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Truk Dist.

(With comments and recommendations).

An increasing self-sufficiency among the natives in meeting their own requirements for materials needed is noted with gratification. The use of woo woo grass woven mats as interior finish in some of the public buildings has been the result almost entirely of native initiative.

The problem of the determination of land titles, particularly on some of the islands where the Japanese had large installations as well as a considerable number of privately owned dwellings remains one of the most challenging facing Civil Administration in this district. The methods to be employed in its solution taking into consideration the numbers of training of the staff available for the purpose is not at this time known. A recommendation has been made to Commander Marianas that a civilian, presently a member of the CIMA group and who specialized in the subject of land tenure during his studies in the Truk district be employed by the Civilian Administration Unit. His primary duty would be the field of land titles and inasmuch as he has a reasonably good working knowledge of the language and already understands the basis of title determination it is felt he could make a valuable contribution in achieving the desired end.

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