

FSM and Indonesia established diplomatic relations

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - In its continuing efforts to expand its diplomatic relations, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia announced July 16, the formal establishment of diplomatic relations between the FSM and the Republic of Indonesia, according to a release from the Department of External Affairs.

In a ceremony held in Tokyo, a Joint Communique was signed by

the representatives of both Governments, formalizing the understanding reached between the Foreign Minister of Indonesia Ali Alatas and Acting Secretary of External Affairs Asterio Takesy. Alatas and Takesy agreed to the establishment of diplomatic relations between Indonesia and the FSM during their meeting in Seoul, Korea, while attending the 47th Annual ESCAP Conference.

The Communique said, in part,

that both Governments have decided to establish diplomatic relations at Ambassadorial level, and the accreditation of the respective Ambassadors will be duly decided.

FSM Ambassador to Japan Masao Nakayama signed the Communique for the FSM Government, and Indonesia's Ambassador to Japan, Poedji Koentarlo signed for Indonesia. This brings to 22, the number of countries with which FSM has established diplomatic relations.



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Four proposed amendments to the Con Con passed

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Results of the referendum held in the four states, July 2nd on the 26 proposed amendments to the 12-year old FSM Constitution adopted by the 1990 FSM Constitutional Convention in Pohnpei, have been reported to FSM President Bailey Olter with four proposed amendments passed and the other 22 which didn't meet the 75 percent requirement in order to pass.

The four that were passed include Committee Proposal Numbers 90-13 SD1, 90-19 SD1, 90-23 CD1, and 90-25 CD1.

In the state of Chuuk all proposed amendments did not pass, Pohnpei
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U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY - President Bailey Olter after his remarks proposed a toast during the U.S. Independence Day celebration at the U.S. Ambassador's residence. See story on Page 5.

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passed 22 of the 26 proposed amendments, Yap State, 23 amendments were approved and in Kosrae, four were approved. The referendum results show only four of the 26 proposed amendments received the required minimum 75 percent affirmative votes for approval of amendments.

The four proposed amendments which were passed in the referendum are 90-13 relating to repealing the power of the national government to define major crimes; 90-19, prohibiting the use of court precedent from other jurisdictions; 90-23, to remove the language relating to transition and to prohibit indefinite land leases in certain circumstances; and 90-25, delineating national power over health and education.

Dorrance dies from cancer

HONOLULU, Hawaii (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A Career U.S. Foreign Service Officer and the dean of America's Pacific diplomats John C. Dorrance died June 30 at the age of 59 in Washington D.C. after a nine-month battle with cancer, according to a release by Richard W. Baker of the Research Associate International Relations Program at East-West Center.

Dorrance had retired from the Foreign Service at the end of September last year after a 33-year career that included postings in Suva, Canberra, Saipan, and Sydney as well as assignments in the State Department in Washington relating to Pacific Islands and Australia-New Zealand affairs.

He was the author of several books and journal articles on U.S. interests and policies in the Pacific area. Partly as a result of his own career example as well as his untiring efforts to stimulate greater attention by the American foreign policy establishment to the Pacific, there is now a solid and still growing corps of U.S. specialists in this region.

Dorrance is survived by his wife May Lou Dorrance, who resides in Potomac Maryland, and a son. "He will be greatly missed," the release concluded.



FINANCE AWARDS OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES - An Award Presentation ceremony was held in the office of the Secretary of Finance in July, showing appreciation of officials of the Department for superior performances of certain employees in the Department as part of the National Government's policy to promote proper employer-employee relations to achieve a productive work force, according to Finance Department official.

Four employees of the Division of Revenue received certificates of awards in recognition of their superior performance in the processing of Income Tax Refunds for Tax Year 1990. Recipients were Truman M. Wakuk, recently joined the Division of Archives & Historic Preservation, Office of Administrative Services; Revenue Officer Erwihne G. David; Tax Technician Lucy D. Leopold; and Manager of Documents Processing Branch and supervisor of the employees receiving the awards Palikkun A. George.

