

U.S. Senator J. Bennett Johnston toured FSM

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - United States Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Senator J. Bennett Johnston, D-La., addressed the FSM Congress and toured the infrastructure during a June 2-3

stopover on Pohnpei and met government officials June 3-4 in Truk while enroute from his trip to Japan.

Johnston, who was accompanied by Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources staff director Daryl Owen and

Senate Liaison Division Air Force chief escort officer Clinton Horn, was met by an honor guard and welcomed by FSM Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses, U.S. Represen-

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New Zealand's Representative to FSM presents credentials

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President John R. Haglégam calls the occasion "historic," as FSM formalizes the establishment of diplomatic relations with New Zealand.

President calls New Zealand an important friend in the Pacific as he accepted the credentials for the New Zealand Representative to the FSM Terrence O'Brien in the presence of the Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, FSM Congress Vice Speaker Elias Thomas, US Representative to FSM Michael Wygant, cabinet members and other officials during a formal presentation ceremony held here June 30 at the FSM Congress Chamber.

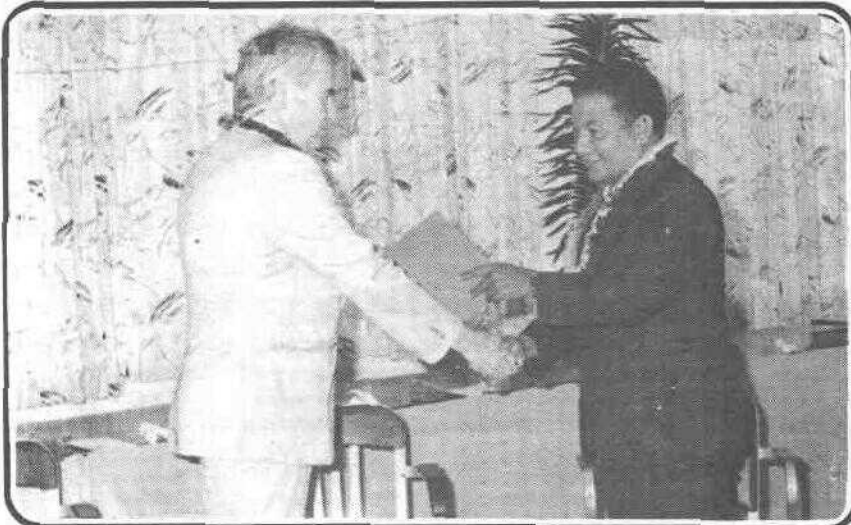
Haglégam said it gives him great pleasure to welcome and accept "the first diplomatic representative of the government of New Zealand to the FSM," adding "Our two nations are no strangers to each other. Over the years, we have enjoyed the support of New Zealand in regional and international organizations. Eight years ago, the FSM was granted observer status in the South Pacific Forum. Last year it attained full forum membership. Today, with your accreditation, the relationship between the FSM and New Zealand has undergone a

dramatic evolution — indeed, this occasion brings our two nations even closer. We look forward to working with the government of New Zealand in the pursuit of mutual interests in the Pacific and the world at large."

Haglégam also said that the FSM is grateful for New Zealand contributing to the

FSM development, "through the provision of training and educational opportunities to our people. We are also happy to note, and most certainly welcome, the increasing interest in our islands shown by the private sector of New Zealand. We encourage our

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NEW ZEALAND RECOGNIZES FSM - New Zealand's Representative to FSM, the Honorable Terrence O'Brien, left, is presenting his credentials to FSM President John R. Haglégam in the presence of Vice President Hiroshi Ismael, FSM Congress Vice Speaker Elias Thomas, Pohnpei Governor Resio S. Moses, Lt. Governor Johnny David, Pohnpei State Supreme Court Chief Justice Edwel Santos, U.S. Representative to FSM, Michael Wygant, and the members of the cabinet during the June 30 presentation ceremonies held at the FSM Congress in Kolonia, Pohnpei.

Exclusive Economic Zone rights asserted by proclamation

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia desires to facilitate the wise development and use of the oceans consistent with the international law;

WHEREAS, international law and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea recognize that, in a zone beyond its territory and adjacent to its territorial sea, known as the Exclusive Economic Zone, a coastal state may assert sovereign rights over natural resources and related jurisdiction subject to the provisions of international law and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an Exclusive Economic Zone by the Federated States of Micronesia will advance the development of ocean resources and promote the protection of the marine environment, while not affecting other uses of the zone recognized by international law and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, including the freedoms of navigation and overflight by other states;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Haglelgam, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the Federated States of Micronesia, do hereby proclaim the sovereign rights and jurisdiction of the Federated States of Micronesia and confirm also the internationally recognized rights and freedoms of all States within an Exclusive Economic Zone, as described herein.

The Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia is a Zone contiguous to the territorial sea. The Exclusive Economic Zone extends to a distance 200 nautical miles from the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured. In cases where the maritime boundary with a neighboring State remains to be determined, the boundary of the Exclusive Economic Zone shall be determined by the Federated States of Micronesia and other State concerned in accordance with equitable principles.

Within the Exclusive Economic Zone, the Federated States of Micronesia has, to the full extent recognized by international law and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, (a) sovereign rights for the purpose of exploring, exploiting, conserving and managing natural resources, both living and non-living, of the seabed and subsoil and the superjacent waters and with regard to other activities for the economic exploitation and exploration of the zone, such as the production of energy from the water, currents and wind; and (b) jurisdiction with regard to the establishment and use of artificial islands, and installations and structures having economic purposes, and the protection and preservation of the marine environment; and (c) jurisdiction to regulate scientific research.

The Federated States of Micronesia will exercise these sovereign rights jurisdiction in accordance with the rules of international law and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Without prejudice to the sovereign rights and jurisdiction of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Exclusive Economic Zone remains an area beyond the territory and territorial sea of the Federated States of Micronesia in which all States enjoy the high seas freedoms of navigation, overflight, the laying of submarine cables and pipelines, and other internationally lawful uses of the Sea.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hands this eleventh day of May, the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eight-eight, and of the independence of the Federated States of Micronesia the second.

(Signed)

John R. Haglelgam

President

Federated States of Micronesia

May 11, 1988

New Zealand

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respective private sectors to work in tandem with our two governments to strengthen and solidify our relationship."

In conclusion, the President said, "I am indeed very pleased to receive you as the first accredited diplomatic representative of New Zealand, and we look forward to working with you and your government in the pursuit of mutual interests in the Pacific and the world at large."

O'Brien also called the ceremony a historic occasion to formally establish direct diplomatic links between the two countries.

He said, "Although this is a new departure, we should recall that the FSM and New Zealand have taken a close interest in each other before this historic day. We are both Pacific Island Nations with extensive maritime resources and a common concern for the conservation of the land. We in New Zealand have watched with interest your country's political emergence and development. We warmly welcomed the conclusion of your compact of Free Association with the United States, which created a relationship not unlike that we enjoy with the Cook Islands. We have worked together within the Pacific region and have been partners in such regional institutions as the South Pacific Forum, the South Pacific Commission, and the Forum Fisheries Agency. We have also cooperated in the conclusion of such important regional agreements as the United State/Pacific Island Fisheries Treaty and the SPREP Convention. In addition to these links we share a common concern for strong democratic institutions, the rule of law and the recognition of human rights."

"The establishment today of direct diplomatic and political links between the northernmost and the southernmost members of the South Pacific Forum represents a new page in our relationship. It is now up to our two governments together to fill in that page. For our part, we look forward to enhancing and developing that relationship through continued political dialogue, by means of regular consultation in regional institutions and bilaterally, and through the development of the economic relationship which has existed for some time through the efforts of private sector businesses," O'Brien added.

In conclusion he said, "Mr. President, the New Zealand Prime Minister, the Right Honorable David Lange, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honorable Russel Marshall, send their best personal wishes to you on this important day and have expressed the hope that the relationship we are forging will be strong, as various as the many islands that make up our two countries, and above all, enduring."

Representative O'Brien was also his

country's representative to Rarotonga, Cook Islands, and previously served as New Zealand's Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, and Ambassador to the European Economic Community (EEC) for Belgium, Denmark and Luxembourg. He also previously served as Head of the New Zealand Foreign Ministry's Economic Division and Deputy Head of its Aid Division, and currently holds the position of Assistant Secretary, with oversight responsibilities for New Zealand's relations with the South Pacific, Australia and with North and South America. Representative O'Brien has extensive foreign services and had also served as a foreign diplomat in Bangkok, London, and Brussels since 1976.

Representative O'Brien was accompanied by Second Secretary at the New Zealand Embassy in Washington, D.C., David Taylor and New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs Freely Associated State Desk Officer Felicity Wong of Wellington.

Special Session to be held in August

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Congress is tentatively scheduled to convene in a 14-day special session beginning on August 1, according to FSM Congress staff Attorney Dennis Yamase.

Major topics of consideration include: state public projects and unfinished business from the last session, including consideration of several treaties and other important issues.

