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Papua and New Guinea Scientific Society, Annual Report and Proceedings, Port Moresby, 1952. WC Groves was president 1952/53. Gives membership.

Department of Education, Native Education: Mekeo Reader No 1, Catholic Mission, Yule Island, 1952. A school reader in the Mekeo language.

HH Reeve to His Honour the Administrator, Estimates 1951-52, 12 January 1951. Reeve presented the Estimates to Murray to forward to the Minister. Reeve had discussed the Estimates with each Departmental Head. "In practically every instance a strong view is held that the overall restriction in finance will prevent... Departmental progress and expansion." Three pages of Education figures.

South Pacific Post, Technical Head for Education, 18 January 1952, p 2. . F Butler has arrived to take up position. He will develop a long-range plan for the technical and industrial education of natives.

South Pacific Post, Policy on Higher Education Still Unchanged, 18 January 1952, p 4. Commenting on an LMS proposal to build a Territory school at Townsville, Groves says it is still policy to build schools in the Territory. He has plans for schools at Wau, Moresby and Rabaul.

South Pacific Post, The Stock Answer, 18 January 1952, p 8. The editorial complains that the stock answer to requests for schools is 'No funds.' The cost of flying the Air Minister from Australia to Manus by bomber instead of using half-empty commercial planes could have built a new school.

South Pacific Post, £7,000 for New Lae School, 18 January 1952, p 12. The Government Secretary's Department has asked Canberra for the money and expects approval soon.

EAF Head, Public Service of Papua and New Guinea - Staff, 19 January 1952. As at 30 November 1951 the Department of Education was employing 117 people. Total staff for the whole Territory "is now considerably in excess of the total employed at 30 September 1951." As a result "limited recruitment for essential staff can be undertaken only if substantial savings can be effected throughout Departments." Staff reductions were to be made through "a strict review of the Service to remove inefficient or superfluous officers and end non-essential activities...Transfer to another Department without unduly affecting the present efficiency of your Department... (and) a re-organization of functions and duties." Requests for essential recruitment for maintenance of existing essential services, and to carry out approved developmental policies must be supported by a Submission describing the positions to be filled and the relationship to developmental programmes.

WC Groves, Policy With Regard to the Allocation of European Teaching Staff to Meet the Present Circumstances of Strictly Limited European Establishment, 22 January 1952. The basis on which European staff should be distributed amongst various types of schools.

Minutes of Executive Council Meeting No. 3 of 1952, 25 January 1952. Council resolved to present the Education Ordinance to the Legislative Council at its next meeting subject to a few minor amendments.

JK Murray to JH Jones, 26 January 1952. I do not think it would be unfair to suggest that what is sauce for the goose may also be sauce for the gander and if we prohibit native people without passes being present in Port Moresby after 9 pm similarly we might prohibit Europeans, Malays etc. being in Hanuabada Village after 9 pm unless there on business or with the approval of the District Commissioner.

Reply by Director of Education to Speech by Father Dwyer in Legislative Council, Second Meeting, February 1952. Gives statistics on Government expenditure on Mission education and numbers in schools. The plans of the Department of Education for the next two years, even within its now restrictive resources, are designed to open up 100 Native Schools of various types.

South Pacific Post, Education Department Promotions, 8 February 1952, p 6. Lists promotions of many European officers.

JK Murray to M Eggleston, 13 February 1952. Miss Eggleston is writing a thesis at London University on 'The History of the Church in Education in Papua and New Guinea'. Murray sends her material on the Administration/Mission conferences, the Annual reports and provides information on the 'spheres of influence' of the missions throughout PNG.

South Pacific Post, Natives Show Great Interest in School Programme, 15 February 1952, p 2. Sid Neilson is supervising the rebuilding (too old) of Kundiawa School. 80 boarders and will cater for students within one day's walk. No female students enrolled but Government will reconsider later.

South Pacific Post, Administrator Opens DC's Conference, 15 February 1952, p 8. Our major objective is to see the natives desiring continuation of Australian participation in P & NG. Wants English words introduced into Pidgin.

JK Murray, Address by His Honour the Administrator at the Opening of the Annual Congress of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A., Lae, 16 February 1952. 9 pages. Deals with soldier/settlement scheme and crops to grow in PNG. I do not expect all to agree with me, but I give it as an informed opinion that the IQ of the native people of this Territory is not greatly different from that of a cross-section of Europe...what the native people have lacked is opportunity.

JT Bensted to JK Murray, 18 February 1952. Bensted forwards his criticism of Lett's book 'Sir Hubert Murray of Papua'.

CD Rowley to CR Lambert, 18 February 1952. Thank you for your official approval of my forthcoming visit to the Territory...you mentioned that there were one or two investigations you would like people at the School to undertake for you...If you would like me to come (to Canberra) for a day before I leave (4th March) I would be happy to do so.