Commending the awards recipients for their achievements, Office of Administrative Services (OAS) Director Kohne K. Ramon, said, "This is the Government's most prestigious award. The certificates are very important because they become permanent memorabilia of the employees to be cherished forever." Ramon further said that the achievement of the desired result for a task is dependent on the acceptance of instructions, conditions, and so forth, by the employees in performing the task and the proper Supervision provided to them by their supervisor.

Witnessing the presentation ceremony were Secretary of Finance Al Tuuth, OAS division of Personnel, Administrator Isabel J. Gawel, and Finance division of Revenue Administrator Ben Rikin.

Olter approves purchase of fishing vessels

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter, in July approved a \$1,212,940 dollars contract for the purchase of two new 53 ft. Tuna Long Line Fishing vessels constructed by Delta Marine Industries in Seattle, Washington. The fund was made available under Public Law No. 6-69, passed by the Sixth Congress.

Both vessels are outfitted with the required fishing gears and will employ 12 FSM fishermen on board

and two shore personnel.

It is expected that the project will generate revenues sufficient to support its continued operation, increase export earnings and import substitution.

The contract also binds the FSM to abide by applicable regulations issued by state, the national agencies, local or foreign, providing funds for the project.

This is an "important aspect of our development" says President Olter upon approving the contract.

Pacific AIDS Alert Bulletin aims at prevention of AIDS

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A new publication aimed at preventing the spread of AIDS and STD in the region has been launched by the South Pacific Commission (SPC), according to a release from SPC.

The Pacific AIDS ALERT Bulletin is the most recent activity of the oldest regional organization in the Pacific in its efforts to assist in limiting the new epidemic disease that has devastated so many countries in other parts of the world.

The Bulletin contains the latest information about AIDS in the Pacific, stories about projects and innovative approaches by governments and non-government organizations in the worldwide efforts to prevent the spread of AIDS.

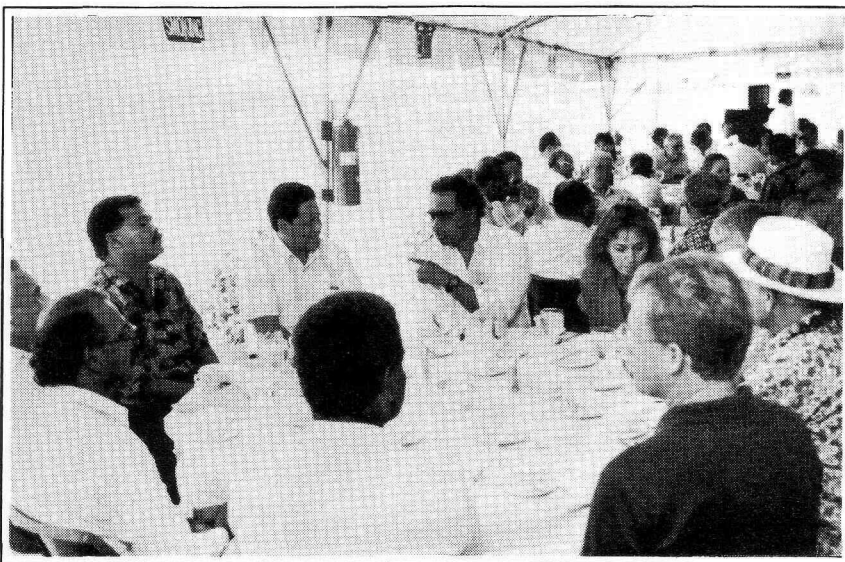
The Bulletin is only available in English for the moment, but a French version should be available in the near future.

The number of AIDS cases in the Pacific has increased from one in 1985 to 67 in eight Pacific island countries in 1990. And 229 people are reported to be infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the virus that causes AIDS.

These are only the officially reported cases, according to the Bulletin. The actual number of cases is most likely substantially greater than the official figures.

