

THE BLATCHFORD COLLECTION - 1947

GH Gibson, A Survey Report in the Field of Education - Kavieng Area - 1947, 29 January to 1 April 1947. A 19-page report including 5 pages of recommendations for the commencement of educational projects.

JK Murray to L Mair, 14 January 1947. South Seas Regional Commission negotiations commence in Canberra on 14th. Groves will act as adviser to the Minister on educational matters. Pressure for ASOPA to be within the National University. Very desirable. Lack of supplies and shipping. Some areas only under Gov control for 6 months.

Courier Mail, Fuzzies Short of Houses, 20 January 1947. JK Murray arrived Brisbane from Port Moresby 19th. Labour shortage in PNG because the natives have gone home to repair their houses.

Draft Cabinet Submission on the Australian School of Pacific Administration to Support Cabinet Agendum, circa February 1947. Submitted by the Minister EJ Ward. Outlines the history of ASOPA including 1 March 1946 Cabinet submission, Minister's 16 December 1946 letter to National University Interim Council and RC Mill's reply of 24 January 1947. The Minister is asking for legislation for ASOPA to come under National University and to move to Canberra

JK Murray, The Formation of the South Pacific Commission, Talk on ABC 9PA Port Moresby, 21 February 1947. Gives background to the establishment of the Commission, who attended Canberra conference (Groves went) what went on, and outcomes.

JK Murray to SDA Mission Port Moresby, 22 February 1947. Administrator not keen on Solomon Islanders coming to PNG to teach.

JK Murray to EJ Ward, 2 April 1947. Murray thoroughly in agreement with the draft Cabinet Agendum and supporting Memorandum and hopes it will go to Cabinet early.

WC Groves to the Director, Commonwealth Office of Education, Sydney, 8 April 1947. Tells of his plan to recruit 20 CEOs a year and wants Commonwealth Office [of Education] to see if places can be obtained for them to undertake part of their training at State Teachers College at start of 1948.

JK Murray, The Provisional Administration of the Territory of Papua-New Guinea: Its Policy and Its Problems, John Murtagh Macrossan Memorial Lecture, 22 to 24 April 1947. 71 pages. Preface mentions ASOPA, its history, staff and its predecessor the Allied Land Forces Headquarters School of Civic Affairs. The Introduction describes the country. Other topics covered are: Climate, Communications, Mapping, and Population. Part I deals with NG and the Commonwealth, International Obligations, and Activities of the Provisional Administration. Part II covers Some Problems of Social Policy including Health, Education (8 pages), Native Labour, and Race Relations. Part III Economic Problems, Part IV Political Development, Part V Conclusion, Appendix 1 United Nations Articles, Appendix 2 Declaration Regarding Non-Self-Governing Territories.

Recommendations to the Minister for External Territories of the Committee appointed by him to consider proposals for the future of the Australian School of Pacific Administration, circa April 1947. Gives membership and their

positions, background to ASOPA, Minister's negotiations to include ASOPA in ANU, committee estimates ASOPA could grow to one or two hundred students taking diplomas and degrees, recommends establishment of governing body and appropriate legislation.

RC Mills to JK Murray, 24 April 1947. Attached is a copy of the recommendations to the Minister from the Committee appointed by him to consider proposals for the future of ASOPA.

EJ Ward, Address by Minister for External Territories, the Hon EJ Ward, to Parliament, Canberra, 1 May 1947. Knew nothing of the Territory when appointed. Sought expert advice. Directed that Education held conferences with missions.

JR Kerr to JK Murray, 5 May 1947. Sends Murray a copy of the letter to Goodes mentioned below.

JR Kerr to H Goodes, 5 May 1947. Goodes was a member of the committee to recommend on future of ASOPA but missed the meeting. Kerr informs him of committee's deliberations. Recalls that the ASOPA Research Council met on 20 April 1947 and recommended, amongst other matters, that it be replaced with a governing body and if its recommendations are not given effect they would like to be disbanded.

EJ Ward to JK Murray, 11 May 1947. Thanks Murray for notification of Second Conference with Missions and give extracts from his 1 May 1947 speech to Parliament.

JK Murray to GJ McLaughlin, 14 May 1947. Outline living conditions in PNG and its major towns. 'Not too much published favorable to the present Australian Government or to the [TPNG] Administration.'

JK Murray to TP Fry, 14 May 1947. Thanks Fry for a list of heads of the old German New Guinea Company. The list is from 1886. Also a chronology of the histories of NG and Papua plus supporting summary and a list of Lieutenant Governors and Administrators.

