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MINUTES SIGNED - FSM External Affairs FSM-Tokyo Acting Liaison Officer Tadao Sigrah, middle front row, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Representative Katsuhiko Ohashi, right front row, are signing the Minutes of Discussion for the Pohnpei State Swine Improvement project with the Japan government on behalf of the FSM and Japan governments during a Nov. 6 ceremony held at the Pohnpei State Governor's Conference Room in Kolonia. The minutes reflect changes made by state officials to the proposed plan developed by JICA. With detail design project to commence in January, implementation of the project is expected in May, officials said. The State Office of Federal and Foreign Relations has been informed that the Japanese Government will provide Pohnpei State with road pavement equipment as part of the aid package. Governor Resio Moses has listed the road pavement as the highest priority for the state. Others in the photo are: Project Coordinator Osamu Kosegawa, far left front row; back row from left are: Agricultural Extension Supervisor Kesner Hadley; Agriculture Division Chief Adelino Lorens; Acting Assistant to Governor for Federal & Foreign Relations, Simon Kihleng; and FSM Livestock Development Advisor Haresh T. Patel.

Marehalau presents credentials to Reagan

WHITE HOUSE, Washington, D.C. (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - In a White House ceremony highlighting the new political relationship between the United States and one of the former Trust Territory of the Pacific islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Representative Jesse B. Marehalau on Dec. 21 formally presented his diplomatic credentials to U.S. President Ronald Reagan and became the first FSM diplomat to be fully accredited to any country, according to a press release by the Office of the FSM Representative in Washington.

In his remarks to President Reagan, Marehalau conveyed the greetings of FSM President John R. Haglelgam and stated that the occasion was one of high honor and achievement for every citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, the release said.

Marehalau told President Reagan, "As the first accredited representative of my country to any nation, it is right that my first act is to convey to you personally an expression of the deep

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Haglelgam establishes reorg. working group

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Haglelgam recently established a working group which is instructed to study and make recommendations to the President regarding the implementation of the reorganization act.

The reorganization bill which was passed by FSM Congress during its October 1987 regular session was signed into law by the President which enable the reorganization law to take effect on January 1, 1988.

The working group is composed

of the FSM Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael of Kosrae as the chairman and the members include: Chief of Staff Ieske Iehsi, Pohnpei; Department of External Affairs Secretary Andon Amariach, Truk; Department of Resources and Development Secretary Marcelino Actouka, Pohnpei; Attorney General Jack Warndof of Little Rock, Arkansas; Office of Health Services Director Eliuel Pretrick, Pohnpei; Personnel Officer Kohne Ramon, Pohnpei; and FSM Economic Planner Tim Buehrer of Arlington, Virginia.

Tropical oil suffers smear campaign

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A bill which would have blacklisted tropical oils including coconut and palm oils in the U.S. market was temporarily defeated on Oct. 20 by a vote of 10 to eight in the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, according to FSM Coconut Development Authority General Manager Namio Nanpei.

The bill which was intended to label tropical oils was pushed by the American Soybean Association (ASA), using "unproven health claims to disguise (its) real goal of blocking foreign competition in the lucrative edible oils market (and) seeks a label on coconut and palm oils that states they contain saturated fats," said the Asian Pacific Coconut Community Jakarta-based newsletter.

During the 24th Session of the Asian Pacific Coconut Community (APCC) held Nov. 2-6, 1987, in Apia, Western Samoa, a resolution was endorsed by the 12 member countries strongly condemning "the recent vituperative moves and false claims made by the American Soybean Association against tropical oils including coconut oil, that the latter is inimical to health," and adding that the charges are unsubstantiated by medical and scientific facts.

The "Apia Resolution" said that the members of the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community, who enjoy friendly relations with the United States of America, and who represent more than 1 billion of the world population and 85 percent of world production of coconut, are concerned over the false charges which have been presented to the U.S. Congress and the American public at large by a multi-million dollar media blitz.

The Asia Pacific Coconut Community was concerned that these charges would have serious adverse effects on the export of

coconut oil to the U.S. on which most of the APCC member countries depend solely for their economic sustenance, and on the quality of lives of millions of people who form the underprivileged sector of the world, the resolution said.

