

(a) Local

(1) As mentioned in the December report only headmen, policemen, teachers and occasionally medical aids are authorized on a village or local basis, all other officials are Atoll officials. Local village councils are recognized and encouraged by Military Government but are subject to the Atoll Council's jurisdiction.

(2) No change from December report except as follows:

MAJURO ATOLL

Laura - Delete	Teacher	Rewa	\$24.00 per mo.
Uliga - Add	Teacher	Rewa	\$24.00 per mo.
Add 53 Teacher Trainees			\$ 5.00 per mo.

(3) See part (3) under Sub-Para (b) immediately following.

(4) No change

(b) Regional

(1) No change from December Report.

(2) No change from December Report. A report in regard to dissatisfaction of people of Mille Atoll with the present Magistrate is being investigated on field trip which left January 30. The field officer has instructions to hold an election if necessary to select a new magistrate.

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(3) As no shipping was available to visit the outlying atolls, the only Atoll council meeting attended by Military Government was at Laura Village, Majuro Island. A meeting was held on January 15th with the Magistrate and council. Subjects discussed were the progress of the construction of the new elementary school, Military Government regulations pertaining to the transporting of plants and soil, and the payment of passenger tolls; and a copra gathering program with a coconut grove cleanup campaign in conjunction therewith. Cooperation from village officials and council members is excellent. The people in nearly every case are striving to understand our program and accomplish the jobs that need to be done.

(4) Taxes in the amount of \$7.50 were collected by Kwajalein Military Government Unit from laborers whose homes were on Majuro and Maloelap atolls. A memorandum covering this collection was received by Military Government Unit, Majuro. Funds in the amount of \$7625.97 were held in the Safekeeping Deposit Fund as of 31 January 1947.

(c) Development and expansion program

A council, magistrate, and a scribe are in operation at the labor camp. This junction serves a dual purpose, first an aid to labor camp administration and secondly as a model of what Military Government is trying to do along self government lines. Camp problems are many times solved without the intervention of Military Government personnel. Such actions are reported at their weekly meetings to the Military Government officer in attendance. It has been a source of much satisfaction to Military Government in observing the interest the labor camp people have taken in this program and the amount of responsibility they are willing to assume. The positions of Magistrate and Scribe carry no remuneration as such as they are both employed during the day on other jobs.