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Japan recognizes FSM establishes full diplomatic relations

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A ceremony was held Dec. 20 in the FSM Congress Chamber to commemorate the establishment of diplomatic relations between the FSM and Japan and to exchange the signed original letters effectuating diplomatic relations between the two nations.

Diplomatic relations between the

FSM and Japan was formally established on December 16 when Japan Foreign Minister Sousuke Uno and FSM Secretary of External Affairs Andon L. Amaraich simultaneously signed letters in Tokyo and Kolonia, respectively.

The letters were exchanged in a brief ceremony in the presence of President

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FSM ESTABLISHES RELATIONS WITH JAPAN - External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich, left, is signing Dec. 16 the document which establishes diplomatic relations with Japan. Multilateral Affairs Division Deputy Administrator Jesse Raglmar, right, is witnessing the signing of the document.

President visits Pingelap, gets title "Luhk Palihelap Seipel"

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John Richard Haglegam welcomes the new year with a state visit to Pingelap Island, some 160 miles east of Pohnpei.

The January 2-3 trip was the first to an outer island of Pohnpei since President took office in May of 1987, fulfilling a mandate to bring the FSM National government to the people of the Federated States.

The President earlier visited lagoon islands of Uman and Dublon in Truk State and outer islands of Yap and most municipalities on Pohnpei Island in 1987. The President was accompanied on the latest trip by Governor Resio Moses, Pohnpei Executive Officer Kikuo Apis, FSM Division of Security and Investigation Chief Jack Jack, and Special Assistant for Public Information Ketson Johnson.

The President and his party left Pohnpei on Jan. 2 on a Pacific Missionary Aviation (PMA) plane and were met at the Pingelap airstrip upon arrival by Nanmwarki Yukiwo Salomon, Waien Pingelap Kisio Pedrus, Pohnpei State Legislature Vice Speaker Job Micah, (Continued on Page 6)

President signs 33 bills into law

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Hagelgam signed 33 bills into law including a legislation designated PL 5-91 which amends PL 5-40 to continue in effect the prior law for prosecution of offenses committed before the effective date of such law, and another which was designated PL 5-105 to amend FSM Code relating to entry permits and noncitizen registration.

Other signed included:

P.L. 5-90, to further amend Public Law No. 5-52, for appropriating \$600,000 as supplemental funding for development projects and programs.

P.L. 5-92, to appropriate \$18,000 for funding social and economic surveys.

P.L. 5-93, to appropriate \$37,000 for funding certain urgent medical referral program needs.

P.L. 5-94, to appropriate \$19,000 for paying the membership fee to join the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

P.L. 5-95, to further amend the FSM Code for providing for exceptions to the seven day's notice requirement for voting at a polling place other than the one at which a voter is legally registered to vote.

P.L. 5-96, to further amend the FSM Code for deleting the requirement for new voter registration every 10 years.

P.L. 5-97, to amend the FSM Code for increasing the compensation of the Washington Representative.

P.L. 5-98, to further amend the FSM Code for bringing the section into accord with the constitution and other statutes.

P.L. 5-99, to amend Public Law No. 5-89 for modifying the uses and the apportionment of funds appropriated for public projects in Truk State, and changing certain allottees thereof.

P.L. 5-100, to appropriate \$425,000 for

reimbursing the state governments for a portion of the costs of their law enforcement activities regarding national crimes.

P.L. 5-101, to further amend Public Law No. 5-52 for appropriating \$80,551 as supplemental funding for the marine surveillance program.

P.L. 5-102, to further amend Public Law No. 5-52 to re-appropriate \$7,000 of lapsed funds and to reapportion funds appropriated for the operating expenses of the Legislative Branch.

P.L. 5-103, to further amend title 9 of the FSM Code by amending section 205 for making the section consistent with other statutes; by repealing sections 202 and 206; by re-numbering sections 203 and 204.

P.L. 5-104, to further amend the FSM Code to remove the FSM Vice-President from the FSM Telecommunications Corporation Board of Directors, to revoke the voting right of the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, to reduce the number of presidential appointees to the Board of Directors from three to one.

P.L. 5-106, to further amend Public Law No. 5-52 for appropriating \$265,719 as supplemental funding for the Executive Branch and agencies of the National Government; adjusting employment ceilings.

P.L. 5-107, to further amend Public Law No. 4-95 for changing the use of funds for certain public projects in Truk State.

P.L. 5-108, to amend Public Law No. 5-80 to change the permitted use of funds originally appropriated for September 8, 1988, activities in Kosrae State.

P.L. 5-109, to further amend the FSM Code for exempting certain businesses from the requirement to obtain foreign investment permits.

P.L. 5-110, to further amend Public Law No. 5-52 for removing the limitations upon funds appropriated for the Kosrae State Court.

P.L. 5-111, to amend Public Law No. 5-67 to allocate funds appropriated therein, to modify the designation of allottees.

P.L. 5-112, to amend the FSM Code to establish an exclusive economic zone in the ocean surrounding the FSM, to expand the size of the territorial sea, to make the chap-

ter consistent with the current political status of the FSM.

P.L. 5-113, to appropriate \$115,000 for funding certain development projects for Yap State.

P.L. 5-114, to appropriate \$70,000 for funding certain development projects in Truk State.

P.L. 5-115, to appropriate \$150,000 for funding certain development projects in Pohnpei State.

P.L. 5-116, to amend Public Law No. 5-59 for specifying the projects for which funds originally appropriated for public projects in Yap State are to be used.

