

THE BLATCHFORD COLLECTION - 1950

For 1949 information concerning the Sogeri Education Centre refer to 'RC Ralph, 'The Development of the Sogeri Education Centre As a Teacher Training Institution' located under '1944 Pre and Post-War Summaries'.

WC Groves, Induction Course for Medical Officers, 1950. Groves outlines provision of schooling including correspondence courses, introduction to Department of Education and aims.

C Julius, The Village School, 1950. Presented to the South Pacific Conference, 1950. 5 pages.

WC Groves, The Teaching of Rural Subjects, late 1949 or early 1950.

Camilla Wedgwood, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, 1950. Notes prepared for ASOPA. 36 pages.

EJ Ward to JK Murray, 9 January 1950. Expresses his appreciation of the cooperation of yourself and officers of the Administration during my term of office ... which I am sure will have had an effect on the future welfare of the inhabitants.

WC Groves, Conference of Education Officers, 9 January 1950. Groves invites department heads to opening speech by Administrator on 16 January, and to any other sessions in which you may be interested.

Department of Education, Policy on Education, 16 January 1950. This 10-page document presented to the Conference of Education Officers states that Cadet Education Officers with Leaving Certificate or equivalent will follow a two year course of training designed in three stages. (i) Special training in subjects connected with the Territory, the Natives, and the policy of the Administration; (ii) A period of actual experience with the Department of Education in the Territory; (iii) A year of professional training - (a) for graduates, the course for the Diploma of Education at the University of Sydney; (b) for non-graduates, a special primary teacher's course at Sydney Teachers' College.

Conference of Education Officers, 16-21 January 1950. Approximately 100 pages. The works: timetable, representatives, who presented what. Papers presented: Administrator's Opening Address, Teacher Training, Policy on Education, Departmental Organisation, Native Education Institutions, An Ordinance Relating To Education, Agriculture, Teaching of Rural Subjects, Grants In Aid to Missions, Ethics and Morals, Mass Education, Mass Literacy, Messrs Laubach and Capell, Social Welfare, Welfare of Women and Girls, Periodicals the Dept Subscribes to, Establishment of Area Education Centres, Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme.

JH Jones, Planning and Development, 25 January 1950. Wants to know when the 7 year plan requested on 19 September 1949 will be ready. (Groves' reply 11 March 1950).

GT Roscoe, Mass Literacy in TPNG, 20 June 1982. Roscoe talks of the visit to PNG of Dr Laubach at the invitation of the Lutheran Mission, and with Administration support. 3 pages.

Syllabus for Primary Schools – Social Studies, 30 January 1950. Outlines content for Grades I to VII.

Department of Education, Appendix to Social Studies Syllabus for European Schools, probably 30 January 1950. 39 pages of historical material for Grades IV to VII. Good stuff if you want to know the history of Discovery, Coastal Exploration and Colonization of PNG, The Chinese, Christian Missions, Economic Development of PNG, The Pacific War, World War history, Government in PNG during the War, UN and Trusteeship, Geography of PNG. Much detail e.g. "January 23rd, 1942, Japanese capture Rabaul. 1,399 Australian soldiers, against 17,000 Japanese. No.24 Squadron RAAF, comprising 4 Hudson bombers, and 20 Zero fighters. Group Captain JM Lerew's last signal, 'Morituri te salutamus' ('We who are about to die salute you'). 1,037 Australian casualties, 7,000 Japanese. Japanese atrocities against military and civilian prisoners." Similar detail on world military history from WWI to VP Day 15 August 1945.

EAF Head, comments regarding the Administration, 31 January 1950. Asks all Departments whether they have gagged staff from speaking to the media when on leave.

JK Murray to Senator R Kendall, 31 January 1950. "Strategically the territorial problem could hardly be more disturbing than it is... Recently there have been statements that first Dutch New Guinea and then the whole of New Guinea, including the Eastern half, 'belong' to the United States of Indonesia... We should endeavour to have Dutch New Guinea kept as a Dutch colony, or as a Dutch Trusteeship, or as an American Trusteeship. The last mentioned, I think, if it could be arranged, might be the ideal answer since it would tend to link our interests with the power of America."

