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President Hagelgam attends SPC Forum

NUKU'ALOFA, Tonga (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 19th South Pacific Forum concluded its meeting on September 21 in Tonga with the signing and issuance of a 36-point Communique. Among major points were the re-appointment of Forum Secretariat (SPEC) Director Henry Naisali of Tuvalu for another three-year term and the acceptance of the invitation by the Beretitenti (President) of Kiribati, the Honorable Ieremia Tabai, to host the 20th Forum in 1989.

The Communique covers six major topics of consideration and six other related issues. Major issues include: Economic; Political and Security; Institutional; Nuclear matters; Telecommunications, and Fisheries.

The Economic issues were the main focus of the 19th Forum, the Communique said, adding that Regional political and security matters were also discussed, while decisions were made on moves to strengthen the role of SPEC, the Forum Secretariat.

Deliberations on the Economic Issues were centered on trade, investment, small business development and enhancement of economic capacity, particularly through training.

The Forum directed the Secretariat to commence implementation of those

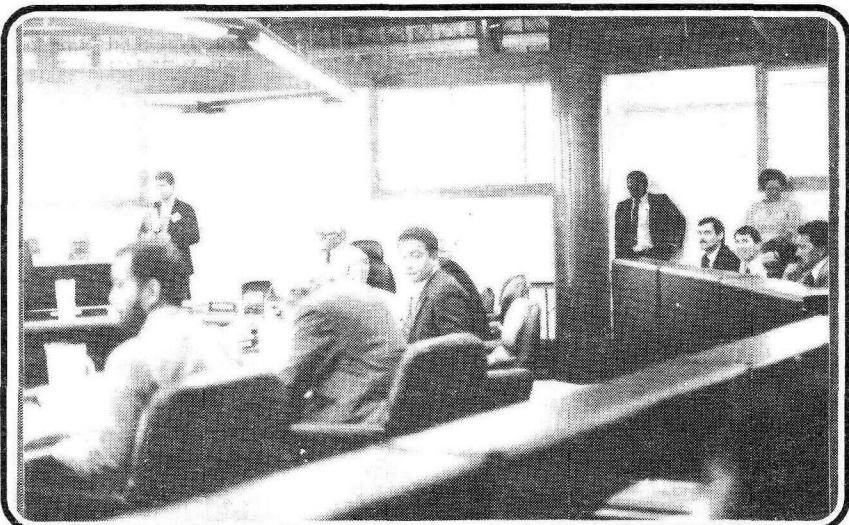
recommendations for which it has the capacity, to implement its programs and strengthen its capacity for economic analysis and advice and to raise with relevant member governments those matters which require policy decisions on their part.

While expressing appreciation that Canada and Japan in particular have substantially increased the level of their economic assistance to the region in

recent years, the Forum urged Japan and other donors to ensure that their procedures for aid delivery take account of the capacities, characteristics and the particular needs of its island countries.

The Forum expressed appreciation to Australia for a contribution of A\$2.5 million to establish a team of civil aviation experts to begin implementation of

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FORUM CONVENES - President John R. Hagelgam, center, looks out for a brief moment during a break following the presentation and seating of the Heads of the States at the Forum conference table. Others in the photo from left counter clockwise are: Republic of Kiribati President Ieremia Tabai; Fiji Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara; President Hagelgam; Cook Islands Prime Minister Dr. Pupuke Robati (partially hidden); Australia Prime Minister Robert J. L. Hawke; and outgoing Forum Chairman Western Samoa Prime Minister Tofilau Eti Alesana.

FSM establishes diplomatic ties with PNG

NUKUALOFA, Tonga (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM attained another milestone in its history as FSM President John R. Haglelgam signed on Sept. 21 a communique establishing diplomatic relations with Papua New Guinea in a brief ceremony held in Nuku'alofa at the International Dateline Hotel in Tonga, Special Assistant to the President on Public Information Ketson Johnson said.

The Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, The Honorable Rabbie Namaliu and the FSM President Haglelgam signed the communique on behalf of their countries establishing the diplomatic relations between their countries.

The action is the culmination of a series of discussions between officials of the two countries that began last year, FSM staff present at the ceremony said.

"The establishment of diplomatic relations with Papua New Guinea will strengthen the bond of friendship between the two nations," President Haglelgam said upon the conclusion of the ceremony, adding "I attach great importance to this event today, as it will no doubt impact significantly on the attitude of other countries towards



DIPLOMATIC TIES COMMUNIQUE SIGNED - President John R. Haglelgam, right, and Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Rabbie Namaliu are signing the communique establishing diplomatic relationship between Federated States of Micronesia and Papua New Guinea during a ceremony held on Sept. 21 at the International Dateline Hotel in Nuku'alofa, Tonga.

the Federated States of Micronesia."

Witnessing the signing of the joint communique from the FSM were: Governors Resio Moses of Pohnpei and Yosiwo George of Kosrae; External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy and President's

Chief of Staff leske lehs. From Papua New Guinea were: Foreign Minister Michael Somare; PNG Ambassador to U.S. and Permanent Representative to United Nations, the Honorable Renagi Lohia; and Foreign Affairs Secretary Bill Dihm.

U.S House Act 4667 signed into law

WASHINGTON D.C. (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - U.S. President Ronald Reagan signed Sept. 27 HA 4667, the FY 1989 Interior and related agencies appropriation bill into law according to a letter to Secretary Andon Amaraich by FSM Representative to U.S., Jesse Marehalau.

Included in the Act is the appropriation of \$10.3 million for FY 1989 for the final installment of Micronesian War Claims payments. Also included in the FY 1989 appropriations is the amount of \$2.7 million for indefinite land use payments. The bill also appropriates funds for those provisions of the Compact of Free Association that require annual appropriations.

In other areas of interest, the bill appropriates the sum of \$15 million for the technical assistance program administered by OTIA, and the sum of \$660,000 for the close-up foundation. These funds are shared by the freely associated states and the U.S. Territories, Marehalau's letter concluded.

Yap switches directors

COLONIA, Yap, (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Yap State Legislature (YSL) adjourned sine die Sept. 13 its second regular session after passing 27 bills and adopting 29 resolutions including a measure confirming Governor Petrus Tun's nominations to three cabinet posts and confirmed YSL Legislative Counsel Martin Yinug as Associate Justice of the Yap State Court, according to a Yap State Government news release by Information Specialist Henry Muthan.

Prior to concluding the session, the YSL confirmed the Governor's switch-nominations of Public Affairs Director Sebastian Anefai to Director of the Department of Resources and Development and Acting Director of the Department of Resources and Development Samuel Falanruw as Director of Public Affairs, and the nomination of Charles Chieng as Director for Public

Utilities and Contracts (PU&C) Department replacing Eusebio Taleng.

The position of Associate Justice has been vacant for several years. In his communication to YSL Speaker Joseph Ayin, Governor Tun said, "Since everyone is familiar with Yinug and his qualification and work experiences all I feel compelled to point out is the need of the state court to have at least one Lawyer Judge."

Charles Chieng has been the Deputy Director of the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) prior to his nomination to be the Director of the Department of PU&C.

The YSL also approved \$14.0 million for government operations, development projects and programs for Fiscal Year 1989. The \$14.0 million dollars are the combined compact funds and the local revenues and reimbursement fees.

Also passed are the reorganization of the Executive Branch, State Corporation Law and the new penal code.

Paradise, no more

EAST-WEST CENTER, Hawaii (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE)- They're pictured as idyllic bits of paradise, but many Pacific islands are facing destruction of their natural resources, said an environmental specialist at the East-West Center in Honolulu, according to East-West Center news release.

"Accompanying the drama of resource development in Pacific island nations has been rapid population growth and cultural change, all of which place the environment and many plant and animal species in jeopardy," said Lawrence Hamilton of the Center's Environment and Policy Institute.

"Introduction of alien plants and animals to these vulnerable islands has resulted in wholesale reductions and even disappearance of native species," Hamilton says. He cites the example of the brown tree snake, which was accidentally introduced into Guam. "Within 30 years these snakes have literally wiped out the native bird population," Hamilton says.

Other examples of natural resource degradation abound, Hamilton says. "The giant clam is threatened in the northern Marshall Islands by over-exploitation by illegal fishermen of a foreign country, and in American Samoa the development of a pleasure boat harbor threatens a beautiful bay with pollution, reef destruction and disruption of village life."

