J. Bennett Johnston and his staff for visiting the States of Pohnpei and Truk in the FSM and thereby demonstrating their concern for the interests of the people of the FSM.

C.R. 5-162, expressing sorrow and extending deepest sympathies and condolences of the FSM Congress to the family, friends, and the people of Pohnpei for the untimely passing of the late Dr. Burton Jano.

C.R. 5-163, revising the budget ceiling for fiscal year 1988.

C.R. 5-164, calling for a Third Special Session for the 5th FSM Congress.

BILLS INTRODUCED

C.B. 5-230, requesting the administration to amend the FSM Code relating to imposing a lien on taxes.

C.B. 5-231, to form and admit a new state to the FSM, the state of the Mortlock islands.

C.B. 5-232, to appropriate \$10,000 for aiding the people of the Marshall Island in

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FSM National Curriculum Standards set

of the Center of Advancement for the Pacific Education (CAPE).

During the first seminar participants brought copies of their completed curriculum frameworks and guides which were used as resource materials for careful review of the draft National Minimum Curriculum Standards. All state participants brought insights and expertise from both their current and past classroom experience.

The seminars' meetings focused on assuring that the Minimum Curriculum Standards for the FSM would become the common core of learning for all children in the FSM. The development of the standards is founded on the belief that all children can learn through a common core of learning that is necessary for the development of productive, healthy and active citizens.

The state participants compared the National draft against the corresponding sections of their own curriculum documents. As a result, specific recommendations for refinement were made with respect to all parts in the introductory section. Preliminary review of subject area student performance expectations for Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health and Nutrition, and Vocational Education also took place.

BASIC SKILLS

The learning outcome goals in the National Minimum Curriculum Standards to develop: basic skills for learning and communication with others including basic learning skills, attitudes and knowledge in all subject areas; positive self-concept and respect for cultural values; decision-making and problem-solving skills; independence in learning and a desire for lifelong learning; physical and emotional health; pursuance of career development as an integral part of personal growth and development; a continually growing philosophy in order to be responsible to self as well as to others; creative potential and aesthetic sensitivity; vocational and academic skills which will be useful and applicable in daily life; appreciation and respect for the environment; understand the effects of population changes on the quality of life; gain knowledge and appreciation of the FSM in that world; demonstrate interest in the economic and social life

of the nation through active participation in community, state and national development efforts; skills to function effectively and successfully in a changing nation and world.

HIGH SCHOOL MINIMUM STANDARD

The essential competencies expected to be mastered by high school graduates are to be able to: read and use printed materials from daily life which include the newspaper, telephone book, road maps, charts and graphs commonly used in public media, and household product instruction; complete commonly used forms which include personal checks, job applications, charge account applications and other similar forms; demonstrate writing skills commonly used in daily life such as writing directions, telephone messages, letters of inquiry or complaint, and personal correspondence; communicate orally in situations common to everyday life such as giving simple directions and answering questions about directions or instructions, expressing personal opinions on a topic and responding to questions about the topic, and describing an object; use skills in situation common to everyday life including adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing whole numbers, adding and subtracting dollars and cents, and computing

discount and simple interest; reading and use scales on standard measuring devices like rulers, measuring cups and spoons, thermometers and weight scale; interpret common visual symbols such as traffic signs and road markings, directions to public facilities, and caution and warning labels and signs; reach reasoned solutions to commonly encountered problems. Reasoned solutions are those that incorporate the facts at hand, the constraints on the solution, the feasibility of carrying out the solution, and the values of those affected by the solution. Commonly encountered problems include decisions about family finance, career plans, physical health, and community issues; distinguish fact from opinion in TV and radio news broadcasts, advertising, newspaper and magazine articles, and public speeches; use resources for independent learning. These resources include the library, informed persons, and public and private agencies; identify the harmful effects of smoking, drinking, drug abuse, overeating, insufficient sleep, poor personal hygiene, and poor nutrition; identify the training, skill and background requirements of at least one occupation in which the student is interested; demonstrate knowledge of the basic structure and functions of national, state and local governments; demonstrate knowledge of the citizens' opportunities to participate in political processes including voting, running for office, contracting elected representatives, and participating in election campaigns; demonstrate knowledge of important citizen rights and responsibilities. For example, the rights guaranteed by the Constitution and knowledge of traffic laws and major criminal offenses; exhibit appreciation for his/her worth as a unique and capable individual; assume responsibility for identifying personal needs and setting reasonable goals; demonstrate a questioning attitude, open mindedness and curiosity; demonstrate a sensitivity to and an understanding of the needs, opinions, concerning cultural values of others; participate actively in reaching group decisions; examine and assess the values, standards and traditions of the community; demonstrate an appreciation for his/her own historical and cultural heritage as well as that of others in the national community and in the world; respect the differences among people and recognize the pluralistic nature of FSM society; determine what is needed to accomplish a task and establish habits for learning independently or with others; express his/her own concepts, ideas and emotions through one or more of the arts (art, music, drama and dance); demonstrate attitudes and habits (such as pride in good work, dependability and regular attendance) and the



CERTIFICATES AWARDED - Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, left, is awarding a certificate of attendance to Masaki Thompson of Kosrae during concluding ceremonies of the workshop with FSM Education Division's Program Development & Research Administrator Weldis Welley, standing, Takasy Reynold of Truk (partially hidden) and Hester Lawrence of Pohnpei, looking on.

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Haglelgam urged CCM grads to obtain degrees crucial to the nation's economic, social and political development

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Haglelgam urged the 1988 Community College of Micronesia (CCM) graduates to obtain graduate degree in the fields crucial to the nation's economic, social and political development and other professional fields, and to choose to enter the private sector or establish a business, in his May 20 address to the 18th Community College of Micronesia (CCM) graduating class during commencement exercises held at the CCM gym here.

Haglelgam told the graduates, "This ceremony is a momentous occasion. Your years of classroom education are over. You have accomplished what you set out to do many years ago. You have earned your college degree. Having accomplished this,

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skills that will make the individual a productive participant in economic life; demonstrate an understanding of personal economics and its relationship to skills required for employment, promotion and financial independence; apply basic elements of good nutrition, avoidance of substance abuse, prevention and treatment of illness, and management of emotional stress; practice proper safety skills.

The core subject areas included at this time in the National Minimum Curriculum Standards include: language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, health and nutrition, vocational education which include agriculture, business, home economics, industrial arts, and mechanics.

