

Rehabilitation in the Palaus is proceeding at a faster rate now than before; more buildings and better homes are being constructed throughout the area.

Gasoline and Kerosene boat fuel is being sold to the natives through USCC. Japanese black diesel is still very scarce and some should be supplied as the Japanese diesel engines are the best available at present for these islands. The islands need small, hand or compressed air starting, slow speed diesel engines. The maintenance of high speed diesel or gasoline engines is expensive and the use of batteries further complicates maintenance in districts away from battery charging facilities. A program of planting taro and tapioca patches by the women, started in January, is being continued. The islands of Koror, Peleliu and Angaur under a total planting arrangement can and will become self-supporting in about four (4) months.