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Eight Marshallese witnesses were sent to Guam in connection with the War Crimes Trials now in session there. Excerpts from the Guam Navy News are posted on the Labor Camp bulletin board with Marshallese translations of the trials' progress. Much interest is evinced both in the Camp and the villages as they well remember that period of their lives around which the trial involves. Both the villagers and the witnesses accepted their more or less sudden departure to a new and distant land with their usual willingness, dispatch and equanimity.

A letter from the Secretary of the Navy expressing the thanks of the President for gifts, was translated, read and presented to the people of Wotho and Rongelap with appropriate ceremonies.

No gratuitous issues of food or clothing, as such, were made during March except for meals at Kwajalein Labor Camp to transient repatriates. Previous reports have commented on this practice as part of the rehabilitation, repatriation, religious and medical programs. Sixty-eight (68) natives were sent to Kwajalein on the LSM 435 from Majuro for repatriation to home islands under the jurisdiction of Military Government Unit Kwajalein. Several discharged hospital patients and a few native Pastors were quartered and messed at the Labor Camp awaiting transportation to their homes. These natives may be required to wait as long as six weeks for transportation and the Majuro contingent involved women and children. No native travelers other than the foregoing were subsisted without charge. Expenses incurred for this item while relatively large, are an integral part a responsibility that will cease when repatriation is completed.

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