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EKPAP SILK WINS SEAT IN SPECIAL CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ELECTION

MAJURO, MARSHALL DISTRICT, EASTERN CAROLINE ISLANDS, TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, (MAY 6)...According to a dispatch from the Marshall Islands Election Commissioner, Ekpap Silk of Ebon Atoll has won a special election in Election District C, Marshall Islands, to fill the seat in the General Assembly, Congress of Micronesia, vacated by present District Administrator Dwight Heine. Election District C comprises Jaluit, Kili, Namorik and Ebon Atolls.

In congratulating Congressman Silk in achieving this high office, High Commissioner M. W. Goding said: "Assistant Commissioners and Department heads join in extending congratulations and best wishes as you begin a new chapter in your service to the people and Government of Micronesia. We look forward to working together during the Second Regular Session of the Congress of Micronesia and in the months beyond."

Mr. Silk was born March 12, 1936, on Jabor Island, Jaluit Atoll, the third child of Mr. and Mrs. Walkup Silk. He attended Ebon public elementary school and the protestant parochial school, leaving Ebon when he was thirteen to attend the mission school on Rongrong Island, Majuro. After his graduation in 1953, he taught at the Rongrong school. In early 1954 he was employed by the Marshalls District Administration to do clerical work.

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In the spring of 1955 he entered Pacific Islands Central School, which was then on Truk, graduating in 1958. During the summers he returned to the Marshall Islands and continued his employment with the District Administration.

While at Pacific Islands Central School, Congressman Silk served as chairman of the student court, junior class treasurer, member of the student council and library aide.

While employed by the Marshalls District Administration he rose from clerical trainee to principal clerk. He served as assistant administrative officer, political and economic program assistant and worked with the local government as well. He was the youngest field trip officer to serve in the Marshalls.

In 1958 he began his higher education at the University of Hawaii. In 1962 he won an East-West Center grant and in 1964 graduated with a B.A. degree in political science. Following his graduation from the University of Hawaii he toured the United States under the auspices of the East-West Center.

At present Congressman Silk is Marshall Islands District political affairs officer; member, board of directors of the Marshalls Credit Union; and chairman of Boy Scouts of America Committee Troop 96.

During the first session of the Congress of Micronesia he served as an assistant to the legislative counsel, as journal clerk, and as secretary to several committees of the House of Delegates.

He is married to the former Isabella Capelle and has three children.