

Truk take-over program a success

MOEN, Truk (FSM Information Service) - Civic Action Team (CAT TEAM) relocation to Ulul Island by July, including reorganization of Government Broadcast Station and Mortlocks as a separate state in the FSM were among major decisions

made by the student-administration during the one-day June 16 student take-over program in Truk, according to FSM Public Information Special Assistant Ketson Johnson.

The student take-over Truk Day, organized by Truk Education De-

partment, is an educational service to teach students individual lessons in development of Trukese citizenship and leadership skills, appreciation of demands of government services in fulfilling needs of the

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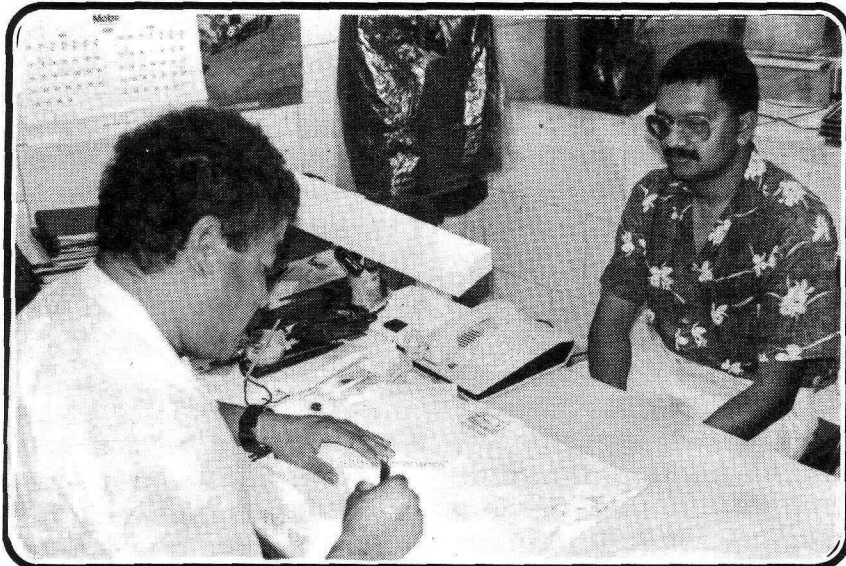
FSM, U.S. agree on designation Changing representatives to ambassadors

WASHINGTON, D.C. - George Bush upon his signing July 26, 1989, into law H.R. 2214, which amends the diplo-

Editor's note: The following is a remark made by President

matic relations agreements under the Compact of Free Association between the United State and the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia to allow a change in designation of the primary diplomats exchanged between U.S. and Rep Mar and the FSM from "Representative" to "Ambassador" and to further allow their diplomatic missions to be designated as "Embassies":

"I take great pleasure in signing into law H.R. 2214, which approves diplomatic relations agreements with the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia. Since 1986, these countries have been our partners in free association. Our ties to them go back to the last world war when



FRANCE DEPUTY CONSUL GENERAL VISITS - France Deputy Consul General Babou Kamichetty, right, is being interviewed by FSM PIO Ketson Johnson during Mr. Kamichetty's recent familiarization visit of the FSM. The Honolulu-based Consul met with officials in the FSM departments of External Affairs and Resources and Development, and Governor Resio Moses in discussions in accordance with his country's plans to develop closer links with the Islands.

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Pohnpei hydro power to be improved

HONOLULU, Hawaii (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Honolulu District office is now completing plans to improve operation and maintenance of the Nanpil River hydropower plant, according to a news release by Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer.

The Corps' new Honolulu District Engineer, Lt. Col. Tim Wynn, said that

the modification package will provide additional spare parts storage in the powerhouse, air conditioning for the powerhouse electrical equipment, and guardrails along the penstock access road. The plans also call for modifying the water intake structure and sealing the diversion dam to prevent erosion of the concrete surface.

"The new plans also call for increasing the area of water flow at the trash rack and facilitate the raking of leaves," Wynn said.

