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### Israeli Ambassador presents credentials

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Haglegam calls the occasion "historic," as FSM formalizes the establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel in a presentation ceremony held Nov. 23, 1988, at the FSM Congress Chamber in the presence of the Vice President Hirosi H. Ismael; Speaker Jack Fritz and the members of the Fifth Congress; U.S. Representative and Mrs. Michael G. Wygant and members of the President's Cabinet and other officials.

Israel is the sixth in the line of nations which have recognized the FSM since its independence on November 3, 1986.

President welcomed Israeli Ambassador Zohar Raz on his second visit to the FSM adding, "I am grateful to your country for taking the initiative toward the establishment of diplomatic relations between the state of Israel and our young nation, which we are now witnessing," as he accepted his credentials. Raz's visited FSM last year as high ranking official of Israel Foreign Ministry.

Haglegam said, "Although our two countries are physically separated by great distances, what we have done today have overcome that physical barrier and indeed established the basis for long term friendship between the governments and the people of our two countries.

"The state of Israel has achieved a great

### *Independence Day celebrated*

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Speakers on the Second Anniversary of the Nov. 3 FSM Independence Day expounded on the future and goals of unity, constitutional self-government, and economic independence of the nation and commended on youth the central theme of this year's celebration during festivities held via satellite here at the Little League ballfield in Kolonia.

Paying tribute to the leaders of Micronesia who "prevailed against almost insurmountable odds" and have brought FSM where we are today, President John R. Haglegam said "We are here today to celebrate a dream come true" in his keynote address.

"We must continue nurturing a nation that grows together in spite of the diversity of our cultures," adding that "it is up

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**INDEPENDENCE DAY** - President John R. Haglegam, at the podium, is addressing the crowd and the people of the FSM via satellite during ceremonies held at the Little League ballfield commemorating the Second Anniversary of the FSM Independence Day.

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# Congress concludes last Regular Session

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Fifth FSM Congress adjourned its last regular session after passing 36 bills including the long-awaited legislation which sets up the investment development fund and appropriates \$12 million from U.S. grant aid funds for economic development projects in fiscal 1989 for U.S. investors.

The Congress also passed the Compact Financing Act, which permits states to borrow and invest money to be credited to Compact of Free Association Funds while deferring action on several individual naturalization bills and another naturalization bill which would allow aliens to become nationals.

The 33-day Regular Session also passed a bill appropriating money for the establishment of an FSM embassy in Fiji for the South Pacific region and other appropriations bills for public projects.

Bills passed include:

C.B. 5-116 CD3, to amend the FSM Code for authorizing borrowing by the FSM in anticipation of funds under the Compact of Free Association, with the security for such borrowing being a pledge of all or a portion of such grant funds.

C.B. 5-234, to appropriate \$198,354 for reimbursing the State governments for a portion of the costs of their law enforcement activities regarding Nation crimes.

C.B. 5-245 CD3, to amend the FSM Code to establish an Exclusive Economic Zone in the ocean surrounding the FSM, to expand the size of the Territorial Sea, to make the chapter consistent with the current political status of the FSM.

C.B. 5-254 CD7, to amend the FSM Code relating to entry permits and noncitizen registration.

C.B. 5-279, to amend FSM Code for establishing a ceiling on salaries and compensation for consultants, employees on special contacts or employees exempted by law from the provisions of the National Public Service System Act.

C.B. 5-294, to amend the FSM Code title 55 to permit unlimited employee authorized deductions from disbursements made for wage and salary obligations.

C.B. 5-307, to appropriate \$518,000 for funding certain additional development projects in FY 1989.

C.B. 5-334 CD2, to amend the FSM Code for bringing the sections the sections into accord with the Constitution and other statutes.

C.B. 5-356, CD4, to amend PL 2-37 for purpose of permitting Government payment of home leave expenses for FSM Government employees once every 4 years.

C.B. 5-361, to amend the FSM Code to remove the FSM Vice-President from the Board of Directors of the FSM Telecommunications Corporation, to revoke the voting right of the chief executive officer of the Corporation, to reduce the number of presidential appointees to the Board of Directors from three to one.

C.B. 5-362, to amend Public Law No. 5-52 for appropriating \$170,397 as supplemental funding for the marine surveillance program.

C.B. 5-364 CD3, to amend the FSM Code to establish an FSM Embassy for the South Pacific region in Suva, Fiji, to authorize an appropriation of \$250,000 therefor.

C.B. 5-365, to appropriate \$19,000 for paying membership fee to join the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

C.B. 5-373, to amend Public Law No. 5-52, to reapportion funds appropriated for the operating expenses of the legislative branch.

C.B. 5-374 CD3, to amend Public Law No. 4-95 for changing the use of funds for a certain public project in Truk State.

C.B. 5-375, to amend Public Law No. 5-52 for removing the limitations upon funds appropriated for the Kosrae State Court.

C.B. 5-376 CD1, to amend Public Law No. 5-80 to change the permitted use of funds originally appropriated for September 8, 1988 activities in Kosrae State.

C.B. 5-377 CD2, to amend the FSM Code for providing for exceptions to the seven day's notice requirement for voting at a polling place other than the one a voter is legally registered to vote at.

C.B. 5-378 CD1, to amend Public Law No. 5-67 to allocate funds appropriated therein.

C.B. 5-379 CD2, to further amend the FSM Code for exempting certain businesses from the requirement to obtain foreign investment permits.

C.B. 5-381, to amend Public Law No. 5-89 for modifying the uses and the apportionment of funds appropriated for public projects in Truk State.

C.B. 5-382, to amend Public Law No. 5-40 for providing for the applicability of the act to offenses committed before and after the effective date of the act, to continue in effect the prior law for the prosecution for offenses committed before the effective date of such law.

C.B. 5-388 CD2, to amend Public Law No. 5-59 for specifying the projects for which funds originally appropriated for public projects in Yap State are to be used.

C.B. 5-389 CD5, to amend Public Law No. 5-60 for specifying the apportionment and clarifying the character of monies appropriated for the funding of spare part and equipment acquisition for, and engineering studies regarding, the electrical power generation systems of the States of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Truk and Yap, as may be needed.

C.B. 5-391, to amend the FSM Code for making the section consistent with other statutes.

C.B. 5-397, to appropriate \$115,000 for funding certain public projects in the Yap State.

C.B. 5-398 to appropriate \$12,000 for purchasing a van for the Honolulu medical referral operations.

C.B. 5-399, to appropriate \$105,000 for funding certain public projects in Kosrae State.

C.B. 5-400, to amend Public Law No. 5-52 for appropriating \$119,948 as supplemental funding for the executive branch and agencies of the National Government; Adjusting employment ceilings.

