

Congress meets in last Regular Session

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Fifth Congress convened on Oct. 24 after postponing its last regular session from Oct. 10, so members could attend other

important meetings scheduled elsewhere.

The last regular session was to address the major issue of Investment Development Fund (IDF) and other considerations pend-

ing before Congress including Administration proposed bills on Exclusive Economic Zone (regarding marine resources) and Immigration bill (regarding missionaries status); and other public project bills.



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President makes FSM's First State Visit

CANBERRA, Australia (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Australian Prime Minister, Bob Hawke and FSM President John R. Haglelgam exchanged remarks praising the excellent relations that presently exist between their two countries and calling for

continued close co-operation in areas of mutual interest, during a dinner held in Canberra during President Haglelgam's State visit of the Commonwealth of Australia, according to a news release by FSM President's Chief of Staff Ieske Ieske.

At the dinner hosted by the Prime Minister honoring the FSM President, shortly after Haglelgam and his party arrived in Canberra on Oct. 13, the Prime Minister remarked, "Australia and the FSM clearly enjoy a friendly and productive dialogue on a wide range of issues. As your involvement in regional affairs continues to grow, we will find ourselves working even more closely together in meeting the challenges that we share with other Pacific Island countries," the Prime Minister told President Haglelgam and an audience of sixty dignitaries, including some members of the Parliament, the diplomatic corps, business executives, and members of the press.

"When we undertook, on opening diplomatic relations with your country in 1987 to work with you in meeting the challenges which lay ahead, we resolved then to build on the foundations of economic assistance which has been laid. Some steps have been taken to identify and foster commercial contacts between Australia and the Federated States. The absence of a regular shipping service remains a problem, but I hope that with the help of the South Pacific Trade Commission in shipping line services, a satisfactory resolution could be



HAGLELGAM MEETS HAWKE - President John R. Haglelgam, left, and Australia's Prime Minister, The Honorable Bob Hawke, right, pose for the photographer during Haglelgam's Oct. 14 courtesy call on the Prime Minister in Canberra.

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Bankcorp Hawaii reaches multi billion in assets

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Bancorp Hawaii ranked #1 in performance in 1988 U.S. regional banks as local branch here celebrated 25 years of operation in Pohnpei on July 9 with the appointment of Kevin Williams of Hawaii as its new branch manger replacing Gian Tenorio of Guam.

Williams said, however, the local branch was having a high rate of turn over in staff that his first moves upon his assumption of the top position here were to establish job-descriptions and to boost the morale, install new equipment and brought down staff from the Guam Branch main office to conduct weekly trainings.

Williams also said that some 30 typewriters, calculators and other office equipment were given to Micronesia Bound (Aramas Kapw) Program for cleaning and distribution to local Churches, schools and youth programs, and to Peace Corps Volunteers in the villages after Bank got its new machines.

The Pohnpei Branch envisions to computerize its system and to implement other available banking services to the citizens here, Williams said, adding that he regretted losing a veteran key staff, Mrs. Enerika



Williams

Peterson, who resigned to accept the directorship of the Pohnpei Housing Authority.

Bancorp Hawaii was ranked number 1 in performance among the U.S.'s regional banks with assets of up to \$10 billion in the July 1988 reported by U.S. Banker magazine, according to a Bancorp Hawaii news release.

"It's an accomplishment of which we're very proud," said Chairman and Chief Executive Office Frank J. Manaut. "I credit all of the staff members of Bancorp Hawaii and their outstanding performances in the areas of productivity, sales and service that have helped us achieve this honor."

Out of an overall potential rating of 100, Bancorp Hawaii earned a total score of 92.2 to earn the first-place ranking among regional banks in the nation. The ranking was based on performance rating in the areas of risk and return. Risk included quality of assets, liquidity, interest rate sensitivity, and capital and reserves; return included profitability and asset growth and leverage.

Last year, Bancorp Hawaii ranked fifth in the U.S. Banker ratings among regional banks.