CR Lambert to CD Rowley, 21 February 1952. Misunderstanding regarding possible investigations. I would prefer to have a discussion with you after you return from the Territory. What I would like you to do when you go to the Territory is to discuss your functions, organization and procedure, including length of course and curricula, with the responsible administrative officers so that when you come back we might be able to have a talk on whether and to what extent if any your organisation and arrangements at the School might be improved to meet the requirements of the Administration. You could, at the same time, canvass the possibility of whether, in the views of the Administration, the School staff could be used with advantage on some investigatory work.

South Pacific Post, District Services School 'Should be Here', 22 February 1952, p 3. Barrett told the Legislative Council that he wants ASOPA in the Territory.

Education Ordinance 1952: Report of Proceedings of the Committee Appointed to Consider Amendments to the Education Bill, 23 February 1952. Examined *Part V – Recognised Schools*. Committee consisted of The Assistant Administrator, Fr Dwyer, Rev Lewis, Mr Ure, The Director of Education, the Director of District Services and Mr D?

Draft Education Bill, undated but of this period. The document compares the Bill as agreed upon by the Executive Council and the draft submitted by Canberra.

JK Murray to JT Bensted, 27 February 1952. Bensted's criticism of Lett's book '*Sir Hubert Murray of Papua*' is forwarded to ASOPA.

JD Sullivan to Acting Superintendent Lutheran Mission Lae, 28 February 1952. His Honour leaves the Territory for four months on Sunday 2 March. Cleland will be Acting Administrator.

JK Murray to Assistant Administrator, 28 February 1952. Prior to going on leave, Murray provided Cleland with a list of matters that needed attention. His Honour is pleased with the Sogeri education centre and wants its buildings upgraded.

JK Murray to DM Cleland, 29 February 1952. Murray supplies his itinerary whilst on leave. Leaves Moresby 2 March. Brisbane 2 and 3, Sydney 4, Canberra 6 and back to Sydney the same day, Hobart 7 and off to Mount Wellington for six weeks; then at least a month in Queensland.

Director of Education to Secretary Department of Territories, Wau High School, 29 February 1952. *Loch's note: There is a bit of correspondence on this topic which I have not included as the project never eventuated. If a researcher is interested earlier correspondence it can be provided.* The object of establishing a secondary school was "to provide educational opportunities for children of persons in the lower income groups ... One large, good school is necessary, centrally located in one of the desirable climatic regions of the Territory...a fully co-educational boarding school... students will be able to gain entrance into Australian Universities." The above points were not only fully considered but also accepted in principle when the first public announcement was made.

South Pacific Post, Administration Attacked at Party Meeting, 29 February 1952, p 1. Queensland Senator Kendall attacked the Administration at a Liberal party meeting in Townsville saying that maladministration was no fault of Hasluck but of the Administration.

South Pacific Post, Examinations to Decide School Subsidy, 29 February 1952, p 6. At the end of 1952, a subsidy examination will be introduced to determine who will be awarded subsidies.

South Pacific Post, A Costly School, 29 February 1952, p 8. The editorial considers that officers at ASOPA should bear the cost themselves or better still transfer a section of the College to Port Moresby and use correspondence lessons for the rest.

South Pacific Post, Mission Schooling Under Discussion, 29 February 1952, p 8. Fr Dwyer says 127,000 of the 131,000 students are in mission schools and Missions provide 363 of the 428 European teachers but only get £63,831 of £600,000 spent on education. They deserve more. Groves challenged Dwyer's statistics saying not all Mission students were in secular schools and many mission

teachers were not trained. Fr Dwyer says that on two occasions Education Bills have been passed by the Executive Council without being considered by the Legislative Council. Dwyer wants an Education Board with a strong Mission representation.

WC Groves to Public Service Commissioner, Staff Department of Education - Review of Present Position and Requirements, 5 March 1952. Prior to the lowered ceiling "set for financial reasons", the approved establishment was 188. 61 of these positions were eliminated and the ceiling thus reduced to 127. At present, the number of Officers actually employed is 118. Mr. Julius is transferring to District Services and Native Affairs. This leaves the number of positions unfilled at 10. Groves puts his case for urgent action to be taken to appoint these officers at the earliest possible date. 9 pages.

Bena Bena Mission to Director of Education, 5 March 1952. Thanks the Director for arranging the visit of Miss Archer who taught them how to spin wool and make bamboo blinds.

South Pacific Post, Value of Mission, 7 March 1952, p 8. The editorial says the Mission role in education needs public airing. At present many Territorians are of the firm opinion that the Missions have been allowed to get too strong a hold on the religious and secular education of the natives and they are anxious to know when the Administration will accept its responsibility in this field and introduce some control over the activities of the missions. Umpteen varying brands of religions. Many are no more than religious cranks.