Acting Government Secretary to Director of Education 2 February 1950. Wants recommendations on how Departmental policy will be coordinated with the Administration policy at the District level.

WC Groves to Public Service Commissioner, 3 February 1950. No circular or instrument has been issued informing officers not to discuss Administration matters.

JK Murray, to JR Foldi, 8 February 1950. Murray will send information on assistance to Missions. "I would be glad if you personally would endeavour to ensure that only the friendliest relationships persist between the Administration, its officials and the Missions and their personnel. We can do so much by pulling together, exploring our differences in a friendly way whenever this becomes necessary."

JR Halligan to JK Murray, 14 February 1950. Minister is opposed to any appointment of a Crown Law Officer to the Executive Council.

JK Murray, to JR Halligan, 18 February 1950. Murray makes case for appointing a Crown Law Officer to the Executive Council.

WC Groves, Grants-In-Aid [GIA] to Missions for the Financial Year 1949-1950, Circular Memorandum, 21 February 1950. As a result of discussions at the recent Administration/Missions Conference, GIA will be provided in respect of specialist European staff and the computation on a mathematical basis in relation to the types of school operated by the Missions and the numbers attending such schools. 5 pages.

JK Murray to Lonergan, Functions of Departments, 18 February 1950. Murray wants to obtain from Heads the direction of their function and in what way they should be varied. To go to Executive Council.

JR Halligan to JK Murray, 23 February 1950. Replying to Murray's 18 February. Halligan has listed the matter to be discussed with the Minister on Murray's visit to Australia.

WJ Goodes to Secretary DOET, Australian School of Pacific Administration Regulations, 24 February 1950. Goodes suggests changes to Regulations.

WC Groves to Secretary for Planning and Development, Seven Year Plan – Department of Education, 11 March 1950. Held up owing to the preparation of the Estimates. Every effort to effect early submission.

JK Murray to Hon PC Spender, 14 March 1950. Representatives of the American Lutheran Mission in PNG met with Murray expressing concern for their \$US1 million investment in Madang and Finschhafen in view of the political situation in Dutch New Guinea. "I said that the immediate political risks were not great... That the safety of their Missions depended, in part, on the support given by the United States of America to the status quo."

SA Lonergan to Heads of Departments, Functions of Departments, 17 March 1950. Murray is in Australia. Lonergan forwards Murray's 18 February request for information on functions.

JK Murray to RJF Boyer (Chairman ABC), 22 March 1950. Was fortunate in seeing the Prime Minister, Fadden, Casey and Francis as well as having sessions with Spender and I feel that the Cabinet is will aware of NG needs. "We all feel some concern here with regarding to developments in Asia and south of it but hope that the Australian Government will do everything possible... It should be a good thing for the Territory that its Minister holds the portfolio of External Affairs as well as External Territories."

Spender made his first visit to PNG on his way back from the Philippines. Arrived 29 March and left 13 April 1950, Ref Downes book p 69.

Interview with the Honorable Minister for External Affairs and External Territories, Conference Room, Government House, Thursday, 30 March 1950. Groves told Spender that it was difficult to indicate particular problems of present urgency, since the problems of his Department arose from day to day as part of the routine development work of the Department. Groves wished to bring to notice that the Department interpreted education as wider in its functions than in Europe ... broadcasting, publications, films, Public Library, native arts, crafts, music ... regarded as indispensable. Spender asked Groves if he had made recommendations as to the general nature of the education scheme that he had in mind. Groves informed Spender that a very detailed report on the five-year plan of his Department has been made. Spender wants to see it. Groves said that there had never been any explicit approval by External Territories of this policy and because the policy had the approval of the Administrator, the Dept has assumed that it was acceptable. Groves said that at the moment he was not particularly worried about the lack of staff but he was worried about accommodation. Groves also mentioned Cadet Education Officers. A plan had been approved 3 years ago but to date only four Cadets had been put into training for the two-year course involved. DOET could do a good deal more to develop the scheme so that Groves could be guaranteed a continuing inflow of young specially trained personnel. Groves hoped that specific action would be taken in ample time to enable recruits to be sought from the current school leavers.