Bancorp Hawaii is the largest financial organization in Hawaii, with more than 70 offices throughout the state, Asia and the Pacific. Its principal subsidiaries are Bank of Hawaii, First National Bank of Arizona, Bancorp Leasing of Hawaii, Bancorp Finance of Hawaii and Bancorp Finance of Hawaii-Guam. Hawaiian Trust Company, Ltd. is in the nation's top 100 largest Trust companies.

Application for \$1.4M for MCH

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE - Congress News Release) - President John R. Haglegam is now requesting the FSM Congress to review and approve the FSM application for U.S. federal funding for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services.

The application, prepared by the FSM Department of Human Resources, is for a total budget of \$1.442 million, \$80,354 of which is earmarked for crippled children services program for the FSM. The balance of this total which is \$361,646 will be allotted among the four states of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Truk, and Yap, and the FSM National Government for basic Maternal and child Health (MCH) activities.

The purpose of applying for this block grant is to enable the FSM to maintain those programs of special importance to meet the needs of the mothers and children under health care. This will include access to quality Maternal and Child Health Services

by both mothers and children; and to emphasize preventive health measures such as the reduction of infant mortality, reduction of preventable diseases and handicapping conditions among children, increase immunization, health assessments, follow-up diagnostic and treatment services among children, and to promote comprehensive services to handicapped children.

The project is to provide comprehensive services to handicapped children for: patient identification and screening services, and locating appropriate facilities for diagnosis, hospitalization, corrective, medical and surgical services to children who are crippled or who are suffering from conditions leading to crippling.

The Department of Human Resources intends to use funds if they become available under this block grant for the following categories: information on the type of services needed and the categories or charac-

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Spare parts a must

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The consumer's sign of frustration will soon be lessened, no longer will he be forced to scurry from shop to shop then out to the junk yard looking for automobile spare parts.

By April of next year, vehicle importers must also carry the spare parts for the cars and trucks they import, according to Pohnpei Governor's Press Secretary Maryalice Eperiam.

In an executive order, Governor Resio Moses listed all necessary spare parts an importer must carry.

The order said, the spare parts are necessary to keep the vehicles in safe repair and proper working condition.

Some of the major parts which will be required to be on stock next April include shock absorbers, break shoes, spark plugs, distributor caps, oil filters, fan belts and many, many more.

Importers have six months to comply with the executive order. If by then they don't, they have committed a misdemeanor and may be subject to criminal charges and penalties.

For review of the spare parts listing, you can check bulletin boards at the Post Office, the Pohnpei Supreme Court, Kolonia Consumer Cooperative Association (KCCA) and at state government departments or offices.

FSM to centralize fieldtrip ships

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE - Congress News Release) - President John R. Haglelgam on October 6, transmitted to Congress a \$3 million proposal for the centralization of operation and maintenance of field trip vessels in the FSM.

The proposal which was prepared by the FSM Department of Transportation, recognizes that until adequate air service is extended to the outer islands in the FSM, the inter-island field trip service will continue to serve as the only effective means of providing health care, education and other social services to the people in the outer islands. The report also said that because of its role in the promotion of economic development in the outer islands, the inter-island field trip service system must be subsidized as long as necessary. However, a major effort has to be made to reduce the level of subsidy.

As an initial step towards the ultimate goal of a safe, efficient and economically viable system, the proposal recommends the realignment of functions and responsibilities for the states and national governments.

Under this proposal, the national government will assume direct responsibility for the manning of vessels, the administration of a uniform maritime service system, the maintenance of safety and inspection of vessels including major overhaul and drydocking services, provision of insurance coverage as well as the control of day to day operation and maintenance of vessels, and provide funding for these services.

The state government under the arrangement will be responsible for determining the level of service required, the provisions of field trip schedules and the necessary funds for fuel, lube oil, and fresh water for each voyage in a field trip schedule.

