

It has been noted that relatively severe penalties have been awarded by some of the Native Courts for drunkenness. While these are disproportionate to our customs, the offense is disgusting and foreign to the Marshallese and such punishments are entirely within their concept of justice. Field Officers consequently have been reluctant to mitigate punishments, awarded by the Courts after serious consideration by what is recognized by the natives themselves as the mature judgement of their own people. Furthermore so many days on "Public Works" in the Marshalls is not the same as the "Rock Pile" of the United States.