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PONAPE HIGH CHIEF SUCCUMBS

SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS,  
(FEBRUARY 23)...Moses Hadley, Nanmwarki of Metalanim and ranking  
traditional chief of the entire Ponape District, died at his home at  
Tempen Island, Metalanim, early Saturday morning, February 19, after  
an illness of several years, according to a dispatch received by Trust  
Territory Headquarters.

Nanmwarki Moses received the highest hereditary title and position  
in 1932. Ponape residents of younger generations remember no other  
Nanmwarki than Moses Hadley.

More than a thousand friends from all areas of Ponape converged  
on Tempen Island Saturday and Sunday to pay honor to the deceased  
Nanmwarki and to acknowledge and honor his successor, his younger  
brother, Samuel Hadley. Both Catholic and Protestant eulogies and  
services were said before interment Sunday morning.

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Nannwarki Moses was born April 10, 1894, in Metalanim. After succeeding to his high rank and title, he was also appointed "soncho" or headman of Metalanim during the years of Japanese mandate administration and had been elected chief magistrate for 14 years under the present Trust Territory administration until he withdrew his candidacy in favor of younger successors.

Nannwarki Moses is survived by his wife and ten children, a number of whom hold responsible positions in local and Trust Territory governments as well as holding traditional titled ranks.