The proposal notes that under the existing system which the states and the

national government maintain separate operational and technical staffs to administer the operation of the field trip service, there are problems such as excessive cost due to the need for each state to individually maintain separate operational and technical staff, limited access to the use of vessels assigned to and controlled by a different state, deterioration of equipment due to the absence of regular and uniform maintenance programs, and limited employment options for seamen within each state.

The existing inter-island field trip service in the FSM is currently provided by the state of Truk with Micro Trader and Micro Dawn, the state of Yap with Micro Spirit, and Micro Glory in the state of Pohnpei. The national government operates the MS Caroline which is a multi-purpose landing craft in support of outer island development projects and supplements field trip services. The Kosrae state's ship, MV Mutunlik (formerly Frysna), is not considered under this proposal because Kosrae has no field trip requirements.

The assignment of vessels under the proposal will continue to be based on the number of outer island served within the states, population of outer islands, the geographic spread of distribution of outer islands population concentrations and field trip mileage. Based on these factors, two vessels will still be stationed in Truk and one each in Yap and Pohnpei. But the utilization of these vessels will be coordinated from the central office of the FSM Department of Transportation. The Caroline Islands will continue to serve as a back up vessel.

According to the proposal, a maintenance base will be established in Pohnpei to keep the fleet in a state of repair at all times and vessels will be rotated from state to state in accordance with a maintenance schedule which will be fixed.

As a result of the transfer of operational and funding responsibilities from the states to the national government, the proposal expects a deduction of approximately half a million dollars per year from the total cost of annual operation of the current system. The

total cost of operating the current system has been estimated at approximately \$3 million per year.

President Haglelgam wrote in his transmittal letter to Congress that the proposal offers a practical approach to the rationalization of domestic shipping service in the nation in terms of coordination, economic integration, and support for states' efforts in the achievement of their development objectives, as well as ensuring an equitable distribution of benefits from transportation development both inter and intrastate. He encourages the Congress to give the proposal "its thorough and expedient review and approval so it can be implemented."

In Memoriam

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Federated States of Micronesia Broadcasting Service (FSMBS) suffered great losses in the sudden death of two of its colleagues during last month.

We deeply regret the sudden passing away of broadcaster, Liaison Officer, Kosrae Information Officer and recently Kosrae National Election Commissioner Alik Kilafwakun of Tafunsak, who died of heart failure while participating in the Kosrae Liberation Day activities on Sept. 9.

Kilafwakun, 41, is survived by his widow Alice and their nine children.

Another death that affects the FSMBS on an international level was of Dr. Lasarus Vusoniwailala, the general manager of Fiji Broadcasting Commission, of heart failure. His death took away the help of a colleague and friend whose friendliness and dependability have been a great source of help to the FSMBS. To these fine men, we salute in the name of FSMBS.

President extends appreciation and confirms Aust

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found," remarked the Prime Minister in response to one of the primary areas of discussion that President Haglegam had on his agenda on the trip.

Referring to economic assistance from the United States to the FSM, Mr. Hawke said, "We are confident that we can effectively complement the assistance that the United States give to your country. A clear example is in the provision of a patrol boat to augment FSM's capacity to get the best out of your maritime resources. We look forward to working with you on that project. I wish you, your Government and people well as you cope with the issues and challenges ahead. You may count on Australia as a constant friend and Pacific Neighbor," the Prime Minister concluded.

Representative John Spender, leader of the Opposition Liberal Party also spoke endorsing the statements of the Prime Minister.

In response to the remarks of the host, President Haglegam thanked the Australian Government for the invitation to visit, acknowledged the friendship and co-operation between the two countries, and expressed his Government's sincere appreciation for the generous assistance that has been extended to the FSM by Australia. He cited Australia's role in helping the FSM in getting full membership in the South Pacific Forum, the first country aside from the United States to extend diplomatic recognition and establish diplomatic relations through accreditation of a Minister to the FSM and the first country to accord the FSM President the first state visit to a foreign country as examples of Australia's support to the FSM in its effort to "assume its place in the community of nations."