Because a person can be infected with the virus for seven to ten years or longer before the effects of AIDS appears, that person can infect others without knowing it. "We must all act now and not wait until we are personally touched by AIDS before doing something about it," the Bulletin warns.

'We hope the Bulletin will provide ideas to individuals, groups and organizations on how they can help prevent the tragedy caused by AIDS in other countries in the world from happening in the Pacific,' the SPC Deputy Director of Programs Ploma Komiti, said.



CULTURAL VALUE IN THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE - In the photo above provided by the Kapalua Pacific Center are: Matt Kuor, and Ihlen Joseph, FSM; Louis Hao, Hawaii; Lynn Britton, Maui, Hawaii; Jim Luckey, Maui, Hawaii; Mark Juergensmeyer, University of Hawaii; Bhaskaran Nair, Fiji; and Paula Bloomfield, Tonga, during the Cultural Value in the Age of Technology Conference held in Maui, Hawaii.

Joseph and Kuor attend Cultural Conference

KAPALUA-Maui, Hawaii (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Deputy Secretary for Finance Department Ihlen K. Joseph and Yap State Legislature Vice Speaker Matt Kuor attended the five-day conference on Cultural Values in the Age of Technology held at Kapalua at Maui, Hawaii, according to a release from Kapalua Pacific Center.

Twenty Pacific island nations were represented by government officials and educators in the conference which was funded by the United States Congress through the East-West Center in Honolulu. The meeting evolved from a growing understanding that island cultures are in jeopardy as the emerging use of modern technology brings strong influences from around the world. Prime Minister Geoffrey Henry of the Cook Islands gave the keynote address and Ambassador Margaret Taylor of Papua New Guinea gave a talk entitled "An Island Perspec-

tive of the Economic/Cultural Dilemma."

The conference was also strongly encouraged by new initiatives enunciated by President George Bush October 1990 where he pledged extended outreach by the United States in establishing with island nations a Joint Commercial Commission, funds for economic development, educational exchanges and assistance in agriculture and fisheries development.

The 50 island nation participants were joined by Hawaii and mainland delegates in discussions and case studies of technologies and their impact on citizens.

U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye, a major figure in making the conference possible, appeared on a live television hookup by satellite from Washington D.C., a strong example of the impact technologies have in reaching across nations and oceans to affect the lives of all.

4 FSM National Law Day Debates

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Supreme Court sponsored the FSM National Law Day featuring the FSM national debate which named the Yap proponent debator Lyna Ruan and Flavi Tacheliol to the National title as they prevailed over their opponents, the Xavier High School students of Chuuk debaters Crispino Houmarek and Genevieve Mangefel in the national debate Championship held July 12.

FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Edward C. King and President Bailey Olter delivered messages during the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the FSM Supreme Court.

President Olter in his Law Day Message said, "Today, we will witness a great event. A debate conducted by outstanding young citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia: John Johnson and Diamondra Joel representing Ponape Island Central School (PICS) and Christian Calvary Academy High Schools of Pohnpei respectively, Crispino Houmarek and Genevieve Mangefel from Xavier High School of Chuuk, Mark Lowary and Paliknoa Tosie of Kosrae High School and Lyna Ruan and Flavi Tacheliol of Yap High School."

"Each of these fine young people is already a champion debater, each having won contests in his or her home State," Olter said, adding, "Throughout the history of the world there have been many great debates, but one debate has endured longer than nearly all the others. It is a debate required of every people, it is a debate required of every culture."

Continuing his message, Olter said, "Government entrusts into the hands of the few the welfare of the many. There is little doubt that governments, based upon the rule of law, are the most difficult. Such governments are clumsy. Decisions are long in coming when the representatives of the people must debate. The application of law in the halls of justice is along and hard task, when the rights of all are to be protected."