CR Lambert to JK Murray, Reports Requested by the Minister, 18 March 1952. The following is a copy of a minute recently written by the Minister: "When I ask for a report I want a report on the facts of a case and there is no need for special pleading or self-justification. The calling for a report does not mean that I am making any charges against our officers, or that I have accepted any of the charges that other persons may have made."

CR Lambert to His Honour the Acting Administrator, Participation of Junior Officers in Policy Discussions, 18 March 1952. The Minister has directed...that every opportunity and encouragement is to be given to junior officers to take an interest in the shaping of policy...a duty to be shared by all.

South Pacific Post, The Value of Mission, 28 March 1952, p 9. Percy Chatterton says it is better to cooperate than criticize. "The pioneer missions of the 1870's and 1880's established schools in Papua because there was no one else to do it. The missions of today continue to operate these for about 90% of the national population there is still no one else to do it ... If the mission schools were taken over by the Administration the unhappiest man would be the Director of Education as he would have to find scores of European and hundreds of native teachers and several hundred thousand pounds more than Canberra is ever likely to allow him."

Department of Education, Map of Papua and New Guinea, April 1952. Was prepared for a supplement to the '*Papua and New Guinea Villager*.'

DM Cleland to WC Groves, 15 April 1951. Leaves on 16th for tour of Madang and Sepik areas with the Minister, "and therefore will not have the opportunity of seeing you on your return ... I was very sorry and disappointed that you did not adhere to the arrangement which you made verbally with me that Mr Irvine would return after the first ten days - this I will discuss further with you when I come back from my tour ... The two matters upon which I desire finality to be reached are the Education Bill and also the grants for school aid for children going to Australia. The Government Secretary will be communicating with you in regard to these two matters."

Director of Education to all Education Officers, 18 April 1952, p 6. Roscoe signing for Groves. (Note: Groves states in letter to Dwyer 7 May, that he has been away from Moresby for over a month.) Roscoe says he has to keep an eye on all expenditure including traveling expenses so it is not easy for Headquarters to keep in touch with what is going on in the field. Reports from Education Officers "may serve as an indication to Headquarters of the effectiveness of policy, or as a guide to other officers with similar problems to meet." "On occasion, excerpts from Reports have been sent to field officers; but generally shortages of staff or materials have prevented circulation of information that might have been of general value."

South Pacific Post, Hasluck in 'Routine' Visit, 18 April 1952, p 1. Arrived 16th to visit Lae and other mainland centres. Returns Australia 27th.

South Pacific Post, Treasury Tightens Up-School Prizes Cut, 18 April 1952, p 4. The custom of granting £10 to each school for prizes is to be discontinued.

South Pacific Post, On Remote Control, 18 April 1952, p 6. The ASOPA magazine 'South Pacific' quotes Hasluck as saying the administration of P&NG will become increasingly centralized in Australia. The SPP editorial said, "This statement indicates a completely changed outlook from when the Minister first took office at that time he spoke freely of his desire to rid the Administration of its Canberra shackles; he admitted that the Territory could only be efficiently administered if men on the spot had the authority to make decisions and he promised to see that Canberra interference was reduced to a minimum." "This turned out to be just another piece of political balderdash, for as all departmental heads know, Mr Hasluck has demanded that more and more decisions be referred to him in Canberra. The situation has reached the stage where some departmental heads are ready to give up in disgust."

WC Groves to Fr J Dwyer, 7 May 1952. Groves been absent from Port Moresby for over a month and refers to his recent visit to New Guinea. Mrs Groves has just returned from two and a half months in Australia so Groves may have taken advantage of her absence to make a tour of New Guinea. Groves is going to Nauru for at least six weeks. Groves is replying to a letter from Dwyer dated 11 March and it appears both wish to heal any differences over comments made during recent Legislative Council meetings. Groves was suffering from the 'dog's disease' at the time and asks Dwyer if he has a cure for the 'spotted dog' condition of his fair skin. Finally, Groves states the he and his wife "will be glad to see your legs under our table again one of these days."

South Pacific Post, Is It Fair Dinkum, 9 May 1952, p 8. Concerning a committee being sent to the Territory to investigate customs the editorial comments, "They (the Territorians) know full well that Canberra does not make a habit of seeking Territorial opinions on any subject and that since Paul Hasluck took office even the views of the Administration are seldom sought."

Press Release: Statement by Minister for Territories, 10 May 1952. "After six year's service in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, first as Provisional Administrator and later a Administrator, Colonel JK Murray will relinquish his position from June 30 next." Murray has been on leave since March and Cleland has replaced him as Acting Administrator.

South Pacific Post, Dignity, Sincerity, Highlight Co. Murray's Term, 16 May 1952, p 1. Murray to retire 30 June 1952. Was appointed in June 1949, for five years, by the Labor government. Feelings are that he was politically persuaded to retire. Cleland will be acting Administrator. Murray on leave in Australia.