P.L. 5-117, to amend Public Law No. 5-60 for specifying the apportionment and clarifying the character of monies appropriated for the funding of spare part and equipment acquisition for, and engineering studies regarding, the electrical power generation system of the states of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Truk and Yap, as may be needed.

P.L. 5-118, to appropriate \$105,000 for funding certain development projects in Kosrae State.

P.L. 5-119, to further amend the FSM Code for limiting the annual increase in the operations budget of the National Government.

P.L. 5-120, to amend the FSM Social Security Act, P.L. 2-74, codified as subtitle II of title 53 of the FSM Code.

P.L. 5-121, to create a new title of the FSM Code for authorizing borrowing by the FSM in anticipation of receipt from the U.S.A. of grant funds under the Compact of Free Association, with the security for such borrowing being a pledge of all or a portion of such grant funds, creating a bond repayment fund.

P.L. 5-122, to amend the FSM Code to create within the FSM Development Bank, an investment development fund; to provide for the administration of such fund by the Federated Development Bank with the advice and guidance of the Investment Development Fund Board of Advisors; to appropriate \$12,000,000 for capitalizing said funds; to specify the purposes of such fund and certain terms and conditions relating to projects to be financed, in whole or in part, from the fund.

FSM mourns Speaker Hartmann's death

MOEN, Truk (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The nation mourns the sudden death of State Legislature Speaker Fritz Hartmann as Truk State government awaits the arrival of his remains from Honolulu, according to Truk Governor's Special Assistant Hans Wiliander.

Hartmann, 45, died Jan. 15 of cerebral hemorrhaging while being referred to Honolulu.

Hartmann collapsed January 13 while attending an inauguration ceremony for the new chief magistrate and councilmen of Uman Municipality, a lagoon island about nine miles southeast of the Truk's center island of Moen. He was flown to Guam the same day and was again medevaced Jan. 15 to Honolulu when his condition worsened. He died about two hours off Guam while enroute to Honolulu.

Since his election to the Truk State Legislature, Hartmann had served as Floor Leader from 1978-1981 and as Vice Speaker in 1985 before holding separate terms as Speaker in 1986 and in the current term which began in February 1988.

Hartmann, who represented the people of Macheweichun or the islands of Fefan, Parem, Tsis and Totiw in the Truk Legislature, began his public service in 1968 as a teacher at Fefan Elementary School and later on at Mwan Village Elementary School on Moen prior to his election to the legislature in 1978.

He is survived by his widow, the former Cecilia Cunningham of New Jersey, U.S.A., two sons: Tommy and Ricky; a brother Samuel and mother, Francesca.

President John Hagelgam on January 18 proclaimed January 22 through January 25, 1989, as period of national mourning for the late Honorable Fritz Hartmann and instructed that all FSM government offices and flag carrier vessels to fly all flags at half-mast and the citizens to remember the Hartmann family in their prayers during the period.

Lt. Governor Bob Mori also declared on Jan. 18 that all flags in Truk State to fly at half-mast for one month and all public facil-

ties to be closed on Monday, Jan. 23 through Wednesday, Jan. 25 as days of mourning.

A state funeral is scheduled to be held in the Legislature Chamber on Sunday noon, Jan. 22, following the expected arrival of Hartmann's remains from Honolulu. The remains will be kept overnight at the Chamber for public viewing and paying of last respects. A funeral Mass is scheduled to be celebrated on Monday, January 23, at the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Tunnuk, Moen. The remains then will be taken by boat to Hartmann's island of Totiw (some seven miles southwest of Moen) accompanied by Truk State leaders to be given to his family and the people of Macheweichun for wake and traditional funeral service to be followed by burial services on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

FSMDB Board

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Election of new board officers and consideration of other administrative matters were among major issues concluded by the FSM Development Bank (FSMDB) Board of Directors in a meeting held here on December 2-3, according to an FSMDB news release.

The Board reshuffled its officers and elected former vice chairman Truk State Executive Officer Koichi Sana as its new board chairman replacing Luey Luey of Kosrae. Ihlen Joseph, who replaced Pohnpei State Senator Herman Semes when the latter was elected into the legislature, replaced Sana as vice chairman.

Other board members include James Lukan of Yap and FSM Finance Secretary Al Tuuth who represents the FSM National government. A replacement for Tuuth, who recently resigned, is pending President's nomination, an official of the board said.

Other matters considered during the December meeting include: Congressional Bill No. 5-212 as relates to bank's administration of the Investment Development Fund (IDF); FSMDB equity investment and deposits at the Bank of the FSM which includes the review of FSMDB's lending activities up to Nov. 1988, the news release stated.

The 1988 lending activities listed total processed loans of 115 or \$3.340 million for Pohnpei; 81 loans or \$2.527 million for Truk; 38 loans or \$1.120 million for Kosrae, and 27 loans or \$663,000 for Yap State, the release concluded.

Correction

The FSM application for U.S. federal funding of the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services was in the amount of \$442,000 instead of \$1.442 million as was erroneously reported in the October issue of the National Union.

Tuiasosopo resigns SPC

NOUMEA, New Caledonia (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The South Pacific Commission (SPC) Secretary-General Paiauni M. Tuiasosopo officially tendered his resignation, October 12, 1988 to the Chairman of the Twenty-eighth South Pacific Conference, in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, according to a press release by SPC.

Tuiasosopo informed the Conference in closed session of his intention to resign. This decision was later formally presented verbally to a Ministerial Committee, consisting of the Conference Chairman, Cook Islands Minister for Foreign Affairs Norman George, Australian Minister for Veterans Affairs Ben Humphreys, and Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Western Samoa Tuapepe Fili.