C.B. 5-401, to amend Public Law No. 5-52 for appropriating \$743,100 as supplemental funding for development projects and programs.

C.B. 5-402, to appropriate \$100,000 for funding a certain public project in the state of Pohnpei.

C.B. 5-403, to appropriate \$70,000 for funding certain public projects in the state of Truk.

C.B. 5-413, to amend the FSM Code for deleting the requirement for new voter registration every 10 years.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED:

C.R. 5-159 CD2, to ratify and accede to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, done at Vienna on April 18, 1961.

C.R. 5-215, congratulating George Garangmaw of Yap State of his recent selection as the recipient of a Continental Air Micronesia certificate of award and merit for services and dedication to that airline.

C.R. 5-216, confirming Ihlen Joseph as member of the FSM Development Bank Board of Director.

C.R. 5-217, approving the Fiscal Year (FY) 1989 Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant application.

C.R. 5-218, approving the FY 1989 Disaster Preparedness Improvement Grant (DPIG) application.

C.R. 5-219, approving the FY 1989 Environment

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# Aids to Navigation transferred to FSM

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A change of command ceremony of the Aids to Navigation in the FSM was held at Bernard's Restaurant on the waterfront in Kolonia on November 22.

Rear Admiral William P. Kozlovsky when arrived Pohnpei by Military aircraft paid courtesy call on President John R. Hagelgarn prior to representing the U.S. Coast Guard in transfer of command ceremony.

The occasion signified the official transfer of maintenance responsibility over marine aids to navigation in the FSM from the U.S. Government to the FSM Government. "A service which for the past 40 odd years have been provided by the U.S. Coast Guard," said Transportation Secretary Robert Weilbacher.

Weilbacher added that, "For the past sixteen months, the U.S. Government, through the supervision and direction of the 14th U.S. Coast Guard District has been engaged in a series of activities in preparation for the transfer of responsibility for the provision and maintenance of marine aids to navigation to the FSM Government." He said that, "The program includes the upgrading and conversion of marine aids to navigation in FSM waters to a system which not only meet the basic international association of lighthouse authority's standards, but also is adapted to the unique conditions that exists in the FSM, in terms of simplicity and low maintenance costs. The program also includes the important element of training of personnel in the four states in the specific tasks of fabrication, installation and maintenance of marine aids to navigation."

"The execution of the agreement between the U.S. Coast Guard and the FSM Department of Transportation, signifies readiness on the part of the FSM, to assume responsibility over its marine aids to navigation and reaffirms a pledge of continued support and mutual cooperation between the two agencies in the provision of services and improvements to marine aids to navigation in the FSM," said Weilbacher, adding that, "The successful completion of the preparatory phase which precedes today's event is due in great measure to the generosity of the U.S. Government and the cooperation and support of the FSM State Governments. The organization, coordination and execution of the entire project reflects the fine qualities of the special relationship based on cooperation and mutual respect that exists between the," the two governments, "as well as the national and state governments of the federation."

In conclusion, Weilbacher said, "I wish on

behalf of the FSM National Government to extend our sincere gratitude to the U.S. Government for funding the program, the commander and staff of the 14th U.S. Coast guard District for their excellent direction and leadership in the actual implementation of the project and to thank the state governors and the aids to navigation personnel in the four states for their participation in the team effort that made this occasion a possibility."

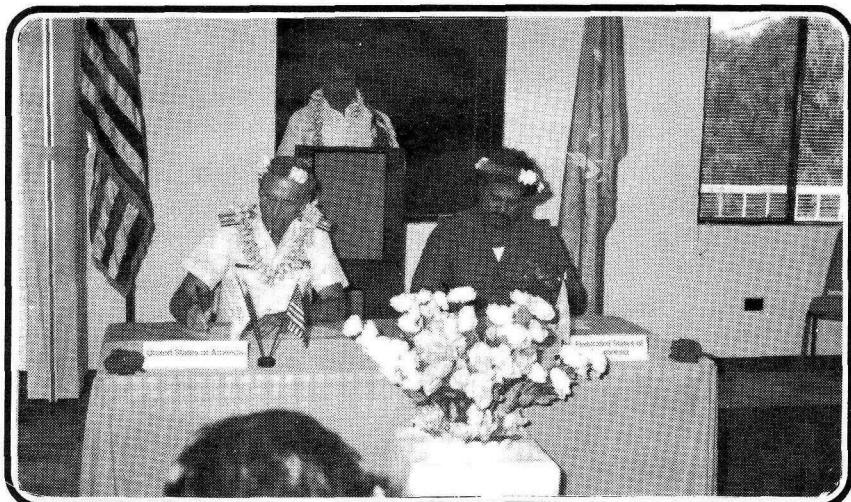
The Master of Ceremony Captain Mathias Euermal called the occasion a "historic event as it marks the first time we in the FSM will be directly responsible for the provision and maintenance of maritime aids to navigation within the navigable waterways of our federation," and adding that the occasion fulfills section 322 of the Compact of Free Association between the FSM and the U.S.A, dated November 3, 1986, relating to the responsibility for the provision and maintenance of civil aids to maritime navigation. By

first gift was from the FSM Department of Transportation, presented to Chief Warrant Officer Skip Glassco in special recognition of his having been directly involved in the implementation of the ATON program from its inception up to that day and who they still think will still be involved during the forthcoming years. "Glassco whose perseverance and understanding as well as outstanding leadership and direction led to the establishment of the aids to navigation teams and the aids to navigation upkeep and maintenance program in the FSM," said Euermal.

As a token of appreciation to the 14th U.S. Coast Guard District Kozlovsky was presented a small gift from the national government for a job well done.

Another gift presented to Kozlovsky was from the members of the aids to navigation team who have benefited from the training program offered by the Coast Guard.

Because of the long standing friendly relation-



**AIDS TO NAVIGATION TRANSFERRED - FSM Transportation Secretary Robert Weilbacher, right, and U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral William P. Kozlovsky are signing the documents during the transfer of command ceremony held here on Nov. 22. Master of Ceremony Capt. Matthias Euarmal looks on from the background.**

accepting this responsibility, we in this FSM realize that we must accept the consequences associated therewith, be they financial, legal, social or technical in nature."

Others who spoke during the ceremony, include Governor Resio Moses of Pohnpei and U.S. Representative to FSM, Michael Wygant. The Ceremony took place in the presence of FSM Vice Speaker Elias Thomas and FSM national and states government officials and the officials from the U.S. Representative's Office.

After the signing of the agreement by Weilbacher and Kozlovsky, gifts were presented. The

ship between the state of Yap and the U.S. Coast Guard through the presence of the former Coast Guard Loran Station in Yap and having the distinction of being the first FSM state to receive training and installation of aids to navigation the third gift, a huge story-board plaque depicting tradition navigation of a canoe, was presented to Kozlovsky by FSM Planner John Mangefel on behalf of Governor Petrus Tun.