Pohnpei State Senator Yamada dies



RELIO INOSKE YAMADA EULOGIZED - The FSM national and Pohnpei State government officials and family are pausing for a moment of solemnity at the beginning of state funeral services for late Senator Rello Yamada. The widow, former Maria Malarme of Nett, their children and Yamada's mother Louisa, his uncles Kozo Yamada and Lotis Seneres, and sisters and brothers stand beside the casket. Standing on the Pohnpei State Legislature Speaker's platform from left are FSM President John R. Haglengam, FSM Congress Vice Speaker Elias Thomas, Pohnpei Legislature Vice Speaker Job Micah, U.S. Representative to FSM Michael Wygant, Gov. Resio Moses, Pohnpei Traditional Leaders Chairman Nett Iso Nahken Salvador Iriarte, Pohnpei State Chief Justice Edwel Santos, Kolonia Town Mayor Victor Edwin, FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward C. King, Reverend Alik Brown, and Master of Ceremonies State Senator Rev. Joseph Moses of U. Late Senator Rello (Aurelio) Yamada died June 23 of heart failure following a double coronary bypass at the Tripler Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii. Yamada, 42, was a representative of Kolonia Town in the Pohnpei State Legislature for many years and was eulogized as one of the most versatile, industrious, and upright statesmen Pohnpei ever possessed. His remains were welcomed by the FSM, Pohnpei and Kosrae state officials including the Micronesian Police Academy, Pohnpei State honor guard, and thousands of people upon arrival here on June 29 at the Pohnpei International Airport. Late Senator Yamada was buried on June 30 at the family cemetery in Dolonier, Nett.

Proposal to identify privatization projects sought

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Government is requesting interested parties to submit proposals on a project to identify specific government functions which can be privatized, according to FSM Budget Office Director Del Pangelinan.

The project will include the FSM Government and the four states with particular emphasis on the State of Pohnpei, Pangelinan said, adding that the successful contractor will be required to produce a detailed report identifying government functions proposed to be privatized with supporting analysis and rationale.

Proposals will be evaluated on the soundness of approach to project, experience of staff, familiarity with FSM Government and region, and cost.

All proposals must be submitted to Office

of Budget, FSM National Government, P.O. Box 490, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941. The submission deadline has been changed from July 29, 1988, to no later than August

15, 1988, at the close of business hours. Inquiries can be directed to Mr. Del Pangelinan, Director of Budget, at telephone number 320-2823/4 or Fax number 320-2428.

President signs four bills into law

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Hagelgam has signed four bills into Public Laws including P.L. 5-46 which is to authorize the FSM President or his designee to submit to the FSM voters the question: "Shall there be a convention to revise or amend the Constitution?" in the national election to be held on March 7, 1989.

Other Public Laws are:

P.L. 5-47, to further amend the title 3 of the FSM Code as amended by P.L. No. 5-19, by amending section 201 to delete the budget submission deadline which conflicts

with other provisions of law.

P.L. 5-48, to further amend P.L. No. 5-15, as amended by P.L. Nos. 5-28 and 5-45, by further amending sections 1,2,5,7,11 and 16, as amended by P.L. Nos. 5-28 and 5-45, for appropriating \$1,194,710 as supplemental funding for the National Budget, and from Special funds available under Compact section 215 (a)(2).

P.L. 5-49, to appropriate \$192,655 for funding the purchase of a computer system including hardware and software, for the National Government Financial Management System.

PACBROAD completes news/current affairs workshop

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A two-week training workshop which was funded and sponsored by Pacific Broadcast Training Development (PACBROAD) was conducted by PACBROAD Coordinator Hendrick Bussiek of Germany and was held here May 9 to 20.

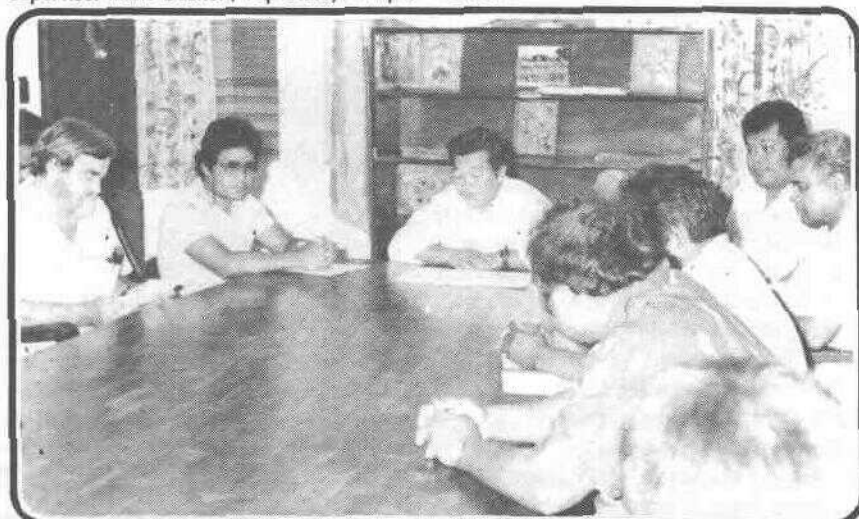
The workshop was to improve the "topicality and liveliness of news-bulletins and current affairs programs" and to affect a news-exchange scheme during and in conjunction with the convening of the FSM Congress Third Regular Session last May. Bussiek, who had to leave after the first week to conduct another workshop, said it was the first ever workshop of its kind by PACBROAD to be held in the Micronesian region.

The workshop was concluded by Pohnpei State Press Secretary to Governor, Ms. Marialice Eperiam, with the administration part of it by Information Specialist/Broadcast Esikie Lippwe.

Information Specialist Henry Muthan of Yap said the workshop was excellent adding he wished it had been a three-week workshop with the first two weeks for training and the last week for the trainees to go in the field and put into practice what they have learned while the conductor of the workshop would check their papers, give them criticism and also see who meets PACBROAD standard for PAC News. Muthan also said, "as a writer I prefer training on printing journalism."

Participants included: Marshall WSZO Radio News Producer and Reporter Wilfer Lanwi, Republic of the Marshall Islands; Kosrae WTFL Radio News Director McDonald Ittu and Kosrae Information Specialist Alik Kilafwakun, Kosrae State; Muthan and Yap WSZA Radio News Supervisor Mario Buchuri, Yap State; Pohnpei

WSZD Radio Program Producer and Announcer Wihden S. Manuel, Pohnpei News/Program Producer Emiko Boaz, and Pohnpei Program Director Enter Luther, Pohnpei State; and Truk WSZC Radio Program Director Franklin Frank and News Producer Herbich Nashon, Truk State.



FSM CONGRESS VICE SPEAKER OPENS WORKSHOP - Vice Speaker Elias Thomas, center, is opening May 9 the PACBROAD regional news/current affairs workshop at the President's Conference Room. At the opening ceremonies from left clockwise are: Former Special Consultant now FSM Postmaster General Bethwel Henry (partially hidden); Fulbright Scholar & Board of Trustees for U.S. Radio-TV News Directors Association member Dr. John Rider; the then Office of Administrative Services Acting Director Perdus Ehsa who spoke on behalf of the FSM President; Thomas; Special Assistant Luey Luey; FSM Broadcast Information Specialist Esikie Lippwe; Pohnpei State Public Affairs Director Heinrich Stevenson who spoke on behalf of Governor Resio Moses; trainees Wihden Manuel of Pohnpei WSZD Radio, and Herbich Nashon of Truk WSZC Radio.

FSM students now eligible for Pell Grants

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The United States President Ronald Reagan signed July 18 H.R. 4639, reinstating the eligibility of FAS students to Pell Grants or BEOG, according to a July 18 telex to FSM President by FSM Representative to the United States, Jesse Marehalau.

Marehalau said the U.S. House of Representatives on June 28, passed by unanimous consent, H.R. 4639 which re-establishes the eligibility of freely associated states (FAS) students for Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG) and the College work-Study Program. The vote completed congressional

action on H.R. 4639.

"It is our understanding that the eligibility is effective upon the signature of the U.S. President as far as the U.S. is concerned," Marehalau said, adding however that it is necessary for an executive to executive agreement to be entered into between the FSM and the United States.