Millions of people who depend on the production of these oils come from the world leading coconut and palm oil producing countries of Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines.

The APCC member countries were concerned that these unwarranted moves totally violate the principles of free trade and the general provisions of the Uruguay Round of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade), which the United States of America, claiming to be the foremost promoter, recently used in its lobby against the consumption tax on vegetable oils proposed by the European Economic Community (EEC).

The APCC member countries strongly appeal to the U.S. Government to urge the American Soybean Association to desist from continuing its smear campaign against Coconut and other Tropical oils, and request the U.S. Congress not to entertain any bills, masquerading as health protective measures which are in fact clearly in restraint of free trade and grossly discriminatory against poor tropical oils producing countries.

Bar exam set

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A written examination to practice law before the FSM Supreme Court is scheduled for March 3, 1988, in Pohnpei, Truk, Yap and Kosrae, assuming there are applicants who wish to take the exam in all four states, according to FSM Supreme Court Chief Clerk Emeliana J. Musrasrik.

Applications for the exam are to be filed 30 days before the date of the written test with supporting documents and a \$25 application fee with the Office of the Chief Clerk of Court, P.O. Box J, Kolonia, Pohnpei, 96941, said Musrasrik, who added that the court may permit a late filing of applications and documents upon show of good cause.

FmHA analyst to visit Pohnpei

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Farmers Home Administration Construction Analyst Keith Goddard is arriving Pohnpei for a three-day visit Jan. 17-20 for analysis of programs on Pohnpei, according to Pohnpei-Kosrae States Farmers Home Administration Supervisor Shelten G. Neth.

Neth said Goddard is responsible for construction analysis in the region which include programs in: Hawaii; American Samoa; FSM; Guam; Saipan; and the republics of Palau and the Marshall Islands.

Goddard is scheduled to meet with building contractors and suppliers and review Pohnpei's present construction concepts and basic construction standards if they could be modified to comply with Farmers Home Administration's, Neth said.

Goddard's visit is in preparation for the implementation of the Farmers Home Administration major programs, Neth concluded.

Salle receives award

MANGILAO, Guam (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Rothen Salle of Truk, a University of Guam senior, ma-

joring in economics and business management is one of the three students awarded the Chick and Dee Whitfield Scholarship for 19-



Salle

87, according to UOG Information Officer Katherine Singh.

Salle, a graduate of Truk High School, is the son of Dery Rothenis Bisalem of Nama, Mortlock Islands.

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pride and appreciation felt by the people of the Federated States as they freely chose to end two centuries of colonial status, joining the community of nations only a year ago, in sovereign, free association with the United States."

The FSM, comprised of the former Trust Territory island groups of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Truk and Yap in the western Pacific Ocean, became fully self-governing in 1986 after centuries of colonial rule by Spain, Germany, Japan, and by the United Nations under the U.S. administered trusteeship. Following the implementation of the Compact of Free Association and the simultaneous termination of the Trust Territory on November 3, 1986, the FSM has moved to establish diplomatic relations with other nations and has assumed a role in regional and international organizations.

The Dec. 21st ceremony completes the exchange of representative between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia. The United States' Representative, the honorable Michael G. Wygant, presented his credentials to President Hagelgam on Oct. 2, 1987, in a ceremony held at the FSM Congress Chamber on Pohnpei.



Marehalau

Marehalau, a native of Falalop, Ulithi, attended St. Mary's School in Yap and graduated from Xavier High School in Truk and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Chaminade

University in Honolulu, Hawaii.

He previously served as Yap State Assistant Fisheries Officer and later as division chief of Yap State Marine Resources; also served as Foreign Service Officer in the FSM External Affairs Department assigned to former FSM Washington Liaison Office as Assistant Liaison Officer and later as Deputy Representative for the

past five years prior to his appointment as Representative.

Marehalau also served on numerous boards and committees on Yap State and at national level including, as member of Trust Ter-

ritory Advisory Board on Education, and as vice chairman of Yap Board of Education, Scholarship Board, Yap Board of Health, and Yap Community Action Program; as chairman of Yap Task Force on Education, Yap Day Committee, and as secretary/treasurer for Yap Cooperative Association, among others.