Present at the ceremony were National and states government officials, Rear Admiral Kozlovsky and U.S. 14th District staff, and U.S. Representative to FSM and staff.

# Yap T<sup>3</sup> awards certificates to 10

COLONIA, Yap (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Resources and Development Secretary Marcelino Actouka presented 10 ILO-Standard Trade Test Certificates to Yapese T<sup>3</sup> graduates during an award ceremony held on Nov. 25, 1988, in Yap.

Certificates at the intermediate level are the equivalent of at least three years experience in a particular trade area; Basic Level certificates are equivalent to four years vocational high school training plus one year practical experience. All certificates are recognized in the 11 South Pacific countries which participate in the ILO/UNDP sponsored Trade Training and Testing (T<sup>3</sup>) program.

During the four years the T<sup>3</sup> program has been functioning in the FSM, approximately 550 Trade Test Certificates have been awarded to Micronesians; this includes 22 at the final or expert level, with an equivalency to five years actual experience in a particular trade area. A similar number have been trained who although they did not quite qualify for a certificate, they are better prepared to enter the work force and take over jobs that would otherwise go to alien laborers.

Those graduated from Yap in November



**FSM Department of Resources and Development Secretary Marcelino Actouka, left, is presenting an ILO-standard Trade Test Certificates at Intermediate Level in construction trades to Lucas Malsow, right, in an awards ceremony on Yap, November 25.**

were: At intermediate level certificates, in construction trades: Lucas Malsow; electrical trades: John Daidad; basic level certificates in electrical: Herold Nug; mechanical:

Duy Yow; construction: Patrick Gadad, Tony Gadad, Untaman Gamow, Senior Masao, James Waayngin, and Jonathan M. Tun.

# Minimum Standard tests set up

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The division of Program Development and Research under the Department of Human Resources (DOHR) at the FSM National Government hosted an eight-day workshop on the development of the FSM National Standardized Test held on Nov. 7-14, 1988 at JTPA Conference Room in Kolonia, Pohnpei, according to DOHR Testing and Evaluation Coordinator Burnis Danis.

Vice President Hirosi H. Ismael closed the workshop in his remarks at the conference site advising the participants to continue in their efforts to develop the Minimum Standards for the FSM school system.

This would be the first test development effort that had been initiated. The workshop participants included thirty-one curriculum

specialists, classroom teachers, school administrators, and testing and evaluation coordinators from the states of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Truk and Yap.

The FSM National Government developed and adopted a set of minimum standards for primary and secondary education earlier this year. These minimum standards cover various subject areas including language arts and mathematics. The test development workshop was conducted for the purpose of developing assessment items which would measure the effectiveness of the standards in language arts and mathematics for grade eight.

The assessment items included multiple-choice and rating scale items for language arts and mathematics. Prototype versions

of the test were assembled and would be field tested to refine their contents and determine their psychometric qualities.

More test development workshops are also needed to assess levels of achievement in the other educational subject areas as well as grade levels.

Participants include 31 curriculum specialists, classroom teachers, school administrators, and state testing and evaluation coordinators, from Kosrae, Pohnpei, Truk and Yap States. From Kosrae State are: Testing and Evaluation Coordinator Kalwin Kephas, Evaluation Specialist Salpasr Tilfas, Math Specialist Gibson Mongkeya, Language Arts Specialist Keti William and Classroom Teacher Tulen Peter; Pohnpei State: Curriculum and Instruction Supervi-

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# Air Force Team takes over CAT camp

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Governor Resio S. Moses joined Rear Admiral T.J. Johnson, CINCPAC's Representative in Guam, and U.S. Representative to FSM Michael Wygant, in addressing the November 8 turnover ceremony at the Civic Action Team camp, Paies, Kitti, close by the FSM Capitol site in Palikir, Pohnpei, according to a press release by the U.S. Representative's Office.

Governor Moses, Admiral Johnson, and U.S. Representative Wygant all complimented the exemplary work of the outgoing U.S. Army Civic Action Team, headed by First Lieutenant Gregory Raimondo and welcomed the incoming U.S. Air Force team. The new team, commanded by Captain William Decker, is the first Air Force team to serve on Pohnpei.

Admiral Johnson arrived Pohnpei No-

vember 7, after inspecting the Civic Action Team on Kosrae that day. He paid a courtesy call on President John R. Hagelgarn, FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz, External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich, and Human Resources Secretary Dr. Eliuel Pretrick, on November 8 and also called on Pohnpei State Governor Moses and FSM National Planner John Mangefel on November 9 before departing Pohnpei November 9.

## McCoy delivers war claims checks

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Territorial and International Affairs Janet J. McCoy, on November 13, met with officials of the FSM and Pohnpei and Kosrae States in a ceremony where several local church representatives were presented the first of some 16,000 war claims checks that will be distributed to individuals in Micronesia.

by the Department of the Interior over the next several months.

The checks, totaling \$22.8 million, are the final payment to individuals or their heirs determined eligible for compensation by Micronesian War Claims Commission in 1976. The claimants lived in Palau, Marshall Islands, Northern Mariana Islands and the FSM during World War II and sustained injury or damages as a result of military actions between American and Japanese combat forces.

McCoy stated, "The United States Congress recently appropriated sufficient funds to make the outstanding payments. The Department of the Interior has been working in a cooperative effort with the FSM to facilitate distribution of these funds to the appropriate individuals.

The assistance provided by FSM Finance Secretary Al Tuuth, Kosrae State Personnel Officer Fred Sigrath, Pohnpei State Treasury Advisor Gerald Shea, Truk State Finance Director Jesse Mori, and Yap State Administrative Services Director James Gilmar, who serve as War Claims Coordinators, has been splendid. The

coordinators have the important task of securing current addresses of the payees, names of their heirs or administrators, and verifying proper completion of release forms, which are required before checks can be distributed.

"This is the beginning of the process," McCoy emphasized and adding "We are hopefully going to issue the bulk of the war claims payments over the next six to eight months."

Presented at the ceremony included: Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses, U.S. Representative Michael Wygant and

Mrs. Wygant, FSM National Planner John Mangefel, Finance Deputy Secretary Ihlen Joseph who represented Finance Secretary Al Tuuth, Kosrae Liaison Officer Ilai Abraham whom Kosrae Governor Yosiwo George designated to sign for the Kosrae war claim checks, two of McCoy's staff, Department of Interior Law Enforcement Coordinator William Stinnett, Pohnpei State Treasury Department Advisor Jerry Shea, Pohnpei State Chief of Police Frank Semens, U.S. Relation Deputy Chief Gabriel Ayin and the local church representatives.