Tuiasosopo, whose resignation took effect on Dec. 31, 1988, briefed his colleagues in SPC Management earlier of his decision to resign saying he was to publicly announce his resignation during the closing ceremonies of the conference.

The Secretary-General informed the conference that he had felt for some time that because of the traditional responsibilities related to a title he was recently given, it was important for him to consider returning to Samoa earlier than originally foreseen.

In his detailed explanations to his staff, upon his return to SPC Headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia, he indicated that one of the most compelling reasons for him and his wife to consider returning to American Samoa so soon was the recent loss of his sister, which created an even more urgent need for his presence at home. Closely related to this was the desire of his children to remain in American Samoa.

Asked about his plans for the future, Tuiasosopo said that he intends to remain in his community and serve in any capacity his people wish. For the immediate future, he said, his Country and District would be considering the seat in the Senate of American Samoa. This, he thought, was a very real possibility for the beginning of the New Year.

In submitting his resignation, Tuiasosopo assured the South Pacific Conference of the great value which he placed on his years of work with the SPC, firstly as American

Samoa's representative to the SPC and then in his present post as the organization's senior executive.

Recognizing his significant contributions to the social economic development of the region over many years, the Conference accepted Tuiasosopo's resignation with deep regret and wished him all future happiness.

As the his resignation takes effect December 31, 1988, the Conference has established a Ministerial Committee composed of representatives of Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Guam and Salomon Islands chaired by Norman George of the Cook Islands, to arrange for the appointment by the Conference of a new Secretary-General and to provide oversight and direction of the SPC Secretariat during the period in which the position of Secretary-General is vacant. The Conference intends to appoint a new Secretary-General by May 1989, after the Meeting of the committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations, the release concluded.

Airdrops, a U.S. Military tradition

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 374 Tactical Air Wing, a U.S. Air Force unit based in the Philippines, conducted goodwill airdrops of food and gifts to the inhabitants of 36 islands in the FSM, Palau and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, according to a December-14 press release by U.S. Representative's Office First Secretary Edward J. Michal.

Sixty-eight boxes of gifts were airdropped to 30 different outer islands in the FSM. Airdrops in Pohnpei State took place at Kapingamarangi, Mwoakilloa, Nukuoro, Oroluk, Pingelap, and Sapwuahfik.

The gifts were collected by the U.S. military in Guam. The missions, which were flown from Andersen Air Force Base, began Monday, December 12. The Christmas airdrops continue a long-standing U.S. military tradition, although this year's operation is one of the biggest ever mounted, the news release stated.



FSM NEW WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE DEDICATED - President John R. Haglegam, at the podium, is addressing the officials and the crowd during the Dec. 12 dedication ceremony of the new FSM Weather Service Office in Kolonia, Pohnpei. Governor Moses joined the President in thanking the U.S. Government for the funds provided for construction of the new facility and the implementation of Microcomputer Aided Paperless Surface Observation (MAPSO), radio sonde and communication equipment. Other who spoke during the ceremony were: U.S. NOAA, National Weather Service Pacific Region Headquarter Director Richard H. Hagemeier, U.S. Representative to FSM Michael Wygant and FSM Disaster Coordination and Special Programs/Weather Service Special Assistant Ehson Johnson. Ribbon cutting was by the Pohnpei First Lady Sue Moses, who was assisted by U.S. NOAA, National Weather Service, Pacific Region Headquarter Technical Service Division Chief Edward Young.

Uwas, Rikin as Customs & Tax Commissioners

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Finance Secretary Al Tuuth recently designated Customs Tax Specialist John Uwas of Yap as acting Commissioner of Customs in conjunction with the recent establishment of the new Division of Customs, under the Department of Finance.

Tuuth also designated Deputy Commissioner of Tax & Revenue Benedict Rikin as acting Commissioner of Tax & Revenue due to a vacancy created by the resignation of Commissioner Seremea Arnold of Truk on September 23, 1988.

SNLC 1989 postponed indefinitely

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The State and National Leadership Conference (SNLC) which was scheduled to convene some 80 FSM state, national, and traditional leaders in Pohnpei on January 23-24 has been postponed indefinitely, according to Special Assistant to President for Governmental Affairs Luey Luey.

The conference was postponed to accommodate funeral activities for late Speaker Fritz Hartmann of Truk, Luey said.



KAPINGA FACES DROUGHT - The photo depicts some of the coconut trees and vegetation on Kapingamarangi showing signs of the drought. See story on Page 10.

Taiwan vessel rescued

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A joint U.S. Navy/Coast Guard operation, with the assistance of the FSM Truk vessel Micro-Dawn, resulted in the December 23 rescue of eight persons adrift at sea, according to a Dec. 27 press release by U.S. First Secretary Edward J. Michal.

The news of the vessel in distress, a 40-foot Taiwan fishing boat called the Jin High, first reached the Coast Guard's Joint Rescue Sub-Center in Guam. The Coast Guard arranged for a U.S. Navy P-3 plane from the naval air station at Agana to search the area. The plane found the vessel in Truk State, near Murilo Atoll in the Hall Islands.

Truk State authorities then author-

ized the Micro-Dawn to steam north to Murilo to tow the boat to safety at Moen on Dec. 23, at 10 p.m. This is a unique example of the close cooperation between U.S. and FSM authorities when lives at sea are in danger, the release stated.