The final draft of the National Minimum Curriculum Standards was presented to the FSM Association of Chief State School Officers (FACSSO) for review and adoption. It was adopted by the directors and was transmitted to the office of the FSM President for final approval.

Participants include: Masaki Thompson, Hanson Sigrah, Kalwin Kephah, Roger Skilling, and John Williams of Kosrae State; Kirieta Hengio, Takasy Reynold, Santio Sony, Wiseman Moses, Kangichy Welle, Johndy Nakamura, Aiauo Nanotto, Herdos Herman, Deophil Joseph, Masasinge Eis, Ari Kumos, Truk State; Casiano Shoniber, Gideon David, Paulino Rodrigues, Luciano Saimon, Marcus Rosario, Albert Augustine, Bender Enicar, Tridell Elitok, Lewis Santos, Perden Samson, Kolden Manuel, Henter Lawrence and Bismark Sebastian, Pohnpei State; Calistus Legdesog, Leo Pugram, Vincent Paren and George Goounug of Yap State.

you probably believe that your years of learning are at an end. But they are not. In reality, this graduation ceremony is more a beginning than an end. Learning does not end when you leave school. All that really happens is that your teachers and classrooms change. Your new classroom will be your workplace and your new teachers will be your co-workers and superiors. You will enter the world of practical life; the world of reality.

"If you are to excel at what you do, you must continue to learn every day. When you stop learning, you stop improving yourself. But this does not mean that your lives are not changing. After 14 or more years of going to school, many of you are going to have to stop studying how to do things and start doing them. This can come as quite a shock. No one is ever quite ready for the transition, but the transition must be made. In our developing nation, school cannot last forever because education cannot be a goal in and of itself. It must be a purpose, and at this point in our development, that purpose must be to prepare you to be productive members of our national economy," Haglelgam said.

The President noted that it used to be simple to enter the economy because one

would begin a long profitable career by working with a government, "but this has changed," he said, adding, "The governments can employ those of you who have graduated in the fields crucial to our economic, social and political development. Given the limited amount of funds available to run the government under the Compact of Free Association, opportunities for employment with the government are not too encouraging. At both the national and state levels, this has meant a re-evaluation of our goals and minimization in the need for new employees. In the future, the governments will need few teachers and administrators. On the other hand, the government will still need substantial numbers of trained professionals such as marine biologists, doctors, economists, veterinarians, and engineers. Our government currently has to hire such skills from the outside."

Haglelgam added that the graduates who enter government or private employments should perform their jobs efficiently, and are facing the crucial challenge of helping develop the economy of the nation. "If we are successful in making our economy with more people employed in the private sector, then we will be able to provide government

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FAREWELL PARTY FOR THE RIDERS - Fulbright Scholars Louise, far right, and John Rider, center, are receiving certificates of appreciation from FSM Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael during a May-13 farewell party made in their honor following the conclusion of their work as Fulbright Scholars in FSM during School Year 1987-1988. Admiring the certificates from left are: Mrs. Mitchigo Ismael; Vice President Ismael; Kimberlee Kihlery (partially hidden); Dr. John Rider, U.S. Rep. to FSM Michael Wygant; Nesifina George; and Louise Rider. The Riders were also given a wall decor with FSM seal in the center as a token of appreciation from the FSM Broadcasting Service, Public Information. The certificates commend the Riders for their personal application and dedicated service rendered to the people of the FSM during their 10 month tenure.

Haglelgam asks the other government branches to join in his effort

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U.S. Congress to obtain reinstatement of the program. The stepdown will require reduction in services and employment unless we act now," said the President. The President also said that if we don't act now the nation will face hardship in the very near future.

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

"One year ago today the Vice President and I were elected to lead this nation. That was a special day for the two of us and our families, and we have worked hard this past year to prove that the choice made by Congress was a good one for the nation.

In preparation for this speech, I have spent much time looking back over the past year, searching for a way to express what the administration has done and has been trying to do. I considered using the usual measures of success, like how much foreign aid we have received and how our economy is growing. And I might have given the usual State of the Nation Message, but a few weeks ago I received a letter from my family on Eauripik that made me realize that the usual comments, would be inadequate.

In the letter, my family, after telling me about what had been happening on Eauripik, asked me why I was spending so much time away from home. They wanted to know what was so important that I must live on Pohnpei rather than on Eauripik where I belong. Back home there were fish to catch, canoes to build, and tuba to collect. What could be more important, they asked?

My first reaction was to think that this was a strange question. Working for the people, doing the people's work is important. But as I thought more about the question, I realized that my family was expressing a fundamental question, not just about me and my job, but about government in general. To them, much of what we do in the National Government is an abstract concept. Having food in their pot is real. In this way they are not very different from the majority of the people in this nation.

Those of us who work for any government must ask ourselves: How do we justify not being at home working with our families? We must look at what we are doing through the eyes of people like my family and decide whether what we do will improve the lives of all the people or is what we do simply designed for political gain. We must remember that we are the guardians of the public trust. As such, we must exercise that trust for the benefit of the average citizen, not just the government official.

It is in the context of how our work has affected the average citizen that I will speak of the state of the nation. In so doing, I hope that in some small way this will explain to my family why I must stay here on Pohnpei to finish the job that I was elected to do.

Explaining how the National Government affects the lives of our people is a difficult task. We do not provide services such as schools or hospitals directly to the people. Direct service provision is the role of the state.

While the services that we provide are more supportive than direct, I believe that the National Government does have an important role to play in the social, political, diplomatic, and economic development of this country. This role is to create opportunities that will ensure that the nation is greater than the sum of its parts.

Under our constitution, the National Government has limited powers. But within the confines of those powers, and with the cooperation of the states, we can accomplish much. We are improving the interstate and international transportation system to integrate our internal markets with each other and the outside world, thus expanding the opportunities for foreign assistance. We are managing and developing our greatest physical resource — the ocean — to provide the greatest benefits to our people. We provide specialized medical assistance that no single state can afford, as well as coordinate the development of treatment facilities within the nation to limit the need for medical referrals. In cooperation with the states, we are promoting economic development to improve the lives of all citizens. In these and other ways, we will facilitate the development of the nation, and, thus create opportunities for the people to improve their lives.

Last July I delivered my first state of the nation message. In that speech I discussed my view on the problems that we faced and set forth my visions for the nation. But goals must be turned into programs and programs must be implemented. Working in cooperation with the Congress and the states, that is what we have tried to do this past year.