**WAR CLAIMS CHECKS** - Interior's Principal Assistant Secretary Mrs. Janet McCoy, third from left, is delivering one of the war claim checks to one of the people representatives, Rev. Frank Henry, during a brief ceremony held at the VIP lounge at the Pohnpei International Airport. Others in the photo from left are: Pohnpei State Treasury Dept. Advisor Gerald Shea; wife of U.S. Representative, Mrs. Lee Wygant; McCoy; Governor Resio Moses; Rev. Frank Henry, and FSM Finance Assistant Secretary Ihlen Joseph.

# Leaders cite youth development and

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to us to expand on the Founding Fathers' vision of a unified nation.

"We must use the resources available to us under the Compact of Free Association to attain economic security through the creation of jobs in the private sector, jobs that are sustainable without further financial assistance," stated the President and noting that for that reason, "I believe the focus of this celebration on the youth of our nation is appropriate."

Citing that the youth are facing the problem of unemployment, President Haglegam urged the leaders to use the resources to benefit us and to create opportunities for economic growth that will enable the youth to experience a life that is better than the life led by their parents.

"But, like the struggle for independence, the struggle for economic security will take leadership; leadership to view the growth of the nation rather than parochial interests," President Haglegam stated.

"I know we are all committed to the goal of economic development, and so today should be a celebration of cooperation in attaining that goal;" however, "We must not lose our ties with our past," Haglegam said, adding that if we neglect to teach the youth our culture and history, we would have failed them.

"We should teach our children how to make thatch for a roof, how to build a canoe, and how to perform (our) dances...only then can we be comfortable (in knowing) that we would have given them the tools necessary to lead our nation into the future and to continue to step into the world community with a voice that is Micronesia. Thus, today should also be a celebration of the culture that makes us who we are," Haglegam noted.

"Since our independence two years ago, we have begun to take our place among the nations of the world. In so doing, we have tried to fulfill the promise of our Constitution

that 'We extend to all nations what we seek from each: Peace, Friendship, Cooperation, and love in our common humanity.'

"To date, our offer has been accepted by a number of nations - so today should (also) be a celebration of our new relations with the world community," President Haglegam concluded.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan's message to Haglegam on the occasion of the FSM Independence was read by the U.S. Representative to the FSM, Mr. Michael G.

year of free association. Sincerely, Ronald Reagan."

"Independence is something special that we must cherish and love," said Genevieve Mangefel of Yap, a 9th Grader from Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) High School who won the Pohnpei High School wide elocution contest to represent all FSM youth in the ceremonies.

"Independence is not to be taken for granted...and must not be misused," said Ms. Mangefel who added "We must all be



**GENEVIEVE REPRESENTS YOUTH** - Ms. Genevieve Mangefel, at the podium, urges the youth "not to take Independence for granted" saying that she hopes that all (will) live together in peace and harmony like a rainbow. Genevieve won the first place to represent FSM youth in the Independence Day speech contest held among the Pohnpei high schools Nov. 2 at the SDA gym.

Wygant. The message stated:

"It gives me great pleasure to convey to you my congratulations and those of the American people on the occasion of the second anniversary of the entry into force the Compact of Free Association between our nations. The people of Micronesia may take great pride in their sovereign status and in their governments' achievements in establishing its legal personality as a state within the international community. Permit me to take this opportunity to renew our efforts to strengthen the mutual understanding, appreciation, and cooperation that exists between our two governments and our two peoples as we enter the third

grateful that there was no fighting or killing to gain our freedom. Most countries of the world, like the U.S., fought for their freedom, their independence...our freedom was (gotten) peacefully."

Mangefel advised the youth to think more about independence than fun and to teach or share their culture and ideas, and citing Postmaster General Bethwel Henry's comment that "Each of the states in the FSM is a different color, when they are united, they form a rainbow - the FSM" and adding that she hopes that we all live in peace and harmony like a rainbow.

Speaker Jack Fritz said that "The educa-  
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# economic independence as priorities

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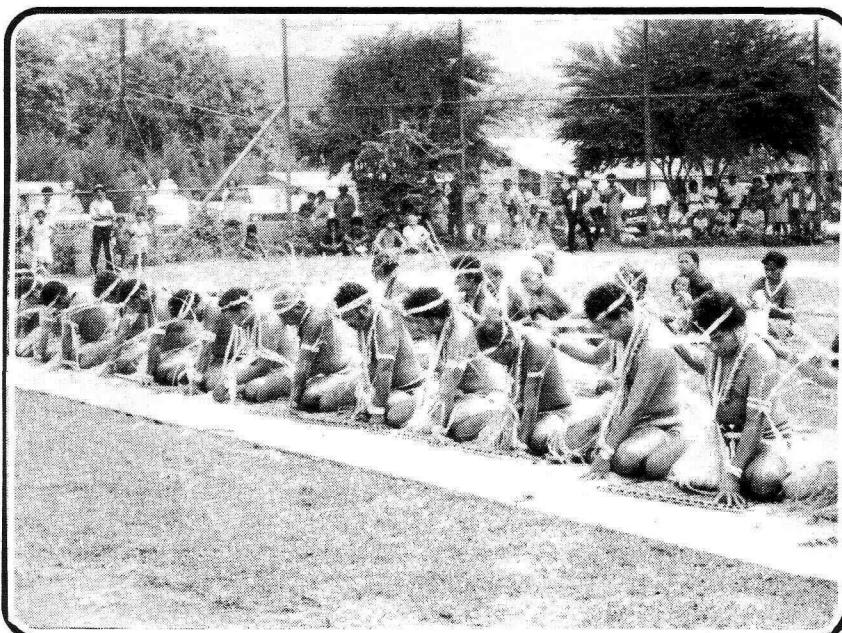
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tion and training of our young people, and indeed of all our citizens, must be a priority matter" and adding that "To this end, we must work to improve primary and secondary education in our schools...and provide our high school graduates with the opportunity to pursue post-secondary educational opportunities both at home and abroad....We need to aggressively seek funding with the United States, as well as other countries, for a new college campus.

eration, and participation by our people," Fritz conclude in part.

Chief Justice Edward C. King said he was pleased to have been given to opportunity to work with the people of the FSM in the nation-building effort and to be part of the gathering which symbolizes "a renewal of the dedication of the people of the FSM to the central themes sounded years ago when Micronesians embarked upon the quest for nationhood."

King cited that while the agreement be-



**INDEPENDENCE DANCE** - Yapese men's group here on Pohnpei put on a sitting dance for the occasion. Dancers included such luminaries as FSM National Planner John Mangefel, Finance Secretary Al Tuuth and other FSM National government's key employees from Yap state.