Marehalau was nominated by President Hagelgam and confirmed by the FSM Congress last October.

Representative Marehalau, 40, is married to former Martha Lorraine of Mogmog, Ulithi, Yap, and they have one son, Nelson Marehalau, 7.

Pretrick appointed Acting Secretary

KOLOINA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Hagelgam announced Dec. 23 his appointment of the FSM Health Services Director Dr. Eliuel Pretrick as the Acting Secretary of the newly created Department of Human Resources and FSM Personnel Officer Kohne Ramon as Acting Director of the newly created Office of the Administrative Services.

"The appointments take effect simultaneously with the effective date of Public Law No. 5-21 (the reorganization law), on Jan. 1, 1988, and will continue until terminated pursuant to section 17 of the referenced Public Law or at an earlier date by presidential action," the President's Dec. 23 Memo to the members of the cabinet said.

Section 17 of the reorganization law authorizes any employee or official of the affected offices to serve as the secretary or director in an acting capacity on the day prior to its effective date.

The former offices of Health Services and Education are combined under the new Department of Human Resources to be headed by a

Secretary under which all their existing divisions are retained.

The former Personnel Office is abolished with its functions absorbed by the new Office of the Administrative Services to be headed by a Director under which personnel becomes a division

along with all its other existing divisions including the newly acquired divisions of Supply (previously attached to Finance Department) and Microfilm formerly of the Office of Public Information.

The Dec. 23rd action constitutes the initial steps in the line of cabinet nominations in the acting capacity for the new departments and offices under the new reorganization act.

Cabinet nominations for the offices of Planning and Statistics and Public Defender are expected soon, while the former position of the FSM Public Information Officer (PIO) has been made a Special Assistant to the President for Information Matters since the Office of the Public Information was abolished and its functions absorbed by the Office of the President.

Congress sends X-mas greetings

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Vice Speaker Elias Thomas, speaking on behalf of the Speaker Jack Fritz, himself and the members of the FSM Congress, wishes the people of the FSM a very merry Christmas and urges that the Christmas spirit "should extend past Christmas Day" and "beyond our families to all we meet."

In the Christmas message released on the morning of Dec. 24, the Vice Speaker said:

"Fellow citizens: On behalf of the Speaker, myself, and all the members of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, I want to wish you a happy holiday season and a very merry Christmas.

"Christmas is a time when we celebrate many things. Most importantly we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In honoring His memory, we celebrate our religious faith. We celebrate generosity by sharing and

giving gifts. We celebrate the closeness of our families by engaging in family activities. All of this is part of what is known as the Christmas Spirit.

"Many people think that the Christmas spirit has a very short life. Poets have said, "Christmas comes but once a year." One year, the day after Christmas, a poet wrote, "Christmas is over, and business is business."

"Many people are also very selective in their use of the Christmas spirit. They think it only extends to their family and maybe a few friends and neighbors. Like the character Scrooge in a famous Christmas story, they say, "Bah, Humbug!" if asked to extend their Christmas spirit to people from another village or island.

"I believe the Christmas spirit should be bigger than this. It should extend past Christmas Day. It should be extended beyond our families to all we meet.

"Ours is a young nation, facing many challenges and hardships. To meet these challenges, we need a year-round Christmas spirit. The moral guidance found in our religious beliefs must always be in our minds, and be reflected in our deeds. The generosity we display at Christmas time must be part of our everyday lives. The brotherhood and understanding we share with our families on Christmas must be shared with all Micronesians throughout the year. With faith, a generous spirit, and a commitment to unity, we can work together to meet our nation's challenges. Such a year-round Christmas spirit is reflected in the preamble of our Constitution, which speaks of our hope for peace, unity, friendship, cooperation, and love in our common humanity. Such a Christmas spirit was displayed recently by people throughout our nation who generously gave food, money, clothes, and labor to help the typhoon victims in Truk.

"In conclusion, the (FSM) Congress wishes one and all a most Merry Christmas. May the Christmas spirit be with you on Christmas Day, and Always. Thank you."

MLSC convenes annual meeting in Koror

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) Board of Directors are scheduled to hold its first annual meeting Jan. 14-15, 1988 in Koror, Republic of Belau, according to the MLSC office in Pohnpei.