JK Murray to Hon PC Spender, 5 April 1950. "In connection with your desire that before you leave the Territory you should have before you a list of the matters which require finalisation or decision, the following represents a comprehensive statement." 32 items were listed, No 7 relating to the appointment of a Principal at ASOPA. This list reached PNG August 1950 and Rowley had been appointed.

JK Murray to ML Tyrell, 14 April 1950. Spender has been in PNG recently.

WC Groves to Government Secretary, Functions of Departments, 14 April 1950. Groves attached a 3 page document outlining: 1. Introductory 2. General Review 3. Break-up of Functions: Education Ordinance, General Education, Special Services, Technical Training, Social Welfare, Liaison with Missions, Female Education, Extra-Departmental Activities, Library Services, Administration. Sub-headings we provided.

JK Murray to Hon PC Spender, 24 April 1950. Murray received a letter from someone suggesting Maude might be offered the position of Principal of the School of Pacific Administration. The unknown source states, "I asked Maude whether he would be interested in the position of Principal at the School and he said he was. In fact, he is quite keen on the idea. I think he would be the right man for the position – so do Miss Wedgwood and Arthur and Kerr. Maude cannot apply of his own motion, but must be asked for." Murray passed these comments to Spender commenting, "I have full confidence in his ability and his suitability otherwise for such a position."

Department of Education, Grants to Non-Government Schools in the British Colonies, May 1950. Give information on the situation in places such as Uganda, Nigeria, India Kenya and Delhi.

United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in the Pacific, New York 1951. The United Nations Visiting Mission arrived Rabaul 10 May 1950. The mission visited Rabaul, Bougainville, Manus, New Ireland, Wewak, Madang, the Central Highlands, Morobe and Port Moresby. Has map of their tour. It left for Australia on 14 June, where it remained until 27 June. It met with Spender and others. Its report firstly covers its terms of reference, itinerary, and general considerations, and in separate chapters deals with Political, Economic, Social, and Economic Advancement.

JK Murray to J Jones, 2 May 1950. Asks Jones to represent him at ASOPA Council meeting on 9th because Murray has to meet mission in PNG on 10th. Murray supports Wedgwood's continuance as a lecturer. "With regard to Agenda Item No 4, Hostel, please adopt an attitude which will result in students being reasonably well housed at a cost which will not make attendance at the School an additional burden on the students, beyond which they are required to cover during their residence in the Territory. You know how important it is that comfortable and reasonably priced accommodation be available for our married students, so I strongly support anything which is likely to bring about a desirable state of affairs in this regard." Agenda Item No 1, Teaching Staff – Consideration of Applications. Murray supports Maude for Principal and includes his 24 April letter to Spender.

JK Murray to Hon PC Spender, 5 May 1950. Murray advises Spender that Jones will be representing him at the ASOPA Council meeting on 9th. Asks Spender if he could see his way clear to approach Maude with a view of taking up the Principal's position ... "it would be helpful in determining the matter of the Principalship, regarding which there is some urgency

RC Mills to Director of Education, Grants to Schools, 23 May 1950. Outlines the system followed in the UK.

JK Murray to JR Halligan, 21 September 1950. Refers to ASOPA Council meeting of 23 May 1950. Halligan was Chairman. Wedgwood, McAuley and Parkinson appointments were recommended. Nothing on appointment of a Principal.

JK Murray to JR Halligan, 23 May 1950. "I understand that, early in the life of the Mandated Territory, the then Administrator (General Wisdom) was given a series of secret instructions bearing on matters of policy and that these instructions have not been countermanded or withdrawn and, presumably, may still affect policy in

relation to the Territory... I would be pleased if you would be good enough to forward to me all such instructions of which I may not be aware."