With a new facility we can offer expanded academic and vocational training programs at home.

"In line with our educational and manpower development, the nation must take a more aggressive stance toward the achievement of a viable and progressively self-reliant economy," Speaker Fritz said, adding "This we must do to successfully counteract the potentially negative effects of the upcoming step-down in Compact funding.

Achievement of our goals requires the commitment and cooperation of leaders at all levels of government. But more importantly, it requires the understanding, coop-

tween the U.S. and the FSM gives the people of the FSM a "set of tools of construction needed to build a nation...the kind of future that (FSM) desires," it should be remembered that the significance of the agreement is that it "places in the hands of the people of this nation the opportunity to pursue the central goals of this nation: unity, constitutional self-government and economic independence" and adding "Many obstacles stand in the way of realization of each goal. This by itself is not unusual. Every nation faces problems."

King posed questions to the nation in an indirect way to ask the people to develop symbols of unity, such as a national anthem,

or create mechanisms of unity, such as a national radio station, while cautioning the nation that the idea of having a constitutional convention poses an enormous threat to this nation.

"A constitutional convention, I also suggest to you, is like a heart transplant. Either should be undertaken only as a last resort and with knowledge that it might kill the patient," King said, noting that the Constitution is at the heart of the nation.

Regarding economic independence, King asked, "How can the wish of the citizens to preserve custom, tradition and a Micronesian way of life, to preserve Micronesia for Micronesians, be reconciled with the announced wish to encourage foreign investment and to develop institutions and approaches which will provide a sound, self-sufficient economy for this nation? Put another way, if adjustments are necessary, are the people of the FSM willing to reduce their economic aspirations, or would they prefer to sacrifice custom, tradition and autonomy in exchange for greater affluence?

"I am honored today to join you in taking pleasure in what has been accomplished, but let us remember that we are only beginning. There is much more to be done," King concluded.

Pohnpei Governor Resio Moses, who spoke on behalf of the FSM governors noted that the youth should be direct participants in the process of growth and development in order to make our state and nation be truly productive.

The youth "must be able to earn a honest living in our ever-changing society in Pohnpei and elsewhere in our young federation. They must be functioning, self-sufficient units, able to earn their keep," Moses said, noting that youth is FSM's single most important natural resource which constitutes the major bulk of FSM's population and that our over-all development is dependent on them.

"We must pick up the ball and run with it, now," Governor Moses urged, stating that "We, the family, the church, the community, the traditional leadership, the business community, the government at all levels

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# Independence

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should revisit our views on youth development.

"In the matters of making our young people contributors to the growth of our society in the years ahead, we must put them to work today and continue to put them to work, at a rate commensurate with the rate of our population growth," Moses urged.

The governor also advised that the youth must be offered a sound education at the elementary and secondary levels, emphasizing both academic and vocational curricula, adding "The school curriculum must be re-evaluated to ensure that it has a good balance in terms of academic and vocational orientations and that it is comparable to systems in the more advanced and modern societies, such as Guam and Hawaii, etc.

"The opportunities for a good education must be in place now and be compulsory at the elementary grades and optional for all our eight grade graduates wishing to attend vocation or academic program at the secondary level," continued the governor and adding that "This opportunity to go to high school must be available to all who want it; such an opportunity should emphasize quality programs, easily articulatable to tertiary institutions and professional schools."

Moses also urged that those who choose not to pursue higher education must be given the opportunity to develop a usable, or a sellable skill so that they do not become idling human resources. That the skills that should be attained can be any that could be of use in Pohnpei and throughout the FSM and also sellable outside, "say in Guam (inspite of (PDN's) Joe Murphy's reservation on Micronesian migration to Guam), Hawaii and the U.S. and its various other jurisdictions into which the movement of our people is limitless under the Free Association relationship."

Moses also advised that the youth be encouraged to participate in the U.S. Armed Forces as an opportunity to train and put the young people to work without taxing the FSM's limited resources, and further urged that the youth should also be counselled into direct participation in the traditional subsistence living as a means of earning a honest living.

Governor Moses, who on behalf of President Haglelgam and the FSM governors earlier in the ceremonies declared that all FSM flags fly half-mast in recognition of the passing away of former FSM Congress vice speaker Joab Sighra of Kosrae, also urged the leaders have policies strengthen the private sector to the extend that it should be able to absorb 200-300 young people on a per annum basis into the work force.

"Our youth must be given the opportunity now to grow so that they can contribute later. It is truly now or it may never be," Moses conclude.

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spoke on behalf of the FSM traditional leaders said that the traditional leaders support FSM and urged FSM to continue in its task of development.

## *Winning speech in Independence Day Speech Contest by Genevieve Mangefel representing SDA School*

GOOD MORNING PRESIDENT JOHN R. HAGLELGAM; VICE PRESIDENT HIROSI ISMAEL; FORMER PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA; SPEAKER JACK FRITZ; CHIEF JUSTICE EDWARD KING; GOVERNORS; TRADITIONAL LEADERS OF THE FSM; DIGNITARIES; FELLOW STUDENTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

I AM HAPPY TO BE HERE ON THIS GREAT DAY - THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE FSM. TODAY, WE MEET TO CELEBRATE OUR INDEPENDENCE. YET, I ASK MYSELF, ARE WE READY TO MEET THE GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDEPENDENCE? ARE WE READY TO FACE THIS FREEDOM THAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN? CAN WE, THE CITIZENS OF THE FSM, USE THIS FREEDOM WISELY? WE MUST ALL BE GRATEFUL THAT THERE WAS NO FIGHTING OR KILLING TO GAIN OUR FREEDOM. MOST COUNTRY OF THE WORLD, LIKE THE U.S., FOUGHT FOR THEIR FREEDOM, THEIR INDEPENDENCE. WE MUST ALL THANK GOD THAT EVERYTHING DONE FOR OUR FREEDOM WAS DONE PEACEFULLY. WE MUST ALL TRY HARD TO MAKE OUR INDEPENDENCE SPECIAL AND PEACEFUL FOR EVERYONE.