The Vice President and I began this administration with high expectations of what this government can do, and we have worked diligently to match these expectations. But we were not naive. We knew that major changes would not happen in a single year. Instead, the work of an administration is to set patterns that will endure for years to come. With the cooperation of Congress, we have begun to set these patterns and we seek the continued support of Congress and the states to sustain these patterns in the upcoming year.

But some changes must be made now. We face the immediate challenge of responding to the loss of U.S. Federal Programs. Under the Compact of Free Association we receive \$7 million each year to offset the loss of over \$23 million in Federal Programs.

Some people have urged us to ask the United States to reinstate these programs. I believe that such a step, on a large scale, would be inconsistent with our status as an independent nation. Commonwealths and territories receive these programs, but we have rejected commonwealth or territorial status. We have chosen independence. Eligibility for all Federal Programs would be a step backward. The loss of these programs is the price of our independence.

However, there is one program that we cannot separately fund, and that is so crucial to our economic development that we are seeking additional assistance from the United States. I refer to the Pell Grants Program. Prior to the Compact our students were receiving over \$11 million a year in postsecondary educational assistance. Under the Compact we receive less than \$2 million per year for such assistance. We cannot make up the difference.

I recently spoke at the graduation ceremony at Xavier High School. As I looked out at the graduates and their families, the potential impact of the loss of Pell Grants became clear to me. Those students, and the other students in this nation, are our future. Without Pell Grants, it is a future without the college educated workforce we need to complete in the world economy. Without this assistance we will forever be

dependent on outside expertise to run our industry. We will never truly be free.

The administration is working closely with members of the U.S. Congress to obtain reinstatement of the program.

Another challenge we must face today is the stepdown of Compact assistance. In three short years our primary funding under the Compact will be cut by 15 percent. For the National Government this amounts to a reduction of \$1 million per year. Furthermore, there will be another 20 percent reduction in funding five years after the first reduction. We must move quickly to address this problem.

We are continuing to limit the cost of running the Executive Branch to ensure that we will be ready to meet the first stepdown in Compact funding. We are carefully reviewing all requests for travel and major purchases of supplies and equipment to ensure that such expenses are truly necessary. We are also limiting the use of government vehicles and considering possible changes in employment benefits. We feel that these are necessary measures. I ask for the support and understanding of Congress and all employees in these efforts. I also urge the other branches to join in these cost-saving actions. If we continue these actions, I believe that the National Government can absorb the first stepdown under the Compact.

However, the second stepdown will require reductions in services and employment unless we act and act now. I have submitted a bill for your consideration that will create a compact stepdown relief fund and appropriate \$1 million to finance it for the next fiscal year. Additional funding of \$1 million in each of the following two years will be required as well. The money in this account would be set aside and invested until the last five years of the Compact. Then it will be transferred back to the general fund to offset the stepdown in funding for the National Government. I urge you to support this effort to guarantee the continued availability of government services to our people.

Unfortunately, the stepdowns do not only affect the National Government. They affect the states as well. And the effect of the stepdowns will be magnified in those states currently struggling with deficits. I urge the states to address stepdown relief as well. While the National Government cannot offer financial assistance to the states at this time, we stand ready to provide whatever technical assistance we can to assist the states in meeting this challenge.

The administration has continued to work on many other fronts as well. The reorganization proposal that was our major legislative initiative from last year has now been implemented. While the new organization of the Executive Branch has only been in place four months, it is working well. The fiscal year 1989 budget reflects the operating efficiencies derived from the new structure.

Ours is a nation that lives on the generosity of others. Without foreign assistance, government services would come to a complete stop. The schools and hospitals would close. The field trip ships would no longer bring food and clothing to the outer islands. Life, even on the remote islands, is tied to the health of our cash economy. The most significant accomplishment that we could achieve is to place this nation on the road to economic security.

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our Department of Transportation has worked diligently in the past to develop a proposal for centralizing the operation of the inter-island field trip ships. Under this plan, the ships would provide interstate, as well as inter-island service, thereby opening new avenues for interstate commerce. It is a cost-effective plan, and I urge the Congress and the state governments to support the department in this effort.

To try to remove one of the last major barriers in our efforts to export our poultry and livestock to foreign markets, the department of Resources and Development now has a veterinarian available to assist in the verification and certification of the absence of certain diseases in animals from our nation.

The department is also working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on a number of projects including coastal mapping, improved water supplies, prevention of shore erosion and flood control.

Recognizing the potential of our country's 200-mile exclusive economic zone, the U.S. geological survey has initiated an assessment of the seabed resources.

To enable us to fully exploit these resources for our own benefit, I have just this week declared our sovereignty over a 200-mile exclusive economic zone and have submitted a bill for your consideration that would establish the limits of the zone. I urge you to promptly enact the bill that we have submitted to provide the necessary national legislation to ensure that all sea-based resources within 200 miles of our islands are conserved or developed for our benefit.

Last year I encouraged you to support our division of statistics in their efforts to provide the data needed to monitor the development of our nation. Because of your support, the division has recently completed the Pohnpei census report and the first annual trade report and will soon complete final census reports for Kosrae and Yap. To continue the work of the division, I urge you to give favorable consideration to the statistics bill that has been submitted this session.

The Office of Planning and Statistics has also channeled \$2.2 million from the US. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the completion of various community projects throughout the country in the past year. Funding under this program went to: housing rehabilitation and construction of public markets in Kosrae and Truk, a marina in Yap, a water system in Pohnpei, and recreational facilities in all states.

This is what the government has done, but the government alone cannot create economic development. We can only create opportunities for our citizens. It is up to the workers and businessmen of this nation to take hold of these opportunities to improve our economy.

In my last state of the nation address, I spoke about the threat of unchecked population growth. The National Population Policy Task Force met here last month to define goals for population growth during the remaining years of the 20th century and beyond. I have approved the recommendations to the task force and we will be working with Congress and the states to implement these proposals.

The low quality of education that we provide our children has been a major concern in our nation. While the states provide most of the schools and teachers, this is also a national concern. Our constitution requires the national government to take every step

reasonable and necessary to ensure the right of our people to an education. Over the past year, we have made substantial strides in adhering to this constitutional mandate.

The administration has worked closely with the states to improve the primary and secondary education systems. After extensive discussions with the states, a national curriculum standard, which will enable all of our schools to offer a sufficient education, will be submitted for your consideration. To supplement this, a national standardized test of basic educational skills is being developed to assess the performance of our students.