"Your understanding of and respect for Pacific Islanders and their customs, aspirations and limitations are very important qualities which are seldom found in other countries. I hope that this trip and the discussions during the remaining portion of my visit can initiate necessary dialogues on such important problems as shipping, trade, marketing, communication, health care, technical assistance, training opportunities,

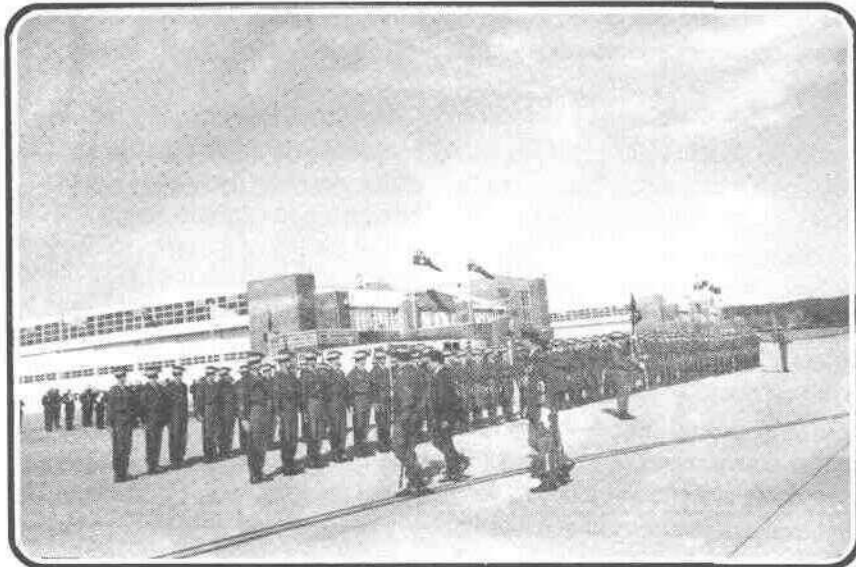
protection of marine resources, opportunities in business joint ventures and further refinements of the excellent diplomatic relations and representatives that we have enjoyed up to now due primarily to the excellent work of Minister Richard Smith. Through his dedicated efforts Australia's assistance to the FSM in education opportunities and economic development have increased significantly," Haglegam said.

Separate meetings were held in Sydney

placed a wreath at the commemorative stone and visited Telecom Tower and Burbong sheep grazing farm in Canberra.

Tours included visits to the Underwater World in Perth, Great Barrier Reef Wonderland, Australian Institute of Marine Science and Burdekin Rural Education in Townsville.

His Excellency, Sir Ninian Stephen, the Governor General of Australia received the President and his party upon arrival in



INSPECTS HONOR GUARD - President John R. Haglegam, second from left at the foreground (in dark suit), is inspecting the Australian Recruiting Training Battalion, the Royal Military College Band, and the Saluting Battery at the Royal Australian Air Force Base in Fairbairn.

and Canberra with various officials and agencies regarding the issues above. They include meetings with Foreign Minister Senator Evans, Director General of the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (AIDAB), Director of the Department of Transportation and communication and Senior Trade Commissioner of the South Pacific Trade Commission.

The President had a television interview on SBS and a radio interview with Radio Australia in Canberra. He spoke briefly on a live radio program to the scouts all over Australia upon the occasion of the Annual Commemoration of the establishment of the organization in Australia.

He and his party were treated to a tour of the Sydney Harbor, a tour of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, where he

Canberra on Thursday, October 13. An elaborate welcoming ceremony featuring the Guard of Honor by the Recruit Training Battalion, the Band from the Royal Military College and the Saluting Battery was held at the Royal Australian Air Force Base in Fairbairn.