TO ALL YOU STUDENTS AND YOUTH OF THE FSM, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THIS INDEPENDENCE, OUR INDEPENDENCE. INDEPENDENCE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL THAT WE MUST CHERISH AND LOVE. JOKE ABOUT OTHER THINGS, BUT PLEASE TAKE THIS ONE THING SERIOUSLY. INDEPENDENCE IS NOT TO BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED. IT MUST NOT BE MISUSED. FOR INSTANCE, THERE WERE TWO BROTHERS WHO WERE GIVEN TWO COCONUTS TO PLANT BY THEIR FATHER. ONE OF THEM CAREFULLY PLANTED HIS AND CARED FOR IT. THE OTHER THOUGHT THAT IT WAS A JOKE AND PLAYED WITH HIS. WHEN HE PLANTED IT, IT GREW ONLY TWO FEET, THEN WITHERED AND DIED. THE FIRST BROTHER'S TREE GREW TALL, HEALTHY, AND BEAUTIFUL. HE ENJOYED SITTING UNDER IT AND DRINKING FROM IT. THE OTHER BROTHER WAS MISERABLE BECAUSE HE SAW THE OTHER TREE AND WISHED HE HAD ONE. TO ALL YOU TEENAGERS, I KNOW THAT MOST OF YOU ARE NOT REALLY THINKING HARD ABOUT INDEPENDENCE, BUT PLEASE THINK MORE ABOUT IT THAN FUN. I AM NOT SAYING THAT IT IS BAD TO HAVE FUN, BUT THERE IS MORE TO LIFE THAN HAVING FUN ALL THE TIME. DON'T JOKE OR MAKE FUN OF INDEPENDENCE. TAKE CARE OF IT AND IT WILL CARE FOR YOU. TODAY'S INDEPENDENCE WAS STARTED BY OUR PARENTS; LET TOMORROW'S BE CONTINUED BY US, THE FUTURE OF THE FSM.

WHAT DOES INDEPENDENCE DO FOR US? FOR ONE THING, IT IS MAKING IT EASIER FOR US TO DO AND SAY THINGS THAT WE COULD NOT IN THE PAST. FOR EXAMPLE, WE USED TO SAY: POHNPEI, TRUK, KOSRAE, AND YAP AS INDIVIDUALS, BUT NOW, WE ARE THE FSM. WE USED TO KEEP TO OURSELVES, BUT NOW WE CAN TEACH OR SHARE OUR CULTURE AND IDEAS THAT WE COULDN'T IN THE PAST. HERE IS A COMMENT I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU; "EACH OF THE STATES IN THE FSM IS A DIFFERENT COLOR, WHEN THEY ARE UNITED, THEY FORM A RAINBOW - THE FSM." I DON'T KNOW WHAT YEAR OR PLACE THIS COMMENT WAS MADE BY POSTMASTER GENERAL BETHWEL HENRY, BUT I THINK IT IS A GOOD WAY OF THINKING ABOUT THE FSM. NOW WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO SAY THAT WE ARE ALL OF THE SAME COUNTRY. WE ARE ALL MICRONESIANS. TOGETHER WE CAN LOOK TO THE FUTURE AND AT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EACH STATE IN THE FSM.

I HOPE THAT WE ALL LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE AND HARMONY LIKE A RAINBOW. MENLAU KALAIMWUN, KILISOU CHAPUR, KULO, KAMMAGAR, AND THANK YOU.

# Israeli Ambassador



**ISRAEL RECOGNIZES FSM - Moments before he presented his credentials to President John R. Haglegam, second from left, the Israeli Ambassador to the FSM, The Hon. Zohar Raz, standing, says "It is my pleasant duty to convey to Your Excellency the most cordial greetings from the President of Israel" during formal presentation ceremony held at the FSM Congress Chamber on Nov. 22. Sitting at right is Mrs. Klila Raz. At far left is FSM External Affairs Secretary Andon Amarach who was also the Master of Ceremony of the occasion.**

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deal of development since its independence forty years ago. Your country's achievements in nation-building and in various fields of development is well-known and respected. Your country's outstanding efforts at building your nation to what it is today have been the result of the sheer dedication energy and know-how of the people of Israel," adding, "My country enters only its second year of independence and much lies ahead for us to do in nation-building and economic development," said Haglegam.

Haglegam said, "The FSM thus looks forward to learning from the experience of other countries like Israel, to assure stable political, economic and social development for itself."

In conclusion, the President said, "Please convey to his excellency, President Chaim Herzog the greetings and best wishes of the government and people of the FSM."

Raz called the ceremony "Unique, if not an historical affair," to formally establish direct diplomatic relations between the two countries.

He said, "My appointment as an Ambassador shows the wish of Israel to strengthen the ties between our two countries which has been established few months ago, and to build them on a regular basis," adding, "Israel is prepared to share its experience and know how in various fields with the FSM as with other friendly countries in the Pacific region.

"Israel which is celebrating its fortieth anniversary is still struggling to achieve its desire for peace and stability. We dream of the day when durable peace will come to our beloved country,"

Raz said.

In conclusion he said, "It is my pleasant duty to convey to Your Excellency the most cordial greetings of the President of Israel. President Chaim Herzog, extend to Your Excellency, his best wishes for your good health and for the welfare and prosperity of the people of the FSM.

Ambassador Raz is his country's Ambassador to Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Western Samoa, Tonga, and the Marshall Islands and previously served as Oceania Division Director; Division of Asia and Oceania Assistant Director; Sydney, Australia Consulate-General of Israel Consul; Athens Israel Diplomatic Representation Counselor; Office of Assistant Director-General (Administration) Principal Assistant; Personnel Division Second Secretary; Ministry of Defense, and Israel Defense Forces.

Raz who was born in Tel-Aviv, Israel, received his B.A. degree in Political Science and Middle Eastern Affairs from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1955.

He served in the Israel Defence Forces; Ministry of Defense, and as Second Secretary, Embassy of Israel in Sierra Leone. He was Principal Assistant, Personnel Division; Principal Assistant, Office of Assistant Director-General (Administration); Counselor, Israel Diplomatic Representative in Athens; Consul, Consulate-General of Israel in Sydney, Australia; Assistant Director for the Division of International Economic Organization; Assistant Director, Division of Asia and Oceania; Director of Oceania Division and as Ambassador to Fiji. Ambassador Raz, who is based in Suva, Fiji, was accompanied by his wife, Klila.

# Standards ...

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## \$10M Private Housing Proj.

### Broke ground in Palikir

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Ground was broken Nov. 29 for a joint venture of \$10 million housing project in Palikir, Pohnpei.

The project is on a 17 hectares area about quarter of a mile southeast and adjacent to the FSM Capitol complex with 350 housing units and include recreation areas, parks, shopping center, a dispensary and a consideration of a post office to be put up later on, Herbert Gallen, one of the partners, said.

Tokuzo Satake of Satake Shoji in Tokyo and a Pohnpeian couple Herbert and Elihna Gallen formed Herbert-Elihna-Gallen-Satake (HEGS) Company to build an eventual 350 units. The project began in December with the initial construction of 70 units on the six hectares quick-claimed deeded area to the Gallens in Palikir as first phase of its five-year development plan, Gallen added.