16 were sworn-in into U.S. Armed Forces

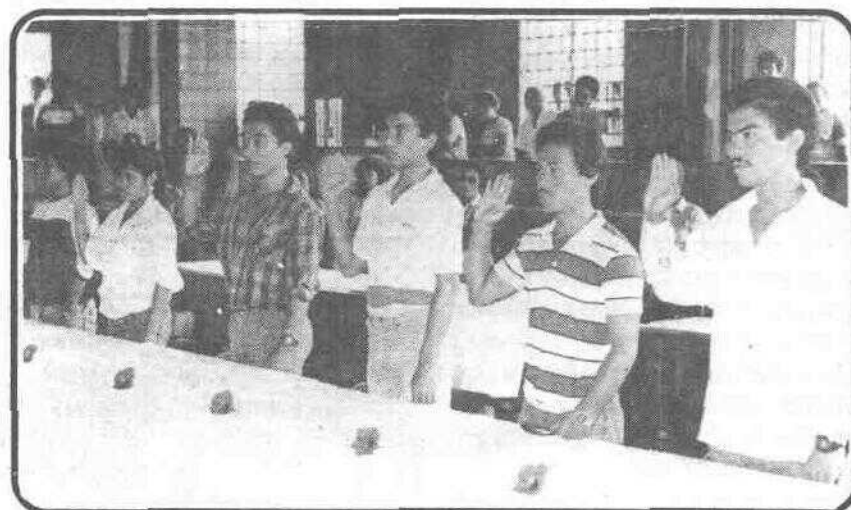
KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Sixteen enlistees from the State of Pohnpei, for the U.S. Military, were sworn in May 26 at the Pohnpei State Legislature Chamber by Lt. Commander Carol Schmidt who heads the enlistment team.

U.S. Representative to the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Michael G. Wygant in his remarks told the enlistees, "You are the second group of Micronesians to be recruited since the Compact came into effect in November 1986. You will learn a lot from the military, but you'll also be able to teach the American soldiers and sailors about your islands and about Micronesia, and I think you wanted to see this as a two way exchange where Americans are going to learn a good deal from you as well.

"You are going to have a great opportunity to learn new skills which could be of use to you when you come back here to the islands. Some of you will probably be working with computers, others with communications equipment, some may be learning skills in the area of mechanics, electricity and carpentry. Some of you I note are going to be going into medical service and will learn some medical specialties and others will become seamen," Wygant added.

He said that military life may be strange and different, but the enlistees will become accustomed to it and the types of skills they would learn would be useful as they return to the islands. "I am sure this is one of the main reasons that your political leaders in negotiating the Compact with the United States were strongly in favor of having enlistments by young people of Micronesia into the U.S. Armed Forces."

Governor Resio S. Moses offered his congratulations to the recruits for choosing a profession which is committed to improve



SWORN-IN INTO U.S. ARMED FORCES - Being sworn-in into the U.S. Armed Forces during a May 26 ceremony at the Pohnpei State Legislature Chamber from left are: Nicelyn Peter; Limanman Elanzo; Patrick Abraham; Steward M. Petro; Bowner Edward, and Victor Edwin, Jr.

human conditions around the world, adding, "I know, joining the military, you will be learning a lot of skills like the ambassador had stated, most important, most fundamental will be that you are in a profession of peace."

Moses urged parents that it will be necessary to encourage their children in writing and by telecommunication in order to do their best wherever they are.

"There may be times when you have to do war, which is your preservation of human beings throughout the world. I think, the profession you have chosen to enter this morning is an honorable one, one that has a real service to all of us on reserved, committed the ideals of liberty, of life, and happiness of human beings on the face of the earth.

"As your governor, I am happy that in a small way we are beginning to contribute to the improved condition of our world, presently in turmoil and I think, with orientation of

people like yourselves and many others throughout the U.S. and other places we can make a better world for our children to live," he said.

Governor Moses told the recruits that they are now like the U.S. ambassador to the FSM, but in their case they are the ambassadors from the FSM to the United States that they should do their best and to fulfill that role to the best that they are able to.

Those sworn-in in Pohnpei included: Lerihna R. Lebehn, Wilfred M. Olter, Nicelyn Peter and Steward M. Peter with the Navy; Patrick Abraham, Mwakehl E. Capelle, Bowner E. Edward, Nellyne G. Edwin, Stevick A. Edwin, Victor Edwin, Limanman A. Elanzo, Marcus M. Handy, Arthur E. Joel, and Sammy E. Molens with the Army. Eldon M. Charley and Sepir E. Yakana who were enlisted in the Army were not present during the swearing in ceremony.

President addresses high schools

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Haglelgam during the months of April through July presented keynote addresses to various high school graduating classes throughout the nation, telling them that they are the leaders of tomorrow, the future of this country and urging them to make something of themselves and contribute to the development of the nation.

The President gave keynote addresses at Xavier High School in Truk, Outer Islands High School in Ulithi, Yap, Kosrae High School in Tofol, Kosrae, and PICS High School in Kolonia, Pohnpei and also addressed eighth grade graduating classes of Ohmine and Likin Pein Awak elementary schools in Pohnpei.

The President told the graduating high school seniors that the government "will do everything within its power to enable them to attend college" adding, "we are working hard in Washington, D. C., to reinstate eligibility for certain U.S. educational assistance programs for you and hoping that they will be available to you soon.

"But you and your families will have to make an effort as well. You may have to work part-time while in school and your families may have to support you in part, as well. It is important for you to go and try to improve yourself. It is not just important for you and your families, but it is also important for your country."

Haglelgam told the Xavier graduates that the burden of building a nation is an obligation that grows out of "our traditions and culture and that is reinforced by our Christian faith that places this burden on all of us," adding, "in His time, our Lord often was asked about what one must do to serve God. He notes that 'much is required from the person to whom much is given; much more is required from the person to whom much more is given.'" To me, "each of us has an obligation to use his talents to the fullest and, more importantly, that we should use our talents to better, not just ourselves and our families, but our country," Haglelgam said.

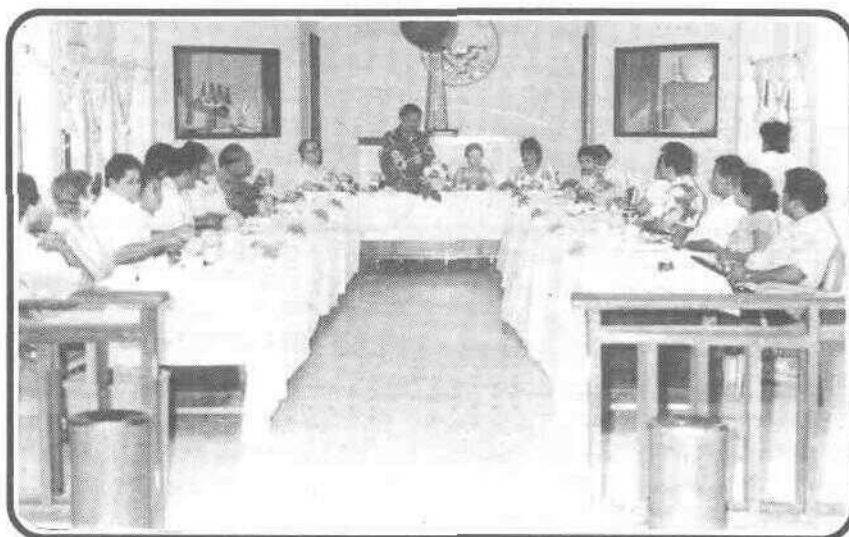
The President, who left Outer Islands High School (OIHS) to finish his senior year at Beaverton High School in Beaverton, Oregon, as part of the American Field Service (AFS) program in the U.S., was awarded a honorary diploma from the OIHS Principal during the June 4 commencement exercises in Ulithi. The President termed his participation in the OIHS graduation as a "Homecoming" recalling the very first days of the school where he participated among the first

group of students to help out in building the high school dormitories and the classroom facilities, some 25 years ago, adding, "We were building a school, not just for ourselves, but for the future generations of outer islanders who were to follow. Moreover, we all felt that the best way for us to contribute to the betterment of our home islands was to get a good education and to use the skills that we learned for the benefit of our community. I hope that each of you feels a similar sense of obligation (and) contribute to the livelihood of the family and the welfare of the community."

In Kosrae and Pohnpei, Haglelgam told the graduates that many opportunities are open to them, adding that a graduation, like a "milestone" should be more than just an accomplishment, but that it should also be a turning point in one's life.

The President advised the graduates at PICS and Kosrae High School to "be true to yourself. Do what you want, not what someone else is doing and make a contribution to this nation."

The President informed the graduating eighth graders from Ohmine and Likin Pein Awak elementary schools that he has a big job to do and needs their help in order to do it. "Study hard and think about your future. To help our country grow stronger we need doctors, nurses, engineers, lawyers, farmers, fishermen, carpenters, businessmen, to name a few," the President said, adding that by choosing to follow one of these paths in the future, "this is how you can help your president" and concluding that whatever they choose to do in life, "make sure it is for the good of mankind, for the benefit of your family and your country."