He said, "I salute all of you who are about to take part in this great contest of idea. You are champions already, every one of you. And your presence here today, gives me and every citizen of the FSM, pride in our people, and confidence in our future. For it is on people like you that our future depends



FSM NATIONAL LAW DAY - In front is National Justice Ombudsman Johnny and at the back from left to right are the contestants Flavi Tacheliol, Crispino Howarek, and Genevieve Mangefel, and Lina Ruan who is missing from the photo, were the finalists of the National Law Day debate.

and I know that our future is in good hands."

King said, "As we all know this is the beginning of our Law Day activities in the FSM, these activities today have special meaning as we celebrate the existence now for 10 years of Judiciaries established through the decisions and actions of Micronesian leaders, judiciaries which have been upholding a constitution developed by Micronesian leaders and approved by the people of the FSM; Judiciaries which have been applying statutes enacted by State Legislatures and the Congress of this nation."

"There is another message in this debate however, that I hope all will consider as well. We want you all to understand that the problem being debated today is one of the more difficult problems which faces judicial systems within the Federated States of Micronesia. You should know too that the FSM supreme Court, all of the state Courts, and probably all the courts throughout the Pacific, have from time to time, being questioned and criticized for relying too heavily on the common law and for deciding too few cases on the basis of custom and tradition," King said, adding, "Thus by putting this issue up for debate before a national audience the Judiciaries have put forward and exposed what is perhaps our most mortal and vulnerable aspect. We do this not because we enjoy being defenseless

but because we believe this to be our duty."

"This leads me to what I believe to be the most important point. This debate reflects a judicial belief that a system of law designed to serve the people of the Federated States of Micronesia cannot be developed if we try to avoid the hard issues. Nor can a Micronesian system of law develop through so-called education programs which avoid discussing different perspectives. The hard issues must be faced directly, we believe, and it is the obligation of the leaders to assist the people in seeing and understanding the competing points of view. That is what I consider to be the real point of these Law Day debates," King concluded.

The debate format had set two minutes for the introduction, 15 minutes for the main arguments, five minutes for the rebuttal, two or three minutes for the direct and cross examinations, and 4 minutes for the summation.

The coaches of the National Debate participants were PICS High School staff Wilson Nedlic, Christian Calvary Academy, Ruth Ann Arthur, Xavier High School, Michael Lee, Yap High School, Alex Gottdank, and a Councilor at Kosrae High School Steve Sigrah.

The eight who participated in the semifinal and final national debate won a prize of cash which will go toward their education upon entering college.

U.S. & Philippines independence days celebrated in FSM

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei, (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - People gathered at the U.S. Ambassador's residence July 4th to celebrate the Independence Day for the United States of America, the two hundred and fifteenth Anniversary of the U.S.'s declaration of independence from Great Britain.

Present at the celebration include FSM President Bailey Olter, Vice President Jacob Nena, Chief Justice Edward King, National and Pohnpei State governments officials, Diplomatic Corps and other guests.

After the remarks follows the official toasts, food & drinks which were in abundance and were self-served.

In another related activity, the Embassy of the Republic of the Philippines in Kolonia scheduled activities for the week of June 9-15, commemorating the 92nd Anniversary of the Philippines Independence Day, June 12.

A program of activities was prepared by the Philippine Embassy in Pohnpei with championship games and exhibition of Philippine handicrafts and products. The main events were scheduled for June 12, beginning with an English Mass in the morning at the Catholic Church, and Flag raising ceremony at the Philippine Embassy, an Independence Day reception in the evening at the China Restaurant, and the Filipino Club awarding of trophies took place at Palm Terrace.

President Olter in June and July sent personal messages to President George Bush of the United States of America and President Corazon Aquino of the Republic of the Philippines separately, extending heartiest congratulations to them and their people of the U.S. and the Philippines on the 215th and 92nd Anniversaries respectively.

In his messages President Olter expressed deep commitment that the people of the FSM have for the special relationships which the FSM have with the two countries.

U.S. Ambassador to the FSM Aurelia E. Brazeal in her remarks during the U.S. Independence day at her residence, places special emphasis on the virtues

of democracy, importance of nation-building, and Bill of Rights, according to U.S. Embassy Administrative Officer Marialice Eperiam.