As the President stepped onto the tarmac the flag of the FSM was raised followed by a burst of an artillery of twenty-one-gun salute. As the President ascended the dais the Guard Commander gave the order "Royal Salute - Present Arms." The Honor Guard presented arms and the Band played the national anthem of the FSM. After the Royal Salute the President was escorted from the dais to inspect the Honor Guard and Band. This is the highest honor that is

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Australia as Pacific friend and neighbor PINA met

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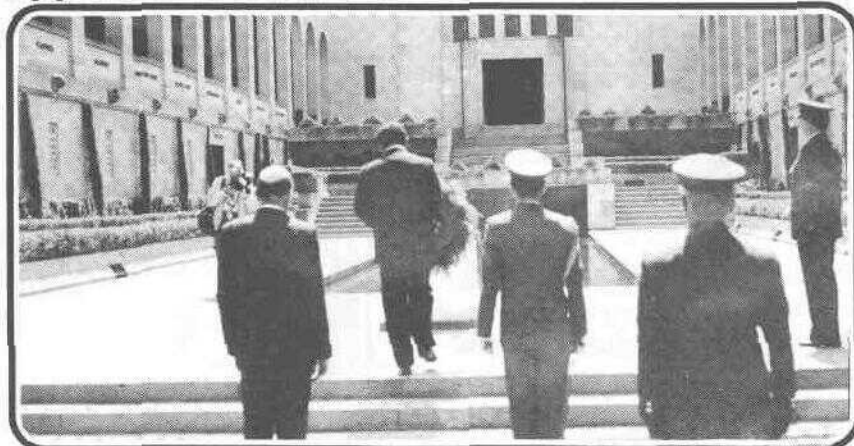
normally accorded to a visiting Head of State.

The President and his delegation were accommodated at the Government House, the official residence of the Governor General in Canberra.

The Governor General and Lady Stephen, hosted Oct. 14 a state dinner at the Government House in honor of President Haglelgam. This concluded all official engagements for the President in Can-

nera. Australian Shipbuilding Industries where the patrol boats are being constructed. After Perth, the party flew to Townsville and on to Brisbane on October 20 for a one-day visit to the World Expo. The President's official visit concluded on Saturday, October 22 at Brisbane where the President and his entourage left for Honolulu and arrived Pohnpei on Tuesday, October 25, local time.

President Haglelgam was accompanied by External Affairs Secretary Andon L.



LAYING A WREATH AT THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL - President Haglelgam, third from left, pays tribute to Australia's "fallen in arms" by laying a wreath at the Commemorative Stone during an Oct. 15 visit to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, the Australian Capital Territory. From left are: (Facing the camera far left) is Australian government's Official photographer; Australian War Memorial Director K.W. Pearson; President Haglelgam; Australian Aide-de-Camp Wing Commander John Hogbin; and two unidentified Australian War Memorial officials on the right.

berra.

The President's party departed Canberra on Saturday, Oct. 15 for Perth, aboard an Australian Royal Air Force aircraft. In Perth the President and his entourage called on Governor of Western Australia and visited

Amarai, Human Resources Department Secretary Eliuel Pretrick, Transportation Department Secretary Robert Weilbacher, President's Chief of Staff Ileske K. Ileshi and Foreign Service Officer David Panuelo of the Department of External Affairs.

Application

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istics of individuals to be served; description of the population, areas, and localities in the FSM which have been identified as needing Maternal and Child Health Services; goals and objectives of the Maternal and Child Health program; and assurances as specified in the legislation on Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant, according to FSM Human Resources officials.

Funding for the MCH programs began in 1971 and has been used to support Public Health Programs to provide medical care for both children and mother of child-bearing age. The basic goals of the MCH programs are to reduce infant mortality and morbidity and improve the health of all mothers and children through improved comprehensive health services, said the officials.

Funding distribution to the states under this block grant application for MCH federal

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 7th Annual Conference of the PINA was concluded on Friday, Oct. 15, 1988, after passing a resolution strongly endorsing freedom of the Press and the free flow of information and encouraging all governments and media within the region to abide by the principle, according to the Broadcast Information Specialist Esikiel Lippwe who represented the FSM to the meeting.

Lippwe said that the participants of the conference suggested that efforts be made to inform the regions' leaders that free flow of information is a positive force in development of island nations.