Jin High encountered engine problem on Dec. 13 while fishing near Saipan in the Northern Marianas and drifted for 9 days until it was picked up by Micro Dawn on Dec. 22 some 130 miles northwest of Murilo Atoll, Captain Dyan Her Jinn, who is also fishing master and owner, said. Jin High has no fishing permit in the FSM waters, FSM officials said.

Captain Dyan told Truk WSZC Radio Station Manager Peter Maipi during an interview made earlier that he has been fishing and selling to a company in Guam called Polar International.

President urges Pingelap leaders for m...

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FSM Chief of Staff leske lehs, traditional and community leaders of Pingelap, Waien Pingelap liaison person in Pohnpei Kidesen Iohp and the people of Pingelap and were escorted to Pingelap Elementary School for a breakfast reception and a meeting with the local officials.

During the meeting, President Haglegam said, "Shortly after I took office in May of 1987, I found the need to work closely with the states and the municipal governments in order to effectively address critical issues facing our young nation. For this reason, I have made visits to two of the lagoon islands of Truk, and to most of the municipalities on Pohnpei island. My visit here today is no difference - it is a good opportunity to personally meet with you, the people of Pingelap, and to learn first hand all I may need to know about your needs."

While saying that he hoped that he would be able to get together with Pingelap leaders to informally discuss and exchange ideas on specific matters of concern they may wish to address, the President noted that he was happy to be part of a Pingelap tradition that began some decades ago, referring to an all-around-island footrace or "Pidek Deke" that was scheduled to be held the next day as part of the New Year's celebrations.

"Pidek Deke was created as Pingelapese moved away from black arts and embraced Christianity about a 100 of years ago. Pidek Deke was first used by Pingelapese, I am told, to measure stamina, raw skills and spirit of its male community members," Haglegam said, noting that "Every year since and until 50 years ago, the best male athletes in its ranks would face each other in an all-around-island footrace, with one winner emerging as the superior male, the Champion!"

The President also noted that he understood it is a marathon of some three hard miles beset with obstacles ranging from loose sand to sharp reefs with paths blocked with wild vines and thick vegetation where a participant is required to go through sometimes dry and wet course and faced

other elements, and adding "I see today that you do not only put your males to the test but you are also prepared to test other members of your community by channelling their skills as Pacific Island people in canoe racing.

"These activities symbolize the fact that your traditional values, customs, culture

Pohnpei to visit the President's Office" because "your advice is considered an important part of my administration."

Nanmwarki Salomon joined Governor Moses and Waien Pingelap Pedrus in welcoming the President and his party to Pingelap, saying, "We are indeed honored by your presence here today and we greatly



PRESIDENT ACCEPTS THE TITLE IN A DRINK - President Haglegam, after having been crowned with the title of "Luhk Palihelap Selpel" accepted it with a coconut drink.

which provide and make Pingelap a strong component of the Pohnpei State government, are still alive.

"I encourage you to keep your tradition and to encourage the youth to participate more in the development projects of the island. I take note that Pingelap exemplifies a strong internal unity which is necessary means to serve as a strong foundation for our unity at large."

The President thanked Nanmwarki Salomon, Waien Pingelap Pedrus and the people of Pingelap for inviting him to visit and to participate in the New Year's celebrations and "for your contribution to my administration in the number of (key) staff working with me" and adding that he has nothing to promise but hardwork, dedication and fairness in the running of the government" and that an open invitation is extended "to those of you who wish to come to

appreciate that you could take a couple of days off from your busy schedule to visit us and witness our island festivities and historical activities which are part of our customary celebrations of the new year's day.

The Nanmwarki also said he was gratified by President Haglegam's acceptance of a Pingelapese traditional title for which a formal ceremony was scheduled to be held the following day.

"Mr. President, I do not intend to make a speech, but I raise some very important facts for us to think about," adding that "firstly, according to Pingelapese folklore, Pingelap was discovered and settled by two great Yapese navigators named Palihelap and Mweimog."

"Secondly, as a man who grew up on an outer island, I trust that you need no introduction about atoll people; their lives, their

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more youth participation in projects

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limited resources and above all, their cultural values; and thirdly, as President of our nation, you need no invitation from me to revisit Pingelap because this is your home, also."

And noting that he hopes the President feels at home in Pingelap because they

danced and frolicked in the ebbing tide when the recognition of the leading runner was established.

Yensohn Yens, 25, son of late two-time Pidek Deke winner Behsel and Eli Yens of Sakarakapw team became the 1989 Pidek Deke Champion seconds before the sun broke over the eastern horizon on January

coconut tree by the President on Mweniap, the residential area and sacred seat of traditional regime of Pingelap. The planting of the coconut tree, which took place some 10 yards away from the Nanmwarki's house, signified President's first official visit to Pingelap and symbolized the return of a Yapese father and leader since the discovery by the great Navigator Palihelap (Palulap?).

In the traditional title conferring ceremony, the Pingelap's Iso Nahnken Ansper Diopulos, speaking on behalf of the Nanmwarki, explained that in the old days, "Luhk was revered as a chiefly god. In modern times in the traditional circle, the title of Luhk is normally bestowed upon a high chief of leadership capacity. As a member of the chiefly family of Eauripik, and as the Chief Executive of our nation, the Nanmwarki saw it appropriate to confer the said title to Mr. Haglegam.

