

There has been an increase in the fly population generally throughout all the islands with the onset of the rainy season. Spraying efforts have been doubled.

During the dry season there has been a shortage of drinking water in the norther islands. Frequent trips by aid have been made to check the amount and potability. At Rongelap where the shortage was felt seriously, samples were taken from the brackish water wells. Contamination with E. Coli was found. It was felt that if the shortage became acute, adequate chlorination would render this water potable. While the cisterns were low the people were directed to clean and repair them. The rainy season is well in progress now. Water for the time being is no longer a problem.