The Association in its communique passed a number of resolutions including ones on: Freedom of Information; Future directions and Finance of PINA; Training and News Exchange; Publication of a Newspaper management Manual.

It also called for coordination of training courses; greater exchange of journalistic staff; news and information between Island media organizations in the Pacific region.

It was also agreed that approaches be made to the South Pacific Forum to host a seminar for foreign journalists reporting on the region. This Seminar would cover Culture and Tradition; the do's and don'ts of everyday life in the region and the political and social structures of Island communities.

The PINA Conference also noted with concern the undesirable attitudes shown towards the media by some Island Governments. In particular the Conference deplored the restrictions placed on journalists entering Fiji particularly those from Australia and New Zealand.

The Association also decided that PINA draft a code of ethics for Pacific Island journalists to be discussed at the next year's conference, and look into the possibility of establishing an annual journalism award for both newspaper and radio journalists from the Pacific region

funding are as follows: \$53,110 for the FSM National Government; \$44,055 for Kosrae State; \$87,728 for Pohnpei State; \$96,459 for Truk State; and \$61,694 for Yap State. A total of \$80,354 is set aside, under this proposal, to bear travel expenses of children referred from the individual FSM states requiring travel outside the FSM such as Guam, Honolulu, or the U.S. mainland.

The application is expected to be reviewed by the current Fourth Regular Session (Oct. 24-Nov. 24) of the Congress.

Pohnpei Treasury Dept. Director Ihlen Joseph appointed FSM Finance Assistant Secretary



Joseph

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Former Pohnpei State Department of Treasury Director Ihlen Joseph has been appointed Finance Assistant Secretary.

Joseph, 38, is a native and resident of U Municipality, Pohnpei, and

a graduate of PICS High School who attended Mouna Olu College, Maui Community College and the East-West Center in Honolulu.

Joseph has served as assistant Ponape District Tourism Officer, Chief of Trust Territory Tourism Office, American Savings and Loan Association Ponape Branch manager, special assistant to FSM President, and FSM Budget Office Administrative Management Division Chief and served in a special assignment as FSM Plebiscite Center Coordinator before he was appointed by Governor Moses as State Director of Budget, Planning and Statistics.

Joseph was later appointed as Pohnpei Treasury Department Director and held that post until his recent appointment as FSM Finance Assistant Secretary.

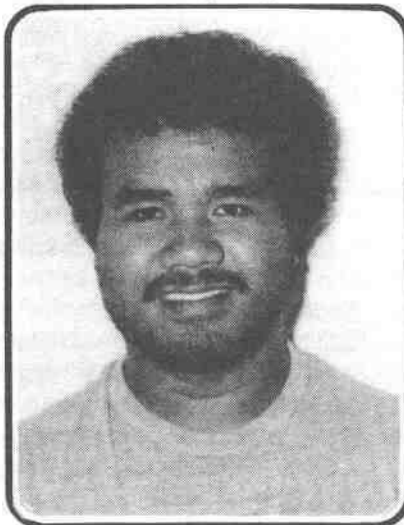
Isaac as OPS Engineering Technician

A civil engineering graduate of University of Southern Colorado (USC), Daniel S. Isaac of Pingelap, Pohnpei, was recently appointed as Office of Planning and Statistics Engineering Technician.

Isaac graduated with a BS degree in Civil Engineering & Technology from USC in Pueblo, Colorado, and received an Associate of Science degree in Pre-Engineering and Political Science with minor in Mathematics from Lassen College, Susanville, California. He graduated from Ponape Island Central High School (PICS), Pohnpei, and participated in the Ponape Upward Bound Program sponsored by the University of California at Berkeley, California.

Isaac, 25, served as math tutor, computer lab assistant and photography lab assistant

at Lassen College, Susanville, California, and previously served as an announcer at WSZD Radio Station, Pohnpei.