Note: There was other similar correspondence around this time but, as there was no clarification of the matter under discussion, the correspondence has been omitted from this summary. For more, contact Loch Blatchford care of ASOPA PEOPLE

PC Spender, Ministerial Statement on Policy Towards External Territories, 1 June 1950. Since June 1946 the Australian Government has made available £11 million to re-establish the administration of the Territories. "Our purpose...to protect the welfare of the native inhabitants and, at the same time, to serve Australia's security interests..." The Government has appointed a ministerial standing committee (me, Treasurer, Minister for Commerce and Agriculture, Minister for National Development) to assist in the preparation of material for the consideration of the Government. "The broad objectives of the education programme of the Territories are universal literacy and the development of the native people as a community within their own environ including all aspects of native culture. To this must be added such instruction as will assist the native to adjust his mode of life to the changed conditions resulting from contact with civilization and culture."

PC Spender, Trusteeship in New Guinea, 1 June 1950. 5 pages. Gives statistics on schools and enrolments. Details mass education, literacy (Laubach's visit). Last year native village councils were established. Soon Legislative Council to be established and will have 3 native members.

PC Spender, Australia's Policy in Relation to External Territories, 1 June 1950. 23 pages. Received PNG Department of Education on 6 June 1950. "...our first and constant interest must be the security of our own homeland and the maintenance of peace in the area." The task, the war, our purpose, limit of labour, economic relations with Australia, reconstruction, PNG wealth, shipping, timber, native labour, Customs, copra, land, War compensation, education, Missions, health and medical services, public works, site to replace Rabaul, transport services, Administration, defence and security, and finance. "A decision has been taken to abandon the Rabaul area (because of 1937 volcanic eruption) and transfer the Administrative Headquarters of the New Britain District to the Kokopo area about twenty miles away." Excellent summary of history of DOET, too much control from Canberra, proposal to give more authority to the Administrator (currently PNG has to submit to Minister for approval expenditure exceeding £5,000), Heads of Departments and District Officers. Is appointing two Deputy Administrators. Proposes interchange of officers between PNG and Canberra, as well as PNG and areas under the British Colonial Office and NZ. Approval given to establish a secondary school at Wau.

JK Murray to AA Conlon, 2 June 1950. Lonergan has gone to New York. "He has a much closer contact with people and things up here than Halligan... It looks as if the School of Pacific Administration is getting a firm basis on which to work."

Territories to Administrator, 2 June 1950. Radiogram appointing member to Executive Council "not to extend beyond 30 September 1950."

JR Halligan to JK Murray, 16 June 1950. Not aware of any secret instructions.

EAF Head to the Director Department of Education, Classification of the Public Service of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, 29 June 1950. Outlines education positions and salary levels approved by the Minister on 23 June 1950.

Commonwealth of Australia, Territory of Papua. Annual Report for the Period 1 July 1950 to 30 June 1951.

Commonwealth of Australia, Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on the Administration of the Territory of New Guinea from 1 July 1950 to 30 June 1951.

White to the Administrator, 12 July 1950. 6 page letter from the president of the SDA Coral Sea Union Mission expressing loyalty to the Government. White is concerned "with the possible attitude of the native people in the event of the present international situation deteriorating still further and spreading more widely... My observations have led me to believe that should this territory be invaded by soldiers with coloured skin, backed by subtle propaganda, the percentage of disloyalists would be high."

GT Roscoe to the Government Secretary, District Ordinance, 13 July 1950. Concerns the coordination of policy in each District but really is about the power of District Officers. Gives example of Chief Inspector of Schools being kept waiting outside DO's office for 45 minutes while the DO gossiped and joked with his clerk. Roscoe says: DOs should refer education matters to Department of Education not Director of District Services and Native Affairs. Education representatives should not have to go cap in hand to DO for items of Department expenditure from Department votes. DO is not competent to inspect a school and should not take it upon himself to establish a school. Roscoe was acting Director of Education. (See Murray to Burns 21 November 1951)

JK Murray to All District Officer, 18 July 1950. Murray sent the SDA letter of 12 July to all DOs commending the suggestion "that government personnel embark upon a not-too-conspicuous yet nevertheless very thoroughgoing campaign to bring to the people under their care understanding and an appreciation of British rule, particularly emphasizing in appropriate terms the fact of its being sound in principle and wholesome in application." Murray directed his personnel "to embark on such a campaign at once and continuously, but tactfully and not ostentatiously." Murray sent copies to the Government Secretary, the Director of District Services and Native Affairs, and the Parliamentary Under Secretary.