MLSC's budget for the rest of FY 1988, reports reviews and other operation related matters will be considered during the meeting, MLSC's officials here said, adding that the meeting, which is convening at 1:00 p.m. on Jan. 14, is opened to the public.

CFSM Vice Speaker sends New Year Greetings and Message

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Acting Speaker of the FSM Congress, the honorable Elias Thomas of Pohnpei, sends a New Year Greeting and Message to the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia on the eve of the New Year's Day.

The following message contains the greetings for the New Year:

"On this, the eve of the New Years Day, 1988, I want to wish everyone a most happy and safe holiday.

"As a New Year dawns upon us, we can all look forward to aspiring to our own personal and family goals for 1988. I wish everyone prosperity and togetherness for their families and relations during the coming year.

"Together, as a nation, each of us must be ready to meet the many important challenges that will confront us in 1988. We must all work together in a spirit of cooperation to continue to build and strengthen our young & growing nation.

"It is an enormous and often difficult task that we face, but through hard and dedicated work we can meet the challenges and continue to form the kind of nation that we all desire and can be very proud of.

"For all of us, a new year provides a new beginning from which we can implement beneficial changes. If we all contribute and work together we can make those changes a reality and make 1988 the best year of our nation's existence.

"To all of you and your family, friends and relatives, may God bless, and have a Happy, Safe, and Prosperous New Year!"

Two U.S. groups organize to lobby help for Truk

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Two organizations in U.S. have joined forces to lobby help from other organizations or individuals for the victims of Tropical Storm Nina which struck the islands of Truk in November.

The non-profit Micronesia Institute of Washington and Typhoon Relief Aloha Committee for Truk (TRACT) of Honolulu are appealing to the American public in bringing relief to the hungry, the injured and the homeless in Truk following the damages caused by Nina which downed power and telephone lines and destroyed thousands of homes and 95 percent of the islands crops on Nov. 21.

TRACT was established by Trukese and American college students and other Hawaii residents including various local organizations such as churches, the YMCA, and the American Red Cross, and the U.S. Military who volunteered to help in transporting contributions to the people of Truk.

TRACT's purpose was to mobilize the people of Hawaii to assist the people of Truk, by contributing monetary donations, non-perishable canned food, clothing and first-aid-kits which were desperately needed due to the damages caused by Tropical Storm Nina.

Chairperson Patricia Chapman of the Micronesia Institute said that tax-deductible cash contributions for Truk relief may be made payable to the Micronesia Institute/Truk Relief and sent to 2152 Wyoming Ave. NW, Washington, DC, 20008, 202/387-7525.

Gifts of food, summer clothing and medical supplies are welcomed at FSM Representative's Office, c/o Mr. Ringlen Ringlen, 706 G Street SE, Washington, DC, 20003, telephone: 202/544-2640 or FSM Liaison Office, c/o Danny Rescue, TRACT, 3049 Ualela Street, Suite #408, Honolulu, HI 96819, telephone: 806/836-4775.

Tropical Storm Nina hit Truk on

November 21 leaving four killed, one missing and presumed dead, dozens injured and thousands homeless in its wake.

FSM President John R. Hagelgarn and U.S. President Ronald Reagan on Nov. 25 declared Truk a major disaster area. Hagelgarn called upon all appropriate government officials, private individuals, and institutions to come to the aid of the people of the State of Truk in their time of peril, stated the release.

"We know Hawaii and its people as ambassadors of the 'aloha' spirit throughout the Pacific," explained TRACT Chairman and Student Coordinator Danny Rescue of the FSM Liaison Office in Honolulu.

"We come now to the people of Hawaii for this emergency assistance," the chairman Rescue said, adding, "we make this urgent ap-

peal in Hawaii because of the natural Pacific affinity and because of our cultural linkages."

For the past three decades the State of Truk has maintained ongoing relationships with the State of Hawaii whose people have gone to Truk as Peace Corps volunteers, consultants, on contract, and as tourists, TRACT's chairman said.

Truk Lagoon is internationally famous among divers for its treasure of underwater Japanese war ships, sunken in World War II by U.S. bombers. The lagoon was the heart of Japan's overseas Imperial Fleet.