# Education chiefs meet, recommend database setup

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A resolution requesting the FSM President through the FSM Representative Office in Washington to urgently notify appropriate U.S. Government Officials and U.S. institutions of higher education that the FSM citizens are presently eligible for PELL Grant, SEOG, and College Work-Study Programs was among three resolutions adopted by the FSM Association of Chief State School Officers (FACSO) during its Sept. 12-16, conference held at the FSM Human Resources Department in Pohnpei.

The resolution (FACSO, 3-3) cited that there have been incidences where FSM citizens have experienced difficulties in obtaining admission to and financial assistance from several U.S. colleges and universities after FSM citizens eligibility to the financial aid programs was reinstated when the U.S. House Resolution 4639 became law on July 18, 1988.

The resolution further cited that the ability for these students to contribute to the development of the nation has been impaired since they have not been able to pursue their studies at these colleges and universities.

Other resolutions passed by the FSM education chiefs are: FACSO, 3-1, requesting FSM Congressional financial and policy support regarding the implementation of the Population Policy of the FSM, and FACSO, 3-2, requesting FSM Congress to take an active role in securing continuance of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Service Program for the duration of the Compact of Free Association.

The FACSO also requested the FSM Department of Human Resources to develop guidelines on accreditation of secondary schools in the FSM for its review before Dec. 1 and the possibility to use the PELL Grant data base in tracking the FSM students attending the U.S. post-secondary institutions among eight recommendations.

Other recommendations include:

- Requesting that the Department of Human Resources research and prepare recommendations on the issue of Language Policy as it relates to the National

Minimum Curriculum Standards, and to make suggestions on issues the states may consider in their instructional activities, with special emphasis given to means by which language can be utilized as a unifying agent in the Nation.

- Requesting the Department of Human Resources to determine and disseminate information on the participation of FSM students and teachers in the CLOSE-UP Foundation Program.

- Requesting the Department of Human Resources to research and prepare recommendations on ways to improve parental/community involvement in education, including a comprehensive listing of ongoing parental/community involvement activities.

- Recommending the Yap State Education Director Alfonso Fanechigiy to represent the FSM to the Northwest Regional

Educational Laboratory (NWREL) Board of Directors meeting in March 1989; and further recommending that State Education directors and the FSM Assistant Secretary for Education alternately represent the FSM at NWREL's future meetings.

- Requesting the FSM President and the Department of Human Resources to initiate immediate contact with U.S. Government officials regarding the continuance of the Insular Areas Consolidation (IAC) Programs, and to continue or establish the Territorial Teacher Training Assistance Program (TTTAP) or the Bilingual Education Program, and

- Recommending the establishment of a centralized information database and the means by which the states may electronically obtain information.

## Joint Telecom Board meet

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Joint Telecommunication Board, including delegations of both the FSM and the U.S., met for the first time on November 7 and 8 here, according to a press release from the U.S. Representative's Office.

The Board is established by the Compact of Free Association between the U.S. and the FSM.

The U.S. delegation was led by Department of State Office of Radio Spectrum Policy Deputy Director William Jahn. It also included U.S. Representative Michael Wygant and representatives from the Department of Commerce, Defense, Interior and State. The FSM side was led by Transportation Secretary Robert Weilbacher. It included FSM representative to the U.S. Jesse Marehalau and officials from the Departments of External Affairs and Transportation, the Attorney General's Office, and FSM Telecom.

The Board discussed radio frequency management issues, representation of FSM interests in the United Nations International Telecommunication Union (ITU), telecommunications training to be made available by the U.S. for the FSM, and amateur radio agreements.

The next meeting of the Board has been tentatively set for May 1989 in Washington, D.C.

## Truk Concon

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Truk Constitutional Convention has approved four out of 280 proposals including a proposal to make the constitution as supreme rule of the state, according to Broadcast and Information Chief Joe Commor.

The Convention earlier amended the length of its scheduled days from 60 to 75 days, Commor said, adding that Convention is currently in consideration of a proposal to make Truk a bicameral legislature and another as relative to distribution and division of funds.

Others passed up to November 18, include: Proposal to prohibit capital punishment; proposal relating to excessive fines and unusual punishment; and a proposal relating to incrimination and double jeopardy also under the civil liberties.

# Palau elections still unofficial Congress....

KOROR, Palau (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Palau businessman and Ngatpang State Governor Ngi-ratkel Etpison led the Palau Presidential Election race held on Nov. 2 in an unofficial results count of 31 votes over businessman and Airai State Governor Roman Tmetuchl who got 2,361 votes with President Thomas Remengasau receiving 1,761 votes and four others

## In Memoriam



**Sigrah**

TOFOL, Kosrae (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Former FSM Congress Vice Speaker and recent Kosrae State Associate Justice Joab Sigrah died November 2 in Kosrae at the age of 56 after a prolonged illness.

Governor Resio Moses, on behalf of President John R. Hagelgam and the governors of the FSM, declared on Nov. 3 a moment of silent prayer during the Independence Day Celebrations held in Kolonia, Pohnpei, and decreed that all FSM flags to fly half-mast in recognition of Sigrah, who is considered as one of the foremost leaders of the FSM.

Sigrah was the Vice Speaker of the First, Second and Third Congresses of the FSM. Sigrah also served as a member of the Committees on R&D of the Second Congress of the FSM, and R&D and Ways and Means Committee in the Third FSM Congress.

Sigrah is survived by his widow Nikeme Likiak Sigrah and their children.

tailing behind, according to Palau Election Commission officials.

However, a challenge filed by Tmetcuhl charging voting irregularities in the election has held up determination of the winner.

Etpison, 63, who received 2,392 votes led a seven-way Presidential race to the finish which included Chief Ibedul Yudaka Gibbons who received 729 votes; Ngchesar State Governor Moses Uludong, 588; former Palau Minister of State John O. Ngiraked, 764, and National Legislature House Speaker Santos Olikong, 475.

Palau Election Commission officials said of the two who were running for the Vice Presidency in this election, Kuniwo Nakamura led with 5,453 votes over Kazuo Asanuma's 3,317.

Election officials said that Palau's Election Law provides for a filing of recount two weeks after the election day. Palau Election officials also said that the Palau's Constitution and Election Law do not provide for a run-off election except in a tie-vote situation.

The unofficial winners in the Senate include: First District: Seit Andres, Tommy Remengasau, and Masayuki Adelpai; Second District: Isidoro Rudimch, Dr. Minor Ueki, and Sam Mesang; Third District: Harry Fritz, Idelpang Luii, and Joshua Koshiba; Fourth District: Peter Sadang, Peter Suykama, and Daiziro Nakamura; Fifth District: Lucius Malsol (who ran unopposed); and Sixth District: Haruo Esang and Yukiwo Schmull.