"Yesterday morning, the Nanmwarki made reference about the great navigator Palihelap from Yap who discovered and settled our island. As the President of our Nation, you are indeed the navigator of our nation. Palihelap [sic] also means 'big area' - the big area referred to here in this context is our nation - the four FSM states. Because of our historical connection with Yap and the fact that you come from that state, your receiving of this title is meaningful to us.

"Lastly, the title ending with 'Seipel' is normally one that is given to a chief who does not physically reside on the island. So, Mr President, wherever you are the title is always with you, unless recalled by the Nanmwarki," Diopulos concluded.

Prior to his departure from Pingelap on January 3, the President and one of his staff, Martin Hagilmai were given a boat tour of one of the islands. As they returned to the main island, they were dragged off the boat and dipped in water before they were anointed and leied by a dozen women who waited for them in a traditional "Pasakapw" (or newcomer) ceremony.

Part of the President's entourage which arrived on Pingelap on Mutunlik included: Special Assistant to the President for Disaster Coordination and Special Programs Mr. Ehson Johnson; Graphic Artist Elieser Rospel; President's driver Martin Hagilmai, and Pohnpei State Public Safety Office Herdes Ernest.



PRESIDENT PLANTS A COCONUT TREE - President Haglegam, far right, is planting a coconut tree signifying his first official visit to the island. Nanmwarki Salomon, squatting left and Governor Resio Moses, squatting right, are assisting the President while other government and Pingelap Traditional leaders look on. Governor Resio Moses has the Pingelap traditional title of "Lahp En Seipel".

share some of the very important things in common, the Nanmwarki said in conclusion, "I would like to ask you and Governor Moses and your visiting party to sit back, relax and join us in our celebrations."

The finals for the canoe racing were held up in the afternoon of January 2 to await the arrival of Kosrae State vessel Mutunlik which was chartered to ferry part of the President's entourage to the occasion. However, Mutunlik did not arrive until late in the evening of January 2, when all canoe races were completed with Sakarakapw team emerging as the champion with the canoe made by Iksale Charley.

The "Pidek Deke" was held at dawn the next day as the whole island was gathered at the finishing line trying to make out running figures as they emerged on the reef a mile away in the hazy distance near the island of Sukoru.

Silence broke as women cheered,

3. He battled the murderous course in less than 45 minutes.

He was followed by Sabino Andon also of Sakarakapw and two brothers, Kenio and Senrick Iohp of Kahkalia team as second, third and fourth, respectively.

Yens was given a \$100 first-winner award from Governor Moses along with other awards from Pingelap. Moses also gave another \$100 first-winner award to the Sakarakapw canoe racing winning team. A round trip pleasure trip to Guam was awarded to Yens and Charley by State Legislature Vice Speaker Job Micah. Of the 60 young men who began the Pidek Deke, 23 received awards for finishing the footrace.

The trip culminated with a formal ceremony by Nanmwarki Salomon conferring the traditional title of Luhk Palihelap Seipel upon President John Haglegam followed by a traditional feast and the planting of a

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John R. Hagelgam, Vice President Hiroshi Ismael and FSM Congress Vice Speaker Elias Thomas.

The delegation from Japan was headed by Mr. Atsushi Tokinoya, Deputy Director of the Northern American Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and included Japan Consul-General to Guam Masao Wada and Mr. Yoshiaki Kotaki of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The signed original letters were exchanged between Mr. Tokinoya and Secretary Amaraich on behalf of their respective governments.

Mr. Tokinoya, in his prepared remarks, recognized that the FSM "has been steadfastly enhancing (its) stature in the international community through establishing (of) diplomatic relations and joining international organizations." He further pointed out that Japan and the FSM "have historically enjoyed the tradition of good relationship." He also alluded that the establishment of diplomatic relations will not only provide a stimulus for further promotion of ties with the FSM but with the rest of the Pacific as well.

Secretary Amaraich, prior to delivering his prepared remarks, pointed out that the presence of President Hagelgam, Vice President Ismael and Vice Speaker Thomas signified the importance of the occasion.

In his prepared remarks, Mr. Amaraich said, "our two governments have, by establishing diplomatic relations, sealed the friendship and cooperation between (the FSM and Japan)" and further highlighted the "mutual recognition of the sovereignty of our peoples" as the most important achievement by the two nations. The Secretary reiterated "the strong desire of the FSM Government that the Government of Japan establish its embassy in Pohnpei and appoint a resident ambassador to the FSM."

Pohnpei Lt. Governor Johnny David, U.S. Representative to the FSM Michael Wygant, members of the FSM Executive Cabinet, and other FSM and state officials were also present at the ceremony.



JAPAN TOASTED FSM - Japan Rep. to the ceremonies toasted FSM during a reception held at PCR on Dec. 19.



FSM-JAPAN EXCHANGE OFFICIAL LETTERS: Secretary Amaraich is handing over the original signed letter to Japan Government Rep. Tokinoya. Others in photo from left are: External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy, Multilateral Affairs Division Deputy Administrator Jesse Raglmar, Secretary Amaraich, Japan Government Rep. Tokinoya, Japan Consul-General to Guam and Micronesia Masao Wada, and President Hagelgam.

CFSM candidates filed petition

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - January 21, 1989, is the deadline for filing candidate petitions with national election commissioners in each state for the upcoming March 7 FSM congressional elections.

All petitions must be submitted to the national election commissioner in each state on or before 12:00 midnight on Saturday, January 21.

The 10 members of the Fifth FSM Congress whose two-year terms are ending in May 1989 are: Claude H. Phillip, Kosrae State; Isaac V. Figir, Yap State; Dohsia S. Halbert, Peter Christian and Elias Thomas, Pohnpei State, and Jack Fritz, Tony Otto, Nick Bossy, Kalisto Refalopei, and Nishima E. Yleizah, Truk.