At present, floating leaves collect at the trash rack, requiring constant

raking to prevent obstructing the streamflow required for plant operation.

Wynn reports that since the Nanpil hydropower plant started operating in May 1988, it has produced over four million kilowatt hours of power and saved Pohnpei State from having to import approximately 300,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

The Nanpil River hydropower project was approved by the U.S. Congress as an important first step in providing an alternate and locally made energy source for Pohnpei. The plant was designed to produce 4,020,000 kilowatt hours annually, or some 20 percent of Pohnpei's energy needs.

"The Nanpil hydropower plant has been producing power as it was designed to do," Wynn said.

He explained the production maximum design power by the Nanpil hydropower plant is dependent on normal streamflow in the river. When a streamflow in the Nanpil River is very low, especially

during periods of little or no rain, the plant shuts down completely. The shutdown then permits adequate streamflow to Kolonia as well as to areas downstream of the dam to supply the life-supporting water to people, trees and animals along the river.

Wynn said that the Army Corps has monitored the plant continually since it began running at full capacity in May 1988. This monitoring will continue to make sure the plant is producing up to its potential.

Training of Pohnpei personnel in operation and maintenance of the plant, initiated by the Corps after the project was completed, as well as monitoring, operation and maintenance of the plant by the Corps will continue until October 1990 and may be extended to April 1991. This will ensure that the plant is being properly maintained and that Pohnpei operators will be fully capable of operating and maintaining the plant when it is turned over to the Pohnpei government, the release concluded.

Legislature conference held in Yap

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Ninth State-National Legislature conference is tentatively scheduled to be held in Colonia, Yap from August 21 to the 23, according FSM news release.

The conference, an annual event for FSM Parliamentarians, will tackle the many issues requiring legislative attention including the questions of Federal Programs and the FSM Financing Act.

All members of the FSM Congress are expected to travel to Yap for the conference. Congress key staff will also be in Yap

to provide staff support. This will include the Legislative Counsel Dennis Yamase, ways and Means legal counsel Chris Hartman, Chief Clerk Henry Asugar, and Budget Officer Tiser Lippwe.

According to the latest information received by the FSM Congress Chief Clerk, the following state delegations will attend the conference. Pohnpei State: Speaker Annes Leben; Vice Speaker Job Micah; Senators Feliciano Perman, and Kasiano Joseph. The legislature legislative counsel and the speaker's secretary will accompany the Pohnpei delegation.

Kosrae State: Speaker Thurston Siba; Senators Kaius Nedlic and Alex Phillip.

Truk State: Senators Halbert Dereas; Komber Kumo; Andy Dois; Hayashy Naka; and Tomio John. Kelly Vegnan will staff the delegation.

President John R. Haglelgam will send his representatives to Yap to serve as resource persons for the conference. This will include representative from the Attorney General's Office, the Budget Office, the Departments of Finance, Resources and Development, and a Special Assistant to the President for governmental affairs

Marine products are overharvested

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Giant clams, trochus, rabbitfish, groupers and other popular marine products being over-harvested in Micronesia can be replenished through aquaculture, said members of the Pacific Aquaculture Association during its inaugural meeting held July 19 to 21, 1989, at FSM Congress Chambers in Kolonia.

These and other potential commercial products such as seaweeds, pearls, sponges, green snail, mullet, eels, shrimp and others were discussed at the meeting, according to FSM Marine Resources Administrator Mike Gawel.

The meeting was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Interior and co-hosted by the Federated States of Micronesia National Government and Community College of Micronesia (CCM).