Unofficial winners in the House of Delegates include: Erence Beches; Kayangel State; Johnny Reklai, Ngerechelong State; Laurentino Ulechlong, Ngaraard State; Hideo Termetet, Ngiwal State; Augustine Meseblauu, Melekeok State; Ignacio Anastacio, Ngchesar State; Hideo Tell, Airai State; Allen Sied, Koror; Lucio Ngiraiwed, Ngardmau State; Siro Kyota, Ngeremlengui State; Surangel Whibbs, Ngatpang State; Minami Ueki, Aimeliik State; Takeshi Kindol, Peleliu State; Mario Gulibert, An-gaur State; and Thomas Patris (who ran unopposed) for Tobi.

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mental Protection Agency Consolidated Grant application.

C.R. 5-220, expressing sorrow and extending deepest sympathy and condolences of the FSM Congress to the family and friends of the late Carlos Etscheit, and prominent businessman in the FSM and Pohnpei State.

C.R. 5-221, approving the FY 1989 Childhood Immunization grant application.

C.R. 5-222, approving the FY 1989 Sexually Transmitted Disease grant application.

C.R. 5-223, approving the FY 1989 AIDS Program grant application.

C.R. 5-224, approving the FY 1989 Pohnpei Community Health Center grant application.

C.R. 5-227, approving the Fy 1989 United Nations Fund for Population Activities grant application in support of the Truk State Population Census.

C.R. 5-228, respectfully requesting the FSM President to escalate and expedite his efforts with the U.S. Government, and the governments and private organizations of other nations, to obtain funding for the construction of a new college campus in the FSM.

C.R. 5-229, approving a fishing agreement concluded between the Micronesian Maritime Authority and Certain Japanese fisheries associations.

C.R. 5-230, respectfully requesting the FSM President to expeditiously seek from the U.S. Government appropriate timely correction of the defects and deficiencies found in certain Capital Improvement Program projects throughout the FSM.

C.R. 5-231, expressing deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences to the family and friends of the late Honorable Joab N. Sigrah and the people of Kosrae.

C.R. 5-232, confirming Kun J. Olter as National Election Commissioner for Kosrae State.

C.R. 5-233, respectfully requesting the FSM President to request from the U.S. Government technical assistance funds to help in the assessment and improvement of the Nation's educational and manpower development system.

C.R. 5-234, expressing sorrow and extending deepest sympathies and condolences of the FSM Congress to the family and friends of the late Mrs. Sepe Nena.

C.R. 5-236, approving the FY 1989 Historic Preservation Lighthouse grant application.

C.R. 5-237, expressing gratitude and appreciation of the Congress to K.P.N. Nair and to the International Monetary Fund for the services of Nair.

C.R. 5-239, expressing and extending the gratitude and sincere appreciation of the FSM Congress to Henry Hickey for his dedication, service and contributions to the FSM.

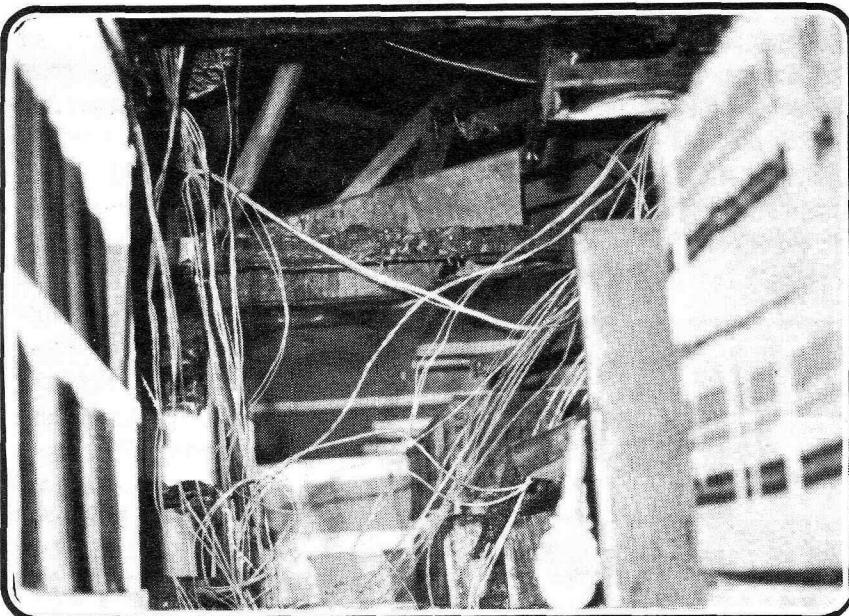
# Fire damaged FSMSC library

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The combined alertness of the FSM Division of Security and Investigation (DSI) and Pohnpei State Fire and Disaster Coordination Division saved the FSM Supreme Court building and its law library from a total burn down on Nov. 25.

"We are extremely grateful for the alertness of DSI and the rapid response of Pohnpei State Fire and Disaster Coordination Division. Each person involved did what each was supposed to do. Working together, they saved our building," said FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward C. King, who was informed of the fire at 4:00 a.m. at his home by Pohnpei State Justice Department Director Daro Weital.

The fire was spotted by a DSI Special Contract Safety Officer Johnny Hicks of Kapingamarangi at 3:55 a.m. on Friday (Nov. 25) while on a routine check of the FSM complex buildings. Hicks said he smelled the burning and saw smoke coming out of the Supreme Court building and notified the DSI central radio about it.

The Pohnpei State Fire and Disaster Coordination Division, responding to the



**FSMSC LIBRARY BURNED** - Above photo shows part of the area damaged by the fire that gutted the Supreme Court's law library.

emergency call, was able to put out the fire in 15 minutes.

The fire apparently started at a switch panel, gutted portions of one wall and several large book shelves, several hundred

volumes of law books and burned an 8-foot hole through the ceiling and the rafters.

The initial estimated damages were in excess of \$20,000 said the Supreme Court officials.

## 14th Chief Executives' Conference concluded

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Investment Development Fund (IDF) and Joint Law Enforcement Funding for major crimes were among major topics of consideration by the 14th Chief Executives' Conference held Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 1988 at the Kolonia Town Hall, Pohnpei.

The President and the four governors also considered Interstate and international sea transportation in a briefing by FSM Transportation Secretary Robert Weil-

bacher and also heard briefing from members of the FSM Congress regarding its version of the IDF bill.

Other major topics considered during the two-day conference included:

- Policy on Foreign Aid, Trade and Investment
- Development of a National Hospital
- Utilization of Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for deficit reduction
- Drawdown of Federal Programs funds
- Interest on Investment and its distribution formula

- Transitional matters regarding federal programs; step-down of Compact funds; budget planning and revenue base

The 14th CEC also considered the next State/National Leadership Conference and decided that it should be held either in December of 1988 or January 1989 with the date to be decided upon later on.

The conference decided that the next CEC chairman will be Governor Petrus Tun of Yap.

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