R Melrose to JK Murray, 21 May 1947. From Department of External Territories. Recruiting difficulties. Minister off to Geneva with Halligan.

JK Murray, Address to the Second Conference of Missions and the Administration, Port Moresby, 21 May 1947. Quotes UN Articles. Some history. Slow progress. Proposed that ASOPA award diplomas and degrees.

Conference of Representatives of the Administration and Missions, 21-28 May 1947. Chaired by Groves. A great deal of material is held concerning this conference, including the following papers: **List of Participants, Agenda, and Papers Presented. Summary of Proceedings.** Lists participants, procedures and resolutions. Resolution 11 states, 'That an early draft of the proposed Education Ordinance and Regulations be circulated among Mission bodies for consideration and suggestions.' **Administrator's Opening Address. Introductory Statement by Director of Education. Commonwealth Reconstruction and Training Scheme. Broadcasting. Visual Education. Cooperative Movement**

Minutes of Second Administration Missions Conference, 21-28 May 1947. Pages 56 and 73 to 75 only. Copied from Groves Collection Box 1, File 14. Deals with Mission Education and the desire for compulsory attendance

RC Mills to WC Groves, Cadet Education Officers – Facilities for Training in Australia, 22 May 1947. Replying to G's 8 April 1947 letter. Did not approach States because he feels CEOs should come to Sydney, perhaps live at ASOPA with long course POs and travel to Sydney Teachers College. Kerr and Prof McRae favourable. Applicants should be of University standard as Kerr wants ASOPA to be equivalent to University.

JR Kerr, Proposals for Cadet Education Officers, 22 May 1947. Summarizes Kerr's conversation with Dr Robertson, C/W Office of Ed. concerning Groves' proposals. Sent to JK Murray who passed it to Groves for his info. G refers to it in his 30 May letter to Mills and 28 June reply to Kerr. Gives history and future of field officer courses at ASOPA. Groves' plans are similar: 3 months at ASOPA, field work, and one year at a Teachers College. Kerr wants 2 years training for CEOs. Robertson agrees. Kerr also suggests that, in addition to the 'emergency' CEO scheme, others be recruited to join District Service Officers to commence a 3 year degree at ASOPA (within ANU), in 1948, and then do their Teacher Training course. 2 year trained CEOs could return to ASOPA to complete a further 2 years for a degree.

WC Groves to RC Mills, 30 May 1947. Reply to Mills' 22 May 1947 and Kerr's summary. Two year course acceptable as long as includes tchr trg and relevant sections of ASOPA colonial courses (not much law). Bond them for 4 years. Prepared to come to Australia to discuss. Hopes for first batch by end of this year. (Takes 3 months to recruit). Send them to PNG first to see if they fit in. Can't afford to waste resources educating them if wont stay. Sharing hostel accommodation with other NG trainees 'most desirable.' Very critical of State trained recruits who have no Colonial education, 'virtually nothing to contribute to the educational challenge in such countries as this.'

JK Murray to Secretary, Department of External Territories, Grants to Missions in Respect of Health and Education Work, 4 June 1947. Lists grants to each Mission. Total of £12,000 for education.

KS Cunningham to WC Groves, circa June 1947. C thanks G for a copy of his 'Data Paper on Native Education in Certain South Pacific Territories' and asks about possible position for his daughter. See reply 13 June.

WC Groves to KS Cunningham, 13 June 1947. Groves replying to Director of Australian Council for Educational Research, Melbourne. Cunningham wants information on possible position for his daughter, who is completing Anthropology degree, Sydney University. Groves says one year at Sydney Teachers College, some months at ASOPA. Groves' ASOPA plans still under discussion and will go to Minister for approval. Hope to be in operation beginning 1948.

WC Groves to Government Secretary, Cadet Education Officer Training, 13 June 1947. Groves asks for radio to be sent to Colonial Department Institute of Education University of London. He wants air mailed, all avail material on courses to train Colonial Education personnel for use here in training CEOs.

RC Mills to WC Groves, Cadet Education Officers – Facilities for Training in Australia, 13 June 1947. Reply to Groves' 30 May letter. Wants Groves to come to Sydney to have discussions with him, Kerr and McRae. Cabinet has directed that ASOPA appoint a Council, Mills is chairman. Cease negotiations with Elkin. McRae can adapt his courses. Halligan abroad but come to Sydney end of July anyway.

