

The Land Titles Investigating Commission has been in the process of surveying the village of Chalan Kanoa which is about forty percent completed. In addition the proposed homestead land for the former Yap Chamorros on Tinian has been surveyed. The proposed homestead plan for these people is in the process of being approved. If approved in its present form it roughly provides that each family head will be allowed to homestead 4.9 acres. He will gain title to this land after a certain period of time provided he meets certain requirements such as planting trees, building a house etc. Should the homesteader meet all requirements and so desire he will be allowed to buy additional joining land to make up a total of not more than 15 acres. A total of 44 plots have been surveyed. This homestead plan will be open to all of the people of the Trust Territory of Pacific Islands. All land owners on Saipan whose land is occupied by military installations have been contacted and have made out a description of their property. Each had indicated a desire to either (1) exchange the property for other government property, (2) sell outright to the government, or (3) rent to the government.