PC Spender, Statement by the Minister for External Territories, 19 July 1950. Reports progress in PNG since his policy statement of 1 June 1950.

Acting Government Secretary to His Honour, 24 July 1950. General Wisdom maintained a secret file, which was kept in his safe Rabaul. "I have little doubt but that such instructions were contained in correspondence which would be filed on a secret or confidential file on each subject in the Department in Australia."

RC Mills, Grants to Schools, 16 August 1950. Mills forwards information on India and advises of report on Nigeria.

GT Roscoe, Department of Education: The General Division, 26 August 1950. Paper presented to Cadet Patrol Officers' Induction Course No 3.

C Julius, Research Officer, 26 August 1950. Paper presented to Cadet Patrol Officers' Induction Course No 3.

BA McLachlan, Department of Education: Women's Branch, 26 August 1950. Paper presented to Cadet Patrol Officers' Induction Course No. 3.

Department of Education: Special Services Division, 26 August 1950. Paper presented to Cadet Patrol Officers' Induction Course No 3.

WM Archer, Handicrafts, 26 August 1950. Paper presented to Cadet Patrol Officers' Induction Course No 3.

Department of Education, Brief Statement of Policy on Education, 26 August 1950. Paper presented to Cadet Patrol Officers' Induction Course No 3. "Asiatic schools are maintained where population warrants. The syllabus closely follows that in use in European schools, with such adaptation as is necessitated by the children's limited knowledge of English and the special needs of their environment... Separate schools may be established for the children of mixed race, but in general it is deemed most undesirable to prolong their status as a separate group in the community."

Acting Government Secretary to all Heads of Government, Plans for Development of the Territory, 2 September 1950. "In accordance with decisions made at the Administrator's Conference on the 31 August 1950, would you please forward your Departmental Developmental Plans over the next seven years to the Acting Secretary, Planning and Development, no later than 6 September 1950.

JK Murray, to JR Halligan, 21 September 1950. Halligan was Chairman of ASOPA Council. Murray understands that the Wedgwood, McAuley and Parkinson appointments have been made. No Principal appointed. Murray is willing to act as a member of a small committee to finalise recommendations [Note: Murray was supporting Maude so if Murray was on selection committee he could promote his candidate]

South Pacific Post, Issue No 1, 26 September 1950. SPP commences printing. Murray starts the presses rolling.

South Pacific Post, An Informed Public is Vital to Defence, 26 September 1950, p 1. Editorial: "The noisy Dr Soekarno – whom many experts regard as a Kremlin puppet – is threatening violence unless the Dutch hand over their New Guinea territory to the newly weaned, and yet undisciplined, United States of Indonesia. His deadline is December 31 this year. Here in P-NG plans are being made to prepare an adequate defense of the islands. Canberra at last appears to have realised that these islands are not the Commonwealth's first line of defence but the last."

Department of External Territories, Minute Paper for the Executive Council, Subject: Territory of Papua and New Guinea Appointment of Members of the Executive Council, 25 September 1950. The Governor-General, WJ McKell, approved the membership (gives list) for a period not extending beyond 31 March 1951.

JR Halligan to His Honour, 28 September 1950. Refers to Halligan's radio no 873 of today's date and advises appointment of Executive Council members. Niall, McCarthy and Foldi, who were recommended by Murray, were not appointed.

South Pacific Post, Deputy Administrators to be Appointed, 6 October 1950, p 1. The Department of External Territories has called for applications for two Deputy Administrators to assist Murray.

JR Halligan to JK Murray, 10 October 1950. "Principal. The Public Service Board has approved the appointment of a Permanent Member of the Commonwealth Public Service... and subject to the acceptance by the appointee the appointment should be completed within a few days." Approval of McAuley's appointment is expected within a few days. Temporary appointment of Wedgwood has been completed, Council's

recommendation of VH Parkinson was not approved by the Minister. No more appointments until new Principal can consider the Council's recommendations.

