

Rehabilitation as such continues a pace. Continued efforts are directed by Military Government to the return to as near a self sufficiency as formerly existed in pre-war times and to the accomplishment of the basic objectives as outlined by the Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific for Military Government. All villages now have or will have in the very immediate future a new or good conditioned school, town hall, church, dispensary, and store. Progress is being made in restoring native vegetation thru programs as outlined in paragraph 1(e) above. Copra production is definitely established and producing better each month. The construction of copra drying and storage facilities on each atoll is following in line with production. Boat building is improving mainly in the construction of more outriggers. Largest sailing craft of 5-10 ton capacity are still needed. The native people have recently taken a great interest in the products of Sears and Roebuck Company and Montgomery Ward and Company, and are buying at the rate of approximately \$1000.00 per month - mainly cloth, thread, lanterns, perfumes, toilet water, jewelry, shirts, and some tools.

Cultural rehabilitation along religious lines is well advanced. Every village has its church at which services are held two or three times each week. Where ordained ministers are not available, local lay members lead the service.

Education took a big boost during June with the graduation of 41 new teachers from the Marshallese Teacher Training School. All the inhabitants are keenly interested in the educational program and were very happy over the creation of a new group of teachers to further

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implement their chance to learn.

Extensive indoctrinational and educational work has been done by Military Government field officers in self government for the native peoples. Group discussions have been held several times in each village in all attempt to explain the aims and objectives of self government - the duties and responsibilities of the various officials - the functions of the Atoll Command - and the part the people play in the overall program. As mentioned in previous reports, self government and self assertion as encouraged by Military Government is new as compared to the Japanese and German regimes, and the people are slow to boldly accept the new order. Our continued contacts and patient working with them is however, gradually weaning them over to the new system. The picture in over all is very good. The will and desire to do things and to improve their lot is current among all the Marhallee people.