LUNCHEON HELD FOR DIPLOMATIC TRAINING PARTICIPANTS - President John R. Haglelgam, center, is addressing April 14 the participants of the Diplomatic Corps Training before they depart for Washington. At the luncheon held at the FSM Congress Chamber from left clockwise are: Foreign Service Officer Emilio Musrasrik and wife, Melody Musrasrik; Foreign Service Officer Tadao Sigha and wife, Lenora Sigha; Immigration Chief Uriel Hadley; External Affairs International Affairs Division Administrator Masao Nakayama and wife, Serlyn Nakayama; External Affairs Department Secretary Andon Amaraich; U.S. Representative to FSM, Michael Wygant; President Haglelgam; Mrs. Lee Wygant; Mrs. Mitchigo Ismael; Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael; Chief of Staff Ieske Ieske; Mrs. Lore Nena; Budget Office Administrative Management Division Administrator Reed Nena; Pohnpei State Federal and Foreign Relations Special Assistant Santiago Joab; External Affairs U.S. Relations Division Administrator Epel Ilon (standing); Mrs. Monica Leerbay and U.S. Relations Division Deputy Administrator Gabriel Ayin. The April 20-May 29 training covered the areas of oral and written communication; financial management; protocol; negotiations; drafting of diplomatic notes and preparation for foreign official visits and included a one-week observation tour of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The Training was held at the Prominent Institute for Diplomats in Washington, D.C. and was also attended by FSM-U.S. Representative's Office Foreign Service Officer Ringlen Ringlen. Republic of Marshall Islands also participated in the training. Participants reported that the training was most interesting.

Tun submits \$15.6M budget, cautious of fund stepdowns

COLONIA, Yap (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Yap State Governor Petrus Tun submitted a \$15.6 million budget for fiscal year 1989 to the Yap State Legislature (YSL), according to a Yap State Information news release.

The fiscal year operational budget for 1989 is seven percent over fiscal year 1987 actual operation expenditure. The administration has saved at least \$600,000 in operation funds in recent years since the effective date of the compact, according to Yap State Information Officer Henry Muthan, who added that the comprehensive projected state revenues for fiscal year 1989 is \$17.7 million.

Some \$4.0 million or 26 percent of the budget is earmarked for development projects and programs as part of Governor Tun's special committee's efforts which has been reviewing the state's budget requests for the past months.

In his communications May 30, to Speaker Joseph Ayin, Governor Tun said, "We aim to lay aside at least \$1.0 million a year for the lean step-down years, only three years away."

Tun reported that \$11.6 million or 74 percent operational budget is roughly divided up with 26 percent for the department of education (DOE), 24 percent for the Department of Public Utilities and Contracts (Public Works), 18 percent for health services, 14 percent for general government services, and 18 percent for other programs.

Tun also indicated that in preparing the [\$4 million] development programs budget, his recommendation is that 20 percent would be for economic development projects and programs, five percent for social and governmental services, and 75 percent for infrastructure development projects.

"The road projects, which have taken up the bulk of the development funds since fiscal year 1987," Tun said, "should taper off in 1990 and 1991 as work on the northern road projects progresses, but should pick up again in fiscal year 1992 when construction of the southern and the loop roads are expected to begin.

"Our past savings and investments will help alleviate the impact of the huge step-down reductions, but we could not afford to relax in constantly searching for more savings

and devising ways and means to effectively provide services at less cost," Tun concluded in his message to the Legislature.

Japan Ophthalmologists commended

COLONIA, Yap (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A resolution expressing heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to two groups of eye doctors from Fukuoka, Japan which provided eye treatments and services to Yapese residents in March adopted by Yap State Legislature on April 6.

The two ophthalmological teams were led by Fukuoka's Oshima Ophthalmic Hospital Director Dr. Takao Matsui who offered to provide an in-service training opportunity in Ophthalmology to a Yap State Medical Staff in Fukuoka, according to a Yap State news release by Information Specialist Henry Muthan.

A preliminary accomplishment report from Yap State Hospital reveals that the two volunteer groups saw a total of 617 patients with 43 operations performed. In addition to giving glass prescriptions to 110 patients, the group also performed 19 cataract surgeries of which eight were cataract extrac-

The Yap Legislature is expected to start deliberations on the budget for the fiscal year 1989 soon.

tions and 11 intra-ocular lens implantations, 19 pterygium surgeries, two retinal detachment repairs, two chalazion cyst removals and one fatty eye-tissue surgical removal.

In a letter to Governor Petrus Tun, Fukuoka City Mayor Kelichi Kuwamura introduced Dr. Matsui and his previous volunteer services and offered such services to Yap State. Dr. Matsui since 1981 has been an outstanding ophthalmic doctor providing treatments to isolated island for which he has been awarded by the Fukuoka Governor Perfection.

Resolution 2-65, by Floor Leader Al Fong, stated that besides ophthalmological voluntary services, the Genyo Fukuoka Lions Club, through Dr. Koji Matsui, "has contributed further to this cherished and newly established Yap-Fukuoka relationship by a \$1,000 donation for the younger generations attending elementary schools in Yap State."



EXCHANGE NOTES SIGNED - FSM External Affairs International Affairs Division Administrator Masao Nakayama, right, and Japan Consul General in Guam, Katsuo Tosa, left, are signing an exchange of notes here April 15, 1988, formally conveying a 400 million yen (\$3.2 million) grant in aid from Japan Government for road pavement project in Pohnpei during a ceremony at the Village Hotel, U Municipality, Pohnpei. Witnessing the ceremony standing from left are Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses and External Affairs Foreign Service Officer Tadao Sigrah, who said the project is scheduled to commence this summer.

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tative to FSM, Michael Wygant, and other FSM and State Officials at the Pohnpei State International Airport upon his arrival here.

At the FSM Congress Chamber, Johnston told FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz and members, Ismael, FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward King,

Representative Wygant, and other FSM and State Officials, that not only the roads, schools, docks and other evidence of economic development have changed, but there has been tremendous political change since his last visit, adding that since the U.S. became the administering authority of Micronesia 41 years ago, it is responsible to promote the social, economic, and political development of the people of the the FSM toward full self-government.

"Over the last several years representatives of our two nations have endeavored to reach this goal of self-government. Finally, 18 months ago, that goal was achieved with implementation of the Compact of Free Association. Congratulations," said Johnston.

Johnston reported that, "there is a good chance that the U.S. Congress will, before this year is out, approve amendments to the Compact which would upgrade the diplomatic relations between our nations to an exchange of Ambassadors, and (also) to extend the availability of College Grant Programs to the FSM. These amendments will assist the FSM in gaining international recognition, and in educating its young people."

He concluded saying, "in other areas, the Compact has proven repeatedly that Free Association is a more effective framework within which to manage our relations, than was the trusteeship. With the excellent work of your representative in Washington, and the cooperation of the Department of State, we are able to deal with issues more quickly and effectively than in the past."

Speaker Fritz welcomed Johnston to the FSM Congress and thanked him for being a valuable friend in the U.S. Congress.

Ismael at a luncheon at PCR in welcoming Johnston on behalf of President John R. Haglelgam (who was off island), National Government and Pohnpei State Officials and the People of the FSM, said, "We especially note the difficult undertaking on the Compact Legislation as it went through the U.S. Congress and how your leadership and guidance saw that dream of our people come true. Today, I am proud to say that overall the Free Association relationship between our two countries is working well, knowing that you were one of the main architects of the



ARRIVAL AT POHNPEI AIRPORT - U.S. Senator Bennett Johnston, center left, is escorted to the welcoming FSM national and Pohnpei state officials by FSM Vice President Hirosl H. Ismael, center right, upon arrival June 2 at the Pohnpei International Airport.

Compact Legislation. We will need your continuing interest in making sure that the relationship remains strong and is implemented properly.

"On our government-to-government relations, efforts are being made to refine it to our mutual benefit. One example is the proposed amendment to the Compact to use the term 'Ambassador' instead of 'representative'. You have recently heard our testimony before the appropriations subcommittee on interior and related agencies, for which your support is sorely needed. Another item of particular importance to our people is the extension of the Pell Grants Program to the Free Association States (FAS)

during the life of the Compact. We note the support for such undertaking by both the U.S. Administration and the U.S. Congress so is your personal interest in it. Like during the congressional review of the Compact, is perhaps what is needed to drive this matter home," Ismael concluded.

Senator Johnston held the attention of both the FSM national and Pohnpei state government officials for three hours long as he addressed the Congress, talked to dignitaries during a luncheon at Pohrakiet Cafe Restaurant (PCR), toured the infrastructure and flew over the FSM Capitol

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ADDRESSING THE FSM CONGRESS - Senator Johnston is addressing the FSM Congress with Speaker Jack Fritz on the right. Also present during the address were Vice President Hirosl H. Ismael, Chief Justice Edward King; Pohnpei Governor Resio Moses, Speaker Annes Leben, and U.S. Representative to FSM, Michael Wygant, and many other officials.

FSM students received grants

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The following students received the Australian Third Country Award (ATCA) this year to study at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji with the exception of Edmund Gorong of Yap who is studying Tropical Agriculture at the USP Alafua Campus in Western Samoa.