Hamilton is directing a three-year project funded by a \$146,000 grant from the World Environment and Resources program of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation on conservation of biological diversity in tropical ecosystems. The project will concentrate on American Samoa, Palau, Marshall Islands, Northern Mariana Island, Guam and the FSM.

One of the first activities will be a response to a request by the Marshall Islands government to identify pieces of land that should be formed into a system of protected areas. This will be carried out in collaboration with the South Pacific Regional Environment Program in Noumea, New Caledonia, the news release concluded.



RAMON SWORN-IN AS OAS DIRECTOR - President John R. Hagelgarn, far left, is administering the oath of Office to Kohne Ramon, second from right, as Office of Administrative Services Director during an August-8 swearing in ceremony held at the President's Office. Mrs. Elysnier Ramon is holding the Bible while FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz, far right, looks on. The swearing ceremony was also attended by the Vice President Hirosi H. Ismael and other FSM government officials.

Giant Clams business is good

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The development of the first commercial Giant Clam Farm in the world holds promise for establishing a whole new industry in the South Pacific, especially in some of the smaller countries with extensive shallow lagoons, said a company in Australia, according to the Pacific Sunrise newsletter of Sydney, Australia.

The company, based in Cairns Australia, has expressed an interest in duplicating its farming techniques in some of the Forum Island countries.

The newsletter said that there is an increased commitment to developing new industries in the Forum Island countries. A survey that was carried out on the world market for clam meat, revealed that there is quite a substantial market - in fact, over 100,000 tons of meat per year, most of it minced meat form. Therefore, as a commercial development there is certainly potential and would not only create employment but also earn export income.

Interestingly, one of the side effects of the farming is the release of spat to local reefs. This resource could be successfully utilized so that the local fisheries departments would obtain spat from the farm and develop a program of placing the juvenile animals back on the depleted reefs, said the Pacific Sunrise.

With assistance from University research

workers and from people overseas, a tremendous amount of preliminary work has been carried out into the biological aspects of raising the clams commercially and the design of equipment. An example is Micronesia where they are producing spat. They have a program of training people from Island countries and then delivering spat to them for replenishing reefs. This successful operation can be duplicated in many of the Forum Island countries.

There are several markets for the giant clam meat. A relatively small and well developed market which pays a premium price for the adductor muscle of larger animals is in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore and probably China. Another market is the United States where two years ago, they used 78-thousand-tons of minced clam meat. Finally, the third market and perhaps the largest and potentially most profitable of all, is the market for sashimi in Japan.

The clams have to be grown in shallow lagoons, so that is a limitation to some countries and there are still technical problems to overcome, however this is certainly a potential industry for some of the Forum Island Countries, the newsletter concluded.

In other related clam story, while in Townville, Australia, for the 5th Festival of Pacific Arts, the FSM officials when touring the James Cook University's mariculture project, manifested their interest in the farming of giant clams and discussed with the University officials on the possibility of sending FSM students for marine studies there.

Ramon confirmed as OAS Director, 5th Special Session adjourned

KOLONA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Congress in its Third Special Session held August 1-14, 1988 adopted 22 resolutions, four of which separately confirmed the nominations of Dr. Ansito Walter of Truk State; Sebastian Anefai, Yap State; Damian Sohl, and Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick of Pohnpei State to the College of Micronesia Board of Regents, prior to adjourning.

In another related activity, Congress confirmed the nomination of Kohne Ramon as Administrative Services Director.

BILLS PASSED were:

C.B. 5-127, to amend the FSM Code relating to taxation.

C.B. 5-166 CD1, to amend the FSM Code concerning labeling of public projects.

C.B. 5-185 CD1, to amend the FSM Code for levying an ad valorem import tax on the importation of laundry bar soap for resale.

C.B. 5-200, appropriating \$20,657 for reimbursing the state of Truk for expenses incurred in connection with the FSM congressional election.

C.B. 5-256, to define the functions and responsibilities of the division of statistics; authorizing them to develop comprehensive statistical and census information system.

C.B. 5-260, amending Public Law No. 5-15 for appropriating \$166,705 as supplemental funding for the operations of the national judiciary.

C.B. 5-292, amending Public Law No. 5-52 for reducing the reprogramming authority of allottees.

C.B. 5-295, amending Public Law No. 5-52 and appropriating \$2,000 as supplemental funding for the part-time postal clerk position for Ohwa substation.

C.B. 5-296, to further amend Public Law No. 4-91 to remove the lapse date.

C.B. 5-300, amending the FSM Code to clarify the scope of the regulatory authority granted thereunder.

C.B. 5-302, amending Public Law No. 4-23 to remove the lapse date.

C.B. 5-303, amending Public Law No. 5-31 to remove the lapse date.

C.B. 5-306, amending the FSM Code to

clarify the basis on which import taxes are to be levied.

C.B. 5-308, to appropriate \$620,356 for funding public projects in the state of Yap.

C.B. 5-309, to amend Public Law No. 5-15 for appropriating \$7,300 as supplemental funding for postal services.

C.B. 5-311, amending Public Law No. 5-42 to change the purpose of the appropriation from funding the restoration of Mutunnenea Bridge to funding improvements to the existing inner road from Mutunnenea to Siolot in Kosrae State.

C.R. 5-312, to amend Public Law No. 3-38 concerning the postal Crimes Act.

C.B. 5-314, appropriating funds for Yap youth activities and programs and Truk sports activities and program.

C.B. 5-315, amending Public Law No. 5-52 for appropriating \$7,555 to provide funding for the (student publications) Micro-Voice (of Honolulu) and the Conch (of CCM, Pohnpei) newsletters.

C.B. 5-317, amending Public Law No. 5-3 to remove the lapse date.

C.B. 5-320, amending the FSM Code to extend the expiration date of the title.

C.B. 5-321, to extend the lapse date for funds earmarked for the conduct of a public census.

C.B. 5-322, to appropriate \$135,000 for public projects in the state of Yap.

C.B. 5-323, amend the FSM Code for amending the law relating to notional election.

C.B. 5-325, amending Public Law No. 5-52 and appropriate \$32,717 as supplemental funding for the Office of Administrative Services; adjusting the personnel ceiling of the Office of Administrative Services.

C.B. 5-328, appropriating \$150,000 for development projects in Pohnpei State.

C.B. 5-329, appropriating \$1.5 million for public projects in Pohnpei State.

C.B. 5-330, appropriating \$125,000 for public projects in Kosrae state.

C.B. 5-331, appropriating \$66,450 as supplemental funding for the National Fisheries Corporation for additional personnel costs; adjusting the employment ceiling of said corporation.

C.B. 5-332, appropriating \$180,000 for

public projects for Truk State.

C.B. 5-333, appropriating \$2.0 million for funding statewide and other public projects in Truk State.

C.B. 5-335, appropriating \$6,000 as supplemental funding for Pohnpei delegation.

C.B. 5-336, appropriating \$248,000 for funding spare part and equipment for the electrical power system of the state of Pohnpei.

C.B. 5-337, amending Public Law No. 4-95 for changing the use of funds for certain public projects.

C.B. 5-338, appropriating \$430,330 for public projects in Kosrae State.

C.B. 5-339, amending Public Law No. 5-27, to remove the lapse date for funding designated for the completion of certain public projects in the state of Pohnpei.

C.B. 5-340, amending Public Law No. 5-36, to remove the lapse date for funding designated for the completion of certain public projects and programs in Pohnpei State.

C.B. 5-341, amending Public Law No. 5-39 to remove the lapse date for funding designated for the completion of certain public projects and programs in the state of Pohnpei

C.B. 5-353, amending Public Law No. 4-93, to remove the lapse date for funding certain public projects and programs in Pohnpei.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

C.R. 5-157, to ratify and adhere to the convention of international civil aviation signed at Chicago on Dec. 7, 1944.

C.R. 5-158, to ratify and accede to the convention on Psychotropic substances, February 21, 1971.

C.R. 5-160, to ratify an accede to the single convention on narcotic drugs, 1961, done at new York on march 30, 1961.

C.R. 5-188, confirming Hanson Sigrah to the position of member of the Board of Regents of COM.