In support of postsecondary education, we are asking that \$249,000 be appropriated to support the student loan revolving fund. We are also seeking an appropriation of nearly \$1 million from the Compact Scholarship Funds for state scholarship programs. Our children are our future. I urge you to support these efforts to give them the education that they deserve.

In response to congressional resolution No. 5-110, we have recently submitted, for your consideration, a comprehensive report evaluating the public education system in our country. A proposed code of education will be submitted to the Congress which will further define the role and responsibilities of the national government in the area of education. Implementation of these proposals will improve the quality of education throughout our nation.

In my last state of the nation address, I also spoke of the importance of international recognition. We continue to pursue the goal of entering the mainstream of the international community. While we are making progress in this area, our efforts are being frustrated by the failure of some members of the United Nations to respect the freely expressed wishes of our people. Some nations are reluctant to extend diplomatic relations to us until a termination of the Trusteeship Agreement is obtained in the Security Council. While we believe that formal Security Council action is not required, we urge the United States and our other friends to work with us to remove this artificial roadblock to full diplomatic recognition — a roadblock which, in our view, is contrary to the United Nations' own principles.

Another roadblock to full diplomatic recognition has been the provisions of the Compact that limit us to having a Washington Representative rather than an ambassador. The term "representative" was thought to fit the unique relationship we have with the United States and was never meant to imply any lessening of our status as an independent self-governing state. But now, with the different effect that the term "representative" has produced, both governments agree that such terms must be changed and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations should be used as the guiding principle in our relations. Therefore, I am pleased to inform you that we have entered into an agreement with the United States to give our Washington Office Ambassadorial status. I have submitted the agreement to you for ratification, and I urge you to act on it this session.

We have worked this past year to resolve some of the areas of friction between the state and national governments. A major accomplishment in this area was Congress's approval of a bill to redefine major crimes to transfer greater authority over criminal law to the states. This was a significant step that recognized the growth of the states judiciaries over the past eight

years. I urge the states to enact legislation to take on their new responsibilities. Our Attorney General's Office will work with any state that may need assistance in this area.

These steps are a beginning of what needs to be done in this nation. But there is much more that must be accomplished. The administration has submitted a number of bills for your considerations this session that we believe will move us toward the goals of economic security, and improved health and education.

The highest priority of the administration at this time is completing the appointment of the cabinet. You now have before you the nominations of Eliuel Pretrick to be Secretary of Human Resources, John Mangefel to be National Planner, Kohne Ramon to be director of Administrative Services, and Michael Powell as Chief Public Defender. In addition to the cabinet nominations, I have also submitted the nomination of Bethwel Henry to be Postmaster General. All these men are highly qualified for their positions and I urge you to approve their nominations.

The next priority of the administration is the fiscal year 1989 budget. We have worked hard to control costs in the upcoming fiscal year's budget and believe that this budget represents the minimum necessary funding for the operation of the government.

While, in aggregate, the budget is a substantial increase over fiscal year 1988, much of the increase is due to one-term expenditures such as the two-year funding of the FSM Telecommunications Corporation, and the purchase of a surveillance vessel, or to periodic expenditures such as the Congress elections or the constitutional convention.

Despite our efforts to limit the size of the National Government, there are a number of major new programs that are requested in the budget. To accompany the purchase of the surveillance vessel, we are requesting the establishment of a division of marine surveillance within the Office of the Attorney General. Because of the maintenance needs of the new capital, we are asking for the creation of a division of maintenance in the Office of Administrative Services. To better represent ourselves in Pacific Affairs, we are seeking to open an office in Fiji. I urge you to support these new initiatives.

We are also asking to spend approximately \$4 million for capital account projects. This includes over \$1 million for private sector development through the FSM Development Bank, a major livestock development program to be operated in conjunction with the states, and tourism and foreign investment promotion efforts. These are important National Government programs and I urge you to support them.

We have also placed before you three interrelated bills to promote economic development. The first of these measures is a bill to amend the current foreign investment law. This bill is designed to promote responsible foreign investment by eliminating the tangle of concurrent review now face by foreign investors. The proposed bill addresses this by establishing a conservative definition of what businesses engage in foreign or interstate commerce, and limiting National Government regulation to those businesses. All other businesses would be regulated solely under state law. For those businesses regulated at the national level, the bill would resolve the current dispute over whether

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each foreign investor in a business needs a permit by issuing permits only to enterprises. A new permit would only be required for the business if non-Micronesian ownership increased, or if 20 percent or more of the interest in a corporation were traded to a non-Micronesian investor.

The second bill addresses the labor laws in a similar way. Authority to issue labor permits for workers in interstate commerce would be left to the states. The National Government would only regulate workers in businesses in interstate commerce. For those businesses regulated by the National Government, there would be a streamlined application and approval process that should ensure that all qualified citizen workers are employed first, while limiting delays in hiring necessary noncitizen workers. Moreover, the bill broadens the definition of noncitizen worker to include persons working for family businesses, but not being paid, to ensure greater compliance with our laws.

The final economic development bill addresses the problem of chartering corporations and it complements the first two bills. The National Government will only retain the power to issue charters to businesses in foreign or interstate commerce. All other charters will be issued by the states.

Taken as a whole, these provisions implement what I have referred to as the "one-stop-shop." Business, foreign or domestic, will be able to get their charter, labor permit, and if necessary, foreign enterprise permit from a single agency at the state or national level. I believe that this is a significant step toward making our business climate more conducive to private investment and economic growth.

Two tax measures before you are of particular interest to the administration. Congress bill No. 5-93 is a series of amendments to the code that will ensure a fairer and more equitable tax system as well as making it easier for our division of revenue to enforce the existing laws. The second bill be exempt imports for use directly or indirectly by governments or in publicly funded projects.

But the administration's concern with the tax system does not end here. We must ensure our tax system is conducive to economic growth. With this in mind, I recently established a working group to review the present tax code. I expect them to have concrete proposals for your consideration by the October session. To facilitate Congress' Review of their recommendations, I urge you to work with this group as they develop their proposals.

The next important matter that we have submitted for your consideration is an immigration bill. It has three goals. First, it makes our law consistent with the Compact of Free Association by permitting U.S. citizens to enter in the country for up to one year without obtaining special immigration status. Second, it makes our law consistent with the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations by granting certain internationally recognized privileges to diplomats and their families. Finally, it improves our ability to ensure the good health of all immigrants by requiring a certificate of freedom from communicable diseases from all persons entering the nation for over 30 days.