WC Groves to His Honour The Administrator, 28 June 1947. Copy of following letter to Kerr.

WC Groves to JR Kerr, Training of Cadet Education Officers, 28 June 1947.

Reply to Kerr's 22 May 1948 letter to JK Murray. Groves preparing proposals for 'enlistment of Cadets on a two-year training basis, leaving consideration of long-range training plans until our urgent needs are met.' Groves expects to be involved in the framing of any training syllabus, even at University level.

WC Groves to His Honour The Administrator, Cadet Education Officers – Training in Australia, 1 July 1947.

Groves supplies Murray with copies of letters to Mills and Groves' replies and refers to Kerr's letter and Groves' reply. Groves says he can't go to Sydney until September 1947. Groves is off to Rabaul and Morobe for the next 3 weeks and then a few weeks in Moresby. Would like Murray's views. Murray noted his approval for September and wants to see Groves mid-August (after Murray's visit to Australia) to discuss the trip. Note on letter dated 28 July 1947.

WC Groves to RC Mills, 1 July 1947. G tells Mills he has sent background to Murray but won't be able to come to Australia before September.

Commonwealth of Australia, Territory of Papua. Annual Report for the Period 1st July 1947 to 30 June 1948.

Commonwealth of Australia, Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on the Administration of the Territory of New Guinea from 1 July 1946 to 30 June 1947.

JK Murray to Government Secretary, 9 July 1947. Murray considers the terms 'Boy', 'Boss-Boy', 'Kanaka' and 'Boong' to be objectionable and in conflict with the spirit of the native welfare and social development programme. Circular to be issued.

KS Cunningham to WC Groves, 15 July 1947. Thanks Groves for proposals for training of Native Staffs.

JK Murray to M Fletcher, 25 July 1947. Notes for Miss May Adamson who is to speak on NG. Summarizes history of PNG, UN Articles, conditions, progress. 4 pages.

WC Groves to Government Secretary, Cadet Education Officers: Visit of Director of Education to Australia, 21 August 1947. Groves leaving for Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne 14 September and returns 26 September. Asks for bookings to be made and Department of External Territories, Sydney and Canberra to be advised. Contacting ASOPA and Commonwealth Office of Education personally. Will request Department of External Territories advise Minister of outcome of Sydney conference. Will arrange for CEO adverts to be placed according to decisions made Sydney.

WC Groves to Director, Commonwealth Office of Education, Training of Cadet Education Officers, 21 August 1947. In Sydney 14 to 19 September. Asks for conference to be organised then to Canberra to have the proposals approved by Minister. Has received from London a copy of courses conducted for Colonial personnel. Prior to his departure Groves will prepare a general outline of the proposals from his point of view that may be accepted as a basis of the discussion.

WC Groves to The Principal ASOPA, Training of Cadet Education Officers, 21 August 1947. Same letter as sent to Director of the Commonwealth Office of Education.

JK Murray, Memorandum on the Policy of the Administration, Government House, 8 September, 1947. 12 pages. Sets out in a concise form the broad lines of the Territorial policy, which has been evolved. Guided by the UN Charter, the Ministers second reading speech in connection with the P-NG Bill, the International

Labour Organisation etc. Need staff, both in quality and numbers. For expert guidance in native affairs – which conditions the success of our efforts - the research, library, advisory and teaching facilities of ASOPA will be fully utilised.

GT Roscoe, Memorandum to Director of Education, Cadet Education Officers, 9 September 1947. Roscoe wants CEO training to pay particular attention to teaching of English, and Manual Arts. Adverts to stress necessity of a marked degree of personal qualities: initiative, adaptability, enterprise, high professional and personal integrity, idealism tempered by appreciation of practical situations.

TL Robertson, Training of Education Officers for Papua – New Guinea, Notes on Conference of 14/9/47, 15 September 1947. Groves, McRae and Robertson present. Groves wants 20 CEOs. 5 women and 15 men. Minimum of 18 years and of matriculation standard. McRae and Robertson said this will restrict him to uni failures, retarded students or vocationally maladjusted people. Pay £300 to £372 for males and £238 to £310 for females. Teachers College cost of £30 per annum to come out of salary. Emphasis on early primary school. Groves hopes to send someone to London to become lecturer in Colonial Education at ASOPA. Groves has definite ideas on what courses his cadets are to take.

Cadet Education Officers, 23 September 1947. Draft paper summarising proposed CEO course. 3 year bond.