C.R. 5-189, expressing sorrow, sympathies and condolences of the FSM Congress to the family of the late Senator Relio

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Kosrae T3 graduates its firsts

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Twelve Kosraens were awarded Trade Training and Testing (T³) Certificates, September 23, 1988, indicating successful completion of one of the various courses offered by the T³ program, according to T³ Program Coordinator Henry Hickey.

The occasion represented the first of graduates from the newly-implemented T³ program, Kosrae, and brings the total number of Micronesians who have earned similar certificates to approximately 525.

In the ceremony which was attended by Kosrae Lt. Governor Moses Mackwelung, the awardees were applauded for their initiative and were told to immediately submit applications for the employment they had earned. The Invocation and Benediction were given by Reverend Natchuo P. Andrew. T³ Senior Trade Testing Officer Jesse Sidney, gave a brief speech on the origin, purpose and functions of the T³ Program. Actual awarding of certificates was made by Kosrae State Legislature Vice Speaker Asher Asher, assisted by Personnel and Employment Services Director Fred Sigrah.

Mackwelung expressed appreciation to the T³ staff for being tolerant and patient until the State could provide the necessary buildings for the workshops, and gave thanks for what had been accomplished. He said that at no time was there ever any doubt that Kosrae wanted to be included in the T³ program.

Those receiving Trade Training and Testing Certificates were: Basic Level: Construction - Enericko Tulensru and Hosia Ernest; Electrical - Bruce Palik, Derry Mike and Lisies Nithan; Mechanical: Arthur Wakuk and Ronny Tiffas; Intermediate Level: Mechanical - Bernard Ehmes, Herton Mongkeya, Metson Fred, and Shrew Mongkeya. Kosrae Mechanical Training Officer Scanner Peter was given a delayed award of an Intermediate Level Certificate in Mechanical Trades during the ceremony.

Special thanks was extended to Fred Sigrah, Kosrae Training Officer Spencer Asher, and particularly Lt. Governor Mackwelung for their support and assistance in making the T³ program a reality in Kosrae, concluded Hickey, who leaves T3 Program in Dec. 1988.



T³ AWARDS FIRST CERTIFICATES IN KOSRAE - Kneeling front from right are: Epa Kilafwakun, Construction Training Officer, and Ronny Tiffas, Basic Level graduate in Construction. Back row, from left to right: Renny Palik, Electrical Training Officer; Bruce Palik, Basic Level graduate in Electrical; Herton Mongkeya, Intermediate Level graduate in Mechanical; Lisies Nithan, Basic Level graduate in Electrical; Derry Mike, Basic Level graduate in Electrical; Hosia Ernest, Basic Level Graduate in Construction; and Scanner Peter, Mechanical Training Officer. Not pictured are: Enericko Tulensru, Basic Level graduate in Construction; Arthur Wakuk, Basic Level graduate in Mechanical; and mechanical Intermediate Level graduates Bernard Ehmes, Metson Fred, and Shrew Mongkeya. Scanner Peter was also given his Intermediate Level certificate during the ceremony.

Yinug as Yap Associate Justice

COLONIA, Yap (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Yap Governor Petrus Tun's nomination of State Legislature Legislative Counsel Martin Yinug of Guror, Gilman, as the Yap State Associate Justice was confirmed by Yap Legislature on Sept. 12.

Yinug who was born October 18, 1949, received his Juris Doctor in 1979 from Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., and his BA degree in Political Science from San Francisco State College in 1972.

He previously served in Yap State as Census Enumerator, Headstart Instructor and in 1972 served as administrative assistant for the Yap Congressional Delegation. He was also the Directing Attorney General for Micronesian Legal Services, Yap State, and in 1982, served as Assistant Legislative counsel until he was confirmed as Legislative Counsel replacing Dan Foley who vacated the position.

Yinug served as member of the Board of Directors for Yap Cooperative Association; Yap Housing Authority; Gilman School Board; and was chairman for the task force on Education for Self-Government (ESG) and was the Yap State Constitutional Convention floor leader, and interpreter for former and belated Yap State Council Vice Chairman and Civic Affairs Officer Chief Francisco Lukut in the FSM Constitutional Convention held in Saipan in 1975.

Micro. Police Academy graduates 37

President Hagelgam urges the Academy to keep common heritage

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Thirty seven police cadets were awarded diplomas during a graduation ceremony held August 12 at the Community College of Micronesia gym following the completion of a two-month public safety training here.

The Fourth Micronesian Public Safety Academy graduated 18 cadets from the Marshalls, Kosrae and Truk States; five from Pohnpei State; four from Yap State; and eight from Palau.

President John R. Hagelgam in his address to the Police Academy trainees thanked the Department of Interior, "for funding this program for our use," adding that it provides an opportunity to train law enforcement officers in the skills they need to do their jobs effectively.

The President told the graduates "Now that you have graduated from the academy, you will be asked to put the skills that you have learned into practice. You will be at work protecting the lives and property of the citizens of our countries. This is an important responsibility that, based on my experiences with you, I am certain you are ready to accept." (Hagelgam was referring to his participation in the morning physical training the trainees were undertaking.)

"Your jobs are not made any easier by the fact that the use of police is not part of our traditional cultures. We have historically relied upon our traditional leaders to resolve most disputes, but the rules of law imposed by government and enforced by police is new. It is your job to make the people understand the need for police and to make them feel that our laws are as legitimate as our traditions," he said.

He added that the trainees "are the vanguard of our attempt to develop the rule of law. This will often be difficult for you. As a law enforcement officer, it is your responsibility to enforce the law against everyone, from relatives to strangers. You must even enforce it when it is opposed by leaders until such time as it is overturned by our courts as being inconsistent with our constitutional provisions recognizing the importance of cultural values in our lives. I know that you



POLICE ACADEMY 4TH AWARDS CERTIFICATES - President John R. Hagelgam, far left, is awarding a certificate of completion to one of the recent graduates of Micronesian Police Academy during the Aug.-12 graduation ceremony held at the CCM gym. Others in the photo standing from left are: Micronesian Police Academy 4th Deputy Commander Chirikar Ueda of Truk, center, Pohnpei Governor Resio Moses and sitting at far right is U.S. Representative to FSM, The honorable Michael G. Wygant.

will do this, but you should know that we, the political leaders of your nations (among graduates were cadets from Republics of Palau and Marshalls) understand the difficult position that you are in. Moreover, we understand that you are the focal point for any perceived friction between our laws and our customs. We look to you to assist us in understanding any problems so that we can develop laws that are both consistent with local custom and protective of the rights of all of our citizens.

"While I have been discussing matters that affect all of you, there is one issue that I would highlight for those of you who will be going to work for the State Governments here in the FSM. Recently, the National Government has expanded the scope of state criminal jurisdiction by redefining major crimes. This action places a greater responsibility on the states to address significant crimes. You will be in the front lines of the effort at the state level to enforce these new state criminal laws. When we took the action of expanding state jurisdiction, we did so with the understanding that the states would be ready to accept this

burden. It is up to you to take this responsibility seriously and to provide the necessary protection to our citizens. I know you will do it.

"Finally, I would like to point out that this academy is more than just an opportunity to train police officers. It is an example of how the nations of Micronesia can work together for a common purpose. While the people of the Marshall Islands, Palau, and the FSM have chosen not to be joined together politically, we are all Micronesians and we should build upon our common heritage. I hope that, based on what we have learned here, we can develop other joint training programs and other types of cooperative ventures," Hagelgam concluded.

The academy staff include Major Michael Korhonen as academy advisor from the state of Alaska; academy administrator William Stinnett, Truk State; Commander Samuel Ngirchokebai, Palau; Deputy Commander Chirikar Ueda, Truk; First Sergeant Siosi Aliksa, Kosrae; Tactical Officer Frank Semens, Pohnpei; and squad leaders, Joe Phal of Yap; Pius Chotailug, FSM; Repeat

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President signed 36 bills into law

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Hagelgarn signed 39 bills into law including a measure appropriation of \$20 million for the operations of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches, Public Auditor, Agencies of the national government for Fiscal Year 1989; to establish a budget for Compact and to appropriate special funds available therefore under the Compact; to establish a development budget and to appropriate special funds available therefore under the Compact; to establish employment ceilings.

Laws signed include:

P.L. 5-50, to further amend the FSM Code to require the advice and consent of the Congress for appointments to the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia.

