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1. Rehabilitation. Progress is considered satisfactory.

(a) Assistance continues to be in the form of encouragement and education with a view to stressing self reliance and development of their natural resources.

(b) A new native school was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on 27 January 1947. Building materials, and school supplies will continue to be furnished.

(c) No change from last report, and no information available as to whether any definite action has been taken in preparing plans for a new church.

(d) Good progress has been made in rehabilitating flag stone assembly areas and council houses. All construction is by native labor using native materials. It is expected that construction of two huts, one for the native chiefs and one for their people, will start within the next three weeks. These huts will be located close to the station area, and will be used as living and council quarters by transient native workers and chiefs coming in from outlying areas to conduct business with the USNMGU. Building material, salvaged from Ulithi, has been allocated to the chiefs for this construction.

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(e) Plans for a new native hospital are in the final stages of completion, and volunteer native workers are now engaged in clearing the site. The old hospital is not adequate to meet present requirements.

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Canoe building: (D-10 in orig.)

A program jointly sponsored by USN MGU and USCC, is underway to revive native interest in construction of native craft. Commerce, and life in general of these people, have always been oriently about the island waterways, but the number of small craft available at the present time is wholly inadequate to provide necessary transportation. During the Japanese regime, the number of men skilled in canoe construction steadily decreased, and with the decrease went a concurrent waning of interest in native craft as opposed to outboard-powered Japanese skiffs. In actuality, the sailing outrigger is the best adapted craft for these shallow waters, and for the economic stature of a limited income community. Four canoe building projects were started this month; two in Map District and two at Tomil. Rough-heun canoe hulls, imported from Ponape by USCC, are being utilized, although raw logs would have been preferable. (There is a shortage of such logs on Yap).