Brazeal in continuing her remarks said that the U.S. and the FSM have worked together for many years to help shape a more secure, more prosperous world, "a world in which our ideals and our democratic way of life can flourish."

"On a day when we celebrate values America has lived by for 215 years, some may ask what they are? In outlining a few virtues of Democracy, she said, "Looking back at history, it seems clear that Americans, in the absence of direct rule from England, had to develop the habits of self-reliance, community-building, and self-government that may be summarized under the heading of civic responsibility. Such responsibility requires not only individual initiative but also a spirit of cooperation — in equal parts. These virtues of democracy the people of the FSM also share," she said.

"Another attribute of Democracy is personal economic enterprise, or private sector initiative. While not unknown in previous history, in a capitalist system it becomes the center, the dynamo, the ignition system of develop-

ment. It is the locomotive powering economic progress. The previous FSM Government and Congress declared the decade of the 90s the decade for economic development. Your new government and congress share this declaration and want to reap early rewards. The United States wishes to work with you to help speed up economic growth, including especially private sector development and privatization," Brazeal said.

Brazeal continued saying, "A final virtue to mention today is creativity. This virtue is central to democracy and capitals whose institutions are designed to nourish creativity in every sphere of life. In Capitalism the central animating dynamic is invention, discovery, enterprise — in short, creative means free to move full speed ahead. This we need in our so-called "Information Era," for surely in the 21st century, nations and people will have access to the same information. Differences will come in how such information is used."

"Use of information leads me to underscore the importance of education. Education is another priority of the FSM which the U. S supports. Feeding the minds of boys and girls in
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U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED IN FSM - Ambassador Aurelia Brazeal places special emphasis on the virtues of democracy, importance of nation-building, and Bill of Rights, as she delivers her remarks during the U.S. Independence day celebration held at her residence.

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Star Wars Pacific

United State Star Wars Anti-Missile tests will continue for the foreseeable future from Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

Acting Commander of the Kwajalein Missile Test Range Lt. Col. John Como, says the end of the cold war has not lessened the importance of the U.S. Star Wars Anti-Missile Program because the Gulf War demonstrated that any nation could develop missiles.

He says the Persian Gulf War demonstrated anybody who has enough money to buy the parts can put together a ballistic missile.

Lt. Col. Como said one of the missions of the Kwajalein Missile Range was to develop technology to thwart possible future missile attacks against U.S. Forces.

Kwajalein is dotted with radar equipment to measure the accuracy of missiles fired into its lagoon from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California about 6700km away.

FSM-Marshalls-UN

The Security Council held three brief meetings August 7 to refer four applications for United Nations (UN) membership to its committee on the admission of new members.

One meeting dealt with applications from both North and South Korea. The other meetings dealt with applications from two Pacific island nations, the FSM and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Reuters News Agency says all four requests are certain to be approved by the Admissions Committee whose recommendations will be ratified by the Council on Thursday.

The four applicants will be formally admitted to the World body on September 17, the opening day of the Annual General Assembly Session, raising U.N. membership from 159 to 163.

Kiribati-Global Warming

The tiny Pacific nation of Kiribati which may be one of the first to be adversely affected by the global warming resulting from Greenhouse gasses is preparing plans to combat problems caused by the predicted sea level rise.

Kiribati's environmental Coordinator with the Ministry of Natural Resources Tererei Abete says water conservation is being given priority in the planned programs.

She has agreed with suggestions by the University of Papua New Guinea and the University of the South Pacific that the Kiribati Government should establish all environmental planning unit to formulate strategies to counter global warming problems.

Ms. Abete said, these problems include the loss of land due to the rise in sea level, damage to the limited agricultural resources available and the depletion of land use for water storage.

She said the Kiribati Government is taking the threat of global warming very seriously and is making every effort to get assistance from international bodies concerned with the issue.

It will also inform the people about the dangers of global warming and measures that could be taken to minimize its effects.