Representing the governments of the region were Mr. Dave Idip and Mr. Tosh Paulis of Republic of Palau; Mr. Bill Fitzgerald and Dr. Steve Nelson of the territory of Guam; Mr. Dave Aldan and Dr. Terry Donaldson of Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Mr. Steve Muller of the Republic of the Marshalls Islands; Mr. Henry Sesepesara and Dr. Karl Frogner of American Samoa; Mr. Jerry Fagolmul, Mr. Mike Gawel, Mr. Mike Molina and Mr. Flinn Curren of FSM. Dr. Singeru Singeo, Chancellor of College of Micronesia (COM) and Mr. Asher Edward, Mr. Spensin James, and Mr. Kit Dahl of the Community College of Micronesia, as well as numerous other observers and participants attended.

In the meeting's opening remarks, FSM Vice-President Hiroshi Ismael noted past planning and recent advances in aquaculture development in the FSM. These include the new FSM Aquaculture Center to be built in Kosrae during the next year, to be used as a focal point and center providing expertise, training, seed stock and sup-

port to all states and to private aquaculturists throughout FSM.

In his welcoming remarks, Governor Resio Moses of Pohnpei State emphasized the recent recognition of true value to Micronesians in the development of appropriate culture techniques to counter the decrease of over-fished species.

Dr. Jim McVey the U.S. National Aquaculture Coordinator for Sea Grant and University of Hawaii Sea Grant's Dr. Jack Davidson and Mr. Bob Bourke expressed the value in forming a regional Pacific Aquaculture Association among government and private representatives throughout the Pacific Islands. Through the association, members can achieve better regional coordination in planning, training and financial and technical support of aquaculture development. More efficient funding of aquaculture activities can be achieved and more attention given to the islands' needs through the unified approach of the association.

A board of directors for the Pacific Aquaculture Association was formed of the official government representatives at the meeting. The board elected Mr. Mike Gawel, FSM Administrator of Marine Resources as Chairman and Mr. Bill Fitzgerald, Guam's Chief of Economic Planning as Vice-Chairman and Executive Director.

The participants then reviewed and approved of a draft Planning Document for Regional Aquaculture Development for the Pacific Aquaculture Association.

Types of aquaculture and species priorities were evaluated and complementary roles of the Micronesian Mariculture Development Center, the Guam Aquaculture Research and Training Center, and the FSM Aquaculture Center were emphasized. Preliminary regional project proposals were drawn up by the group for giant clam, rabbitfish and grouper culture.

A highlight of the meetings was

the inspection of the giant clam and trochus hatchery, seaweed farm, sponge farm and giant clam grow-out cages in Pohnpei.

Hainrick as FSM Training Administrator

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Effective August 26, 1989, Justy W. Hainrick of Kitti, Pohnpei, becomes the new Administrator of the Division of Training, Office of Administrative Services (OAS), according to a memorandum by OAS Director Kohne Ramon.

Hainrick assumes the position that was vacated by Paul Gallen also of Pohnpei when he took office as the President of Community College of Micronesia on May 31, 1988.

Hainrick has served as a Personnel Specialist, Statistics Specialist and for the last five years as a Training Specialist in the



Hainrick

Training Division. With over nine years in the area of Training, Hainrick is well prepared to now supervise and manage the overall FSM National Government training program, Ramon said.

Hainrick was graduated from PICS in June 1972 with a special recognition in Business and Industries; attended CCM under a Junior Accounting Project pilot project prior to attending University of Guam for two years majoring in Business Administration and later on with Management Science as a major in 1987.

Hainrick, 37, is married to former Prihne Route also of Kitti and they live with their children in Kolonia.

Students urged Truk leaders to stop pr

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people, understanding of challenges in public management of public funds, preparation of civic responsibility and simulation of public service through "take-over" in the Executive and Legislative Branches, Truk State Government officials said.

Some 650 Truk High School students from senior through freshmen years participated in this year's program including a student Governor, student Lt. Governor, 14 student directors and deputy directors of seven state department, six student office managers in Truk's six executive offices, 28 student senators in the Truk State Mock Legislature, with approximately 300 additional student-teachers at Truk High School, the only participating public school in the program this year.