South Pacific Post, A Political Playpen, 16 May 1952, p 8. Editorial says, "The 'resignation' of Labor-appointed Col Murray just a few convenient months after the arrival of Liberal-appointed Mr. Cleland is just a further indication that Canberra regards this Territory as no more than a political playpen." Col. Murray will be remembered as an Administrator who was too much of a gentleman to betray anyone, even the Canberra nincompoops to whom he gave complete allegiance."

WC Groves to Public Service Commissioner, Department of Education – Teaching Staff Needs, 16 May 1952. "I am seriously disturbed about the problem of maintaining European teaching staff throughout the schools of the Territory, especially European schools." Groves outlines the situation for the larger schools and recommends that applications be called immediately for six Primary teachers. 3 pages.

CR Lambert to Secretary Prime Minister's Department, Australian Council of School Organisations: Resolutions on Education, 18 March 1952. The educational arrangements existing in Papua and New Guinea for the recruitment of teachers are direct appointments from State Education Departments in response to advertisements, and a course which "covers two years including one year of professional training and one year of preparation at ASOPA, Sydney and in the Territory."

Murray's Retirement. Many letters were sent to Murray expressing sadness at his departure. These have not been listed.

South Pacific Post, Farce Calling for Applicants, 30 May 1952, p 1. Eddie Ward says applications for Murray's job would probably be called but Cleland will get it.

EAF Head to the Administrator, Department of Education-Proposed Investigation of Functions, 30 May 1952. "I desire to advise that I have had no confidence in the organization of the Department of Education since shortly after my arrival in the Territory and I propose to undertake a thorough investigation into the actual work being performed in that Department at a very early date ... The opinion is held that a complete re-organisation is essential and this could be undertaken more efficiently by co-opting a competent Education Officer from Australia with a flair for organisation, as the present structure appears to consist of too many highly paid officers reported to be performing important functions, but which, upon examination, may prove to be far below the status which has been accorded them... too little has been accomplished...several expert advisers have visited and reported with little tangible result. A 'down to earth' policy must be determined with the necessary re-adjustment to staff." Head asks for the Administrator's support for a submission to the Department of Territories to secure the services of a senior competent Education officer for one month to carry out the investigation.

Farewell Message of His Honour the Administrator, 'Villager', June 1952.

Press Release, South Pacific Commission, 3 June 1952. Statement by Hasluck in the House of Representatives. A meeting of the Research Council will commence in Noumea on 9th June.

JK Murray to WC Groves, 5 June 1952. "We will be very sorry to leave you all." His Honour appreciates the Director of Education's efforts in a 'difficult' and 'thankless task'... "but given a few more years, you will, I feel, be gratified by the enthusiasm and appreciation which will greet mention of the work of yourself and your Department."

DM Cleland to Secretary, Department of Territories, Department of Education -Proposed Investigation into Functions, 6 June 1952. Cleland supports Head's criticisms and approach. "I myself share the views of the Commissioner, not only in regard to the organization and functions of the headquarters staff but also as to the effectiveness of the Department in the field. My recent tour with the Minister when we visited various education establishments led me to believe that there was lack of direction arising primarily from no definite objective in the policy of the Department."

WC Groves to Public Service Commissioner, Cadet Education Officers, 6 June 1952. Groves asks for ten Cadet positions to be advertised as soon as possible for 1953 courses. "The revised arrangements propose to increase the Cadet course, in the case of non-graduates, from two to three years... for University graduates or holders of University Diplomas the course will continue to be two years as before ... A further change proposed ... is that fees payable in respect of the first year (at Teachers' College or University of Sydney) should not be a charge against the Cadet but should be met by the Administration. The Principal of ASOPA strongly supports the proposal ... A further modification ... is that the £50 per annum from salary during the course should not be required." Groves recommends that seven places be reserved at Sydney Teachers' College for 1953. (*Note: The College requires notification by October and the procedure is for the Prime Minister to approach the Premier.*)

South Pacific Post, Laws That Bounce, 6 June 1952, p 8. Hasluck has recommended to the Governor General that the Legislative Council's approved Rubber Tariff Ordinance be disallowed. The editorial said, "Like all dictators, Paul Hasluck...has become power happy. He believes that he is the only person who is permitted an opinion on the administration of this Territory. Consequently any administrative officer who dares back the mighty Hasluck is inviting the axe (Col. Murray). Now, however, the dictator has taken on something bigger than the individual. He has decided that the 29 members of the Legislative Council are incapable of passing legislation."

JK Murray, A Talk on the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, 8 June 1952. Given on the ABC. Review of the Territory.