Taiwan-US-Driftnets

The United States does not appreciate Taiwan's response to a U.S finding that it was violating a bilateral agreement on North Pacific Driftnet Fishing.

The U.S. Government certified in the week of the 11th to the 17 of August that Taiwanese and South Korean Driftnet fleets were fishing far beyond the agreed boundaries and by October President Bush must decide whether to retaliate with trade sanctions against seafood imports from the two countries.

U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State David Colson said South Korea had agreed and had ordered back to port two vessels that were uncooperative with U.S. Coast Guard Boarding Parties

to an ocean rendezvous for inspection and appropriate measures.

But Colson said, Taiwan had refused to order its violators back to port for punishment as the United States had asked.

He said the Taiwanese case was particularly troublesome because a Taiwanese enforcement vessel was in the vicinity but took no action.

The United States has year-to-year agreements with Taiwan, South Korea and Japan to prohibit their driftnet fleets from poaching U.S. origin Salmon and to monitor the bycatch slaughter of marine mammals and sea birds.

As part of these agreements, the parties set fishing boundaries in the North Pacific, require transmitters on all vessels for satellite monitoring of boundary compliance, allow U.S. Coast Guard High-Seas Boarding for verification and place scientific observers on 10 percent of vessels.

In another related story of PACNEWS, U.S. Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher is expected to recommend a ban on fish imports from South Korea and Taiwan in retaliation for driftnet fishing violations.

Alaskan Senator Republican Frank Murkowski said Mosbacher plans to certify that the Taiwanese and South Korea Fishing fleets have violated international driftnet agreements.

Senator Murkowski said the certification, a formal notice that the two nations are violating U.S. Fisheries Law, would enable President George Bush to impose trade restrictions on Taiwanese and South Korea fish products.

Mosbacher's review adds to a Senate Bill that would ban fish imports from all nations with high-seas driftnet fleets.

Alaska fishermen have complained bitterly about what they say is widespread interception of Alaska-Bound salmon by the driftnet vessels in the North Pacific are supposed to target only squid.

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the FSM, and in my own country, will unleash their energies, their imagination and lead to a better future. Lead to a better nation. To Nation-Building," she said.

Brazeal added, "The United States has shared the FSM's Nation-Building struggle. Both countries worked hard to obtain the December 22, 1990 action by the United Nations Security Council which confirmed earlier termination of Trusteeship status of the FSM. America is now standing with the FSM in support of your United Nations membership," she added and also said, "I should also mention that FSM citizens serve in the American Military. Today, I went to the airport for the arrival of a Pohnpei,

Mackwelung and Falcam sworn-in

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) FSM Senators Leo A. Falcam of Pohnpei and Moses Mackwelung of Kosrae were sworn-in August 6 by Pohnpei State Court Chief Justice Edwel Santos during the opening day of the FSM Congress Special Session.

In Pohnpei, Leo A. Falcam defeated Pedro Harris in the July 2nd special election to fill the vacant four-year seat for Pohnpei in the FSM Congress left by Bailey Olter when elected 3rd FSM President. Official returns certified by Heinrich A. Stevenson, National Election Commissioner in Pohnpei State and transmitted to President Bailey Olter, July 8, 1991 showed that Falcam received a total of 4,874 votes, while Pedro Harris received 3,252 votes.

In Kosrae, former Lt. Governor Moses Mackwelung defeated former Chief Justice Harry Skilling by a large margin in the July 2nd special election to fill the vacant four-year seat for Kosrae in the FSM Congress vacated by Jacob Nena when elected FSM 4th Vice President.

Official election returns showed Mackwelung capturing 1,223 votes while Skilling received 386 votes.

FSM citizen (Mr. Wheat Poll) who regrettably died while serving in the U.S. Army. Such service also contributes to Nation-Building. Our hearts go out to his family in this time of sorrow."

In speaking on Bill of Right, she said, "While today is America's 215th Birthday, this year is also the 200th anniversary of the United States Bill of Rights. We were the first people in history to found a nation on the basis of rights we believed we shared with human beings everywhere. For over 200 years Americans have been constantly learning about individual rights and the challenges of sustaining them."