P.L. 5-51, to further amend P.L. 4-95 for changing the use of funds for certain public projects.

P.L. 5-53, to further amend the FSM Code for bringing section into accord with the constitution and other statutes.

P.L. 5-54, to further amend the FSM Code concerning peddlers; replacing peddlers' permits with salespersons' permits, and concerning noncompliance with the law relating to salespersons' permits.

P.L. 5-55, to amend P.L. 5-52 for reducing the re-programming Authority of allottees was approved without Hagelgarn's signature.

P.L. 5-56, to further amend P.L. 5-15 for appropriating \$7,300 supplemental funding for postal services.

P.L. 5-57, to further amend P.L. 5-15 for reallocating funds for funding Yap Youth activities and programs, Truk sports activities and programs.

P.L. 5-58, to further amend P.L. 5-15 for appropriating \$154,400 supplemental funding for the operation of the National Judiciary and to extend the lapse date for a portion of such funding.

P.L. 5-59, to appropriate \$620,356 for

funding public projects for Yap State.

P.L. 5-60, to appropriate \$248,000 and \$152,000 for funding spare part and equipment acquisition for and engineering studies regarding, electrical power generation systems of the states of Kosrae, Yap Truk and Pohnpei, as may be needed.

P.L. 5-61, to further amend P.L. No. 5-15, to extend the lapse date for funds earmarked for the conduct of a public census.

P.L. 5-62, amending P.L. No. 5-42 to change the purpose of the appropriation from funding the restoration of Mutunnenea Bridge to funding certain projects in Kosrae State; to apportion funds among the projects.

P.L. 5-63, to appropriate \$35,984 for reimbursing the state of Truk and the state of Yap for their respective expenses incurred in connection with the FSM Congressional Elections held in those states in 1985 and 1987.

P.L. 5-64, amending P.L. 5-15 for appropriating \$6,000 as supplemental funding for the Pohnpei Delegation Office.

P.L. 5-65, to amend the FSM Code for clarifying the basis on which import taxes are to be levied.

P.L. 5-66, to amend P.L. No 3-38 concerning the postal Crime Act.

P.L. 5-67, appropriating \$1,501,098 for funding Public Projects in Pohnpei State.

P.L. 5-68, amending P.L. No. 4-93 to remove the lapse date for funding appropriated for certain public projects and program in Pohnpei State.

P.L. 5-69, to amend P.L. No. 5-36 to remove the lapse date for funding designated for the completion of certain public projects and programs in Pohnpei State.

P.L. 5-70, amending P.L. No. 273 for amending the law relating to national elections.

P.L. 5-71, to further amend P.L. No. 4-91 to remove the lapse date.

P.L. 5-72, amending the FSM Code to extend the expiration date of the title.

P.L. 5-73, to amend P.L. 5-52 for appropriating \$7,555 to provide funding for the Micronesian Voice Newsletter and the Conch Newsletter.

P.L. 5-74, to further amend P.L. No. 4-23, to remove the lapse date.

P.L. 5-75, amending P.L. 5-31 to remove the lapse date.

P.L. 5-76, amending P.L. 5-3 to remove the lapse date.

P.L. 5-77, to define the functions and responsibilities of the division of statistics; to authorize the division to develop an integrated and comprehensive statistical and census information system; to guarantee the confidentiality of data collected; to promote cooperation between the national and state governments concerning recording and reporting of statistics.

P.L. 5-78, to amend P.L. No. 5-39 to remove the lapse date for funding designated for the completion of certain public projects and programs in Pohnpei State.

P.L. 5-79, amending P.L. No. 5-27, to remove the lapse date for funding designated for the completion of certain public projects in Pohnpei State.

P.L. 5-80, appropriating \$430,330 for funding certain public projects in Kosrae State.

P.L. 5-81, to amend the FSM Code for levying an ad valorem import tax on the importation of laundry bar soap for resale.

P.L. 5-82, to further amend P.L. No. 4-95 for changing the use of funds for a certain public projects.

P.L. 5-83, amending P.L. No. 5-52 for appropriating \$116,882 as supplemental funding for the Executive Branch and agencies of the national government; adjusting employment ceiling.

P.L. 5-84, amending the FSM Code relating to taxation.

P.L. 5-85, appropriating \$180,000 for funding certain public projects in Truk State.

P.L. 5-86, appropriating \$125,000 for funding certain public projects in Kosrae State.

P.L. 5-87, appropriating \$135,000 for funding certain public projects in Yap State.

P.L. 5-88, to further amend the FSM Code concerning labeling of public projects.

P.L. 5-89, to appropriate \$2.0 million for funding statewide and other public projects in Truk State.

Forum approves Security Info. Exchange, calls for...

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The National Union, Aug.-Sept. issue, 1988, Page 8, the project and noted that substantial additional financial resources were required for the implementation of the project and expressing its hope that Japan and other donors would provide financial support for it.

The Communiqué said the Forum endorsed the report of the Seventh Regional Committee on Trade which reviewed the operations of SPARTECA, and welcomed the FSM and the Republic of the Marshall Islands participation in SPARTECA. It noted, however, that despite increased access to the Australian and New Zealand markets under that agreement, fundamental problems existed with the productive capacity of some Forum island countries, especially the smaller island countries and agreed to look further at ways of boosting production including the attraction of overseas investment.

Regarding Tourism, the Forum directed the Secretariat to prepare a paper on institutional options for addressing and coordinating regional tourism issues on a regional basis, for its consideration.

The Forum expressed its deep regret at the violence which had taken place in New Caledonia since its last meeting, in particular at the deaths which had resulted, and restated its firm opposition to the use of violence to achieve political aims. It, however, welcomed the efforts of the French Government to initiate and promote dialogue between the communities in New Caledonia and to reduce tensions in the territory. The Forum Governments, collectively and individually, remained ready to contribute positively to the process of dialogue and reconciliation and cooperative endeavor now underway in New Caledonia and expressed their readiness to assist in the training process the French Government has announced for the Kanaks in the lead up to the act of Self-determination in 1998.

Regarding security issues, while noting the increasingly complex international and regional security environment in which it was meeting, the Forum endorsed the proposal of the Committee on Regional Security Information Exchange to establish a

system for an enhanced and timely exchange of information among its members on a wide range of issues affecting their political and economic security.

The Forum agreed to establish the South Pacific Organizations Coordinating Committee (SPOCC) in order to improve cooperation and coordination among institutions of the region. It also agreed to strengthen the political and economic capacities of SPEC and renamed SPEC as FORUM SECRETARIAT, the Communiqué said.

Regarding the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty, the Forum welcomed the announced decision of the Peoples Republic of China to accede to Protocols 2 and 3 of the treaty and the decision by the USSR to

extend telecommunications services to rural areas of South Pacific island countries, the Forum urged member countries to consider participation in the service in terms of their natural interests and preferences. The Forum welcomed an offer by Australia to provide A\$2.6 million to facilitate further extension of telecommunications services to the region, the Communiqué stated.

The Forum welcomed the multilateral Fisheries Treaty with the United States which took effect in June while expressing its concern that Japan has been hesitant to enter into formal discussions with the Forum Fisheries Agency and its members on a multilateral fisheries arrangement between Japan and FFA members. Forum directed



FORUM - The Heads of the States to the 19th Forum in Nuku'alofa, Tonga, were able to conclude their scheduled three-day meeting in two. In one of the intense moments of the Forum, the Heads of the States are seen studying the report on the New Caledonia issue. From left clockwise are: Australia Prime Minister Robert J. L. Hawke; Cook Islands Prime Minister Dr. Pupuke Robati; FSM President John R. Haglegam; Fiji Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara; Kiribati Beritenteni (President) Ieremia Tabai; and Nauru Minister of Finance K. Cloudmar.

ratify those Protocols without any reservations or statement of interpretation, while continued to express its disappointment that France, the United Kingdom and the United States have yet to sign and ratify Protocols 1, 2 and 3 of the treaty.

The Communiqué also said the Forum expressed its deep concern at continued French nuclear testing in the South Pacific in disregard of the views of the peoples of the South Pacific as unanimously stated by the Heads of the Governments of the Pacific Countries, and called for test to cease.