Isaac

U.S. Deputy Rep

Former U.S. State Department Bureau of Human Rights Multilateral Affairs Officer Edward J. Michal, recently joined the U.S. Representative's Office to the FSM as a First Secretary and Consul.

Michal attended Colgate University at Hamilton, New York and the University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado, where he graduated with a BA degree in Political Science (cum laude) in 1974.

Michal, born Oct. 25, 1952, was originally from Metuchen, New Jersey. He joined the U.S. Foreign Service in June



Michal

1975 and took a six-month consular training course at the Foreign Service Institute in Rosslyn, Virginia.

Michal previously served in Monterrey, Mexico as Vice Consul at the Consulate General; served with the Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Washington, D.C.; served as Political Officer in Santiago, Chile in 1979 for the U.S. Embassy; served as assistant desk officer for Portugal in the Bureau of European Affairs from 1979 to 1981 and later served in Maseru, Kingdom of Lesotho, in 1981-1983.

Michal received Mid-Level Training at the Foreign Service Institute for six months. He was with the Bureau of Intelligence and Research as an analyst for southern Africa and served as Multilateral Affairs Officer with the Bureau of Human Rights prior to joining the U.S. Representative's Office here on May 9.

Michal met his wife Alma in Monterrey, Mexico and they were married in Dec. 1977.

Filipino Agriculturist as CDA Agronomist

Former Philippines Coconut Authority Coconut Development Consultant Benito C. Villarino has been recruited by FSM Coconut Authority General Manager Namio Nanpei as the FSM Coconut Agronomist.

Villarino, born March 11, 1935, received his BS in Agriculture from the University of the Philippines and took advanced studies in Agriculture Economics from Cornell University in the U.S. He attended 15 trainings with durations ranging from one week to 10 months.

Prior to serving as Philippines Coconut



Villarino

Authority Consultant, Villarino served as Philippines Coconut Authority Extension Department Manager, and also Surveys and Evaluation Division Chief; Ministry of Agriculture Bureau of Agricultural Economics (BEACON) Supervising Statistician; Supervising Economist; Senior Economist; and Statistician; National Economic Council Assistant Statistician; Makiling Marketing and Development Incorporated Vice President and was a farming and business part-time licensed Real Estate broker.

He has membership in civic organization as MMLBC, UP Vanguard, Inc. Director, PAEDA member, and Civil security Development Organization member.

Villarino received training as Reserve Officer, AFP (Lt Colonel, Philippines Army), NISA graduate on Civil Security, and was accredited and listed as qualified consultant for Coconut Management and Agricultural Economist by the Asian Development Bank.

Honors and commendations received by Villarino included, leadership medal - UP-ROTC as Corps Commander, 1955-56, certificate of achievement - USAID, 1962, and a plaque of appreciation - Laguna Provincial COCOFED Chapter 1977.

Villarino is married to Milagros and they have five boys.

Mormad as FSM Planning Chief



Mormad

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Former Micronesian Occupational College (MOC) Special Services for disadvantaged students Counselor James Fredrick Mormad of Yap was recently appointed FSM Planning Division Administrator for the Office of Planning and Statistics.

Mormad, who was known for his seven years as Principal of Xavier High School in Truk, graduated from the University of Guam with a BA degree in Secondary Education with concentration in History and a minor in Anthropology.

Mormad also previously served as classroom teacher and Dean of Students at Xavier High School in Truk; as first Dean of Students at Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS); Assistant Director for Xavier High School and later as its Principal in 1979, prior to his appointment to MOC as counselor in 1986.

Mormad's work experience also covered numerous workshops and seminars or colloquium on Ministry of Education held in 1980 and 1982 in Baguio and Manila, Philippines, and 1984 in Suva, Fiji; on Socio-Economics for Catholic Education in the Pacific in 1982; and helped conducted workshops on Ministry of Teaching held in FSM states, the Marshalls Islands and Palau in 1980-1981.

Mormad, 39, is married to former Rosa Lochoa of Davao City, Philippines, and they have two sons, James 11; Fredrick, 7; and a daughter, Regina Ann, 1.

