

The point has been reached in the Palaus so that this section is misnamed. Rehabilitation has been a thing of the past for about six months. The trend now is replacement of rehabilitated buildings with new structures. Currently four types of structures are being erected. Quonset huts, Japanese style bungalows, Palau style houses, and tin shacks. The people show a decided preference for quonset huts. Each municipality will have huts for their store, school, and office. Many have them now. The rest are awaiting their arrival from Peleliu.

It is interesting to note the conflict between the young men and the old men on the matter of repairing the "Abais" (community buildings). The old men want to maintain the old buildings, while the young men vary from wanting to reroof the "Abais" with tin instead of thatch, to forgetting the old building and building a quonset.

Land titles investigation progresses slowly and will until such time as accurate surveys can be made and personnel can devote full time to the work. Claims for savings, exchange of yen, damage to property, etc., can be considered completed, although every so often another claim straggles in.