While endorsing the proposal to establish a South Pacific Regional and Domestic Satellite System to affect a technologically feasible means of extending telecommuni-

the FFA director to continue to actively seek dialogue with Japan and to include in the dialogue cooperation in fisheries conservation and management, and to increase fisheries-related aid to the region

The Forum also expressed concern about climatic changes (such as the "Greenhouse Effect") in the South Pacific and their potential for serious social and economic disruptions in countries of the region and welcomed the initiative taken by the Prime Minister of Australia for a feasibility study into establishing a network of stations to monitor the effect of climatic changes in the region, and in light of the outcome of the study, to fund the establish-

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nuclear test to cease

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ment of such a network.

The Forum accepted a report which stressed an importance of an early ratification of or accession to the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea in order to protect jurisdiction of its members' marine resources within the nations' exclusive economic zones and urges the member countries which have yet to ratify or accede to the Convention to do so.

The Forum accepted the University of the South Pacific (USP) Vice Chancellor's report and noted the important role played by the University in the life of the region and welcomed the fact that the University had been able to continue operation during the difficulties in Fiji, the Communiqué said, adding that the Forum also welcomed the assurances given to the University by the Fiji authorities that it would continue to be able to operate freely as an institute of learning.

The Forum also "endorsed the establishment of a Regional Panel of Appellate Judges, reflecting (its concern over) the shortage in Forum island countries of adequate judicial personnel," the Communiqué concluded.

The 19th Forum was attended by Heads of Governments of Australia, the Cook Islands; Federated States of Micronesia; Fiji; Kiribati; Marshall Islands; Niue; Papua New Guinea; Solomon Islands; Tuvalu; Vanuatu and Western Samoa. Nauru was represented by its Minister of Finance; New Zealand, by its Deputy Prime Minister and Attorney General; and Tonga, by its Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defense. The Acting Prime Minister of Tonga, the Honorable Baron Vaea chaired the meeting.

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Yamada.

C.R. 5-190, expressing sympathy and sincere condolences to the family of the late Honorable John R. Quan and the people of Guam for his untimely passing.

C.R. 5-191, expressing sincere gratitude and appreciation to the President and the Congress of the United States of America for reinstating FSM citizens eligibility for the

Senator John McCain visits FSM



AT THE DINNER RECEPTION - Senator McCain and his wife Cindy are accepting a wallplate decor from Vice President Hirosi H. Ismael, far right, during a dinner reception held in honor of the Senator. FSM Senator Peter Christian also presented a handicraft hammer-head shark on behalf of Speaker Jack Fritz and quipping that "it can only bite democrats." Others present include Officials from the U.S. Representative Office.

KOLONA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - U.S. Senator John McCain arrived Pohnpei August 27, and was welcomed at the Pohnpei International Airport by Vice President Hirosi H. Ismael, Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses, Deputy U.S. Representative Edward Michal, Human Resources Secretary Dr. Eliuel Pretrick, Community College of Micronesia President Paul Gallen as well as CCM Officials and students, and other FSM and Pohnpei State Officials.

Senator McCain was welcomed at the capital of FSM as the man mainly responsible for returning of aid (Pell Grant and Work Study Program) to higher education in Micronesia.

Senator McCain met with country team including Deputy U.S. Representative Edward Michal, Peace Corps Director Bob

Clarke, Civic Action Team Commander Raimondo and other officials.

In a dinner reception which was hosted by Vice President Ismael and Governor Moses at the Village Hotel, Vice President Ismael conveyed to Senator McCain "the most sincere appreciation of our governments and our people for your continuous contribution to our development and welfare."

McCain, Republican from Arizona, was a former U.S. Navy Pilot in Vietnam who spent some months as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. McCain and his party were hosted by Senator Peter Christian to another reception at the Cliff Rainbow.

Senator McCain, who was enroute from a Japan tour, was accompanied by his wife, Cindy, daughter Denise and her husband Bob Delgado.

PELL GRANTS. the SEOG and the College Work Study Program.

C.R. 5-192, expressing sorrow and extending deepest sympathies and condolences of the Congress to the family of the late Kodaro Micky for his untimely passing.

C.R. 5-195, requesting the FSM President to institute as a priority project the establishment at two safe and secure locations, one in Pohnpei State and another in

FSM Embassy in Washington of all Compact negotiating records.

C.R. 5-196, respectfully requesting the FSM President or his designee to negotiate an agreement with the Governments of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau facilitating entry of FSM citizens into the two nations.

C.R. 5-197, approving the goods and
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Kosrae and Pohnpei represent FSM to the 5th Pacific Festival of Arts

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Vice President Hirosi H. Ismael led the FSM delegation of 85 artists to the 5th Pacific Festival of Arts held August 14 to 26 in Townsville, Australia, according to FSM Congress Assistant Information Officer Robert Jackson who wrote for the FSM under PACNEWS.

The FSM participants to the Townsville Arts Festival consisted of artists from the states of Kosrae and Pohnpei. Truk and Yap were unable to send delegations due to budgetary constraints.

The artists were flown into Australia by a chartered Continental Air Micronesia flight and were escorted to Australia by national and state government officials and traditional leaders including Kosrae Governor Yosiwo George; Kosrae State Chief Justice Harry Skilling; Pingelap Nanmwarki Yukiwo Solomon; U Iso Nahnken Kindaro Donre; Pohnpei State Chief Executive Officer Kikuo Apis; Pohnpei State Associate Justice Carl Kohler; Pohnpei State Legislature Vice Speaker Job Micah and Senators Feliciano Perman, Tosiwo Liwy, Joseph Moses and Simeron Jim.

Townsville, known as Australia's "City in the Sun" due to its having the highest rate of sunshine hours, is situated some 1,500 kilometers north of Brisbane and is considered Australia's largest tropical city with a population of over 103,000.

The FSM contingent, who were "housed" in dozens of tents in the Festival Village, were dissatisfied with the accommodation and transportation conditions, Jackson said. Over 500 participants from the island nations of Nauru, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, the FSM, including aborigines throughout Australia, were housed in tents at the Festival Village. Other delegations were put up in hotels. A very warm welcome presented in dances by the Torres Strait islanders at the Townsville International Airport terminal's lobby upon arrival of the Micronesian delegation made up for the lack of privacy in the tents.

The opening ceremonies began August 15 with a colorful parade of the 24 participating countries. Australian Governor-General

Sir Ninian Stephen, Prime Minister Bob Hawke and Townsville Mayor Michael Reynolds set the pace in keynote speeches at the opening ceremonies and welcomed the Pacific artists.

As the first-day dances concluded and the sun smoldered in the horizon, a spectacular laser show was beamed over the mountain behind Queens Park, site of the opening ceremonies. The laser colorfully beamed the participating Pacific nations' art and craft works against a dark night backdrop, including the words, "Welcome to the 5th Festival of Pacific Arts."

Aside from presenting a Kosraean stick dance that day, the FSM opened its own exhibits which included samples of Pohnpeian skirts, mats, carved canoes, spears, fish nets, canoe paddles, handcrafted fans, handwoven Kleenex boxes, hats, purse, egg baskets, Kapingamarangi carvings, Pohnpei gourmet pepper and other handicrafts, said Jackson in the news release.

The Vice President Hirosi H. Ismael and other FSM officials toured the great Barrier Reef Aquarium, where an audio visual program was presented in the aquarium theater. The FSM delegation also toured the extensive collection of marine life such as giant clams and "not-too-friendly-looking" sharks, Jackson said. Watching the sharks with only a glass panel separating them from the viewers was an awesome sight, remarked Jackson.

In one of the related activities, the Kosrae fafa (poi) pounders, Fred Sigrah and Hosino Palik demonstrated the preparation of fafa, a Kosraean staple food, while the canoe builders, Nena William, Noel Tulensru and Hansilum, all of Kosrae, continued carving a 12-foot canoe. After its completion, the canoe, a wall plate and several handbags were presented by Gov. George to Mayor Reynolds as token of thanks and appreciation for the warm hospitality extended to the FSM delegation by the people of Townsville.

The Kosraean and Pohnpeian dancers joined Papua New Guinea, Northern Marianas, Australian aborigines, Torres Strait

islanders and Tokelau dancers in a performance at Magnetic Island, some 30-minute boat ride from Townsville City.