Peterson as Executive Director of PHA

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Mrs. Enerika Peterson, Ponape Branch assistant manager, a corporate officer of the Bank of Hawaii since August 30, 1980, who was promoted to assistant cashier on Sept. 1, 1983, was recently appointed by Pohnpei State Housing Authority (PSHA) Board as PSHA Executive Director replacing Mrs. Suhle Walter of Sokehs.

Mrs. Peterson is a native of Sokehs, Pohnpei and graduate of Our Lady of Mercy School at the Catholic Mission here and attended Kapiolani Community College in 1967. She also took special trainings on supervisory level in Guam and Hawaii.

Peterson joined the Bank of Hawaii as a bookkeeper in 1964 and worked for the bank in Saipan as operations officer, as well as Pohnpei. She became assistant branch manager when she returned to Pohnpei in

1980.

Mrs. Peterson resides here with her husband, Loren Peterson, and their seven children.



Peterson

PIBA constitution established

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A meeting of 13 Pacific Broadcasting Organizations held in Nuku'alofa Tonga, October 17-19 formalized the creation of the Pacific Islands Broadcasting Association, to be known as PIBA, according to Broadcasting Information Specialist Esikiel Lippwe.

The meeting began with a silent prayer in respect for the late Dr. Lasarus Vusoniwailala a veteran broadcaster and General Manager of Fiji Broadcasting Commission, and elected General Manager of the Tonga Broadcasting Commission Tavake Fusimalohi, as inaugural chairman of PIBA for a two year term.

Fusimalohi said that the association would seek to promote the development of

broadcasting services throughout the Southwest and Central Pacific Region.

Seven Pacific Islands Organizations ratified the constitution of PIBA and another six island broadcasters were expected to do likewise by December 31, 1988.

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Radio New Zealand had also been invited to become full National Members.

Two other organizations - the Voice of America and Hawaii Public Radio - were offered Associate memberships.

This meeting of broadcasters occurred under the auspices of the Pacific Broadcasting Training and Development PACBROAD, the regional training development body based in Fiji, Lippwe said.

The activities of PACBROAD and the experimental news exchange, PACNEWS; would henceforth be managed and devel-

oped by the new broadcasting association.

PACNEWS would be carried on as a permanent news exchange service for the Pacific region.

Vice chairman of PIBA is Deputy General of the Fiji Broadcasting Commission Devakar Prasad. The third board member is chairman of the National Broadcasting Commission of Papua New Guinea, Kedeau Uru.

Two alternate board members are General Manager of the Solomon Island Broadcasting Corporation Patterson Mae and Manager of WSZB Radio Republic of Palau Santos Ikluk.

The seven broadcasting organizations which immediately ratified the PIBA Constitution were from the Republic of Belau, Cook Island, FSM, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, and the Solomon Islands.

Baldassarre new MOBIL OIL President

AGANA, Guam - Ralph P. Baldassarre, Jr. has been appointed President and General Manager of Mobil Oil Guam Inc. and Mobil Oil Micronesia, Inc., the affiliates announced October 25, according to a Mobil Oil press release.

Baldassarre joined Mobil in 1969 as a marketing trainee in its New England Division and subsequently held various positions in Mobil's U.S. Marketing Division. His most recent assignment was Area Manager Aviation-South Europe from 1986 to 1988. A graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Baldassarre holds a B.A. in English.

Baldassarre replaces Y. John Nagai

who has been reassigned to Bogota, Colombia, as Plans and Program Manager.



Baldassarre

JTPA Program

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Office of Administrative Services Director Kohne Ramon has been delegated unlimited authority to handle all matters relating to the operation of the FSM Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Program on behalf of the President, President John R. Haglegam informed the cabinet members in an October 3 memo.

The delegation of authority is without limits and shall be in effect until rescinded by President Haglegam.

Haglegam asked that full cooperation and understanding is extended to Ramon so that he may be able to handle the additional burdens being placed upon him by this delegation of authority.

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