Student Governor Cynthia Mitipok, a Truk High School senior from Dublon received high praise for her strength and effectiveness in carrying out duties of the Governor which included signing of personnel actions, and a reorganization proposal for broadcast station, and making a directive for the relocation of CAT Team to Ulul, some 180 miles Southwest of Moen.

The decision to relocate to a municipality of the CAT Camp has been expected for a while with lagoon islands vying for the opportunity to be the host.

The Mock Student Legislature passed 11 out of 14 student-initiated resolutions while real senators watched and debated the issues with them.

The resolution to allow Mortlocks, the second most populated area of Truk, to become a separate state in the FSM was defeated by a vote of 22 against and 6 for, the six being student-senators from the Mortlocks.

The "Take-Over" program allowed the government officials in the Truk Executive and Legislative Branches to step aside and act as consultants while student counterparts run the government for one day. Judiciary Branch was not able to participate in the program.

Gov. Gideon Doone's declaration of

"Take-Over Chuuk" day asked the offices to cooperate and help participating students, and other students meet with government officials to discuss issues confronting the government and their communities and coordinate proposed student-initiated recommendations for possible solutions to issues.

Before the "Take-Over" day, participating students whose selection to the program were based on attainment of 3.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) at Truk High School were briefed and trained on how to rise to government responsibilities and to work with real officials in providing solutions to the issues.

A mock election was held at Truk High School by an Education Department Close-Up Committee where students simulated mechanics of elections, ran and elected their leaders in the executive branch including 28 student senators in the legislative branch.

The "Take-Over" day was successful and is a lesson to Trukese in that the non-voting portion of the population has a lot of things to say about the government and its operation.

Prior to June 16 take-over day, a 10-point list of problems were identified by students so they could resolve them with their counterpart government officials.

The list includes in the order of priority:

- **Nepotism:** The list talks about government officials been guilty of nepotism in hiring unqualified relatives to government jobs, and for letting unauthorized relatives to use government vehicles. The students recommend that Governor improves Truk's administration and management of its public services, institutes strong anti-nepotism policies and that Governor establishes an independent commission to investigate all cases of nepotism and present its recommendations.

- **Work-time abuse:** The list says that many government employees work much less than 8 hours a day or less than 40 hours a week. A medical doctor must be physically present at the hospital when on night-shift or he/she must be automatically penalized or put on AWOL (absence without official leave). All government full-time employees must work eight hours a day.

Students recommend that government should no longer accept employees who come to work late, or take long lunch breaks, and leave for home early in the afternoon. Such employees much be punished or given AWOL.

- **Overpopulation:** Population is increasing too rapidly and there is not enough land area for all. Birth rate is high and death rate is low. Migration is not a solution, the students said, adding that it is because they

do not want to see Trukese leaving Truk just to solve the problem nor do they want to see an increase in the death rate. The students recommend that Public Affairs Department develops a series of radio programs to inform the public on the availability of family planning and the birth control methods at the hospital. (There was no moral question brought out by the students regarding the methods). The recommendation includes that Health Services Department improves its delivery services of family planning and birth control to all people of Truk who are interested in using them. And that Department of Education develops an entire curriculum to teach students from grade 1 to 8 in understanding and solving the overpopulation problem in Truk.

- **Abuse in public spending:** There is widespread abuse in the ways government officials spend public monies. Students recommend that Governor Doone sponsors an independent audit of financial records each year for each of the departments and if records are not accurate, technical and/or remedial assistance be given the said department's business section or Finance Department and if after three years there is no improvement, then Governor must recommend disqualification or termination of those responsible for poor record-keeping and data-recording. The students also recommend that Governor also establishes an independent Commission to investigate abuse in Capital Improvement Program (CIP) spending at both the state and municipal level. The commission shall file its findings directly to the State Attorney General for appropriate legal action. The students also recommend that government housing must be reserved only for author-

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practices in nepotism and other abuses

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ized personnel outside of commuting distance. If any abuse is not corrected, the Housing Officer must be punished. If housing is not available, transfer and housing allowances should be given as required.

