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31 FILIPINO WORKERS RETURNING HOME
AFTER COMPLETING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN MARSHALLS

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SAIPAN, M. I. (NOV 3)...Thirty-one skilled contract workers, who were brought in from the Philippines last year to help in the accelerated construction of elementary school classroom buildings and teachers' housing in the Marshalls, will return home beginning in mid-November after completing a 12-month contract with the Trust Territory Government, according to Acting Assistant Commissioner for Administration Frank H. Moulton.

"Sixteen of the 31 workers are scheduled to depart from Majuro on November 17 for the Philippines via Guam. The rest of the group is expected to leave the Marshalls on December 1. These were skilled masons, carpenters, plumbers, and electricians, including two construction supervisors," Moulton said.

Moving from one island to the other in the outlying area of the Marshalls on an LCU boat, which transported provisions, equipment, and construction materials, the

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group completed construction of 34 elementary school classrooms and nine teachers' housing units, which are all situated on various outlying islands of the Marshalls, according to Director of Public Works Horace J. Leavitt. The members of the group lived in tents and did their own cooking and housekeeping in addition to their job as construction workers.

"With the departure of these alien workers, it is anticipated that future construction projects of similar nature will henceforth be undertaken by the local Marshallese labor force," Leavitt said.

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