

1955 is past, but it will long be remembered in the Micronesian Mission as an historic year. The long-planned-for Pastors and Teachers Training School (PTTS) <sup>registered its first students</sup> on January 4th, 1955 at Oa, Ponape. The student body of ~~thirty young men~~ <sup>is composed of y. m</sup> includes students from the Marshall Islands, Kusaie, Ponape, Truk, and the Palaus. After a three year course of study they will return to their home islands to work in the churches, and mission, or church related schools.

Another dream became a reality when the first Indigenous Leaders Conference was held on Ponape in the month of September. Eleven delegates, ~~representing~~ each of the island groups with the exception of the Palaus, were in session for seven days discussing the past, present, and future work of the Micronesian church. Although the majority of the delegates were pastors or ordained ministers, three were laymen. Dr. ~~Harold Hanlin~~ acted as chairman, and PTTS students served as interpreters ~~as every island group has its own language.~~ Minutes of the meetings have been translated into each of <sup>the island</sup> ~~these~~ languages.

The missionaries and the island leaders were grateful for the success of this first conference and look forward to the next, to be held in 1957, as another step toward the goal of complete indigenous leadership. The opening of the PTTS and the ILC should prove to be significant milestones along the way.