In the area of postsecondary education, this administration is committed to honoring the second year



AWARDS PRESENTATION FOR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE - Pohnpei Weather Service Office received the highest performance rating in all the Pacific Weather Services Observations in 1987. Posing for a group photo during the awarding ceremony, from left are President John R. Haglelgam, Meteorology Technician Claudio Wilson, Officer in Charge Akira Suzuki, Physical Science Technician Wright Abraham, Supervisor Meteorological Technician Hamlin Simon, Meteorology Technician Eden Skilling, Custodian Faustino Ladore, Meteorology Technician Seperiano John and Special Assistant to the President on Disaster Control, and temporarily assigned FSM Weather Services Coordinator Ehsan Johnson. Edwin Rudolph who is not present in the photo also received an award.

of the treaty relating to the College of Micronesia and has recommended an appropriation sufficient to meet our obligation in the budget. However, we are continuing to consider our options regarding an independent system starting in the fall of 1989. The Executive Branch and Congress must work together to give this matter careful consideration so that our students will be able to plan for the academic year 1989-1990.

To further fulfill our obligations under the treaty, the administration will also be submitting to you a bill to establish procedures for appointing our members of the board of regents of the college. I urge you to adopt this bill early this session so we will be able to appoint our members to the board.

These are the new major programs that the administration has requested you to consider. There are also three issues of importance that have been before you for some time that I urge you to address now. The first is the Compact Financing Act. This bill will permit the states and the National Government to use compact funds to secure loans for capital improvements, economic development, or investment. I urge you to pass this bill this session.

The second issue is the investment development fund. On October First of last year we received the first \$12 million installment of the \$20 million that will be available under the fund. In order for our citizens to have access to these funds, you must enact enabling legislation. We submitted Congress Bill No. 5-212 to you last November. It was the result of extensive discussions between the states and the National Government. We believe that our bill is a good compromise of the competing concerns of all of our people regarding these funds and I urge you to pass it this session.

The third issue relates to the constitutional mandate that Congress must place the question of whether to hold a constitutional Convention on the ballot once every 10 years. I urge you pass A bill to place this question on the ballot next March.

Finally, we will be submitting a fisheries bill to you shortly. This bill will amend title 24 of the FSM Code, which is due to expire in six months.

Fisheries regulation is probably one of the most important activities that is entrusted to the National

Government. Through our licensing program, we expect to receive approximately \$4 million this year alone. This is nearly half of our local revenue.

The bill that the administration will submit will enable us to better manage the fisheries resource of the exclusive economic zone. To do this we need to be able to collect data on all fishing within the zone. Thus the bill will require large-scale domestic fishermen to be licensed and to report their catches from the zone. It will also encourage foreign fishing vessels to provide greater benefits to the economy by using our country as the base of operations. The bill also addresses the constitutional issue inherent in the current membership of the board of the authority by establishing a new three-member board consisting of one appointee of the President, one appointee of the Speaker and the Secretary of Resources and Development. Finally, the bill includes many technical changes to conform our laws to modern fisheries law, to make them more compatible with regional and bilateral fishing treaties, and to make our laws more enforceable. I urge you to pass this bill this session since the current law will expire in November.

In my inaugural address, I spoke of the visions which I had for our nation and I pledged that my administration would work with Congress and with the states in an effort to make them a reality. During this past year we have not lost sight of these visions of economic security, educational opportunity and international recognition. I hope that this message has conveyed what we are doing to realize those visions and how the implementation of those visions will help the average citizen. With the help of Congress and the states, we can bring health, education, and economic development to our people and make all of the citizens in this nation proud of what we have done.

In closing, I would like to thank my family back in Eauripik, you have reminded me of where I come from and where I will return. Some day, not this year or next, but eventually, I will return to Eauripik. I will fish, I will build canoes, I will collect tuba. But until then, there is a job that must be done. It is a job that others have trusted me to do well. You would not want me to let them down.

Thank you.*

CCM Grads

services that the people want without undue dependence on foreign aid.

"The focus of my administration has been on economic development and, in particular, taking the steps necessary to create opportunities for private sector growth. Both the national government and the states are providing funds to the FSM Development Bank to be made available to persons starting businesses. The resources and development departments are working on new small scale projects that can be developed by individuals and families. We are looking into ways of encouraging consumption of local goods in preference to imports. All of these actions create opportunities for you," he said.

And noted, "This is one of the messages that I tried to convey in my state of the nation message last week. As I said then, the government can no longer be the sole force for growth in the economy. The government will provide opportunities to people such as yourselves and it is up to you to make the most out of those opportunities. What does this mean for you and the students who will follow you?"

I believe it means that there needs to be a change in attitudes toward various jobs. In the past, government employment was viewed as the most important work in the economy, as well as the best paying, and many government employees earned your respect and their salaries by providing many services to our people."

"Now we must recognize that it is the businessmen, the fishermen, the farmers and others who are contributing to the real growth of the economy of our nation. The opportunities to develop this nation are yours. As has been said many times, you are our future. The choices that you make will shape all of our lives over the next twenty years," Haglelgam concluded.

CCM Acting President Hers Tesai reported on some of the highlight and developments of CCM which include, CCM being reaccredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges on January; College of Micronesia (COM) Treaty was ratified and became effective on March 8, 1988. The Treaty guarantees funds for the college through September 1989; a Fulbright Scholar was recruited in August 1987 to implement the mass communication A.S degree program; the dean of instruction participated in a three-month American Association of community and Junior Colleges Fellows Program with the University of Texas and the Hawaii Community College System, Sept. 19-Dec. 4, 1987; CCM, through the Pohnpei Continuing Education Program, was contracted by the FSM Office of Administrative Services to provide short-term professional training courses and workshops to employees of the FSM National Government; CCM entered into a memorandum of understanding concerning the establishment and continuation of a Sea Grant Extension Program for the FSM. Through this agreement, a resident Sea Grant Extension Agent was hired; CCM was selected as the host institution for Micronesian Police Academy to be held June 13-Aug. 13, 1988. In preparation to host this program, a staff office has been constructed and necessary renovations are in progress; CCM has began construction of a two story building to house a student bookstore and an office for the student body association; a review of the new personnel policy manual and salary sched-

ule by the staff is in progress and expected to be completed soon for action by the Board of Regents; the curriculum committee is currently reviewing the long range program planning and evaluation method being used in Hawaii community college System for possible adoption and implementation; ten mini-proposals in science and related fields have been submitted to the South Pacific Regional Environment Program for funding; on capital improvement projects, plans are being developed for construction of two additional classrooms and second floor for the dormitory pending availability of funds; finally, the Board of Regents has selected Paul Gallen as CCM President who will be on board beginning June 1, 1988.

