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Physical rehabilitation of the natives of Saipan, as such, has ceased to be a problem, as every person is housed. Some are more spaciously housed than others it is true, but with the new construction as recorded in paragraph (e) of this section being completed, it can be seen that the Saipanese are well on the road to leading better individual, private lives as compared with their former existence in the "row-houses" built by Military Government.

The problem at present is to keep pace with building construction by rounding up the necessary material and equipment for providing public utilities such as water, electricity and sewage disposal. It has become mandatory that the natives obtain such facilities by their own efforts. Providing of water, however, is becoming a critical issue with Island Water Supply, due to the long dry season.

At present no individual dwellings are permitted water outlets, and the average number of families per faucet is about six to one. With the prospect of so many Military units on Saipan becoming extinct through personnel reductions, it is possible that more water will be available for the native villages with individual outlets in each house a matter for future planning.

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