Students studying Tropical Fisheries in Fiji include: Simpson Abraham, Kosrae and Peter Sapelalur, Yap; Administrative Studies, Charles Falmeyog, Yap; Accounting Studies, Donald Gufos Moon, Yap; Foundation Science, Nixon Soram, William Piki, Leon Panuelo, Jr., Justino Buniag, Peterko Route, Pohnpei and George Ken Nifmed, Yap; Guidance and Counseling, Alexander Edward, Pohnpei and Foundation Social Science, Dickson David, and Rendi Abraham of Pohnpei. Others who are studying Tropical Fisheries in Fiji under grants from Canadian and New Zealand governments include: Clay Edson, Valentin Martin and Dwight Otter of Pohnpei and Inosento Urumai, Andrew Tafleichig, Kerat Rikim and Venantius Meeyog of Yap, and Mason Timothy of Kosrae.

Students studying Tropical Fisheries in Papua New Guinea under ATCA include: Leo Finigfen, Peter Itrial and Joe Fanafal of Yap and Arthur Yolwa also of Yap who is studying medicine.

The 1988 marks the seventh year that FSM students have benefited from the ATCA fellowship scheme for postsecondary studies at South Pacific tertiary educational institutions, FSM External Affairs Department Foreign Service Officer Emilio Musrasnik said, adding that Fiji and Papua New Guinea, being the two main educational centers of the region receiving ATCA outside of New Zealand and Australia, are the options for all ATCA recipients from the FSM.

"There was a tremendous increase in the number of ATCA fellowships awarded in 1986 from an average of three to the present average of 13 per academic year," Musrasnik said.

Currently, there are 25 FSM students at University of South Pacific (USP), including two students at the USP School of Tropical Agriculture at Alafua, Western Samoa, with four at the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) who are on the same ATCA scholarship. In addition, there are five students at USP under a special scholarship from the Canadian Government's International Centre for Ocean Development (ICOD), and three others under a special grant from the New Zealand Government.

Early last February, Lucille Apis of Pohnpei and Alexander O'Doal of Kosrae were awarded full scholarships to pursue Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Sciences specializing in Fisheries Technology at the Australian Maritime College in Tasmania. This was the first time ever that Australian Government educational scholarships in academic studies in Australia were awarded to FSM students, Musrasnik said.

Applications for UPNG, whose school year commences in late January each year, are accepted by the FSM Department of External Affairs up to the end of July. Applications for USP, whose school year commences in late February each year, are accepted at the External Affairs up to the end of September each year.



TOURING CCM CAMPUS - Senator Johnston is touring the CCM Campus escorted by CCM President Paul Gallen, left, U.S. Rep. Michael Wygant, Joan King of JK Report, Pohnpei Governor's Press Secretary Marialice Eperlam, and FSM U.S. Relations Division Administrator Epel Ilon, partially hidden at the back.

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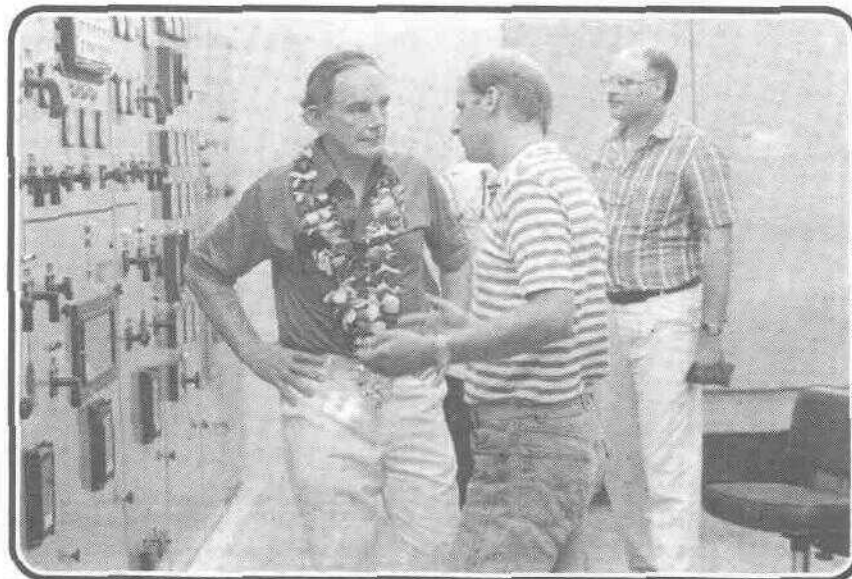
facilities in Palikir. Johnston left Pohnpei accompanied by U.S. Representative to the FSM Michael Wygant and visited Truk as part of his visit to the FSM.

During his visit to Truk the Senator told Truk State Governor Gideon Doone and his cabinet members as he met with them June 3, that one particular bill he is working on this year is to restore Pell Grants to all of Micronesia, particularly the FSM, according to a news release from Truk State Public Affairs Director Iskia Sony.

The release stated, "Johnston predicted the

chance for the legislation (then) introduced in the U.S. House of Senate calling for the restoration of Financial Assistance Grants to FAS Students attending colleges and universities were discontinued to receive financial aids from the U.S. Federal Grants when the Compact of Free Association took effect on Nov. 3, 1986.

Governor Doone expressed his concerns over the loss of financial assistance to students in the U.S. schools during a luncheon hosted by Doone and his Cabinet members honoring Johnston and his staff, the news release said.



TOURING NANPIL HYDROPOWER PLANT - Senator Johnston is discussing some fine points with Engineer Sam Nott with Assistant U.S. Consul Edward J. Michal, looking on, in the main engine room.

T3 GRADUATES 33 ENTREPRENEURS

FSMDB president promises loan preference to graduates

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Thirty-three participants took part in a two-week small business workshop, held here May 30 to June 10 which was sponsored by the International Labor Organization (ILO) and United Nations Development Program (UNDP) as a follow-on to the T3 training, for selected graduates and potential entrepreneurs, according to T3 Program Coordinator Henry Hickey.

The workshop which was conducted by Dr. Geoffrey Meredith from the University of Armidale, New South Wales in Australia, was to help FSM citizens establish their own businesses, thus increasing self-employment and private sector involvement in national development of the Pacific.

"Small businesses dominate the private sector of most countries, often representing over 90 percent of all enterprise and over 50 percent of all private sector employment," said Dr. Meredith, adding "they provide the opportunity for motivated, experienced nationals to share in the country's wealth and development. Moreover, the small businesses of today are the big businesses of tomorrow."

The first workshop which was held October 1987 was also conducted by Dr. Meredith. Twenty-two participants took part in the workshop, many of whom returned for this workshop to develop their new business ideas, prepare feasibility reports, and have them reviewed by officials of the FSM Development Bank (FSMDB).

Dr. Meredith said he will be conducting a third workshop in 1989 and hopes that as a result of the 1987-89 program, there will be at least 20 small businesses set up in the FSM. He concluded by stating that plans are underway to ensure that the program for new businesses in the FSM continues beyond 1989 with the involvement of T3, Resources and Development (R&D) and other departments, and FSMDB.

Dr. Meredith emphasized to the participants that part of the long-term plan for new business establishments in the FSM is for facilities to: provide record-keeping and financial management reporting and make available management and technical advice to new business owners.

It was the opinion of Dr. Meredith that the FSM had endless entrepreneurial talent which, combined with small business management training, feasibility report preparation, analysis training, post-establishment record-keeping and financial management processing, and technical advice, can ensure the FSM of many new entrepreneurs in the next decade.

The FSMDB President Manny Mori promises that graduates of the workshop will be given preference for loans, provided they meet the bank's lending criteria and submit the proper proposals and feasibility reports.

In a closing address during the certificate awarding ceremony, the Secretary of FSM Resources and Development Marcelino Actouka urged the participants to put into practice what they had learned, and to go out and set up their own businesses. He cautioned them not to be dismayed if they didn't retain all the knowledge Dr. Meredith had imparted and that the most important fact was they know which direction to take and where to turn for advice and assistance, and should rest assured that whatever was needed to help them establish their own businesses would be provided.

In conclusion, Actouka asked the participants not to be misled by the words "small business," that by U.S.A. standards, all businesses in the FSM are small, with the possible exception of Mobil Oil Micronesia and Continental Air Micronesia.

Due to the unexpected large turnout for the workshop, facilities at the National T3 Training

Center were inadequate and it was necessary to find alternate site, said Hickey. This was resolved by the offer of Reverend Edward Soucie, S.J. to use Condon Hall at the Catholic Church in Kolonia.

"A similar situation will not occur again," promises Hickey, adding that a large Samoa-type, open-air classroom is already under construction. It is expected to be completed in July, using predominantly trainee labor. Up to 40 persons will be able to undergo training under the sheltering palms while enjoying the cooling breezes from across the adjacent river.

Participants in the two-week workshop were awarded ILO/UNDP Certificate of Completion by ILO T3 Chief Technical Advisor, Frank Lunn, assisted by FSM T3 Senior Trade Testing Officer Jesse Sidney.