WC Groves to Government Secretary, Cadet Education Officers: Training – Sydney Teachers' College, 23 October 1947. Groves been sick and busy so nothing done re selection and training for CEOs. To be done next few days. Need Ministerial approval for the general plan proposed and subsequent advertising.

Draft of Proposed Letter to Director General of Education for New South Wales from Secretary, Department of External Territories, Sydney. Training of Cadet Education Officers for Papua-New Guinea, 23 October 1947. Asks approval for 12 to 15 places at Sydney Teachers College in 1948. Fees will be paid by students. Assumes some CEOs will be graduates and will undertake Diploma of Education at Sydey University. Includes the Brief Summary mentioned below.

Territory of Papua-New Guinea, Cadet Education Officers: Brief Summary of Proposed Course, 23 October 1947. Commence 1948. 1 year Sydney Teachers College. Then 1 year of ASOPA and University of Sydney (Department of Anthropology) course. Include short courses on 16mm projection, handicrafts, Boy Scout or Girl Guide training, and broadcast observation.

JK Murray to Secretary, Department of External Territories, Cadet Education Officers: Training – Sydney Teachers' College, 27 October 1947. Murray forwards copy of Groves 23 October letter, draft for Secretary Department of External Territories, and Brief Summary of Course (all mentioned above). Need to exert pressure on Minister for Education to release places as NSW has teacher shortage and needs the places. McRae in support. He is Head of teacher training branch of NSW Department of Education and in charge of 5 teachers colleges.

WC Groves to CR McRae, 25 October 1947. Groves sends McRae a copy of draft for Department of External Territories to send to NSW Director General.

JK Murray, Statement by His Honour the Administrator for Station 9PA, 27 November 1947. Historical differences between Papua and New Guinea. Now under one Administration.

JK Murray to EJ Ward, 28 November 1947. Encloses copy of [ABC Radio] 9PA statement made following Ws announcement that he will recommend to Cabinet that the two territories should have a common administration.

Prime Minister (Chifley) to J McGirr (Premier of New South Wales), Training of Cadet Education Officers for Papua-New Guinea, 28 November 1947. Asks for sympathetic consideration for placement of about 15 CEOs at Sydney Teachers College in February 1948.

WC Groves to Government Secretary, Cadet Education Officers, 5 December 1947. Groves been too busy to forward material on CEOs. May not be enough time for CEO appointments to be made in time for Sydney Teachers College course. Suggests CEOs do the second year of ASOPA in 1948 and Sydney Teachers College in 1949. Attaches details of the course and draft advert.

Draft of Advertisement. Territory of Papua-New Guinea. Department of Education. Cadet Education Officer, 5 December 1947. Same as usual but now wants 4 year bond.

PNG Department of Education, Cadet Education Officers. Proposed Plan and Training, 5 December 1947. 5 pages spelling out CEO training in detail including: Purpose of Plan. Qualifications. Age. Course of Training: One year of Diploma of Education at Sydney University or Sydney Teachers College followed by one year of 'Native Education and Culture Contact' involving short courses at ASOPA, Anthropology Department Sydney University, seminars on Culture Contact and Education, language studies and phonetics, mass literacy and adult ed, Missions and Native education, education policy in P&NG - past and present, Native Art and Music. Also 16mm projection, tour of special schools, school broadcasts, handicrafts. Supervision of training. Allowances. Fees. Accomodation (hostel at ASOPA). Surety Bond (4 years). Leave. Salary after Course. Selection. Also discussed roles Prof Elkin and Dr A Capell could play in training CEOs.

Note: I have an undated page 5, which appears to be from this period. This suggests that in the second year the cadets undertake a brief course at ASOPA and then from early March to end of May they go on patrol in PNG. It expressed the hope that after graduation and some years in PNG cadets would return to ASOPA for 6 to 9 months for a "Refresher Course", when 'he will have leisure to read, and perhaps write up some of the material which he will have gathered during his years of service in the field.'

JK Murray to Secretary, Department of External Territories, Cadet Education Officers, 30 December 1947. Murray forwards copy of Groves 5 December letter and draft advertisement. Says plan for training coming but advert matter of urgency.

Minutes of Meeting of Executive Council of the Australian School of Pacific Administration, Commonwealth Office of Education, 16 December 1947. Topics: Legislation (Prime Minister's view), Biological and Soil Surveys, Torres Islands Visit, Appointment of Tutor, I Hogbin Visit to PNG, Letter from C Wedgwood.