TRACT Officers include Chairman Rescue, Treasurer Alton Higashi, Communications Committee Chairman Kasio Mida, Storage Committee Chairman Mason Fritz, and Transportation Committee Chairwoman Jacinta Mori.

Direct dialing out to be available in February

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC) announced recently that it will install two digital switching facilities for Pohnpei and Moen in Truk for a more reliable telephone switching system beginning on February 15, according to FSMTC General Manager Fred Stout.

The new switching facilities will allow direct dialing on Pohnpei and Moen to the United States and elsewhere in the world at any time as well as additional services such as call forwarding, call waiting, speed calling and other enhanced business features, including the use of digit tone telephones, Stout said.

The new system is part of FSMTC's implementation of its multi-million dollar FSM expansion program, and will change the phone numbers on Pohnpei and Moen from three to seven digits, with the first four digits the same for all users in each area. Numbers in Pohnpei will be prefixed by

320-2 (plus the existing three digits) while Moen's numbers will be prefixed by 330-2 (plus the existing three digit numbers) with area code of 691 remaining the same for all FSM.

If a resident on Pohnpei has telephone number 548, for example, the new number will be 320-2548, while a resident of Moen with the same telephone number 548 will have 330-2548 as his new number.

There will be no increase in the rates at the present time, Stout said, adding that the rates for day, off-hour, and night calls will remain the same.

A year ago, on March 23, direct dialing from the continental United States to individual phones in Micronesia by American Telephone and Telegraph Co. was made available through the FSMTC.

U.S. callers were able to call points in: Pohnpei by dialing 011, plus the Country Code 691, plus 9, plus the three digit number; Truk by dialing 011, plus 691, plus 831, plus 9, plus the three-digit number; Yap by dialing 011, plus 691, plus 841, plus the existing four digits, and Kosrae by dialing 011, plus 691, plus 851, plus the four-digit number.

Sea Grant joins CCM programs

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Community College of Micronesia (CCM), through College of Micronesia (COM) status as a land grant institution, has established Dec. 24 a Sea Grant program as part of the recent decision to put sea grant programs under the existing land grant institutions, said COM Executive Director Dr. Singeru Singeo who added that COM became a Land Grant institution in 1981.

Mr. Kit Dahl of Seattle, Washington State, becomes CCM's newest staff member upon arriving here Dec.

24 where he will serve as Sea Grant conservation extension agent Dahl for the Federated States of Micronesia.

The position is being jointly funded by the Community College of Micronesia and the Sea Grant extension program at the University of Hawaii.

"Sea Grant is a U.S. federally funded program administered thru Universities in coastal areas," Dahl said, adding, "It offers programs in extension, research and public education related to the marine environment."

In this position Dahl will be working on a number of fronts. Because marine resource conservation will be an essential part of FSM's future economic growth and well being, Dahl hopes to initiate various public education programs on this issue.

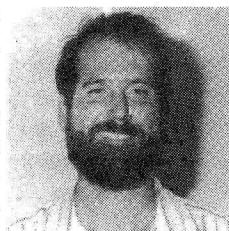
He also plans to promote new methods of exploiting the marine environment to add to economic growth. He plans also to advise and assist government offices and individuals in the private sector throughout the Federated States on issues related to the marine environment.

Dahl, 30, has extensive background in fisheries and aquacul-

ture. He received a B.A. degree in marine biology from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, and a Master of Marine Affairs degree from the University of Washington's Institute for Marine Studies, in Seattle, Washington State. His thesis work examined the traditional marine tenure systems on four Micronesian atolls and how they might be used in fisheries management.

While a Peace Corps volunteer

in the Philippines, Dahl worked as an aquaculture extension agent. He also worked at a commercial trout farm in the U.S. Most recently he has worked aboard Japanese, Soviet and Korean catcher-processors in the North Pacific and Bering Sea first as a fisheries observer for the National Marine Fisheries Service and then as a joint-venture representative for ProFish International, Inc.



Kosrae has temporary bridge

LELU, Kosrae (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 20 x 8 feet "Diaz" Bridge or Mutunnenea Bridge connecting Finpukal and Mutunnenea areas in Kosrae collapsed Nov. 23, 1987 when a crane belonging to International Bridge Corporation (IBC) tried to cross over it from Finpukal to Tofol, according to a press release from the Kosrae State Governor's Office.