The national election commissioners are: Kun J. Olter, Kosrae; Francis Defngin, Yap; Heinrick Stevenson, Pohnpei, and Iskia Sony, Truk.

As of the close of the petition filing deadline, the following have filed to run for the FSM Congress two-year-term seats. Senator Isaac Figir of Yap, Senator Peter Christian of Pohnpei, and Speaker Jack Fritz, and Senators Tony Otto and Nick Bossy of Truk are running unopposed.

While Incumbent Claude Phillip of Kosrae is challenged by FSM Deputy Chief of Asian Affairs Tadao P. Sigrah. Senator Elias Thomas who represents Madolenhimw and Kitti is being challenged by Pohnpei State Senator Herman Semes, Pohnpei State Police Detective Benskin Etse, and Pohnpei State Land Department Director Wagner (Moses) Lawrence.

Dohsia Halbert who represents Sokehs, Kolonia, and the Southern outer islands of Pohnpei is challenged Koffer Sos A.

For the state of Truk, incumbent Nishima Yleizah who represents the Mortlocks is being challenged by John Sound, and Senator Kalisto Refalopei who represents Faichuk is challenged by Yoshinobu Mori.

Absentee ballots may be requested in writing within 120 days and up to the close of the polling place on the election day; however, registered voters residing abroad should see to it that their ballots are received by their respective state national-

election commissioners on or before the close of polls on March 7.

The absentee ballot request will include information about each voter's voting precinct, reasons for not being at his home state to vote, the establishment of his right to a ballot, and his return address.

FSM voters will be deciding in this election on a question whether or not to have a convention to revise or amend the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia. All official ballots will carry the question: "Shall there be a convention to revise or amend the Constitution?"

U.S. citizens in FSM to register dependents

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The U.S. Representative's Office in Kolonia reminds U.S. citizens that children over two years old should have their own social security number, according to a press release from the U.S. Representative's Office.

Starting in 1990, taxpayers will be required by the Internal Revenue Service to submit social security numbers for children over two years old. If you have to file a U.S. tax return and have a child who does not have a social security number, you should apply for a number at the U.S. Representative's Office as soon as possible.

Children born in the FSM to an American parent should also have their births registered at the U.S. Representative's Office. This ensures that their U.S. citizenship is legally recorded. The U.S. Representative's Office urges all American parents to take this step as soon as possible after a child is born.

American citizens who are living in the FSM are encouraged to register at the U.S. Representative's Office. Registration helps the U.S. Government contact you, for example, if a natural disaster occurs and your relatives want to know if you are O.K. Please contact Consul Edward J. Michal at 320-2187 for details on how to register.

Alien registration begins Jan. 1

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The annual alien registration period begins on January 1-31, 1989, according to FSM Immigration Chief Uriel Hadley who recently issued a notice to that effect.

Hadley said all resident non-citizens living on the islands of Kosrae, Truk Lagoon, Pohnpei and Yap proper are required to register in person at the local Immigration offices throughout the FSM on or before

January 31, 1989, adding that those who are residing on the outer islands of Pohnpei, Truk and Yap should register by mail before March 31, 1989.

Resident non citizens are those aliens who: a) have resided in the FSM for 90 or more days of the preceding calendar year (1988), or b) those who intend to reside in the FSM for 90 or more days of the current calendar year (1989).

All resident non citizens are required to

present to the local Immigration officials passports and entry permits at the time of their registration.

Questions regarding the particulars of the registration should be directed to each of the Immigration offices or inquiries can be made to the central office at telephone number 320-2606 in Kolonia, Pohnpei, Hadley said, noting that failure to register is a violation of the FSM Immigration Act and is punishable by the Act.

CDA joins APCC

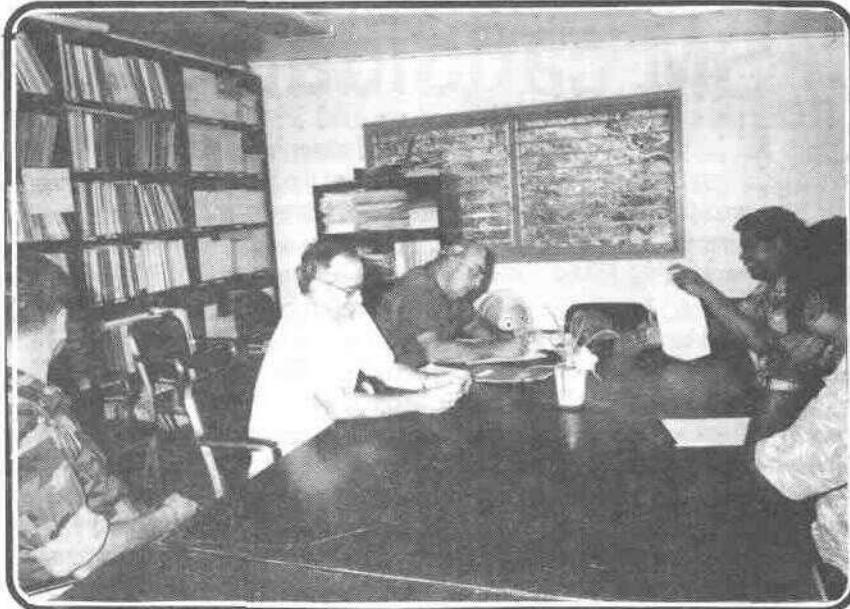
KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Coconut Development Authority (CDA) was unanimously admitted as a full member of the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC) during the organization's 25th Session held on Nov. 28-Dec. 2, in Cochin, India, according to a Dec. 13 letter to FSM External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich by APCC Executive Director P. G. Punchihewa of Jakarta, Indonesia.