Acting Government Secretary to GT Roscoe, 18 October 1950. Press Releases. Policy matters must be made by the Administrator. Matters of public interest to be made by Departmental Heads.

Information on Progress Made in Relation to the Items Mentioned in Letter 218 of 5th April Originated by His Honour the Administrator and Addressed to the Minister for External Territories, Possibly late October or early November 1950. I say possibly October/November 1950 because Murray in his letter to Halligan of 21 September talks about appointing a Principal, whereas letter of 10 October says announcement due within a few days and this document says Rowley has been appointed. Question 7. CD Rowley has been appointed Principal of ASOPA, J McAuley as Senior Lecturer in Colonial Administration, Miss Reay as Lecturer in Anthropology and Miss Camilla Wedgwood as Lecturer in Native Education. (From other semi-personal correspondence addressed to Your Honour, it would seem that Miss Wedgwood has accepted a post at the Edinburgh University). As yet no appointment of Lecturer in Law. Question 24. As recently advised by the Prime Minister as Acting Minister for External Territories, the Wau High School will not be built this year. £125 to each approved student to assist with schooling in Australia.

South Pacific Post, Face Up to Duties in Islands, 3 November 1950, p 1. Senator JH O'Brien who visited the Territory was not satisfied with Australia's role. He told Parliament, "We have a sacred trust... Our fitness to administer can be challenged in the UN Trusteeship Council. Need a bold and progressive program of development."

JH Jones to Director of Education, Programme for Development, 3 November 1950. DOET has put to Cabinet Sub-Committee for consideration of gross expenditure in the order of 350 to 400 over then twenty years. Provide, with as much accuracy as is possible not later than 10 November 1950: What expansion (if any) in the Education Department's teaching staff will be necessary in order to achieve by 1970 the native educational standards it is considered feasible to aim at in the development program? How many schools are to be built by 1970?

JK Murray to CD Rowley, 4 November 1950. Officers returning from Australia informed Murray of Rowley's appointment. Congratulations and successful and happy career. No doubt you will wish to come to NG to make yourself acquainted with the situation. We will be very glad to welcome you.

South Pacific Post, Claims of Territory, 10 November 1950, p 1. JB Howse told Parliament that Australia must stop thinking of its Territory as distant lands. We are fully alive of the defence requirements up there. We might have to rely on NG to provide many of our tropical requirements in the event of war shutting off supplies to Asia.

South Pacific Post, One Man Show, 10 November 1950, p 8. Editorial: These islands need a voice in Canberra; the problems of defence and development must be kept in the spotlight.

WC Groves to Secretary for Planning and Development, Programme for Development, 16 November 1950. a) Expansion of teaching staff by 1970? Europeans 500. Asiatic and Mixed 40. Native 1,200. b) How many schools are to be built by 1970? Primary (Higher Village) 480. Primary (Area) 40. Secondary 10. Higher Technical 10. Manual Training Annexes 80.

WC Groves, Departmental Activities, 1951, Circular Memorandum No. 62 of 1950, 16 November 1950. Groves has recently returned to duty from Australia. Has undertaken a comprehensive review of the present activities of the Department, with special reference to the availability of staff and accommodation for 1951. The extension of educational activity originally planned for 1951 not possible. The number of exit-trainees from Sogeri and Kerevat will be barely sufficient to replace wastage and maintain our existing commitments, and output will be smaller in 1951 than this year. "...it will be necessary to recall for service in Papua those primary teachers formerly serving in the Territory of NG who have fulfilled their two years of service away from home." Extensive recruitment campaign for European officers will be initiated, probably in the early months of 1951. Appointments likely completed May 1951, when it is proposed that most of the appointees shall spend the remainder of 1951 at ASOPA undergoing a two term course in Native Education. These officers will not be available for posting until 1952. The position is aggravated by the fact that more than 30 officers are due for leave during 1951 and it will not be possible to supply replacements for some of these unless new appointees are available. "I feel justified in planning a large extension programme of educational activities to begin in January 1952. The intervening period must be one of maintenance and consolidation with only such extension as our limited available resources make possible."