The State of Kosrae residents, caught away from home or work by the Nov. 23 unexpected turn of events, were stranded with their vehicles in both directions. Residents from Tafunsak and Lelu who were on the opposite side before the incident occurred and from Utwa and Malem Municipalities and Tofol were unable to cross as they returned. Vehicles were parked along the area of the fallen bridge and some people exchanged keys for their vehicles.

The original bridge was constructed by the Trust Territory

of the Pacific Islands Government under the supervision of T.T. "Construction Leading-man" Sammy Diaz of Hawaii the construction of which was appropriated and funded by the former Congress of Micronesia as part of \$300,000 amount marked for Kosrae Road Segment Construction Projects from Finpukal to Sansrik. The construction of the original "diaz" bridge (named after Sammy Diaz) which fell Nov. 23, 1987, was completed in 1971.

A local official indicated that the fall is a consequence of mismanagement from the Trust Territory Government. The construction of the bridge was free from the United States Department of Interior Regulations and lacked the proper equipment to carry out road construction projects with mixing of cement for the bridge done manually and work was not given full attention by the former Trust Territory Government which contributed to the present fall of the bridge, the release stated.

The release concluded that a new one-lane temporary bridge was installed on Nov. 27, 1987 and is currently serving the transportation need of the people of the state of Kosrae. The contract for the construction of a new permanent bridge was awarded to IBC and will be serviceable to the public in April.

Abraham completes course

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM Information Service) - Hiram Abraham recently earned a diploma from International Correspondence School (ICS) for the successful completion of Basic Computer Programming Course, according to Student Service Manager Elaine L. Grodack

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Kosrae meets Yap in high quality fish export

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The first shipment of fresh fish from Kosrae State to the United States has been praised for its high quality and compared to the best product received from the Western Pacific, according to FSM National Fishing Corporation Executive Director James T. Movick of Pohnpei.

The shipment of 206 pounds of top quality fresh Onaga, Ehu and Iehi were exported to Hawaii on Nov. 10 as part of a joint effort between Kosrae State Government, Kosrae Island Fisheries Cooperative Association (KIFCA), the FSM NFC, and a U.S. fish buyer, Hawaiian Fish Distributors (HFD), according to (KIFCA) Manager Ringsley Cornelius.

"(This shipment) is clearly comparable in quality to the product we receive from Yap; and theirs is among the best quality product around," HFD President Bill Kowalski who visited Kosrae to assist with exporting arrangements, said, adding that he was impressed by the high quality of the fish being prepared for export.

The fish were caught from a sea pinnacle located off Utwe Municipality by South Pacific Commission Master Fisherman Archie Mana who is spending six months in Kosrae teaching deep bottom fishing techniques to local fishermen and exploring seamounts where the fish tend to live, Cornelius reported.

Since the locating of the pinnacle, local fishermen have been able to catch consistent quantities of the high quality deep bottom fish. These fish are found at between 480-720 feet deep, and until recently have not been widely known in Micronesia, Movick said, noting that they however fetch quite high prices in Hawaii and U.S. Mainland fresh fish markets.

Kosrae entry's into the fresh bottom fish market follows the

very successful operation established in Yap, where between 2-3 tons of deep bottom fresh fish are being exported to the United States each week, Movick said, adding that to ensure the success of this new industry, Kosrae has also received assistance from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (UNFAO) with the provision of a fish quality control expert, Mr. Rich Howell, for a six-week period beginning in early December 1987.

"Quality control will be KIFCA's foremost consideration in purchasing deep bottom fish for export," Cornelius emphasized, stating, "We will only purchase fish that has been properly kept in ice" and that he already had to reject fish from several fishermen who had failed to utilize ice to preserve the catch on their boats.

Commenting on the new development on Kosrae, Movick said that FSM NFC was proposing to mount an intensive fresh fish export operation from all four states beginning in 1988.

Movick also said that the FSM NFC would establish fish handling and quality control procedures and standards, and offer a package of technical assistance and financing support to a number of state-based enterprises in a franchise-like operation, adding that as long as these enterprises complied with the procedures and standards they would be able to market their fresh fish products under the name brand and coordinated marketing system to be established by the NFC.