Those receiving certificates were: Raymond Higgins, Welly Welles, Cosmas Damian, Burdencio S. Andreas, Sihda Peter, Kesia Santos, Kalisdus Saimon, Murphy Lipai, Domisiano Abraham, Jesse Sidney, Hugo Conzaga, Elwihna Saimon, Meryana Sarapio, Claudio Panuelo, Marcelino Martin, Kadalino Lorens, Albert Rospel, and Petner Ham of Pohnpei State;

Paul W. Ueki and Francis E. Meyar, Republic of Palau; Jesse Garbuwaath, Felix En, John Tiegmai and James Rogol, Yap State; Clotomar Aine, Kal Jinuna, and Jude M. Zachaias, Republic of the Marshalls; Epa Kilafwakun, Scanner Peter, and Spencer Asher, Kosrae State; Serino Xymon, George Irons, and Michael Martin of Truk State.



FSM R&D SECRETARY ADDRESSES BUSINESS COURSE - FSM R&D Secretary Marcelino Actouka, center, is urging the T3 business course participants to put into practice what they have learned and go and set up their own businesses during the closing ceremonies. Facing the camera from left are: T3 Program Coordinator Henry Hickey; Actouka; ILO T3 Technical Chief Advisor Frank Lunn, and course instructor Dr. Geoffrey Meredith of the University of Armidale, New South Wales.

FSM Telecom buys earth stations

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KOLONIA, Pohnpei JULY 6, 1988 (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Telecommunications Corp. (FSMTC) has purchased the Communications Satellite (COMSAT) earth stations in the four FSM states in an exchange of ownership ceremony held June 24 in Honolulu.

FSMTC Board Chairman Kikuo Apis presented the checks in the amount of \$1.9 million to COMSAT Corporate Matters Counsel Cynthia Hathaway as ownership transfer papers were signed by both parties during the ceremony held at the Office of Damon, Shigekane, Key, Char and Bracken Attorneys at Law at Pauahi Tower, on Bishop Street in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Apis, who was recently elected chairman replacing John Sohl when Sohl was hired as FSMTC Assistant General Manager, was accompanied by FSMTC General Manager Takuro Akinaga; Controller Mathias Lawrence; and FSMTC's retainer Attorney Fred Ramp of the Ramp and Michelsen Attorneys at Law of Pohnpei. Ms. Hathaway was assisted by Comsat Senior Financial Advisor Paul Chaconas.

The purchase entails FSMTC's complete takeover of the four FSM earth stations, including maintenance and the hiring of the FSM citizen staff, who were previously employed by the Communications Satellite (COMSAT) Corp.

of Washington, D. C.

In other FSMTC related activities, Akinaga announced that all domestic calls will be charged at a minimum rate of one minute instead

of three minutes effective July 1, 1988. Day time rate from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. is \$1; while night time and weekends rates are charged at the minimum of \$.50 per minute call.



FSM TELECOM BUYS EARTH STATIONS - FSMTC Chairman Kikuo Apis, second from right, is giving COMSAT Corporate Matters Counsel Cynthia Hathaway a check of \$1.9 million for purchase of the four earth stations in FSM during an exchange of ownership ceremony held June 24 in Honolulu. Others witnessing the exchange from right are: FSMTC General Manager Takuro Akinaga; FSMTC retainer Attorney Fred Ramp, center, and COMSAT Senior Financial Advisor Paul Chaconas, far left. Not pictured is FSMTC Controller Mathias Lawrence.

UOG president addresses Berea school, confers degrees

MOEN, Truk (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - University of Guam (UOG) President Dr. Wilfred P. Leon Guerrero on June 3 conferred diplomas on three UOG students during commencement exercises at Berea Christian School, on Moen, Truk State, some 885 miles east of Guam.

President Leon Guerrero was on Truk to address and award diplomas to Berea's graduating eighth graders and high school seniors and to award degrees to the UOG graduates who were doing their student teaching at Berea. Two diplomas were awarded bachelor's degree students and one to a master's degree recipient.

Berea Christian School was founded as an elementary school in 1981; a high school was added the following year. This was the Fourth Commencement for Berea.

In other UOG's related activity, Louis Falan of Yap, a graduating senior, exhibited his art work recently at the University's "Corridor Gallery" in the Fine Arts Building. Falan's senior exhibit was on display April 28 through May 9, according to UOG Infor-

mation Officer Katherine Singh, who added that a UOG communication major junior Joakim Peter of Truk was awarded a \$1,500 Guam Press Club Scholarship for use during the upcoming academic year 1988-89.

Peter was one of five students honored with Press Club scholarships this year. He is a graduate of Xavier High School in Truk and plans to pursue a career in broadcast journalism after graduation, Singh said.

Lost fishermen returned home safely

LELU, Kosrae (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Two missing Kosrae fishermen who were rescued from a small reef-island in Truk Lagoon near Uman where they have drifted ashore, returned safely home on June 7, aboard a Continental Air Micronesia flight, after drifting 687 miles since they were lost during a May 14 fishing trip east of Kosrae, according to Kosrae Public Affairs Director Fred Skilling and Acting Legislative Liaison Office Kun Olter.

Kosrae State Education curriculum writer Alister Tolenoa, 35, and Kosrae Governor's Office Administrative Assistant Kun Arriola, 44, both of Tafunsak, Kosrae, were found June 5 by a group of Trukese fishermen from Uman who went to the isolated island to fish. Skilling and Olter re-

ported.

Tolenoa and Arriola got to the isolated island June 4, and were found June 5. They were brought to Uman in the Truk Lagoon where they spent two days recovering and later to Moen (the center of Truk State) to catch the flight back to Kosrae State some 687 miles in the eastern most tip of the FSM.

The two were in good condition, according to Olter.

Early this year, two other Kosrae fishermen were also lost while on a fishing trip east of Kosrae. The search and rescue operations for Wilfred Palik, 48, and his cousin Piliika Palik, 40, who was married to a Trukese woman, were termed unsuccessful and were called off by Kosrae State officials on Feb. 17.

Vice President urges PATS to persevere

Told graduates to work hard and train for leadership roles

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael in his May 14 address to the Ponape Agriculture and Trade (PATS) high school graduating class during commencement exercises at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Tamworoi, Madolenihmw, urged the graduates to take their country seriously and persevere and make good use of their 12 years of schooling.

"I know that after PATS, some of you will move onward to college, some will be looking for jobs and settle down," adding that the 12 years that the graduates have spent in school are the beginning of the building blocks of their own life.

"I believe that the single most important subject worthy of our consideration concerns our people, the people of the FSM, in the context of urgent manpower developmental need," the Vice President told the graduates, noting that "like our ancestors we can also make the necessary adjustment to meet the challenges of life today."

"The history of the settlement of the FSM Islands commenced when men explored throughout the world on rafts and canoes. Today, under constitutional independent government, FSM was created a nation in a very competitive world when men voyaged among stars. We certainly come a long way. More importantly, we have finally regained the political independence which we have long lost. The framework of our government is based on a democratic constitutional system established nearly 10 years ago. In fact, it would probably be reviewed under a second constitutional convention sometimes in 1989," said Ismael, noting that, "it will be the first time for reconsideration, first time to test against its applicabilities to the diverse cultural values and beliefs throughout the nation. This processes may possibly shift and realign our outlook. This development would challenge us to take a stand on the fundamental question of unity in diversity, our one nation of many islands with diverse cultures, languages and values enrich us and strengthen us. But in spite of all these diversities many common bonds exist among all four states, within this nation including the uniquely Micronesian way of

entrusting all future hopes on our young people and children. One of Micronesian sayings (is) "in our youngster, rightfully lies the hope and future of our society - and in this context, the FSM young nation."

The Vice President told the graduates that they will be responsible of their actions and views as well. That it is up to them to work to gain the trust in their peers and elders of their villages and to work hard for a better future, a better tomorrow not only for their family and relatives but "for everybody in your village, your island, your state and our nation."

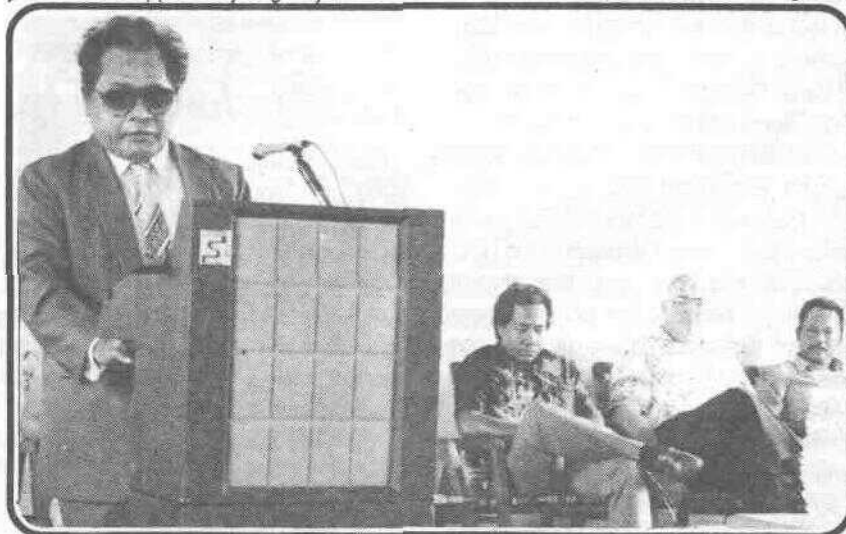
"You will no doubt encounter difficulties, but you must persevere. You will find discouragement and disappointment, you might want to just drop everything, but we urge and encourage you to hang in there and to try even harder," advised Ismael, stating, "For those of you who wish to move on to college, bear in mind that opportunity is slim. Let us use that opportunity to the maximum. Those who may be fortunate must not forget about all the rest who also have tried as hard but not as fortunate. You must work harder on their behalf. Whatever each one of you has decided to do, whether in a classroom, laboratory, office, farm, (or) on a fishing boat, you are there, because you want the opportunity to give your best."