JK Murray to James McAuley, 10 June 1952. On a previous occasion, it was proposed that I should leave the Administration, and I succeeded in staying on, as I really hoped to complete the period of service up to 30th June 1954; but this is not to be. I regret very greatly that Departmental officers should have persuaded the Minister to insert in the Papua and New Guinea Act the provision whereby the School may be discontinued on the basis of advice by the Minister to the Governor General. I consider that provision a blot on the Act. I have been disappointed in what we have done in health and education, but this has been due to factors which were mostly out of the control of the Heads of the Department concerned: not that they haven't done great work, but I hoped that the situation would have been firmer and less subject to buffeting and depredation of funds as a consequence of political factors ... procrastination and an unwillingness to make decisions at the Canberra level. Although we did not achieve the making available of £90-£ 100 millions as a fund to care for the needs of the Territory for 10 years, with a spending maximum of £15 in any one year (as I had asked for), I feel that it had been a real achievement to have the Australian Government to continue to increase the grant made year by year, until it has reached a figure of between £5 and £6 million.

South Pacific Post, Bishop Urges Review of Decision on Col Murray, 13 June 1952, p 1. Rt Rev PNW Strong has appealed to the Bishop of London to approach the Prime Minister, who is in England, and cable Hasluck to right the great wrong that had been done to Murray and the dignity of the office.

South Pacific Post, Need to Increase Annual Grant, 13 June 1952, p 8. Murray speaking on the ABC National Programme said, "There is no future for the Territory unless its people are given literacy in a modern language such as English."

South Pacific Post, Minister Replies, 20 June 1952, p 1. In replying to Bishop Strong Hasluck said, "The only effect any decision regarding an official appointment will have will be on the efficiency with which the Government's policy is carried out... The determination to terminate Col Murray's term as Administrator was made in the belief that the efficiency of the Territorial Administration would be improved."

WC Steele to His Honour the Administrator, Oxford English Course for Papua and New Guinea, 16 June 1952. Informs HH that the pupil's books and teacher's notes for First Year Speaking and Reading are printed and in stock Port Moresby. The second and third years are in preparation and expected this year. Years four to seven are expected in 1953.

South Pacific Post, New English Course for Natives, 20 June 1952, p 7. A new seven year course for teaching English as a second language is being prepared at the request of the Department of Education. Introductory parts are in stock in Port Moresby. Edited by FG French, with the advice of the Territory's teachers. It is '*The Oxford English Course for Papua and New Guinea.*'

WC Groves to BW Brown, 25 June 1952. Replying to a letter of 27 August 1951, "Like so many other things it has been lying here for that long time." "We have not been entirely idle here. The job grows bigger every day, with too few people to handle it. I think I can say with truth that I personally have never worked so continuously hard at any job that has fallen to my lot before ... I leave for Nauru, to be away for about six weeks, on Sunday."

List of Duties – RC Ralph, 26 June 1952 Tasks Outstanding for Professional Assistant to OIC General Division, 26 June 1952.

JK Murray to WC Steele, 30 June 1952. Murray would like copies of the *Oxford English Course for Papua and New Guinea* books sent to him in Queensland.

JK Murray to DM Cleland, 30 June 1952. Murray is delighted with the printing of the *Oxford English Course for Papua and New Guinea* books. "It is one of the excellent ventures that Mr. Groves' Department has been responsible for."

JK Murray to Aisoli Salin, 30 June 1952. "In a conference held in Sydney, I was responsible for the suggested composition of the Legislative Council, and the proposal that there should be native members."

GT Roscoe, Native Education, July 1952. Statement prepared for Cadet Patrol Officers. "There are over 3,000 Mission Schools. The vast majority of them are 'Village Vernacular' schools taught by Native catechists or 'teachers', who are hardly literate themselves, and have no training in the Art of Teaching. They receive little or no pay, which is one of the reasons why, if you visit a Village School without notice, you will very likely find the school closed and the teacher working in his garden." Other topics are: Mission subsidies, No systematic inspections, Education Bill to provide for registration and inspection, and Government Schools. "No Government funds are available to build or furnish Native schools. Schools are established only in

places where the Native people will erect a school building and teachers' houses without cost to the Administration, and then only if a trained teacher is available."

GT Roscoe to Treasurer and Director of Finance, Grants-in-Aid to Missions, 2 July 1952. Provides statistics for New Guinea for 1950, 1951 and 1952.

South Pacific Post, Preferred to be Silent – But He Said It, 4 July 1952, p 1. After criticism Hasluck felt obliged to speak more plainly. He appreciates Murray's work in the past and the "loftiness of his purpose" but these "do not absolve me from my responsibility to the Government of Parliament for the prompt and effective carrying out of routine tasks of Administration in Papua and New Guinea."

South Pacific Post, Impressive Farewells to Administrator, 4 July 1952, p 4. Cleland has nice things to say about Murray. Murray says the retention of Papua and New Guinea is vital to Australia.

JK Murray to WC Groves, 8 July 1952. His Honour tells Groves to 'hold on' if attempts are made to 'narrow' the concept of education. Tells Groves to preface the Estimates with statements of 'essentials' in the education policy.

