

As each quarter passes, continued improvements and new developments are in evidence. The transition from a war dominated living to a peace time civilization is over. The adjustments necessary in the changeover from Japanese influence to American associations has been smooth and free moving. The scars of the war are fast disappearing. Today the Marshallese are busy not only in their own routines of living but are zealously applying themselves toward advancing their civilization.

Rather than use a restricted material assistance approach in the rehabilitation program for the Marshalls with its attendant problems of having the people leave all efforts to be expended by others than themselves, Civil Administration has operated along lines of assisting the people in their own endeavors of rehabilitation. The consequence of this program has been well exemplified in the many new community buildings constructed in which the people have the pride of there being their own buildings rather than someone else's; in the extensive replanting programs and cleanup projects throughout the area; and in the remarkable ingenuity shown by these people in solving some of the rehabilitation problems for their own betterment and in the desire for wanting a civilization better than they previously had had. The teacher training school graduates have brought back to their villages a decided stimulus to overall cultural advancement in addition to a highly developed civic spirit for improving the status quo.

Since the inauguration of the expanded municipal government program, some areas have shown above average ability in local administrative and tax work, several atolls have developed sound and well handled units. The future development in this program is well within the capabilities of the Marshallese. With encouragement and assistance from

Civil Administration the people are moving rapidly forward in the implementation of their own self government programs.

Developments continue in the field of education, economics, and public health. Another group of teachers were graduated this quarter from the teacher training school, and included for the first time advanced students having completed their second course. This marks a further milestone in the development of Civil Administration programs designed to serve the people. New economic activity has developed during the past few months with increased copra shipments and the forming of new business enterprises, particularly stores, restaurants, bakeries, and barber shops. The Teacher Training School opened a cooperative restaurant in November to serve the immediate needs of the teachers, and have plans for expansion to provide also for some of the laborers employed at the base.

Civil Administration programs have in most respects passed beyond the rehabilitation status and are now pointed toward development and advancement features that will improve current conditions. The educational program is established on a sound basis and is definitely adding daily to the advancement and development of Marshallese culture and civilization in all fields in addition to education. The training program for medical and dental practitioners at Guam and health aides and nurse aides at the base dispensary has contributed materially to the advancement of improved standards of public health and sanitation. Economically the Marshallese are well past the rehabilitation stage in respect to available native foods. Copra productions has become a major industry dependent only on available shipping to outside markets, and on world market prices. Local cooperative and independent business enterprises have been established to handle most of their needs. Continued

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development is underway in this field. The self government programs have taken strong root and with counsel and assistance on the part of Civil Administration will continue to mature. The people themselves have the spirit of progress. They are eager for improvements. It is no longer a problem of squaring away the present situation to begin operations but rather to go forward to greater goals of a better civilization.