Tesai, also read a letter from the Micronesian Occupational Center (MOC) President Francis M. Matsutaro to CCM president Paul Gallen in which he expressed his thanks for the invitation to attend the CCM Commencement Exercises, but regretted that he couldn't attend because MOC was having its Commencement Exercises on the same day.

Matsutaro welcomed and congratulated Gallen and also the CCM graduates whom he wished success and good health.

The valedictory address was given by Welson Panuel of Pehleing, Kitti, Pohnpei.

The presentation of diplomas and certificates was made by Vice Rector Damian G. Sohl of Pohnpei.

Forty-eight students received associate degrees and 35 were recognized for receiving certificate of achievement in special, and elementary education, with one given a certificate of completion in elementary education.

Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts—Ditson Abraham, Shirley George, Samuel Nakamura, Ezra Nena, Jack Nedlic, Aikisa Sighra, Lenson Taulung, Smolina Waguk, and Aminis William, Kosrae State; Anthony

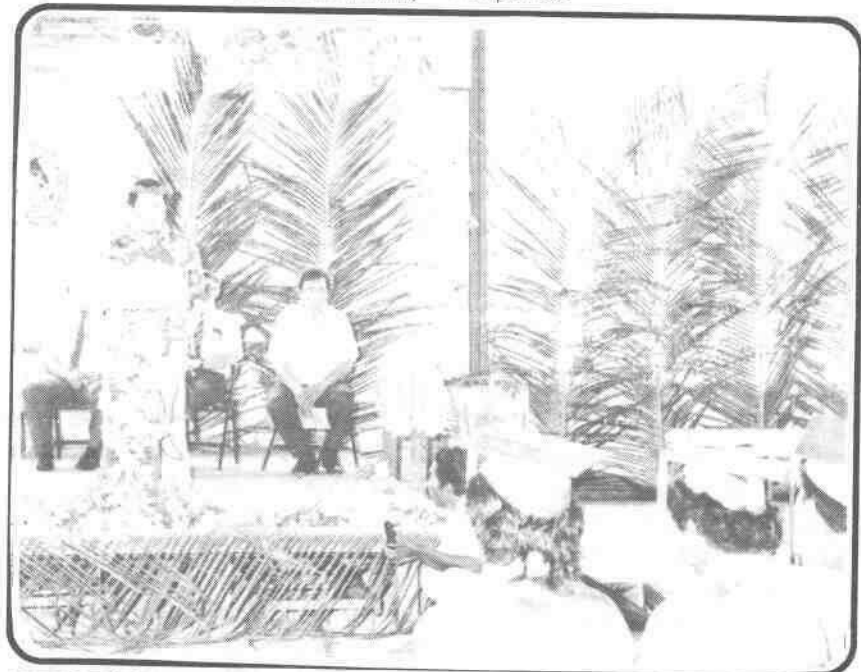
Albert, Esther Askin, Norma Mersai, Asterio Ruben, and Jonas Soumwei, Truk State; Kenson Alik and Asako Jonathan, Republic of the Marshalls; Clevenger David, Kodak David, Patricia David, Barton Henry, Irwin Kiahd, Rita Lebehn, Mark Nanpei, Welson Panuel, Connie Pretrick, and Sabastian Weital, Pohnpei State; Teresa Kigimnang, Pius Yangal, and Melanie Yilemalbug, Yap State; and Richard Ngratrang, Republic of Palau.

Associate in Science, General Business—Damian Albis, Republic of Palau; Mercy Choram, Sinceria Eas, Maybe James, Telly Peter, Memorina Ponun, and Keleb Simor, Truk State; Joston Edmond, Macnold Jonah, Elvis Nena, and Ned Seymour, Kosrae State; and Kenster Ehder, Kolden Hedgar, Raymond Henry, Brihmer Johnson, Antholine Manuel, Josephine Saimon, and Elizabeth Yamada, Pohnpei State.

Certificate of Achievement, Special Education—Luwihter Samuel, Pohnpei State; Lino Talley and Robert S. Sighra, Kosrae State.

Certificate of Completion, Elementary Education—Pilas Karsom, Truk State.

Certificate of Achievement, Elementary Education—Johnston Albert, Robert Jonas, Emilus Nena, Akiyusi Palsis, Reynold Seymour, Florina Sighra, Lipton Tilfas, Iros Waguk, and Chang William, Kosrae State; Ormiyne Amram, Miske Kony, Samson Manuel, Valerio Marcus, Kaftor Nuchu, Keresen Salmataw, Lyma Setik, Simichy Sos, and Angelina Souken, Truk State; John Chiyeg, Juanito Enallug, Callistus Hachibmai, Robert Ruwan, and John Yangotil, Yap State; Jimkon Edward, Komean Edwin, Jamodre Katadrick, Asmon Langidrik, and Joni Samson, Republic of the Marshalls; Fredenck Hebel, Kester James, Danio Poll, and Aurelio Saimon, Pohnpei State.



PRESIDENT ADDRESSES CCM GRADS - President John R. Haglelgam, standing, is telling the CCM graduates to obtain degrees crucial to the nation's economic, social and political development during May 20 ceremony in the CCM Gym.

Gallen named CCM President

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Office of Administrative Services Training and Employee Development Division Chief, Paul Gallen of U, Pohnpei was named May 6, President of Community College of Micronesia (CCM) from among four candidates by the Committee for the Search of CCM President.

Gallen is a native and resident of Nanuh, U Municipality, Pohnpei, and a graduate of PICS High School who received a B.A. degree in education from the University of Guam and Masters degree in educational foundations, Aug. 1970, from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Gallen, who started government service in 1964 as a junior clerk for District Finance Office, also served as a school teacher, language instructor for Peace Corps Volunteer Program at East-West Center, Field Assistant Superintendent for Pohnpei School System and Assistant Director of Education for Pohnpei in 1971.

He became the first Pohnpeian to hold the title of District Director of Education in 1972 and served under Governor Leo Falcam as the first State Director of Education in 1979-1983.

Gallen, 48, who ran unsuccessfully for the offices of governor in 1979 and FSM Congress Pohnpei at-large seat in 1983, served as one of the 10 at-large delegates to the Pohnpei Constitutional Convention.

Gallen, a Protestant Church lay minister, is married to the former Margarita William also of U.

