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PONAPE SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM LAUNCHED

SAIPAN, M.I. (September 15)...Reverend Father Hugh Costigan, S.J., advisor to the Metalanim Housing Cooperative, Ponape, has completed a series of discussions with Trust Territory headquarters officials on the final implementation of the contract for school building construction which was recently negotiated with High Commissioner M. W. Goding.

The contract calls for construction of five school buildings in Ponape District for a total cost of \$276,406 including all labor, materials and equipment.

Three of the school buildings, totalling 15 classrooms, are in the village of Kolonia. One building of five classrooms is on Salabak Island and another of four classrooms is on Ngatik Island. Construction is estimated to be completed within 10 months.

Father Costigan, a New Yorker, formed the Metalanim Housing Cooperative in 1960 to help its members build their own houses, and has been a leader in community development projects since he arrived on Ponape in 1947 from the Philippines.

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