She continued, "Because we incorporate many diverse peoples, we have made rights the foundation of our national identity. We have not always been successful in balancing the interests of the minority with the wishes of the majority. But time and again changes have been made, wrong have been righted, the nation has risen up "to live out the meaning of its creed," to quote Martin Luther King, Jr."

"The states of Micronesia also have federated together to form a nation which supports individual rights as well as collective rights. Fundamental to this endeavor is an independent judiciary.

We have found this to be necessary in the United States. Both countries also entered into a Compact of Free Association, an expression of the will of the majority in both nations," she continues.

"But I do not want to make a long speech. Still I must cover one more topic. The esteemed Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in the FSM, His excellency Philippine Ambassador Purisimo De Peralta, has set a high standard — that is to include a poem in our remarks. On this American National Day, I want to close by reading the second verse of Lift Every Voice and Sing by a famous African-American Poet, James Weldon Johnson. For me it is a prayer: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray, lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee, Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee, shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land. Fireworks are appropriately illegal in Pohnpei. Instead we timed this party for sunset — The FSM's natural glorious fireworks. Lets enjoy the view and have a birthday party," she concluded.

Olter designates acting heads of dept. and offices

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter in his memorandum of July 12, designated acting heads of 10 departments and offices of the FSM.

Olter had designated the FSM Deputy Secretary Ihlen Joseph to be the Acting Head of Finance Department; Assistant Secretary Dr. Catalino L. Cantero, Department of Human Resources; U.S. Relations Division Chief Epel Ilon, Department of External Affairs; Department of Resource and Development (R&D) Commerce & Industry Division Administrator Bumio Silbanuz, R&D Department; and Sea Transportation System Development Plan Division Manager Mathias Ewarmai, Department of Transportation and Communication; Litigation Division Chief Douglas Juergens, Attorney General's Office; Administrator Klasdin Lihpai, Budget Office; Office of Administrative Services (OAS) Administrator Isabel Gawel, OAS; Statistics Division Chief Timothy Semuda, Office of Planning and Statistics; and Administrator Eugene Babauta, Office of Public Defender.

BID ANNOUNCEMENT

The Office of Planning and Statistics requests the submittal of Pre-qualification Statements from General/Prime Contractors interested in bidding on the construction of the new Community College of Micronesia Campus. Qualification forms may be obtained by contacting the Office indicated below. The FSM Government has obtained the services of a Construction Manager who shall be responsible for the management of all Contracts.

Project Description: Part One = one to two classroom buildings, two dormitories, food service building, site/road work, on site and off site water distribution, sanitary sewers, high voltage electrical distribution, and vocational training center.

Part Two = learning resources center, faculty building, administration building, student services building, gymnasium, and covered walkway.

Bid Packages shall consist of entire work proposals and individual building proposals. Project location is Palikir, Pohnpei in the FSM. Pre-qualification forms may be obtained by contacting: Yusuf Shakoor, Office of Planning and Statistics, P.O. Box PS 4, Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941. Telephone number: (691) 320-2975 or 320-2820.

TO BE CONSIDERED, FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 23, 1991.

Aguigui Receives USDA Award

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Congratulations to Leonard Aguigui, District Director, on his selection to receive USDA's Superior Service Award, says a release from Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) Pacific Newsletter by State Director Daniel K.J. Lee.

Leonard's award is in recognition for his contributions in improving housing and rural life in the Western Pacific Area. For years, we in Hawaii and Western Pacific Territories (WPT) were well aware of Leonard's work and accomplishments. This award gives Leonard the National recognition that he deserves. Leonard traveled to Washington, DC in June to be honored and received his award from Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan and FmHA Administrator La Verne Ausman. "I know you all join me in expressing sincere congratulations to Leonard," the Lee continues.

Aguigui was an Agriculurist in the Marshalls, Chuuk and Yap State and became District Administrator for the State of Yap from 1970 to 1974.

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