Magnetic Island, which was discovered by Captain James Cook in 1770 who named the island that way because he thought that the basalt coastline had some magnetic effect on his compass, is one of the 16 venues where the festival activities were held. Part of Townsville City, the 24-square mile Magnetic Island is little less than half the size of Kosrae State with a population of 7,000.

Activities on Magnetic Island were highlighted by the ceremonial walking on fire by FSM Congress Senator Dohsis Halbert of Sokehs and Kosrae R&D Director Gerson Jackson who were among volunteers who walked barefooted across the 788-degree Fahrenheit furnace in a ceremony called Umu-ti. "Umu-ti is a sacred ceremony usually performed by the high priest to obtain god's favors to get necessary nutriments during a shortage period," according to the leader of the Tahiti contingent, said Jackson.

One of the sites that the FSM officials visited was James Cook University for Northern Queensland to view the mariculture project on giant clams which the University is conducting. FSM officials manifested to the University officials their interest in sending FSM students to the University for studies in tropical marine science biology, tropical fishery biology, and other relevant programs for the development of FSM marine resources.

The Minister for Northern Development, Community Services and Ethnic Affairs in the Australian Parliament Bob Katter, told the participating countries officials that Australia depends on its Pacific neighbors and urged reciprocity of services among Pacific countries for a "better Pacific" during a dinner hosted by him in their honor. He also told FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz and other FSM officials that Australia is interested in receiving copra milk from FSM to supplement the diet of the Australian cattle.

The festival, which was momentarily marred by the murder of a Maori woman dancer from New Zealand, ended with a parade of the participating countries and a formal hand-over of the festival flag to Cook Islands, which is to host the next 6th Pacific Festival of Arts.

The FSM delegation left Townsville and arrived Pohnpei and Kosrae on August 28.

President continues close review of TA

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Hagelgam on September 6, 1988 announced his intention to continue the close review over travel authorizations, new hirings and purchases over \$1,500.

The President's Sept. 6 memo to

all members of the Cabinet states:

"Further to my memo of July 3, 1987, this is to inform you that as of this date, Travel Authorizations will be routed to the President for approval/disapproval prior to submittal to the Department of Finance. A justification memo must be attached to the TA(s) submitted. Cabinet

members' TA's will be signed by the President, while other staff travel will be reviewed and initialed on the top of the TA, if approved.

Requests/justifications for new hiring and purchasing of items valued in excess of \$1,500 will also be presented to the President for review."

Mallow, a high tech vessel visits FSM

KOLONIA, Pohnpei, (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The US Coast Guard vessel "Mallow" arrived in Kolonia harbor on September 15, for a four-day visit to Pohnpei, according to a news release from the US Representative's Office.

The Mallow's Captain Lt. Commander Timothy S. Sullivan paid a courtesy call on FSM Vice President Hirosi H. Ismael, Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses and FSM Transportation Secretary Robert Weilbacher.

The vessel extended a two-day open house invitation to all residents of Pohnpei.

The Mallow carries a crew of eight officers and 50 enlisted men. It departed Kolonia for Kwajalein Monday morning Sept. 19, and eventually will return to Honolulu, its home port.

The US Coast Guard cooperates with the state and federal authorities of the FSM in carrying out search and rescue operations, and recently installed a new aids to navigation system around Pohnpei. The aids to navigation system in the FSM will be formally turned over to the FSM Government in a changeover ceremony to be held here, Nov. 22, 1988.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Mallow is a seagoing buoy tender homeported at U.S. Coast Guard Base Sand Island, Honolulu, Hawaii. While the Mallow is a multi-purpose vessel, its primary mission is servicing aids to navigation (ATON) in the Hawaiian Archipelago, the Marshall Island, Johnston Atoll and American Samoa. Other missions include providing remote stations with needed supplies, enforcing maritime laws, protecting exclusive economic (fisheries)

zones, military readiness training, Search and Rescue and other Coast Guards mission. These missions carry the Mallow throughout the Hawaiian Islands and as far west as the Marshall Islands.

The vessel is one of a class of 38 seagoing buoy tenders built by the Coast Guard during World War II, an armed auxiliary naval vessel with a strong ice-breaking hull, Mallow was built in Duluth, Minnesota, and upon commissioning in June 1944, sailed for the Pacific war zone where she served for two years in the Marshall Islands.

In 1946 her homeport was designated as Astoria, Oregon. After 19 years service along the Oregon and Washington coasts she was reassigned to the Fourteenth Coast Guard District in 1965 and homeported in Honolulu, Hawaii. Mallow was homeported in Guam from 1967 to 1974 before returning to Honolulu.

In the past three years Mallow has made three Marshall Island deployments and a Samoa deployment. In 1986 Mallow converted aids to navigation in the Marshall Islands from IALA region B to region A, requiring the relief of every buoy. Mallow also designed and established five micro beacons to better mark coral heads in Micronesia Atolls. In 1987 Mallow established nine new aids in Johnston Atoll allowing for navigating around the west end of the island, and seven new aids at Barbers Point on Oahu for a new deep draft harbor.

She also conducted law enforcement training for the newly formed Marshallese Maritime Law Enforcement Agency. Mallow participated in numerous search and rescue operations including the medivac of

a Japanese sailor, the rescue of two persons aboard a storm-battered yacht and the dowing of several disabled fishing vessels. Most recently Mallow received the Special Operations Ribbon for her part in "Operation Offload" in which Mallow made the largest drug seizure ever in Hawaii.

Most buoy tenders are named after trees, flowers, or shrubs. Mallow is no exception. She is named from the Mallow family of plants. This family includes the Wild Mallow, Marsh Mallow, Hollyhock, and the Hibiscus - Hawaii's state flower.

Lieutenant Commander (LCDR), and Captain of the Mallow Timothy S. Sullivan, is a native of Milwaukee and a 1975 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy. Upon graduation, he served as deck watch officer and operations officer on the cutters Mesquite and then ACACIA in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin. From 1977-79 he commanded the Coast Guard Loran Station on the island of Saipan in the western Pacific. LCDR Sullivan earned his Masters Degree in Communications Arts from Cornell University in 1981 and assumed the responsibilities of the Coast Guard's Eighth District Public Affairs Officer in New Orleans, LA. He was next assigned to the Cutter PAPAW in Charleston, South Carolina, where he served as Executive Officer from 1983-85. As part of the Coast Guard's reorganization of their recruiting system, LCDR Sullivan became the first commanding officer of the Easter Regional Recruiting Center, Norfolk, Virginia in 1985. LCDR Sullivan and his wife, Teresa, a free-lance writer, have four children: Maureen, Conor, Rory and Patrick.

Shipping Accord signed by FSM, Palau and the Marshall Islands

KOLONIA, Pohnpei, (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The representatives of the governments of the Marshall Islands, the FSM and the Republic of Palau signed an agreement which formally recognizes the existence of the Micronesian Shipping Commission, an inter-governmental agency whose purpose is to foster inter-country cooperation and consultation on matters affecting interna-

tional shipping services among the three entities, during a special ceremony held September 28, 1988 in Kolonia, Pohnpei, according to a joint communique by the representatives of the three governments.

The agreement concludes five years of talks between the three governments, and is to be presented to the respective legislative bodies for ratification.

Signing on behalf of the Republic of the Marshall Islands was the Minister of Transportation & Communications, the Honorable Kunio D. Lemari; on behalf of the FSM was the Secretary of Transportation, the Honorable Robert J. Weilbacher; and on behalf of the Republic of Palau was the Presidential Special Assistant for Legal Matters and Director of Foreign Affairs, the Honorable Victorio Uherbelau who has been authorized and designated by the President of Palau as official representative of Palau to the Micronesian Shipping Commission and served as its outgoing chairman.

The chairmanship of the Commission rotates annually among the three executive members of the Commission who are the voting members representing the three governments. At its inception, the Honorable Bernard Helgenberger, former Secretary of Resources and Development of the FSM, served as its first chairman. The chairmanship has been held since then by the Honorable Victorio Uherbelau of the Republic of Palau until the recent annual conference of the Commission where the Honorable Kunio D. Lemari of the Republic of the Marshall Islands was elected as its new chairman.

PC Volunteers sworn-in

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Thirty-five new trainees for the U.S. Peace Corps arrived here May 29, 1988, abroad Continental Air Micronesia, according to Country Director Bob Clarke.