The Board of Regents at its March 1988 meeting in Palau, decided that the FSM Board members, namely, Vice Rector Damian Sohl of Pohnpei as the chairman, Dr. Ansito Walter of Truk, Sebastian Anefal



NEW CCM PRESIDENT - CCM's new President Paul Gallen of U, Pohnpei, right, is paying his respects as the CCM President to the FSM President John R. Haglegam during a May 31 courtesy visit in the President's Office.

of Yap and Hansen Sigrah who is sitting in for Kosrae State, comprised the Search Committee whose task was to interview the applicants and to make a selection and to inform Board members from Palau and the Marshalls for their concurrence.

College of Micronesia (COM) Executive Director Dr. Singeru Singeo, CCM's Dean of Instruction Timothy Jerry and Instructor Penny Weilbacher representing COM and CCM faculty, respectively, took part in the search and presented their recommendations to the Regents before the Regents voted on their final selection by secret ballot on May 6.

The Search Committee met May 4-6 in Pohnpei and picked Gallen from among the four applicants. The other applicants include Pohnpei Economic Development Authority (EDA) Administrative and Training Development Special Consultant Dr.

John Carroll, CCM Business Instructor Dr. Richard Womack and Mr. Edward Covey of the State of Washington.

The salary for the position of CCM President was advertised at \$22,000 annually. The term of the contract agreement ends with the termination September 1989 of COM Treaty between the Micronesian governments, COM officials said.

Vice Rector Sohl, who had been the Acting CCM President since former CCM

President Dr. Catalino Cantero's contract was expired early this year, was sworn in on Monday, May 9, by Governor Resio Moses as Pohnpei State Director of Education.

Before departing CCM Campus, Sohl appointed Dean of Students Hers Tesei as Acting CCM President until Gallen, who took office on May 31, resigned from his position with FSM National Government.

Fish poisoning

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The test method involves poking a specially treated wooden stick into the sample fish, or even into fish soup. Several chemical treatments and washings result in sticks finally dipped in a clear liquid and causing it to turn purple color, if the fish is poisonous.

The introduction of this testing and training capability to Micronesia will help overcome not only local poisoning problems, but

also any fears of export markets about safety of fish from Micronesia.

Funding for this training was obtained by the FSM Marine Resources Division from the FSM Congress, Capital Improvement Project funds and from a competitive award of US funding through the Pacific Fisheries Development Foundation (PFDF), while FSM Environmental Health supported several trainees.

Participants were: Lucas Samomai, Henry Fathethog and John Filefney of Yap; Mark Mailo, Joe Konno, Niray Simeon, Curtis Sos, and Treda Francis of Truk; Panda Santos, Wainer Neth, Hadsen Iohp, Kodak David, Etiny Hadley, Yourida Nakamura Eiden and Akapito Semens of Pohnpei; Miller Abraham, Kenora Asher and Nena Palsis of Kosrae and Capital Bani of the Marshalls.

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overcoming the devastation caused by typhoon Roy.

C.B. 5-233, to amend the FSM Code to allow appeals by the FSM in criminal cases under limited circumstances, permitting a stay of proceedings pending such appeals and providing for the release, pending appeal, of defendants in those cases.

C.B. 5-234, appropriate \$198,354 for reimbursing the state governments for a portion of the costs of their law enforcement activities regarding National crimes.

C.B. 5-235, to amend the FSM Code by adding a new section concerning diversity jurisdiction in criminal cases.

C.B. 5-236, to amend the FSM Code for placing limits upon the upward reclassification of employees within the National Public Service System.

C.B. 5-237, appropriate \$3 million for providing funds to the FSM Development Bank for the Revolving Economic Development Loan Fund.

C.B. 5-239, to propose an amendment to article X of the FSM Constitution to add a new section 10 which would provide for votes of confidence on the President and Vice-President.

C.B. 5-240, to amend the FSM Code for granting audit authority and audit powers to the Budget Office of the FSM National Government.

C.B. 5-241, to amend the FSM Code relating to business gross revenue and import taxes.

C.B. 5-242, to amend the FSM Code to create the Compact Stepdown Relief Revolving Fund to provide Free Association beginning in fiscal year 1987, to appropriate \$1 million to provide initial financing for the Compact Stepdown Relief Revolving Fund.

C.B. 5-243, to amend the FSM Code for renaming two departments of the FSM Government.

C.B. 5-244, to amend the FSM Code to change the composition of the Board of Education to reflect the changes made by Public Law no. 5-21, to give the Board of Education greater power and responsibilities.

C.B. 5-245, to amend the FSM Code to establish an Exclusive Economic Zone in the ocean surrounding the FSM, to expand the size of the Territorial Sea, to make the

chapter consistent with the current political status of the FSM.

C.B. 5-246, to amend the FSM Code to establish a single base salary system.

C.B. 5-247, to amend the FSM Code to lengthen the required period of time between National Public Service System employees' step increases.

C.B. 5-248, to appropriate \$5,000 for constructing a drinking water distribution system for Pahntipwe and Likie Villages in the State of Pohnpei.

C.B. 5-249, to amend the FSM Code for limiting the annual increase in the operations budget of the National Government.

C.B. 5-250, to further amend paragraph II. A. 2. of the Rules for Admission to Practice Before the Supreme Court of the FSM, as amended by General Court Order No. 1985-2, for changing the requirements for an attorney graduating from a law school located outside the jurisdiction of the FSM and the U.S.A.

C.B. 5-251, to amend the FSM Code for limiting renewals for visitor's, and missionary's entry permits.

C.B. 5-252, to make Telisa T. Sigrah eligible for naturalization as a citizen of the FSM.

C.B. 5-253, to amend the FSM Code to revise the Protection of Resident Workers Act.

C.B. 5-254, to amend the FSM Code relating to entry permits and noncitizen registration; by adding a new chapter 3 requiring health certificates and physical examinations of entry permit holders; by repealing sections 201 through 207 of title 51.

C.B. 5-255, to provide for the regulation of foreign enterprises; to amend the FSM Code by repealing chapter 2 in its entirety.

C.B. 5-256, to define the functions and responsibilities of the Division of Statistics; to authorize the Division of Statistics to develop an integrated and comprehensive statistical and census information system; to guarantee the confidentiality of data collected; to promote cooperation between the National and State Governments concerning recording and reporting of statistics.

C.B. 5-257, appropriating \$52,000 for funding the completion of certain projects in the outer islands of Yap State.