- **Abuse in purchase orders and requisitions:** The lack of internal control over existing procedures allows any department or office that is buying to cheat on orders, because Supply Office cannot verify receipt of items. Students recommend that the State Supply Office should be held responsible purchase and receiving of items for pick up by the department. If department's copy of purchase order does not match with the items received by Supply Office, the Supply Office should be charged with malfeasance.

- **Public sanitation:** While Truk State Government has a problem of not enough money, but that is no excuse for reducing public sanitation services to the people. Sanitation is a right of all citizens! The students said that the responsibility to have purified water piped from the wells to storage tanks and then to public buildings and private residences belongs to Departments of Public Works and Health Services and that the responsibility to make sure all communities maintain public sanitation belongs to the Governor.

- **Water and Power services:** Delivery of public utilities and services is poor. Students said that the Governor is responsible for these and that the Department of Public Works employees are lazy and incompetent. Governor should have the leaks repaired immediately so people could have minimum water hours. The students also recommend that Governor establishes an independent commission to determine where these utility problems lie, and take appropriate action to punish incompetence and inefficiency.

- **CRIME:** The students rate crime as third lowest in the order of priority on the scale of 10 points. Crime is not only in the community but also in the police station itself. Students said police brutality must be stopped and that Governor must establish a citizens' action group to oversee this problem. A prisoner is afraid to testify in court. Public safety officers use their authority in a

wrong way. They show power without proper authority and the public is afraid. The students said that the kind of public fear does not help to make Truk a democracy. Students recommend that police brutality stops immediately and that the Governor and the Department of Public Safety establish community relations programs so that there can be improvement in crime prevention.

- **Role of Special Assistants in Governor's Office:** In recent years there seems to have been an abundance of positions called "special assistants" in the Governor's Office with very little public justification for these positions. The students said the Governor owes the public an explanation to be aired over the public radio which will explain the importance of having special assistants and why other offices can not handle these responsibilities. The students also asked that Acting Governor or Lt. Governor Bob Mori explains why a special assistant was assigned to the Department of Education.

- **Road Improvement:** While road improvement in Truk is concentrated on

Moen, this is not bad because the population on Moen is large, but the roads are fixed by Department of Public Works with little concern for permanent repair. After an heavy rainstorm, the potholes are back again and the repair work is wasted, over and over again. The students also said that there is no circumferential road on Moen, even though the Truk State Legislature has funded such a road every year for the past several years. The students recommend that Governor requires future road improvements to be done with high quality and permanent improvement and that he gives priority to releasing funds to construct Moen's circumferential road.

While no official response to this list was made at that time, Governor Doone who verbally said the decisions of the Student-Governor and Student Lt. Governor and their student-directors are binding, also promised in a June 16 letter to the Student-Speaker that he will "advance the purpose and the intent of each resolution" which is in the top five order of priority among those 11 which passed final reading on the take-over day.

Ambassadors

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American forces liberated their islands in some of the bloodiest fighting of the Pacific campaign. We administered the islands as part of a United Nations trusteeship until late 1986.

Under the agreements now approved, our current representative offices in Majuro, the Marshall Islands, and in Kolonia, Micronesia, will become full-pledged embassies with resident American ambassadors. The same welcome transformation will occur here in Washington, and our diplomatic community will be enlarged by the addition of ambassadors from the Marshall Islands and Micronesia. This change will portray accurately the nature of our relationship with these countries

under the Compact of Free Association, the treaty linking our nations in a special partnership.

I would like to recognize the contributions of all those who labored to negotiate and conclude these two agreements. The one person who deserves special mention is Representative Bob Lagomarsino of California, who introduced this bill into the House and who has been a tireless supporter of the American position in the Pacific. I will also pay tribute to Their Excellencies Wilfred Kendall of the Marshall Islands and Jesse Marehalau of Micronesia. With the entry into force of the agreements, let me be the first to address them as Ambassador Kendall and Ambassador Marehalau.