GT Roscoe to SR Richardson, Liaison Officer - Appointment, 8 July 1952. We are about to experiment with all our teachers, requiring them to do correspondence courses, for the first year in English, Arithmetic and the Social Sciences, for the second year in School Method and School Hygiene. The scheme is as yet in the early stages...may extend to Mission Native teachers."

School Inspection, 10 July 1952. A couple of actual inspection reports on female European teachers.

South Pacific Post, Hasluck Impertinent, Absurd Murray, 11 July 1952, p 1. Murray hits out on his departure. He said that Menzies and Hasluck tried to remove him from office, organised a 'war of nerves' and created bottlenecks in Canberra.
Note: Essential reading for anyone wanting to understand the early post-war period.

South Pacific Post, Hasluck to Reply at a Later Stage, 13 July 1952, p 3. Hasluck says Cleland was the better man of the two. Some additional details of Cleland's career.

South Pacific Post, Native Welfare is Big Territory Task, 15 July 1952, p 8. Hasluck's second article outlining the Commonwealth policy for the development of the Territory. Economic development and native welfare hand in hand. Good race relations.

South Pacific Post, Principal of ASOPA on Visit, 15 July 1952, p 4. Rowley in Port Moresby to confer with the Administration on attendance of Administration Officers at the School.

JH Jones to Director of Education, Quarterly Report – New Ireland District, 22 July 1952. The District Commissioner Kavieng reports "Possibly more than any other Department, the Education service is lagging badly in New Ireland. The reason is known, lack of both European and native teaching staff."

GT Roscoe to Miss E Manley, 22 July 1952. I had to sit in on a conference with the Treasurer and a representative of the Department of Territories on the Financial Estimates for 1952/53, and the amount available for publications has been so much reduced that we will not be able to undertake the publication of any of the courses of lessons referred to in the present financial year. The amount in vote for the supply of school material to Missions is £2,500 and the cost id we continue to issue on the old

scale would be £45,000... this means that we will not be shipping supplies of school material for any of the Mission Schools in your area in the immediate future.

GT Roscoe to Acting Administrator, Administration Assistance to Missions for Native Education, 28 July 1952. A five page document summarizing the post-war development of the grants-in-aid system and proposed changes, e.g., grants paid direct to Native teacher who teach in English and have been tested for competency by the Department.

Administration Press Release, August 1952. A mission conference will commence 10 November and will be opened by Hasluck. Cleland in Rabaul 20 to 25 August to consider rebuilding the town. A week later he is off to Wau, Lae, Eastern and Western Highlands. Back Moresby 14 September. He anticipates visiting Daru and the Northern Division sometime between mid October and early November 1952.

Another couple of inspection reports on European female teachers, 7 August 1952.

South Pacific Post, Territory Presents Governmental Knot, 8 August 1952, p 8. Hasluck's first article in reply to Murray's criticism. Deals with economic development, welfare of natives, and delegation of administrative and legislative authority. It describes the machinery of administration and the importance of close continuous contact between Canberra and Port Moresby.

Department of Education, Staff Postings, 10 August 1952. Gives the names, posting and position of every European employee of the Department.

CR Lambert to the Acting Administrator, Wau High School, 15 August 1952. The Minister has given approval in principle to the establishment at Wau of a Secondary Boarding School, for accommodation of 80 pupils, subject to approval of funds, plans being submitted for Ministerial consideration and boarding fees for pupils to be not less than £100 per annum. The Minister would like to see a start made with the project during the current year.

GT Roscoe to Mission Head Centres in Papua, Short Course for Native Mission Teachers, 18 August 1952. Missions asked to nominate teachers to attend a course at Sogeri from 1 October to 11 November 1952.

Acting Administrator, Press Release: Apprenticeship Ordinance, 21 August 1951. Ordinance comes into effect 21 August. Five-man board appointed. Groves as chairman.

GT Roscoe to Secretary Department of Territories, Training of Cadet Education Officers, 22 August 1952. The following is a statement of proposals put forward by me on behalf of this Department at your Conference at Government House, Port Moresby, on 11th August 1952. The present arrangement is for Cadets to spend one year at the Sydney Teachers' College and another year at ASOPA. The Principal of ASOPA considers the short course at Sydney Teachers' College to be unsuitable and proposes that Cadets: should study at ASOPA for eighteen months; should complete their training by spending the ensuing six months in supervised teaching practice in the Territory, preferably with Native classes. Roscoe objected on many grounds and finished his document with the following recommendation: "that the system of training for Cadet Education Officers be amended, to provide for a two-year course of professional training in a Teachers' College to be established in Port Moresby and operated by the Department of Education."

EAF Head to Director of Education, List of Permanent Officers of the Public Service of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea as at 30th June, 1952, 28 August 1952. Head asked the Department to check its permanent appointments

against the Head's list. It is interesting to note that the Department is shown to have 145 positions but 80 of them are vacant.