"The benefits are enormous and we are glad the fruit of our efforts has been realized by our acceptance as a full member in the APCC," said FSM CDA General Manager Namio Nanpei.

In another coconut related story, CDA Warehouse on Truk was gutted by fire at 1:00 a.m. on the morning of Dec. 16, according to Nanpei.

Nanpei said the fire destroyed the whole warehouse and everything in it including some 1,000 bags of copra and all empty bundles of copra sacks for Susumu Enterprises and one desk, two grading boxes and all bundles of empty sacks for Truk TRANSCO. The two copra buying agents were using the Truk State Copra Warehouse as a storage.

Truk State police is still conducting an investigation, according to a December-29 letter to Nanpei by FSM-CDA Representative Arthur Ansin on Truk.



KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio R. Takesy, second from right, and U.S. CINPAC Rep. to Guam/CNMI/Palau and FSM Rear Admiral Thomas J. Johnson, third from right, are signing documents in a Dec. 19 ceremony formalizing the release of two fire-trucks to Pohnpei State as part of the technical assistance to help efforts in the development of the infrastructure in states of the FSM. Witnessing the transfer ceremony were U.S. Representative to the FSM, the Honorable Michael G. Wygant, CAT Team Commander and FSM External Affairs U.S. Relations Deputy Administrator Gabriel Ayin, far right.

Kapinga faces drought

KAPINGAMARANGI, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE)- A severe drought is now being experienced in Kapingamarangi (Kapinga) which is also affecting Nukuoro according to a survey of coconut conditions in the Southern Outer Islands of Pohnpei State by FSM Coconut Development Authority (CDA) Agronomist Benito C. Villarino, FSM CDA General Manager Namio Nanpei said.

The present threat to coconuts and other crops in Kapinga is the severe drought that is occurring, and according to the people of Kapinga,

the island hasn't had rain for the last six to eight months. "Even if it rains, the coconuts could hardly recover in two to three years," the survey said.

Kapinga used to produce 100-110 bags of copra a month; however it is predicted that in 1989, Kapinga could hardly produce 50 copra bags a month assuming rain comes early 1989, Villarino reported.

"Some 30 percent of the coconuts have yellow or drying leaves," the survey said, noting that it is predicted that the whole island crops including coconuts will die if it doesn't rain for another six month.

Use of administrative leave clarified

KOLONA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - An official memorandum to clarify the use of administrative leave was issued November 28, 1988, by President John R. Hagelgam to all members of his cabinet.

The following is the full text of the Memorandum:

"This is to clarify when administrative leave is available. Administrative leave is an excused absence with no loss of pay and no time credited against vacation leave.

Under our Public Service System Regulations, administrative leave for an employee may be granted only (1) under, "emergency conditions" beyond the control of management, such as a typhoon or other severe weather conditions; (2) for employment-connected examinations; and (3) for participation in civic activities in the interest of the government.

The Manual of Administration requires that administrative leave be "strictly limited" to the above circumstances. The Manual further states that administrative leave shall not be granted for sickness, compassionate

reasons, education and training, religious ceremonies which are not official in nature, political campaigning, or any civic activities "not deemed in the interest of the government." Therefore, only those civic activities which are directly related to the government or to service to the community at large will be considered qualified for the granting of administrative leave.

Please keep these guidelines in mind when considering a request for administrative leave, and I also request that you circulate this memorandum to your staff. Thank you."

Data bank available for businesses

SUVA, Fiji (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The International Labour Organization's (ILO) head office in Geneva has established a data bank on technological information, according to a letter by the ILO office for the South Pacific Director S.C. Cornwell.

The data bank is to disseminate technological innovations towards developing countries and to promote technological data exchange between countries. This data bank is known by the acronym INSTEAD, stated the letter, concluding that the information offered by INSTEAD is intended for the owners/managers of small and medium businesses and small scale enterprises in developing countries.

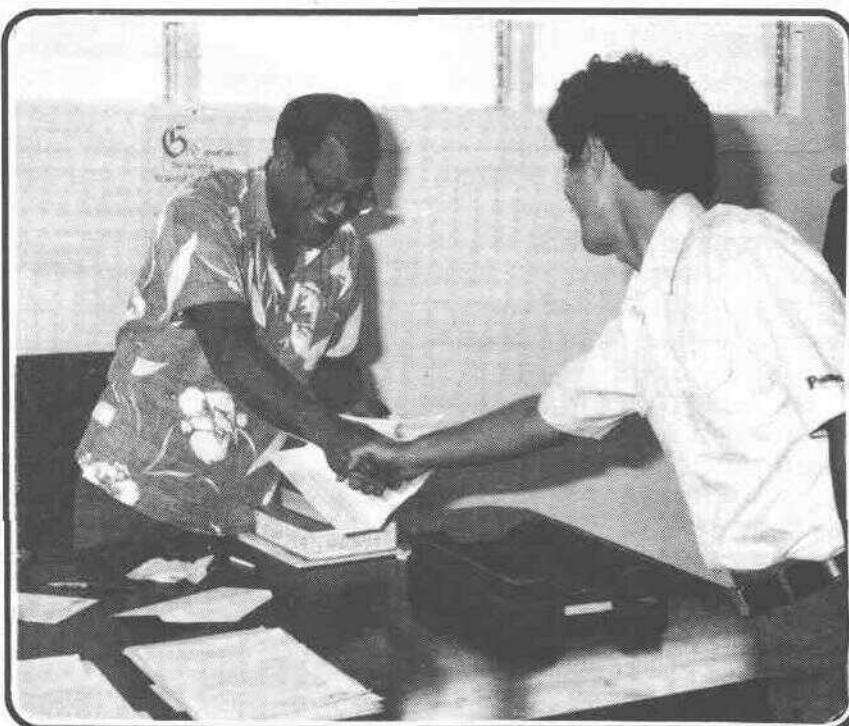
Information provides a wide range of subjects, including food processing like: oil extraction, vegetable and fruit processing, fish smoking and others; energy such as biogas digester, waste recycling, and others; agricultural tools and implements: animal-drawn equipment, manual tools, water pumps, etc.; building material: stabilized earth-blocks, roofing tiles, sanitation, etc.; or handicrafts: weaving, pottery, footwear, leather tanning, etc. All these are only examples of the variety of technological fields covered by the service.