Sea floor to be surveyed

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - An outer banks survey project which will provide information on the deep-bottom fishery resources and the submerged reefs in the Exclusive Economic Zone within the states of Truk and Yap is scheduled to be launched in August, according to a press release by Executive Director James Movick of the FSM National Fisheries Corporation (NFC), which has been designated by the FSM Government to be the lead agency for the survey.

Movick said that the "Outer Banks Resources Assessment" project will be based on Moen, Truk, which is the nearest state center to the survey area, and will include several experts and a fully equipped survey vessel from Japan.

The project, which could open up a new economic opportunity for the outer islands as well as develop a new export industry for the FSM, was originated from a request to the Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation (OFCF) of Japan from the NFC whose goal is to develop a commercial fishery within the outer bank areas in the FSM, Movick said.

The initial survey year will be focused on the sea mountains, often referred to as submerged reefs, in the central and western part of the Exclusive Economic Zone within the states of Truk and Yap, Movick said, adding that the project is an attempt to develop a commercial fishery in this area, from which the numerous small populated coral atolls can benefit. The project should be able to shift to other outer bank areas within the FSM, including the states of Pohnpei and Kosrae in the second year, Movick further stated.

Together with FSM personnel, the survey team will perform work in three main areas:

- Survey the ocean floor in

order to map important fishing grounds for deep-bottom fishing.

- Assess deep-bottom fish resources in order to determine their commercial value.

- Train Micronesians in commercial bottom fishing. Groups of four to five Micronesian trainees will undergo three-month training programs on the survey vessel.

In order to maximize the results of the project, NFC is working closely with all the four state fisheries development agencies, the Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA) and the

FSM Marine Resources Division, Movick noted, adding that the approval for the project was given by the governors of Truk and Yap states.

The cost of the project is in excess of \$1 million and the Government of the FSM is most grateful to the Government of Japan and to OFCF for this valuable assistance, Movick noted, adding that the FSM Congress has supported this project and related developments by appropriating in excess of \$100,000 during fiscal year 1989.

President signs nine bills into law

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Haglegam has signed nine bills into law.

Signed into law were:

Congressional Bill 6-36, now designated as P.L. 6-1, to further amend the FSM Code to assure the continuous existence of the Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA) and the National marine conservation laws,

Congress Bill 6-31, now P.L. 6-2, appropriating \$350,400 for fiscal year 1989 as supplemental funding for the legislative branch of the National government,

Congress Bill 6-42, now P.L. 6-3, appropriating \$35,000 for fiscal year 1989 to fund scholarships for post-secondary students as established pursuant to the settlement with Continental Airlines entered into on May 7, 1987.

Congress Bill 6-27, now P.L. 6-4, appropriating \$891,400 as supplemental funding for the

Executive branch and agencies of the National government, and

Congress Bill 6-51, now P.L. 6-5, appropriating \$2.4 million for airstrips in the outer islands of Yap, Truk and Pohnpei.

Congress Bill 6-55, now P.L. 6-6, to further amend Public Law No. 5-67 to allocate funds appropriated therein and modifying the designation of allottees.

Congress Bill 6-52, now P.L. 6-7, to amend Public Law No. 5-85 to remove references to vetoed appropriations, and to remove the lapse date.

Congress Bill 6-43, now P.L. 6-8, to further amend Public Law No. 5-89 to modify the uses of funds appropriated for public projects in Truk State.

Congress Bill 6-53, now P.L. 6-9, to further amend the FSM Code to prohibit smoking in all National Government buildings, offices and facilities. The bill became law on July 24, 1989, without the President's signature.

OPS begins production of 2nd Plan

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Office of Planning

and Statistics (OPS) recently coordinated a meeting of State and National Planners

in Pohnpei and agreed at the meeting to hold four workshops in the States as part of the work program associated with the production of the FSM Second National Development Plan, according to officials at OPS.