That is the spirit of perseverance your people would be proud of."

Ismael in conclusion, told the graduates to work and must work hard, hand in hand. We have heard over and over not to ask what can be done for us. Instead, we are now being asked what we can give. What we can contribute. It is now much more difficult to obtain the financial aid necessary to go to college. But if you are determined to advance your schooling, you will eventually succeed even if it takes a little bit longer. Your government has a very limited financial resources for scholarship. You must do all you can on your own to prove you (are) worthy of financial assistance. The harder you try to improve yourself - the better trained and qualified you will be to lead FSM in the near future. I want to call on you graduates to take our country seriously. You are the leaders of our future, we need you and we believe in you."

PATS' Student Body President Anthony Ggut of Yap State, told the crowd that it is time for the graduates to begin a new life with happiness yet saddened because they have made PATS as their home for the past four years but must leave behind those who have become their brothers and sisters personally and in Christ.

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VICE PRESIDENT ADDRESSES PATS GRADUATES - Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, left, is addressing the PATS high school graduating class during the May 14 commencement exercises at the Sacred Heart Church in Tamworoi, Madolenihmw. Others who also officiate at the exercises second from left are: Madolenihmw Municipality High Commissioner (chief magistrate) Wilson Kalio; PATS Director Rev. Joseph Cavanagh, S.J., and Assistant Director Catalino Sahm.

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"Four years ago, we had to face the same thing, leave our parents, relatives, friends and for some of us, our home Islands," he said, adding that there were 64 of them then but now there are only 38.

"We worked more closely with each other, challenging ourselves to be the best, and started looking forward to our last year," said Ggut, who addressed the crowd partly in Pohnpeian, adding, "We had to struggle to understand our vocation more clearly. Then it came to the point where we started counting months, weeks and days for this very moment.

"Last year a graduate's mother said to our former principal, 'what have you done to my son? I gave you a boy and now you're giving me a man. That's how much PATS has done for us,'" Ggut concluded.

The valedictorian Pliny Ruloked of the Republic of Palau said that they will bring their well-learned skills and Christianity to home with them as he urged his fellow graduates not to forget why they came to PATS and what they have learned, and to serve their people.

Quoting President John F. Kennedy, he said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what YOU can do for your country" and adding that there will be temptations to advance ourselves in the material world, but be careful in making your decisions, ask yourself if it will benefit you or your country," he told his classmates.

Ruloked concluded by wishing the underclassmen farewell and urging them to try and understand their problems and learn from them.

The salutatorian address was given by Dominic Gelaurnal of Yap State, who encouraged the graduates "to go forth and give a hand to our young developing country with devotion and great determination. We came here to be good tradesmen, so may I ask you to keep your priorities straight. Be bold and firm for what you believe can benefit Micronesia. Let's go out and do what PATS has given us to do."

The presentation of diplomas was made by PATS Director Reverend Joseph Cavanagh, S.J.

Of the 38 graduating seniors, 12 received PATS high school diplomas in agriculture, 16 in construction, 10 in mechanics, and one staff trainee in automotive mechanics.

Receiving diplomas in agriculture were:

Abram Eperiam, Dacelynn Elker, Petterson Shed, Richard Mudong, Robert Wilson, and Roberto Kirielmwo, Pohnpei State; Basiende Atan, Christopher Mike, and Tarsis Harper, Truk State; Christopher Giltmag, and Theophilus Gumang, Yap State, and Trebkul Tellei of the Republic of Palau.

In construction were: Anthony Ggut, Paul A. Giltmag, Yap State; Briner Sam, Clyde Andrew, Pohnpei State; Carl de Brum, Lan de Brum, Laru Tolwi, Lorak Lorak, Randy Ebot, Republic of the Marshalls; Dakis Martin, Excellency Nanoto,

Joanes Risin, and Miroichy Aiten, Truk State; Pliny Ruloked (valedictorian), Stanley Patris, Republic of Palau and Ioane Taboia from the Republic of the Kiribati.

In Mechanics were: Batikare Kariti, Edwin Saione, and Tooma Arobati, Republic of Kiribati; Delwin Luhk, Eugene Edmund, Mark Kostka, and Nelsin Usiel, Pohnpei State; Dominic Gelaurnal, Mike Mailuw, Yap State, and Bradford Blaluk of the Republic of Palau.

Staff trainee in automotive mechanics was Hilary Gorong of Yap State.



FSMDB HOLDS SEMINAR/WORKSHOP - A two-week "Industrial Project Preparation & Evaluation," seminar/workshop was held here May 16-28, 1988, at Bernard's Restaurant in Kolonia by the waterfront, for the FSM Development Bank (FSMDB), state and national Resources and Development (R&D) departments and offices of Planning and Statistics including representatives of the Republics of the Marshalls, Kiribati and Tuvalu. The seminar/workshop was jointly sponsored by FSMDB, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). Posing for a group photo during the closing day of the seminar from left, front row are: FSMDB Accountant Evangeline Besana; FSM R&D Corporations Registrar Yasuo Yamada; Yap State FSMDB Loan Officer Peter Tharngan; Pohnpei State Budget, Planning & Statistics (BP&S) Specialist Evans Raymond; representative of the Marshalls Resources and Development Joseph Mook. Back rows standing from left are: FSMDB Vice President Aren Palik; Resource person and Team Leader for Training Andrew Proctor of Coopers & Lybrand of Australia; FSMDB President Manny Mori; Kosrae State Bureau of Planning & Statistics Acting Chief Likiak Wesley; Resource person Ray Bennett of Australia; Pohnpei State FSMDB Acting Branch Manager Oltrick Santos; FSMDB Headquarter's Loan Analyst Irene Samuel; FSMDB Project Development Division Manager Frank Panuelo; FSM Office of Planning & Statistics (OPS) Planning Specialist Joseph Peter; FSM OPS Planning Division Deputy Administrator Reedson Abraham; Yap State Resources and Development, Tourism & Industrial Division Chief Michael Gaan; Truk State FSMDB Loan Officer Moulten Sellet; Yap State FSMDB Branch Manager Richard Mungwaath; FSMDB Consultant Sam Elwela; FSM OPS UN Advisor Dr. William Morrison; and UNIDO Senior Industrial Development Field Advisor Ivan Contreras. Not in the picture are: Truk State FSMDB Branch Manager Melanius Howard; Truk State FSMDB Loan Analyst Sisinio Willy; Pohnpei State FSMDB Assistant Loan Officer Daniel Lebehni; Kosrae State FSMDB Acting Branch Manager Moses Charley; Panapasi Nelesone of Tuvalu Finance Ministry; Kiribati Representative of Ministry of Trade and Industry Industrial Officer Ioran Boata. The opening and closing ceremonies were officiated by Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael and Governor Resio S. Moses respectively, while Pohnpei State First Lady Sue Moses presented the certificates & awards at the closing ceremony.

Nanpil hydropower ready, says study

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Recent Operating and Performance test con-

ducted by Honolulu Army Corps of Engineers found May 17 that Pohnpei's Nanpil River hydropower

plant is now capable of producing its full design output of power, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced in a June 27 news release.

According to Honolulu District Engineer Colonel Chip Wanner, until those tests were completed the plant had been producing between 5,000 to 10,000 kilowatt hours of power a week since October, the release said.

"Efficiency and performance tests were necessary before the plant could run at full capacity," Wanner said, adding "These tests to check the power grid and the turbine generators are part of the first-year plan for operating and maintaining the hydropower plant."

Addressing the matter of periodic shutdown of the plant, Wanner said, "The power output is dependent upon streamflow. When the Nanpil River streamflow is very low, especially during periods of little or no rain, the plant must be shut down completely. The shutdown permits adequate stream flow to provide water to Kolonia as well as below the dam for the people, trees and animals along the river who need the water to survive."

Wanner said that the Army Corps of Engineers will continue to monitor operation of the plant to make sure it is producing up to its potential. The plant has a capacity of 1.7 megawatts with a total annual energy output of about 4 million kilowatt hours.