Broadcast from 9PA, Mr. Hasluck on Wau School, 29 August 1952. Hasluck told the House of Representatives today that the question of providing a secondary school at Wau was under consideration, but it had to take its turn with other extremely urgent works in the Territory.

PMC Hasluck, Policy in Papua New Guinea, 20 September 1952. A reprint of two articles contributed to the *Sydney Morning Herald* 4th and 5th August 1952. 100 copies were sent to the Department of Education by Cleland for distribution.

WC Groves to DM Cleland, Administrative Procedures, 22 September 1952. 4 pages on interdepartmental co-operation at the headquarters and field levels and factors affecting departmental efficiency.

South Pacific Post, Course of Training for Teachers, 26 September 1952, p 2. The Administration is conducting a short course for Government and Mission teachers at Sogeri from 1 October to 11 November.

South Pacific Post, Plans for More Village Schools, 26 September 1952, p 4. The Department is experimenting with prefabricated units to be used in the framework of outstation schools. The normal course for village schools is: [1] Village school – 3 years in the vernacular. A fourth year to introduce English. If children come from many vernacular groups then English may be introduced earlier. [2] Village higher school – 4 years where tuition is in English. [3] Central school – Similar to Sogeri.

DM Cleland, Address to the Third Meeting of the Legislative Council, 6 October 1952. 8 pages. Outlines the procedures for passing legislation. Every ordinance passed by the Council must be presented to the Administrator for assent. Where an ordinance is reserved, it is perused by the Attorney-General's Department in Canberra and the Minister recommends to the Governor General whether he should give his assent or not. Four ordinances have been disallowed in whole or part. The February sitting of the Council considered the Education Bill. As the Mission representatives had a number of amendments in mind the Bill did not proceed. Advantage was taken of the Mission representatives being in Moresby and a Committee was established to consider the Mission representations. The Committee consisted of Cleland as Chairman, Fr Dwyer, Rev Lewis, Mr Ure, Mr Barrett (Director of DS&NA) and the Director of Education. The Committee's recommendations were agreed to by the Administrator's Executive Council and remitted to Canberra as it contained matters of policy. Every effort is being made to ensure its return from Canberra before the close of this sitting. Cleland has visited every District except two and hopes to see them before the year is out. "There exists a high spirit of service."

DM Cleland to Territories, 8 October 1952. Radiogram to Lambert asking for the Education Bill or "adequate statement for Council why Bill will not be presented this session." This was followed up with a phone call by the Government Secretary on 10 October.

Legislative Council Debates, First Council Second Meeting of the Second Session, 6th to 18th October 1952. 19 pages on the second reading of the Education Bill, 17 October 1952. Groves gives history of the Department.

Department of Education, Monthly Newsletter for September, 8 October 1952. Approval has been requested from the Public Service Commissioner for 10 Cadet Education Officers. 30 teachers enrolled in a course at Sogeri 1 October.

The Inspector of Schools has revised the Infants' Syllabus for European-type schools and this has been circulated. A revision of the English and Mathematics Syllabus for primary grades is in progress. The second assignments of the Native Teachers' Correspondence Course for Grade II have been despatched.

WC Groves to District Commissioners and Education Officers, Subsidies for Secondary Education 1953, 8 October 1952. The Minister has approved £100 per student per annum and one return fare as far as Sydney.

Sub District Office Wau to Acting Administrator, 11 October 1952. History of attempts to build a High School at Wau. Approved by Sir Percy Spend at Wau Memorial Hall in May 1950. Various sites have been proposed. Cleland, Gunther, Roscoe and Rooney visiting Wau. "I would like you to stay in our guest house during your two days here. I think you would prefer that as the hotel is a bit of a blood house. However, I have booked Dr Gunther, Messrs Roscoe and Rooney at the hotel."

CR Lambert to DM Cleland, Education Bill, 13 October 1952. If the Education Bill is received from the Attorney-General's Department and if the Minister agrees to the substance the Bill will be put in Wednesday's mail. The Minister wanted to know why you had to have an explanation if the Bill was not tabled. I explained that private members, especially the Mission members were pressing for the Bill and referring to it as the 'Cinderella Bill'.

DJ Sullivan to HP Seale, 17 October 1952. Cleland and Roscoe to visit Wau 22 and 23 October to inspect suitable sites for the proposed High School. Return Moresby 23 October.

South Pacific Post, Educate Natives Here Not Australia - MLC, 17 October 1952, p 2. New Guinea Islands Member, A Salin, says that if natives are away for four or five years they will be spoiled by European ways and discontented when they return. M. Dickson, native member for Papua, agrees but pointed out the lack of facilities in the Territory.