C.B. 5-258, appropriate \$50,000 for fund-

ing start-up costs of a Kosrae State Chicken Farm in Tafunsak Municipality.

C.B. 5-260, to amend Public Law No. 5-15, for appropriating \$166,705 as supplemental funding for the operations of the National judiciary.

C.B. 5-261, to amend Public Law No. 5-15, for appropriating \$20,200 as supplemental funding for the FSM Congress.

C.B. 5-262, to appropriate \$55,000 for funding recreational programs in the FSM.

C.B. 5-263, to amend the FSM Code to regulate the conditions of employment of hard laborers in the FSM employed by foreign businesses.

C.B. 5-264, to amend the FSM Code for establishing additional holidays.

C.B. 5-266, to establish a Health Services and Education Grant Program; to authorize the promulgation of regulations for the administration of the program; to appropriate \$500,000 for the program.

C.B. 5-267, to amend the FSM Code requiring that all appropriations made by the FSM Congress be for purposes or objectives consistent with the National Development Plan of the FSM or the approved development plan of any State.

C.B. 5-268, to appropriate \$200,000 for funding construction of a new library facility for the Community College of Micronesia.

C.B. 5-269, to appropriate \$300,000 for funding medical referrals in each of the four States.

C.B. 5-271, to amend the FSM Code for creating a Search and Rescue Fund; to appropriate \$100,000 for funding the Search and Rescue Fund.

C.B. 5-272, to amend the FSM Code to authorize the creation and prioritizing of tax liens, and by staying the enforcement of tax liens upon business property for such time as the taxpayer obligated to pay taxes shall be able to demonstrate a positive net profit in its operations for the 2 years immediately preceding the year in which enforcement of the tax lien is sought.

C.B. 5-273, to appropriate \$50,000 for funding start-up costs of a Kosrae State piggery in Lelu Municipality.

C.B. 5-274, to amend Public Law No. 2-74, the FSM Social Security Act, for providing that an affidavit shall be sufficient for proof of age in order to be entitled for old age

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insurance benefits.

C.B. 5-275, to amend the FSM Code to provide for the export inspection of edible plant products produced within the FSM to assure high product quality.

C.B. 5-276, to create a new title 56 to the FSM Code, entitled Public Finance by establishing a new chapter 1, authorizing the Secretary of Finance of the FSM to issue savings bonds for funding development loans within the FSM.

C.B. 5-277, to amend the FSM Code to revise the fisheries laws of the FSM.

C.B. 5-278, to amend the FSM Social Security Act, Public Law No. 2-74, codified as subtitle II of title 53 of the FSM Code.

C.B. 5-279, to amend the FSM Code for establishing a ceiling on salaries and compensation for consultants, employees on special contracts of employees exempted by law from the provisions of the National Public Service System Act by subsections 117(11), (13) and (14) of title 52 of the FSM Code.

C.B. 5-282, to appropriate \$2,250 for funding the air transportation expenses of the Farmers Home Administration, Pohnpei/Kosrae Regional Office, to assist in the restoration activities in the State of Truk.

C.B. 5-284, to amend Public Law No. 4-95 for deleting one project therein and real-locating funds.

C.B. 5-285, appropriate \$250,000 for funding the Fisheries Development Project in Pohnpei State.

C.B. 5-286, to amend the FSM Code for lowering the dollar value of government contracts required to be let by free and open competitive bidding.

C.B. 5-287, appropriate \$1.0 million for Pohnpei State Public Projects.

C.B. 5-288, amend the FSM Code to

provide for advice and consent of Assistant Secretaries.

C.B. 5-289, amend the FSM Code concerning collection and deposit of government documents into the National Archives.

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED

C.R. 5-139, confirming the nomination of Mr. Kangichy Welle to the position of Truk State Representative to the Board of Education of the FSM.

C.R. 5-142, respectfully urging the President of the FSM to take all necessary action to return to the State of Pohnpei and the proper landowners, all excess lands on the Capital site in Palikir that are not absolutely necessary for the construction of the Capitol and necessary infrastructure and whose ownership are in dispute.

C.R. 5-144, respectfully requesting the President of the FSM to specifically request that the United States Government to continue those federal programs in education that the states have selected as priority programs that they would like to see continued.

C.R. 5-145, respectfully requesting the President of the FSM to take all necessary action to turn over the ownership and use of the National Capital in Palikir to the Community College of Micronesia for use as their campus.

C.R. 5-146, respectfully requesting the FSM President to direct his special working group on the tax code to investigate the economic impact of replacing the gross revenue tax with a net profits tax with the objective of working the present tax system into one based on net profits in the near future.

C.R. 5-150, urging the President of the FSM to undertake a complete and thorough review of all positions in the offices, departments, and agencies of the executive branch of the National Government to determine whether each such position is justified, and to improve the cost efficiency of the National Government by eliminating those positions which are not.

C.R. 5-151, respectfully recommending that the Attorney General of the FSM obtain horses and police dogs for use by the Division of Security and Investigation (DSI).

C.R. 5-157, ratifying and adhering to the Convention of International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago, on Dec. 7, 1944.

C.R. 5-158, ratifying and accede to the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, Feb. 21, 1971.

C.R. 5-159, ratifying and accede to the Vienna Convention of Diplomatic Relations, done at Vienna on April 18, 1961.

C.R. 5-160, ratifying and accede to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, done at New York on March 30, 1961.

C.R. 5-161, expressing the sense of congress regarding fishing boats suspected of fishing without licenses.



ADVANCE SUPERVISORY COURSE - 13 trainees posed for a group photo after completing an International Labor Organization (ILO) advance supervisory course. The course was sponsored by ILO and United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Front row, from left are Jesse Garbu waath of Yap State; Cosmas Damian, Pohnpei State; Jude Zachais, Republic of the Marshalls; Epa Kiofwakun, Kosrae State; Jay Joash, Republic of the Marshalls; John Teigmai, Yap State; Benjamin Akkin, Truk State; and Paul Euki, Republic of Palau. Back row are Welly Welles from Pohnpei State; Renny Palik, Kosrae State; Hugo Gonzalez, Pohnpei State; Scanner Peter, Kosrae State; Murphy Lipai, Pohnpei State; Michael Martin, Serino Xymon, George Irons, Truk State; Clotmer Aini, Republic of the Marshalls; Felix En, Yap State; Kalemén Jinuna, Republic of the Marshall; Francis Mejar, Republic of Palau; Aurelio Joab, and Raymond Higgins of Pohnpei State.

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