



Four buildings, a Loran tower and an air strip. Even a Playboy Club. As Hebert put it, Frigate is "the only LORAN station that has watertight integrity." Height above sea level?—that depends . . .

A beach broken only by an occasional shell or sea lion along with Kuk 1 or Kuk 2 and 50 barrels of gas and oil. Kure Island. A job almost done.



## . . . Shoals and Swinging Cranes

Then—a tense moment. An old 24-ton crane from Kure is hoisted 20 feet off Kuk 1. Suddenly the crane flips sideways. Cables go rigid; two straps carry the load of four. Gasoline spills into the boat. The hatch tender shouts commands. Somehow the deck force gets the crane into the hold upright.

The sun breaks through the overcast as Kure disappears.