The trainees had their training until August 20th when they were sworn in. Their assignment begins August 20, 1988 to September 20, 1990.

Kosrae received two Peace Corps Volunteers who are small business advisors and teachers of English in two elementary schools, one in Malem and one in Lelu; Nine in Truk who are Health Educators and teaches English in the outer islands and the lagoon, but not on Moen; ten in Yap State who are village development advisors and who teaches English in all rural elementary schools in the center and Pohnpei State received the most trainees of 14 who works with youth program development and teaches English in all rural elementary schools with one teaching at Ohwa High School in Madolenihmw.

The new Volunteers for Pohnpei State were sworn in on August 20 in a

ceremony officiated by Pohnpei Rep. Mrs. Elsyner Ramon at The Village Hotel.

Following are the Pohnpei State new Volunteers and their respective area of designation: Patricia Antonik, Enpein Elementary School and community; Emery Brewer, Pingelap Elementary School and community; Mark Bromley, Saladak Elementary School and community; Jenny Dolan, Palikir Elementary School and community; Denise Gardiner, Kinakapw Elementary School and community; Phyllis Glocke, Lukop Elementary School and community; Heidi Levy, Wone Elementary School and community; Stacey Paul, Seinwar Elementary School and community; Anastasia Pickens, Mand Elementary School and community; Paul Piper, Ohwa High School and community; David Randall, Pehleng Elementary School and community; Maggie Rogers, Sapwalap Elementary School and community; Kim Small, Awak Elementary School and community and Virginia Thomson, Nett Elementary School and community.

Truk Con-con underway

MOEN, Truk (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Truk businessman Tadasy Wainit won the presidency for the Truk State Constitutional Convention after gaining 16 votes over Karsom Enlet's 12 votes during the pre-convention election of Truk Con-con officers.

A special election which was to elect delegates to a convention to rework the Truk State draft constitution was postponed from Dec. 1, 1987 and was held on April 7, 1988. Twenty-nine delegates from the 13 Truk election precincts were elected during the April special election.

Truk, whose draft constitution was disapproved by 70 percent or 12,304 Truk voters during March 11, 1986 general elections, is the only remaining FSM state operating on a district charter.

Truk State Senator Hayashi Naka who ran unopposed in his bid for vice presidency was elected vice president of the convention while former Truk State Attorney General Kachuo Eko was elected the Floor Leader.

Committee Chairmen include: FSM Liaison Officer in Honolulu, Hawaii, Kasio Mida, Government Structure and Function; Micronesian Legal Service Corporation (MLSC) Truk Office director Camilo Noket, Civil Liberties Committee; FSM Congress Budget Officer Tiser Lippwe, Finance and Taxation; External Affairs International Affairs Division Administrator Masao Nakayama, General Provisions, and Truk State Education Director Marcellino Umwech, Style and Arrangement Committee. Hernack Paul and

Jackson Irons were appointed Convention Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms respectively.

The convention, which was convened on July 25, 1988 was scheduled to run for 60 days with \$300,000 funding from the Truk State Legislature.

Delegates elected to the convention include:

Precinct 1 (Moen, Pis-Moen, and Fono) - Sasao Gouland; Camilo Noket; Ymauo Akitekit; Kaster Sisam, and Frank Cholymay.

Precinct 2 (Dublon and Etten) - Binasto Ruben and Hayashi Naka.

Precinct 3 (Fefan, Parem, Tsis and Totiw) - Eusepio Muritok; Ismael Dopich, and Sanphy William.

Precinct 4 (Uman) - Sabino Asor and Datasy Albert.

Precinct 5 (Udot, Eot, and Romalam) - Tadashi C. Wainit and Juan Rawit.

Precinct 6 (Tol) - Karsom Enlet, Susumu Aizawa, and John Petewon.

Precinct 7 (Wonei, Patta, and Polle) - Kasio E. Mida and Menchor Moses.

Precinct 8 (Nama, Losap and Pis-Losap) - Andon Inek and Ritis Heldart.

Precinct 9 (Namoluk, Ettal, Moch, and Kuttu) - Marcellino Umwech and Tiser Lippwe.

Precinct 10 (Oneop, Lukunor, Satawan and Ta) - Epel Ilon and Kachuo Eko.

Sebastian Marcus won election to represent election Precinct 11 (Murilo, Fananu, Ruo and Nomwin) in the Hall Islands, while Lambert Lokopwe won his bid to represent the islands in Precinct 12 of Pulap, Pulusuk, Tamatam and Puluwat in the Western Islands chain to the convention. In Precinct 13, FSM External Affairs International Relations Division Administrator Masao Nakayama was elected to represent the islands of Ulul, Magur, Ono, and Pisarach.



UNICEF REP VISITS - The UNICEF Representative to the Philippines and the Pacific Dr. Pratima Kale, center, is paying July 20 a courtesy visit to President Hagelgam during her mid-summer visit of the FSM Capital. Dr. Kale is accompanied by the UNICEF Representative based in Suva, Fiji, Judy Otto, far left.

Ohwa receives SPI funding

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Ohwa Christian High School in Madolenihmw, Pohnpei, is receiving a \$75,000 grant as part of a group of several FSM schools receiving financial assistance approved March 16, 1988 by the Board of Trustees of the School of the Pacific Islands (SPI), according to SPI Educational Administrator Nancy Goglia.

School of the Pacific Islands, Inc., of Thousand Oaks, California, is a non-profit educational corporation chartered in 1973 with the purpose of organizing and operating schools and assisting educational projects in the islands of the Pacific, with primary focus on the region known as Micronesia, Goglia said.

Since its inception, School of the Pacific Islands, Inc., has funded educational projects in every district of Micronesia and has been a primary participant in the organization of two secondary schools.

Goglia said the corporation, in giving assistance, gives special attention to projects which address one or more of the following criteria: to provide appropriate educational opportunities to an island populace; to foster independence, self-sufficiency, and a sense of dignity and esteem towards the island experience; to promote local industry and vocational self-reliance through education, training, and demonstration of appropriate methods; to promote preservation of and appreciation of native culture, tradition and history; and to educate local peoples in an appreciation of their island's fragile eco-system and its protection and conservation.

Projects which had received funding from SPI included: construction of classrooms for Pohnpei Catholic School, Pohnpei; construction and supplying of a library for a secondary school on Puluwat, Truk; construction of Yap Institute of Natural Science offices/laboratory; partial funding for construction of a sail-powered medical services delivery schooner for Marshall Islands outlying islands.

SPI provided primary funding source for Belau Modekngei School and also funded a documentary film on the art of Palau's Charlie Gibbons, and a motion picture of the traditional magic of Lamotrek, outer island

of Yap, and funded a computerized room for Mindszenty High School in Palau. It also provided funding for training of primary health care on Ulithi, Yap, and Red Cross water safety in Kosrae. It also provided funds to complete the publishing of historical manuscript on Prince Lee Boo of Palau and a research into the origins and the current state of Micronesian traditional tattoo - Pan Micronesia.

Other 1988 grant recipients include: Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS), which is receiving funds for a dormitory renovation in addition to a contribution to its Endowment established by the late Rev. Hugh Costigan, S.J., Truk SDA Elementary School, Micronesian Seminar in Truk, and Yap Head Start.

Goglia said SPI Board members also approved a three-year academic testing program for all Catholic elementary and high school students throughout Micronesia, contributing to a total of 15 awards this year.

For more information, contact Ms. Goglia at Box 177, Kolonia, Pohnpei 96941.

Computer Association met

AGANA, Guam (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Members of the Pacific Computer Association, representing data processing centers from the Micronesian Governments, met recently with the University of Guam's Dean, College of Business and Public Administration, according to UOG Information Officer Katherine Singh.

Discussions were centered on the Western Pacific Educational Center's project which

is to assess needs of the regional governments regarding financial management systems.

Representing the FSM were Gabriel Ramoloilug, Yap State Computer Center; Ruben Charley, Kosrae Computer Center; Pohnpei State Acting Director of Treasury Gerald Shea; FSM Finance/Data Processing Advisor Curtis Clothier; and Computer Manager Willie Bisalen from Truk State.



