ULITHI COAST GUARD LORAN STATION FACILITIES TRANSFERRED TO TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

SAIPAN, M.I. (MARCH 16)...The Falalop Coast Guard Loran Station in Ulithi Atoll, Yap District, was closed in February and all buildings and facilities were transferred to the Trust Territory Government the High Commissioner's Office officially announced last week.

The Ulithi Loran Station ceased operations February 1 and the actual transfer of the facilities was effected February 10. By February 15 all Coast Guard personnel had left the island.

Mr. James C. Boykin, teacher at Ulithi Junior High School, accepted and receipted for the equipment and facilities on behalf of the Trust Territory Government.

The transferred facilities and equipment consist of water storage and purification systems, four generators, and buildings which include several quonsets and a concrete building.

Headquarters Education officials said the facilities will be rehabilitated and converted into temporary high school classrooms and boarding accommodations for Ulithi high school students. The Trust Territory Government has scheduled for immediate construction a new sixclassroom school building and two teacher's houses on Falalop Island.

There is at present a Junior High School on Asor Island, about a mile away from Falalop, which provides secondary education to about 165 students. However, the ninth and tenth graders have already moved into Falalop facilities, according to Boykin who is presently in Saipan

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attending a Principals' Conference. He said Miss Lavinia Stahl is now conducting classes at the new Falalop High School which has an enrollment of 54 students--36 ninth graders and 18 tenth graders.

Boykin said during his absence Mr. Harry M. Greenwood, a teacher at Yap Islands Proper, is temporarily filling in for him at the Asor Junior High School. Boykin is expected to return to Ulithi this week.

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