The former FSM External Affairs Multilateral Affairs deputy chief Movick, who became the Executive Director of the newly implemented FSM NFC during summer, said that the aims of the corporation are of twofold: (1) to develop a con-

sistently top quality fresh fish product at the premium end of the market, identifiable with the FSM with a philosophy-motto of 'Always fresh; Only the best!', and (2) to foster small scale commercial fisheries as a viable full-time business for FSM citizens.

Alien registration commences Jan. 1

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The annual alien registration period begins on Jan. 1-31, 1988, according to FSM Immigration Administrator 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, 1988, adding that those who are residing on the outer islands of Pohnpei, Truk and Yap should register by mail before March 31, 1988.

Resident non citizens are those aliens who: 1) have resided in

the FSM for 90 or more days of the preceding calendar year (1987), or 2) those who intend to reside in the FSM for 90 or more days of the current calendar year (1988).

All resident non citizens are required to present to their local Immigration officials passports and 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 606 in Kolonia, Pohnpei, Hadley said, adding that failure to register is a violation of the FSM Immigration Act and is punishable by the Act.

Goodbye to FSM PIO, welcome new National Union

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Editor's note: With the Public Information Office (PIO) functions being absorbed by the President's Office, The National Union having operating for the past seven years as part of PIO office is now going to be produced and published under the Office of the FSM President as part of the reorganization of the executive branch effective January 1, 1988.

While part of PIO remains with the National Union, a portion of it is now assigned with the newly created Office of Administrative Services. This is therefore the last issue of the National Union as an arm of the FSM government previously assigned to an office.

This of course, is an opportune

time to say "goodbye" and sign off with our belated "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" to all our readers and patrons, from those of us who will remain with the newsletter and those of us who may no longer be part of the team to produce the paper.

Before we retire the old and enter the new National Union, let us wish you our readers and patrons an overdue blessed Christmas, and as we welcome our new beginning and the New Year, let us wish you happiness, health and peace throughout the new year.

We wish everyone luck as we tackle transition and adjust to our new outfits and hope that nothing is lost in our efforts to "fine tune" to our new responsibilities.

"Good Journey", our ancestors may have said, but we prefer our simplicity and the belief in our own diversity when we end the old and begin the new by saying: "Ka-selel; Kefel'; Kelelo; or Fwasr."

Abraham...

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at ICS in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Abraham originally of Pohnpei, presently works as a Surveyor at the Division of Land Management, Kosrae State Government, is being awarded a scholarship to further his education in a program of his desire and he has chosen Micro-computer Repair as his next aim.

Abraham is from Tafunsak, who is married to former Arides I. Jack of Pingelap, Pohnpei, and they have seven children.

ICS, a worldwide educational institution headquartered in Scranton, Pennsylvania, is a pioneer in the field of guided independent study, according to Grodack.

Since its founding in 1890, ICS has provided career education for millions of men and women worldwide and has established training agreements with more than 3,000 organizations in business, industry, government, and labor. ICS, a division of National Education

Corporation is accredited by the National Home Study Council and is licensed by the Pennsylvania State Board of Private Licensed Schools stated Grodack, concluding, "we hope you will join us in congratulating this successful student and recognizing this accomplishment." *



INSURANCE CHECK AWARDED - Emiko Masao Mack, second from right, the sole beneficiary named by her father, Masao Makiatta, is receiving the \$11,000 check for full payment of her late father's Government Group life insurance coverage from the State Acting Personnel Director Paulino Lambert during a Dec. 11th awarding ceremony held at the Pohnpei Governor's Conference Room. Others in the photo include: State Personnel Specialist for Insurance Processing, Malpihna Endere, second from left, and Moylan's Insurance (FSM) General Manager Loren Peterson, far right. Mr. Makiatta worked as a Medical Lab Technician for many years at the Pohnpei State Hospital. His claims' payment is one of many which have been paid by Individual Assurance Company to beneficiaries of government employees throughout the FSM, Peterson, who is the local representative of the insurance carrier here, said. Both the FSM national and state governments and other members of the group contribute a percentage of the cost for the insurance as part of a benefit package for those employees who enroll.

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