Berg named to OPIC

WHITE HOUSE - President George Bush announced August 4, 1989, his intention to nominate James David Berg to be Executive Vice President and assistant to Fred M. Zeder, former President Reagan's personal representative to Micronesian negotiations and director of OTIA now President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), according to the Office of the Press Secretary at the White House in Washington, D.C.

Berg will join his former Office of Freely Associated States Affairs (OFASA) colleague Howard Hills who is OPIC's general counsel, and James Hall, press secretary to former Trust Territory High Commissioner Ed Johnson, as OPIC's director of public affairs.

Mr. Berg is currently serving as the Director of OFASA at the U.S. Department of State. He has served as the head of the political and economic section of the National Security Council Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations. He was a Staff Officer for Political and Congressional Affairs at the Department of the Interior.

Berg was graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1971. He received a Woodrow Wilson fellowship for graduate studies receiving a Masters of Public and International Affairs (MPA) in 1976. He was born March 31, 1949 and is a native of Louisville, Kentucky.

Berg is married, has two children* and resides in Falls Church, Virginia.

The topic for the workshop in Kosrae State held on July 21st through July 26th was Economic Development which includes the subtopics of Industry, Commerce, Tourism, Construction Industry and Foreign Investment.

The topic for Truk's workshop held on July 24th through July 28th was Physical Development/Infrastructure which includes the subtopics of Power, Transportation (Sea, Air, and Road), Water/Sanitation, Housing, Planning/Management/Finance.

In Pohnpei the topic which was being discussed during the workshop on July 31st through August 4th was National Resources which includes the subtopics of Agriculture, Minerals, Forestry, Artisanal Fisheries, and Conservation/Resource Management.

Yap's workshop which was also being held from July 31st through August 4 was on the topic of Regional, Social and Community Development. The subtopics include Spatial Issues (Outer Island and Rural Development), Community Development, Youth and Social Services.

Pohnpei TV established

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A new television company whose transmitter facilities are located in Nanpohnmal, Sokehs, Pohnpei, with a 100 feet of steel tower to broadcast signals to most of Kolonia, Nett, Sokehs and part of U, was established on June 12, 1989, for public service.

T.V. Pohnpei, Inc., was established, by local businessman Robert Etscheit as president and businesswoman Angelina Hiyane as vice president, to provide two out of initial four channels of taped programming from Hawaii at a cost of \$25 per month to subscribers. Two additional channels will be added in September to bring U.S. network television programs and movies on a 12-hour per day programming.

A total of 336 hours of programming per week will be viewed by subscribers on the

four channels, including CBS, NBC, ABC and the 20th Century FOX movie channel.

A \$100 refundable deposit is required for a decoder with an optional \$3 for a remote control device per month rental.

Programs on all channels can not be viewed without the help of a decoder which unscrambles the T.V. signals. Delinquent subscribers can be disconnected by computer with another \$10 for a reconnection charge.

For better viewing, an outside antenna will improve the pictures, although in some parts of Kolonia and Sokehs in close proximity to the transmitter, small rabbit ears antenna may suffice, a TV Pohnpei staff said.

Channel 7 has been operated by KPON T.V. for many years. KPON T.V. is owned by Bernard's Enterprises.

International direct dialing available

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Beginning August 1, 1989, direct dialing overseas was made available from Pohnpei and Moen in Truk to individual phones in the FSM, United States, and most places throughout the world, according to FSMTC Commercial Manager Magoto Kishigawa.

FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC) will require interested residents, offices, and businesses on Pohnpei and Truk to

apply for the direct dialing option to their phones before direct dialing can be affected. Once the option is installed, the individual phone is liable for all overseas calls incurred by it.

In another FSMTC related activity, Yap received a new telephone switching system on May 27 to allow direct dialing capability as well as additional services such as call forwarding, call waiting, speed calling and other enhanced business features, including the use of touch-

tone telephones.