WC Groves to Director of District Services and Native Affairs, Activities of Department of Education, 21 November 1950. Gave 150 copies of CM No 62 to be distributed as widely as possible to field staff. "I am naturally feeling disturbed at the view, apparently widely held among District Service personnel, that this Department is not measuring up to its responsibilities." Groves wants those concerned to be aware of the circumstances impeding extension and development.

J Goodwin to JK Murray, 21 November 1950. Methodist Overseas Mission affirms their purpose to co-operate with the Administration for the welfare of the people of Papua.

JK Murray to Sir Alan Burns, 21 November 1950. Replying to a letter of 25 October 1951. "The Executive Council has been considering the suggestion that the prestige and standing of District Officers have been allowed to decline." ... "I am hoping that the taking over of the CRTS activities by the Department of Education in their technical schools will meet the desire for the [UN] Mission for the training of technicians, mechanics, carpenters and skilled workers in part." ... "The two positions of Deputy Administrator have been advertised. Applications closed on 27 October but owing to the absence of the Minister no decisions were made. It is probable that this matter will be dealt with in the near future, Mr Spender having returned to Australia at the end of last week."

South Pacific Post, Principal of P. A. School Here on Visit, 1 December 1950, p 4. CD Rowley of ASOPA visiting Hagen, Madang and Wewak.

South Pacific Post, Man With Two Jobs, 1 December 1950, p 8. Editorial says that a separate portfolio should be established for External Territories. Menzies linked External Affairs with External Territories. "It becomes clearly obvious that the two portfolios are too much for one Minister." Spender promised many changes. He was here in April. It is now December and very little has been done. More power should be given to the Under Secretary and the Administrator. The Under Secretary does not appear to have the power to make decisions. Matters usually settled by the Minister have had to be referred to Cabinet. The Administrator is similarly

handicapped ... decisions could be made far quicker and better at Government House Port Moresby.

A/Crown Law Officer to Official Secretary Administrator's Office, Religious Denominations, 20 December 1950. Eight religious denominations declared by the Administrator by notice in the Gazette to be recognized religious denominations. The Church of England, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran and SDA on 23 March 1936. The Presbyterian on 2 April 1938. The Assemblies of God and the Baptist on 1 December 1949.

South Pacific Post, Spender Promises Arbitration, 22 December 1950, p 3. When PSA General Secretary, John Irvine spoke with Spender in Canberra it was "extremely obvious that Mr Spender is anxious to have the greater degree of routine Territory matters transferred to an authority in the Territory." Mr Spender was at the time temporarily holding 5 portfolios. Mr Spender said that in his opinion the Territory itself should be able to settle a lot of the matters now referred to himself and the DOET.

JK Murray to SA Lonergan, Administrative Arrangements, 23 December 1950. Murray wants to know the Administrative Arrangements, approved in early 1946, concerning the functions of the various Departments. Regulation No 9 of Public Service Regulations says, "The functions of each Department shall be such as the Administrator from time to time directs."

Note: Looks like Head, the Public Service Commissioner, has got up Murray's nose. Head had earlier requested the departments to indicate their present functions and recommended variations. Murray feels this is up to the Administrator and DOET.

JK Murray to CD Rowley, 29 December 1950. I have been giving a good deal of consideration to the matter of sending people from the Department of District Services to the Long Course in 1951. One of the considerations involved will be just what happens in Dutch New Guinea within the next few weeks. At the moment I feel that the Administration should not commit itself to sending any people away to the Long Course since the situation seems to me to be pretty grim and we are short of people of even limited experience what seemed to me the essential jobs. There are now two Long Course groups at the School and, at the end of 1951, we should receive about 30 officers back which will alter the whole position." The PSC is counting on around 15 officers going to the Long Course. Mr Champion would feel a great measure of relief if he did not have to make the officers available for the first year of the Long Course in 1951. I take that there will be two Induction Courses for Cadet Patrol Officers during 1951. I could not get to the School's Council meeting – planes affected by the weather.

N Fells to The Director Department of Education, 8 February 1951. Attached to the letter is a report on teacher training at Sogeri for 1950, and Questions, Results and Comments on the December Teacher Training Examination.