

(a) General Construction:

(1) Cutting of lumber by the administration sawmill was expedited as much as possible during the quarter. However, most of the month of May and the first week of June were lost due to a severe shortage of gasoline on Ponape and as a result of which it was necessary to secure the power plant for the sawmill. During the last three weeks of June considerable time was spent in cutting material for the Teacher Training School that is to be located on Truk. The cutting of lumber for private owners has been started although not any great amount has been cut as yet. A time and material cost study is underway to determine a suitable figure at which to sell the mill share from this private cutting. This amount has not been firmly established at this time.

(2) Some house building and other types of building continues, but this is somewhat reduced over last quarter. The principal reason for this is that it is only possible to do a certain amount of building with what materials have been salvaged. Almost all the salvaged materials have been used and the expected arrival of building materials during the month of June did not materialize. A new sawmill has recently been put into operation in the Jokaj District which it is hoped will increase the amount of lumber that can be made available to private individuals for new buildings.

(b) Schools:

(1) No change in conditions since last report. The negotiations for land for schools in Kusaie mentioned in last report have been completed and the land is being readied for building of the schools as soon as materials are available.

(c) Churches:

(1) Repair work on existing structures continues; as reported last quarter.