\$50K to evaluate

"However, problems in the electrical distribution system which have resulted in power outages on Pohnpei have been called to the attention of the Office of Transition, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands," Warner said, adding that the Transition Office has provided the Army Corps of Engineers with funds of \$50,000 to evaluate the island's electrical distribution system.

The initial problem identification phase of the evaluation is expected to be completed July 1988.

"Based on this evaluation, we will recommend modifications of the distribution system to improve its reliability," Wanner added, the release said.



PRETRICK TAKES OATH - President John R. Haglelgam, left, is administering the oath of office to Dr. Elluel Pretrick as Secretary of Human Resources Department during June 8 swearing-in ceremony with Mrs. Kesia Pretrick, center, holding the Bible. The ceremony was held at the President's Office and was attended by Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, cabinet members and the staff of the Human Resources Department.

FSM Allotments terminated

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - An official memorandum dated June 14, 1988 to terminate all allotments made to businesses, institutions and others in conjunction with the Financial Management Act of 1976 which was signed by Finance Assistant Secretary Ihlen Joseph for Secretary Al Tuuth with copies sent to the FSM President, Speaker of the FSM Congress, Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court, FSM Public Auditor, all state Governors and Speakers of Legislatures for review, became effective on June 18.

The following is the full text of the Memorandum:

"We wish to inform all employees of the FSM National Government that pursuant to Sub-part 4.2 of Part IV of the FSM Financial Management Regulations, the Division of Accounting, Department of Finance, will no longer be able to deduct allotments from your payroll checks and pay to financial institutions, businesses or others starting with the issuance of next pay checks which

covers pay period ending June 18, 1988. The Division, however, will continue to deduct and pay for income tax and social security withholdings, health and life insurance premiums only for Government sponsored programs, amounts required under court Orders, or amounts owed to the FSM National Government and authorized by employee.

Discontinuation of allotment services by the Government has been decided because of our understanding and firm belief that as responsible citizens and employees of this Nation, we all are capable of handling our

own personal financial arrangements and obligations. Management officials are requested to assist the Department of Finance in the orderly implementation of this provision by sharing this information with every member of their staff before the issuance of next payroll checks.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation."

Mangefel sworn in as National Planner

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KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Hagelgam administered June 21 the oath of office to former Yap Governor John A. Mangefel as FSM National Planner in the presence of Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, state governors and other national and FSM state government officials in the Pohnpei Governor Resio Moses' Conference Room.

Mangefel - poet, teacher, judge, writer, author of *Cousin Ngabchey Letters*, statesman, state governor, 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.

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 Teachers 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



MANGEFEL SWORN-IN - President John R. Hagelgam, left, is administering the oath of office to former Yap governor John A. Mangefel, center, as the new FSM National Planner with Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses holding the Bible. The ceremony was held on June 21 in Gov. Moses' Conference Room in the presence of the FSM national and state officials.

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 Turgeg of Bogol, Tomil Municipality, Yap.

New postal branch opens on Pingelap

PINGELAP, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Postal Service opened June 14 a new postal branch on the Island of Pingelap, according to FSM Postal Service news release.

The Pingelap Post Office is the third postal station opened this year as part of the FSM Postal Service expansion program to bring its services closer to the residents of the outer islands of FSM, FSM Postmaster General Bethwel Henry said.

The other two newly opened branches are located in Ohwa Christian High School, Ohwa, Madolenihmw, Pohnpei State and at the Pacific Missionary Aviation Building at the airstrip on Falalap, Ulithi, Yap State.

Regular postal services will be offered at this new branch on Pingelap. A special postmark

was made for the Pingelap Branch June 14 inauguration, Assistant Postmaster General Ignacio Stephen said.

The Pingelap first day cover or the inauguration special postmark depicts palm trees and two islanders traveling on a Pingelap canoe. The wording "Official Opening Day" and "Pingelap Post Office" above and below the postmark design were used for the first day cover issue. A similar postmark without the aforementioned wordings will be used on all mail at the branch after June 14, Stephen said.

Mail will be coming to and from Pingelap twice a week by Pacific Missionary Aviation Airlines in addition to ship mail.

The government of Pingelap is the first municipal government contributing in the opening of a postal branch by providing the necessary office

space and an employee to man the office.

"The government of Pingelap is showing a good example of a strong commitment to serve its people by going out of its way to bring the services of the Postal Service to Pingelap even before the agency can get approved funding for the branch" Stephen said, adding that "Without the cooperation and genuine commitment of the Pingelap leaders, the branch could still be in the planning stage."

Pingelap is a three-island atoll some 160 miles east of Pohnpei island with an approximate population of 800.

Present at the opening ceremonies were FSM Postmaster General Bethwel Henry, Vice Speaker Job Micah, Senator Tosiwo Liwy of Sokehs, Pingelap Nanmwarki Yukiwo Salomon, Waian Pingelap (Chief Magistrate) Kisio Pedrus, and Pohnpei Postmaster Albert Falcum.

Dengue decree requires travellers from Palau medical clearance

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Hagelgam declared on May 18, 1988, an emergency proclamation in an effort to control the spread of Dengue Fever from the Republic of Palau to the FSM and decreed that all persons travelling from Palau to FSM must obtain a medical clearance from a physician in Palau attesting that said traveller has not suffered from any symptoms of Dengue Fever during the two-week period prior to his/her departure from Palau.

Such medical clearance should be submitted to an FSM Health Authority immediately upon arrival in the first FSM air or seaport after departing Palau, the proclamation stated, adding that the traveller will be required to reboard the plane (or ship) and depart the FSM if such medical clearance is not submitted.

Recently the Republic of Palau has reported an epidemic of dengue fever of over 900 cases to the South Pacific Epidemiological and Health Information Service, according to a May 1988 South Pacific Commission (SPC) Information Circular on health.

The last major Pacific-wide dengue epidemic was in 1979 and 1980, the Circular said, adding that SPC believes that the potential for spread of dengue fever to other Pacific island countries will remain high in the coming months.

Dengue fever (or breakbone fever) is caused by a virus that is spread by mosquitoes. Symptoms of dengue may include a sudden onset of fever, intense headache, deep eye pain and joint, muscle and lower back pain. The duration of dengue fever is usually 1-2 weeks, but recovery may be slow with symptoms of fatigue and depression. Sometimes the dengue virus can cause severe complications such as dengue

haemorrhagic fever and dengue shock syndrome. People with these complications should be hospitalized for proper supportive care. All suspect dengue cases should be reported to the local health authorities.

Dengue fever is spread when mosquitoes bite someone who is infected. About 8-11 days after biting the infected person, these mosquitoes are able to spread dengue whenever they bite someone who is not yet infected. People usually get ill about 5-6 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Dengue often spreads when a person who is infected elsewhere, but is not yet ill, returns home, where other members of the family become infected. Dengue then spreads through the local community and from village to village. Finally, dengue is spread to other islands through sea and air travel. These dengue outbreaks can be explosive, but fortunately deaths are uncommon.

The primary mosquito species that spreads dengue in the Pacific is the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. This mosquito breeds rapidly on many Pacific islands because of the high rainfall, warm temperatures and lush vegetation. *Aedes aegypti* has adapted readily to areas where people live by breeding in any available standing water, including discarded containers that are common in many villages and towns.

Prevention and control

The spread of dengue fever can be controlled by stopping the mosquitoes from spreading the dengue virus in the following ways: 1. Reducing the # of mosquitoes

The following anti-mosquito environmental measures should be taken within the general area of any homes: (a) Drain or fill in puddles and other areas where fresh

water collects; (b) Bury empty cans and bottles and bury or burn other small containers and garbage (including empty coconut shells). Empty cans should be flattened before they are buried; (c) Buckets, drums, canoes and other large containers should be turned over or covered from the rain. Old tires should be buried, burned or covered; (d) Open water tanks should be covered with rust proof mosquito netting or other mosquito-proof material such as rice bags; (e) Use a larvicide such as Abate in standing water that is not stocked with fish; (f) Clean bush (or tall grass) from around home; (g) If the house has roof gutters, make sure they are cleaned of leaves and other rubbish; (h) Make sure that soakaways, septic tanks and grease traps are tightly closed. Fill in any holes and cracks around their tops; (i) Change water in flower vases, potted plant bases and animal dishes once a week and scrub container before refilling.

Though it is expensive, residual insecticide can be sprayed on the inside wall of home or around the yard at night. Malathion and Frenitrothion are commonly used. Unfortunately, after a certain time mosquitoes become resistant to the insecticide.

2. Preventing mosquitoes from others

People can screen living and sleeping areas, use mosquito nets and spray the home with an insecticide like Baygon (pro-poxur). Additionally, people can use insect repellent with DEET as an active ingredient. Mosquito coils and mosquito mats containing Pyrethrum can be used at night in the home.

3. Keep mosquitoes from the infected

People suspected of having dengue fever should be kept away from mosquitoes for at least 5 days after the start of illness.

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