Interested may request through the ILO Office for the South Pacific- P.O.

Box 14500, Suva, Fiji. Fax # 300-248, or direct to INSTEAD at the ILO Headquarters in Geneva Switzerland: Information Service on Technological Alternatives for Development (INSTEAD), Technology and employment Branch,

International Labour Office, 1211 Geneva 22, Switzerland. Telex # 22271 BIT CH.

An information package as complete as possible on your particular request will be provided free of charge.



PHOENIX OF MICRONESIA DONATES - Phoenix of Micronesia President Mr. Issei Katayama is presenting \$1,000 to Governor Resio S. Moses as donation and supports for Pohnpei Sports Councils. Pohnpei Sports Council President Lee Mendiola said a game was planned for to be held in Pohnpei State sometime in late December 1988 between the four states of the FSM and the Sports Councils needs about \$10,000 in sponsoring the game, but so far they have about \$2,000.

Date to move to the Capitol postponed

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The move to the FSM Capitol has been postponed from February 1989 to summer, according to FSM officials here.

The construction of the \$10.3 million Capitol complex, which includes nine one-to-two story concrete buildings that are

interconnected by covered walkways is nearing its completion.

The project also includes the construction of parking areas and driveways, on site water and sewage systems, landscaping, electrical distribution systems and 4.5 miles of road paving from Kolonia to the Palikir site.

The project, which began with a groundbreaking ceremony by officials of the FSM and Hanil Development Company of Korea on February 9, 1987, was originally scheduled for completion in October 1988.

FSM Officials said the government anticipates moving to the Capital in May or June of 1989

Fish Talks with Taiwan broke down

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA) official reported that the talks with representatives of fishing associations and government of Taiwan held on Guam Jan. 4-6 were broken off "since there was an inability to reach agreement on the major issues of the negotiation."

MMA Executive Director Peter Sitan of Truk said that "the major difficulties occur primarily in non-compliant performance in the reporting requirement and the fact that six Taiwanese fishing boats have been caught with violations including instances of bottom fishing on the submerged reefs within the FSM's 12-mile and 200-mile Zones."

The negotiation was held to seek the possibility of extending the current fisheries agreement with Taiwan Fisheries Associations which was due to expire at the end of February 1989.

Sitan said that there is no schedule for future meetings, adding that the FSM was receiving about \$700,000 from the fishing associations of Taiwan under the current agreement.

The current agreement has about 200 boats, mostly small long-liners, Sitan noted, adding that the FSM MMA officials are asking Government of Taiwan and its fishing associations that a settlement on the recent missing boat in Yap be made before talks could be continued. The MMA is asking the Fishing Associations of Taiwan the return of long liner LIEN FUNG FA and its Captain. LIEN FUNG FA, which was apprehended on Oct. 5, 1988, by FSM officials while it was fishing without license within FSM 200 Exclusive Economic Zone near an outer island of Yap, escaped from its moorings at Yap Dock on Dec. 23 with only the Captain on board.

"Our other problem includes the fact that there are Taiwanese fishing boats operating out of Guam and Palau and are not covered by the current agreement," Sitan said, adding that there are about 100 boats operating out of Guam and Palau without FSM fishing licenses.

Sitan said that the MMA authorities are not concerned about getting more money from Taiwan which is expected to reach over \$1 million in 1989, but also about the effective management of the FSM fishery resources within its 200 mile Exclusive

Economic Zone.

"Other nations operating in our zone are complying with the terms of our agreements and Taiwan fishing boats should do likewise," Director Sitan said, noting that "It is time that MMA treats every nations operating in our waters, equally."

FSM representatives to the negotiations included: MMA Chairman External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich; Vice chairman Senator Elias Thomas of Pohnpei; Senator Nick Bossy of Truk and Isaac Figi of Yap; FSM Resources and Development Secretary Marcelino Actouka; South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency Senior Economist Dr. Roger Iwate; FSM Assistant Attorney General Joses Gallen; MMA Executive Director Peter Sitan and Deputy Director Bernard Thoulag; and observers: FSM Senator Joe Urusemal and Kosrae Resources and Development Department Director Gerson Jackson.

Taiwan was represented by the Provincial Fishermen Association which represented long liners, and Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Boat Owners and Exporters Associations which represented the purse seiners and Government representatives from Taiwan Fisheries Bureau.

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