The new system on Yap also changes the phone numbers from four to seven digits, with the first three digits the same in all users in Yap. All telephone numbers in Yap therefore are being prefixed by 350 (plus the existing four digit numbers) with area code of 691 remaining the same with the rest of the FSM.

If a resident on Yap has telephone number 2680, for example, the new number will be 350-2680.

President's father dies

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - William Figirbuwe (FIGIR-BOOW), the father of the FSM President John R. Haglegam, died on Saturday, August 12, on his home island of Eauripik after a brief illness. He was 84.

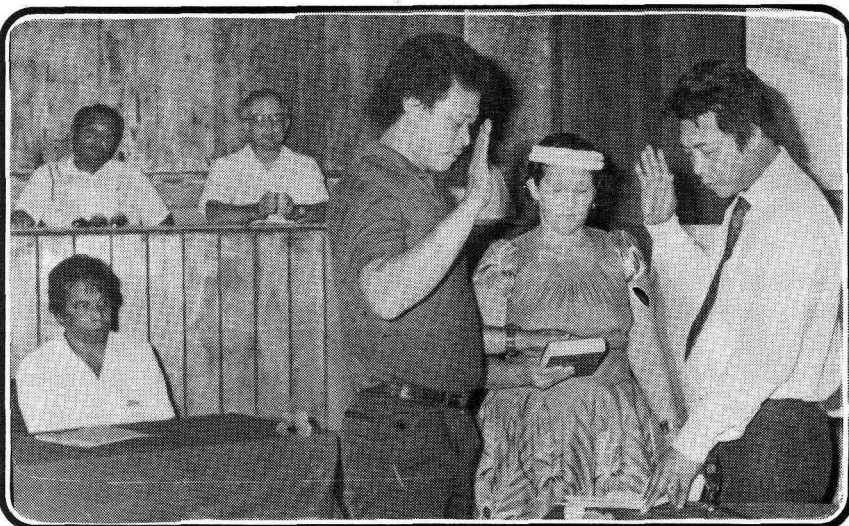
Mr. Figirbuwe died while the president was still enroute on a ship to the island.

President Haglegam departed Pohnpei on Friday August 11 aboard a Continental Air Micronesia plane to Moen, Truk, where he was picked up by the FSM fieldtrip ship MS Carolines enroute to Eauripik in the outer islands of Yap.

The President said he had been postponing the trip to his home island for sometime but must take it then to see his ailing father. He is scheduled to arrive back on Pohnpei during the second week of September.

Mr. Figirbuwe was buried on Eauripik on August 16, 1989, several days following the arrival of President Haglegam and late Figirbuwe's two brothers who were brought from Woleai Island.

Figirbuwe is survived by his widow Christina Lemaipy, two sons including President Haglegam, two brothers, and three daughters.



ARACELEY JOINS FmHA - Berly Araceley, standing left, is taking the oath of office as Farmers Home Administration's Assistant Area Supervisor for Pohnpei and Kosrae from Pohnpei Supreme Court Clerk Nelson Joseph, far right, with Araceley's mother, Kimiko Yamada Araceley, middle, holding the Bible during an August 21, 1989, ceremony held at the Pohnpei State Legislature Chamber. Looking on from top left are: Pohnpei State Lt. Gov. Johnny David, U.S.-FSM Charge d'Affairs Michael G. Wygant, and Araceley's father, O'Kean Araceley, bottom left. Araceley, 29, who was on 1985 WHO'S WHO among students in American universities and colleges, was graduated from University of Guam in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and is currently completing work on his Masters in Public Administration (MPA) degree in 1990. He previously served as a Shift Supervisor and Cashier for Mobil Oil Guam, Inc.; as evaluator on the Pacific Post Secondary Education Council Talent Search; classroom teacher for Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) in Pohnpei and also at San Vicente Elementary School in Saipan, and was also a member of UOG Peer Counseling Association. Araceley is married to former Meriam Edgar of Parem, Nett, Pohnpei.

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