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By Robert Ball
Special Correspondent for The Eccentric
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As yet, Micafil has no pension confice employee, have a religement plan under which the employee plays 5 per cent of his salary acaen month and the company 7 per cent. The workers depend for retirement benefits on the national soil security plan (2 per cent each from modest benefits, beginning at 65)

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