

Repair of replacement of damaged or destroyed native structures and facilities: -

(a) Character and extent of USNMGU assistance -

Continued MGU assistance has been given, largely of a counseling and guidance nature. Small quantities of salvaged materials have been provided particularly for schools, such as quonset tin for roofing and nails for structural work recovered from stock left on the base by previous activities.. Extensive rehabilitation is no longer a problem. Constant emphasis is directed by Military Government toward the use of native materials and with excellent results. The major project now underway is the construction of additional copra drying and storage facilities.

(b) Schools -

A new school has been constructed and put in operation at Aur Village, Aur Atoll and Airik Island, Maloelap Atoll. New construction is underway at Kaven Island, Maloelap Atoll; Dodo Island, Arno Village, and Melel Village, all Arno Atoll; Tabal Island on Aur Atoll; Lukunor Island, Mille Atoll; and Majuro Island, Majuro Atoll . Construction at Kaven, Majuro, Arno Village and Tabal will be completed during July. Repairs have been completed on the school at Ine Village, Arno Atoll. This work is almost completely native materials, Military Government having furnished a few nails from salvaged Quomset tin and salvaged screening. The field officers comment on the school at Airik is as follows: "The new school is really a nice building. It was planned and built between field trips. It shows

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that the people can do a good job if they so desire." On school at Jaj Majuro Island, "The school is progressing nicely. The studs are almost all up and the rafters are about 1/3 completed. The completion date will be this summer, but the wait will be compensated by the excellent building." In most every village a great interest is evidenced on the part of the people in contributing all they can to furthering the educational program - New schools are a factor in developing this social community spirit.

(c) Churches -

The new church at Kaven Village, Maloelap has been completed with native timbers and thatch sides. All other villages have church buildings most of which are in good condition. New thatch is needed for the church at Arno Village and will be taken care of by the next field trip.

(d) Community Buildings -

New stores have been built at Aur and Tabal Villages on Aur Atoll, at Airik Village on Maloelap Atoll, and Nallo on Mille Atoll. The new town hall has been completed at Lukunor, Mille Atoll. A new combination town hall and headman's guest house has been built at Airik Village, Maloelap. Several dispensaries have been rescreened and repainted, and the new dispensary at Kaven Village, Maloelap Atoll is approximately 90 per cent completed.

(e) Other -

Construction of copra drying and storage facilities continues. Majuro Island will soon have two large area structures for storage of copra. Arno Village is building a copra storage house and Ine Village

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Arno Atoll is converting a former Japanese store building to a warehouse.

The following comments are quoted from the field officer's report of the village council meeting at Airik, Maloelap: "The second item in the meeting was to outline a program to plant food trees and plants over the island. Every Monday the whole village turns to and cleans the village, works the road, plants trees and builds gardens. These were not only plans - quite a lot of work has been accomplished. All the people in the village that are between the ages of 16 and 60 do this work. Each man is required to plant two of each kind of tree and do some work on his house or clean his property." This spirit as evidenced here is becoming more and more prevalent throughout this area. It is believed that the ability of Military Government to make frequent and regular contacts at the various villages has had a part in engendering this activity. It is also felt that continued advancement in rehabilitation in all its aspects can be further stimulated thru the confidences established on field trips, and the guidance available to them therein.