PACIFIC COMPUTER ASSOCIATION MET - Members of the PCA posed for a group photo following the completion of the meeting on Guam. From left to right are: Andy Uherbelau, Palau; Ruben Charley, Kosrae; Willie Bisalen, Truk; Riley Albertter, Marshall Islands; Marino Bells, Palau; Gabriel Ramoloilug, Yap; Curtis Clothier, FSM Government; John Phillips and Daljit Singh, both of UOG, Guam; and Gerald Shea, Pohnpei.

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Samuel, Truk; and Vincent Tani, Marshalls. The graduates are: Benito Hasugluw, and John Johnnyboy, FSM DS; Clarence Aloko, Rensily Liva, Nena Ned, Renton Renton, Samuel Talley, and Wilfred Tu-lensru, Kosrae State; Samuel Bisalem, Furracy Bonochou, Kent Cheipot, Ermino Fritz (valedictorian), Enaou Mathew, and Nemesio Sardis, Truk State; Aira Edmond, Iokim Loney, Benito Obtaia, Nelpet Perez, and Ann Porter, Pohnpei; Bernard Bug-med, Adrian Defngin, Ali Haleyalur, and Bernard Yoruw, Yap; Aloysius Alonz, Ben-hart Baulechong, Ernest Ito, Ngirakesol Maidesil, Charles Masters, Benjamin Ngirdimau, James Oiterong, and Richard Rechirei, Republic of Palau; Jetkin Bujen, Ablos Jelmak, Aloysius Jetnil, Michael Loeak, Whitney Loeak, and Morson Riklong, Republic of the Marshalls.

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services agreement between the MMA and the Federation of Japan Tuna Fisheries Coop. Association, the National Offshore Tuna Fisheries Association of Japan, the Japan Far Seas Purse Seine Fishing Association, and the Federation of North Pacific District Purse Seine Fisheries Coop. Association of Japan, dated August 11, 1988, and distributing the goods and services to be made available.

C.R. 5-201, approving the Fiscal Year 88 Pacific Basin Initiative Grant Application.

C.R. 5-202, approving the 1989 to 1991 United Nations fund application for FSM population program.

C.R. 5-204, approving the Fiscal Year 88 community development block grant application.

C.R. 5-209, approving title IV aging support services program grant application.

C.R. 5-212, expressing sincerest appreciation of FSM Congress to Sintaro K. Ezra for his many years of dedicated service.

C.R. 5-213, commending Gabriel Mori of Continental/Air Mike for the invaluable services he has rendered to the FSM people.

C.R. 5-214, commending Johnny Hawley of Continental/Air Mike for the invaluable services he has rendered to the FSM people.

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Three FSM states Public Safety officers were among 199 law enforcement graduates of the 154th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy honored in a graduation ceremony held September 9, 1988, at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, FBI Director William S. Sessions announced in a U.S. Department of Justice news release.

Judith Lynn Tucher, an investigator for the Fresno, California, District Attorney's office, became the first woman spokesperson to address an FBI National Academy graduation. She was elected by her classmates to represent the 199 law enforcement officers enrolled in the 154th Session.

Director Sessions also spoke to the graduates and their families at a ceremony on the FBI Academy campus, praising the graduates for their hard work and dedication to law enforcement.

"I believe that sustained cooperative ventures among our agencies and between our people provide the key to truly successful law enforcement," Director Sessions said in prepared remarks. "I call you today to be the leaders and managers who will forge and support these cooperative ventures in law enforcement."

Comradery, professional development, and intense study marked the 11-week National Academy training program. Students drew on their personal backgrounds and also applied hard-won "street" experience to the theory and problems they faced during full days in the classrooms, laboratories, firing ranges, and gymnasium of the FBI Academy.

Internationally famous for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers advanced training in the most modern police investigative and management skills. Each of the men and women selected to attend has a proven track record in his/her department and compose an elite force within the law enforcement community.

The University of Virginia awards undergraduate and graduate college credits for national Academy courses. The FBI staffs the Academy with experienced Agents holding advanced degrees, many of them recognized nationally in their fields. Research papers, computer-generated departmental budgets, and personnel assessments frequently are taken from the academic environment at Quantico and applied to actual police work around the world.

To date, 21,732 men and women have graduated and more than 14,000 are still active in law enforcement. The effectiveness of the training is evident, as one out of every eight current graduates ranks as the chief executive of a police agency.

Classes were cancelled for the first time in the National Academy's 53-years history to allow the entire group to attend the funeral of a Virginia police officer killed in the line of duty.

The men and women in this class came from 47 states; the District of Columbia; several U.S. possessions, including five from the FSM, Republics of Palau and the Marshall Islands; 13 foreign countries; five military units, and one federal civilian agency.

Special Agent in Charge of the Honolulu Office of the FBI Eugene F. Glenn reported that the following officers from the Pacific Basin were among the graduates of the 154th Session: Major Earl Vern Taylor, U.S. Air Force, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii; Pohnpei State Department of Public Safety Captain Joseph A. Abraham, FSM; Truk State Department of Public Safety Deputy Director, Sorsios J. Esemanau, FSM; Yap State Department of Public Safety Watch Commander/Lieutenant Charles L. Tamankamnanged, FSM; Republic of the Marshall Islands Police Department Captain George R. Lanwi; and Republic of Palau Bureau of Public Safety Lieutenant Gabriel K. Walter.

Glen advises that these officers join over 100 other active FBI National Academy graduates in the Hawaii Chapter, which covers the Pacific Basin, including Guam, the commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the FSM, the Republic of Palau and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

President Salii's death ruled suicide

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Waves of shock envelop the Republic of Palau as the nation mourned the sudden death August 20 of President Lazarus Salii, according to Special Assistant to Palau President for Public Relations Bonifacio Basilius.

Basilius said the President was fatally wounded at his home while his wife, Christina, the President's driver and a Filipino maid were having lunch at the back of the President's residence in Koror on Saturday afternoon (August 20).

This was the second gunshot death of a president of Palau in three years, first of which was the assassination of Palau's first President Haruo Remeliik on June 30, 1985.

President Salii was sitting in an easy-chair with a bullet hole through the head when he was found by his wife. A .357-caliber Magnum revolver and the spent bullet were found close by the President, said Basilius, who added that the President was alone in the house when found.

Basilius also said "A single bullet entered the President's head about one inch above the ear and exited on the other side," Basilius said, adding that there were no other wounds found on the body.

Salii, 51, who was also Palau's Ambassador to the United States, was pronounced dead upon arrival at McDonald Memorial Hospital in Koror, about an hour after the shooting occurred, Basilius said.

Vice President and Palau's Minister of Justice, Thomas O. Remengesau, Sr., was sworn in 6:40 p.m. on August 20 as acting president by Palau's Supreme Court Chief Justice Mamoru Nakamura, Basilius said, adding that Mr. Remengesau will serve the



Late President Salii

remainder of Salii's term up to January 1, 1989.

FSM President John R. Hagelgam, upon hearing of Salii's death, said he was

deeply grieved at losing one of the true Micronesian leaders of the Pacific and adding in a condolence message to Palau, "As a former colleague in the Congress of Micronesia, President Salii was noted for his strong will and friendship, whose aspirations remained throughout as examples of a true Micronesian leader."

Meanwhile, Palau's general election is scheduled to be held on Nov. 2, 1988, where Palauan voters will elect their president, vice president and the members of Palau National Congress (Olbil Era Kelulau).

President Remengesau is being challenged by Ibedul Yudaka Gibbons; Ngartpang Governor Ngiratkel Etpison; Governor Roman Tmetuchul; National Legislature Speaker Santos Olikong; John O. Ngiraked; and Governor Moses Uludong in a seven-way presidential race.

FSM establishes diplomatic relationship with Fiji

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Federated States of Micronesia in the north Western Pacific achieves another milestone today as it joins Republic of Fiji in announcing the formalization of diplomatic relations between the two countries in a joint communique simultaneously released at noon on August 5 from the capitals of both countries.

The following is the full text of the two countries joint announcement released by the Office of the Secretary of the FSM External Affairs Department:

"At noon (today) on 5 August, 1988, a

joint communique formally announcing the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Fiji was released in the two nations' capitals of Pohnpei and Suva.

"The communique said: 'The Government of the Republic of Fiji and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, desirous of strengthening the ties of friendship and cooperation between their respective countries and peoples, have agreed to establish diplomatic relations as of 5 August, 1988.'"

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