South Pacific Post, New Bill's Power to School Inspectors, 24 October 1952, p 2. A Bill which gives Education Officers power to inspect Mission schools was passed in the Legislative Council last Friday 17th. [*A copy of the Education Ordinance is with the Blatchford Collection and filed under this date.*] The Bill also gives the Administrator power to declare school attendance compulsory in certain areas. Groves gives a history of the Department and outlines plans for native education in villages (rural bias). Asiatics and mixed race are to receive education similar to Europeans. Fr Dwyer said, "The Administration and the Missions are complementary in the field of education, neither could fully implement the policy without the help of the other. If this interdependency is not appreciated there will be friction with the Missions loath to lose their grip on the education system they have built up and the Administration determined to wrest it from them. The subsidy to send secondary students to Australia has been dropped from £125 in 1952 to £100 in 1953.

S Lonergan to Heads of Departments, Administration – Missions Conference, 30 October 1952. Attaches copy of agenda and papers relevant to each Department. Says that all heads should attend the opening and closing sessions.

PMC Hasluck, South Pacific Commission, 4 November 1952. Reports proceedings of the Tenth session held in Noumea 6 - 16 October. "In Social Development the more important projects cover literacy studies, literary techniques, visual aids vocational training and the education of women and girls. A South Pacific

Literature Bureau has been established to promote the production and distribution of simple literature for island people."

South Pacific Post, Territories Minister Here November 16, 7 November 1952, p 3. 15 day tour with wife. Most of the time in Popondetta-Buna.

South Pacific Post, Twenty Seven Missions Will Attend Conference, 7 November 1952, p 4. Delegates will attend the Administration/Missions Conference to iron out differences. One of the early questions which the Administration has very strong views upon is 'early interference' with native customs and laws. Acting Administrator Cleland will open the conference and Groves will chair it.

PMC Hasluck, Mission Conference at Port Moresby, 10 November 1952. Hasluck unable to attend the open due to late sitting of Parliament brought about by death of Rt Hon WM Hughes. "From time to time difficulties and special problems may arise (and) it may appear that the interests of the Missions and the Administration are at variance. We regard it as our business to find a way through those problems towards practical co-operation and full understanding by means of consultation."

DM Cleland, Opening Address to the Mission Conference, 10 November 1952. 14 pages. Cleland leaves 12th for Daru for first part of tour planned with Minister. Returns Moresby 14th. Minister arrives next week. Groves was to be chairman but pick your own, "No feelings will be hurt." This is the fourth conference. Originally planned for every two years but 1951 cancelled "because of financial stringency and the pressure of work associated with the establishment of the Legislative Council late last year." The 1946 conference was planned initially to lay the foundations of co-operation... to give missions an opportunity to learn in detail of the Administration's policy and its proposals for development in the fields of education, health and agriculture. The second and third conferences widened their scope and a number of resolutions and recommendations were made. These were not automatically adopted. Final decisions must always rest with the Administration in the light of policy and after an impartial consideration of the facts involved. Gives statistics on grants-in-aid. The Education Ordinance passed. It provides for an Education Advisory Board. Wants to appoint the Board at an early date and would like the Conference to recommend Mission representatives to the Board. Hasluck expresses his complete confidence in Cleland, cites his qualities and says: "If we had not had this complete confidence we would never have appointed him to the responsible position which he now holds."

Department of Education, Review of Educational Developments Since the Previous Conference, 10 November 1952. The heads of each division of the Department gave reports. Two diagrams were attached showing the Organisation of Native Education, which showed the different types of schools and their academic levels, and the Organisation of the Department of Education, which showed the structure at headquarters.

Department of Education, Ethics and Morals in Administration Schools, 10 November 1952. A conference data paper. This topic was raised at the first conference and the Administrator subsequently directed that an Ethics and Morals syllabus be drawn up. Give the history but the net result is that the syllabus has been issued to Administration schools as an approved course of instruction.

Department of Education, Educational Grants-in-Aid, 10 November 1952. A conference data paper. Reviews existing arrangements and gives statistics. 6 pages. Administration – Missions Conference, Conference Findings: Resolutions and

Recommendations, circa 20 November 1952. In view of the great percentage of children attending Mission schools, and the comparative low cost of the same to the Administration, that the matter of basic school supplies remain the responsibility of the Administration in the Education task in the Territory.

WC Groves to D Owner, 21 November 1952. I am definitely leaving Port Moresby for four months on the MV *Murkur* on 4th or 5th December.

GT Roscoe to Heads of Missions, and Education Officers, Education Advisory Board, 8 December 1952. Issues Circular Memorandum No. 60 asking for nominations to the Board of suitable Missionaries.

DM Cleland, Education Advisory Board Circular Memorandum No 60 of 1952, 15 December 1952. Cleland directs that the circular be withdrawn as he is handling the matter direct with the Missions themselves.

DM Cleland, Christmas Message, December 1952. Printed in the '*Papuan and New Guinea Villager*' vol 3 no 11 December 1952.