

THE BLATCHFORD COLLECTION - 1951

Note on Sogeri Education Centre: For 1951 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'.

Note on newspaper coverage: Education was not newsworthy in the early life of the 'South Pacific Post'. Of major importance was defence: WWII was recent, Korea was ongoing, the Dutch and Indonesia were squabbling over West NG and there was the ever-present fear of communist infiltration. The newspapers of this period are full of pleas for the build-up of the Territory's defence to protect Australia. This led to the establishment of the PNG Volunteer Rifles, which began recruiting European members in 1951, and the Pacific Islands Regiment.

Sogeri Education Centre, Teacher Training Class Syllabus of Study, 1951. 17 pages.

Department of Education, A Survey of four Area Education Centres, 1951. AECs are of an experimental nature. Situated at Maprik (Sepik), Kinemo (Purari Delta), Tabar (off New Ireland) and Saiho (Northern). All in operation under 18 months.

FE Williams, *The Blending of Cultures: An Essay on the Aims of Native Education*, PNG Official Research Publication No 1, Port Moresby 1951. First published in 1935 as Territory of Papua Anthropology Report. 41 pages including index and bibliography of Williams' scientific writings. Was reviewed in the *South Pacific Post*. See entry for 18 May 1951.

R Sherer, *Carpentry Notes*, 1951. A book of lessons used at the Lutheran Mission Baitabag Technical School, Madang, to teach carpentry. 50 pages, in Pidgin, diagrams.

R Sherer, *Carpentry Work for New Guinea*, 1951. A book of lessons used at the Lutheran Mission Baitabag Technical School Madang, to teach carpentry. 108 pages, in Pidgin, diagrams.

JT Bensted, *Sir Hubert Murray as I Knew Him and Papua as I Knew It*, possibly December 1950. Filed under 'JK Murray to JT Bensted, 3 January 1951' until I can get an exact date. Bensted sent Murray a copy of notes on his address to the Pacific Islands Society. 29 pages covering: First Impressions, Monckton, Chalmers and Tomkins, Life in the Early Days, Scratchley, Douglas MacGregor, Winter, Barton, Sir Hubert Murray, The Natives of Papua, Missions, Administration Policy. Very informative and entertaining. Bensted went to Papua in 1899. Some of the more humorous anecdotes are: [1] Bensted on sport: In the earliest days there was no organized sport but later we had cricket and drinking for the men and tennis and quarrelling for the women. [2] Sir Hubert Murray: A native, when asked if he knew a particular man, replied "Knew him, I knew him well, I ate him." [3] Sir Hubert confessed that he always had a sympathy for the man who kills another "because he talks too much." [4] Sir Hubert was a bad writer, and actually used both hands to guide the pen, and his writing was very difficult to decipher at times. A very fine linguist and I would not like to say in how many languages he was proficient. But rather strangely he did not speak to any native in any language other than English. Probably for the reason that the Government policy was to make English the

language of Papua. A man of great learning and intellectual superiority. [5] One could not help feeling amused to see (Sir Hubert) on a hot night in the lounge of Government House, crouched reading in a chair with heavy walking boots on, socks pulled up over his trousers (and it was said that he wore two pairs at times); coat collar turned up to protect his ears and neck; and an old felt hat on his bald head. And all the time feeding small chips to a stinking sandalwood fire in a dish beside him.

South Pacific Post, Education Head to Visit Suva, 5 January 1951, p 1. Groves leaves Port Moresby for a special meeting of the Social Development Section of the South Pacific Research Council. Will discuss Vocational Training in the Pacific. Back 27 January.

JK Murray to Administration Staff, DOET, ASOPA, Organisation of the Administration of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea: Functions and Responsibilities of District Commissioners and their Relationship to Department Staffs Posted to Districts, 13 January 1951. 3 pages clarifying the above. The Administrator is boss of the Territory, the District Commissioner boss of the District, and the ADO boss of the Sub-District. "All officers (other than the Head of a Department or the Commissioner of Police) visiting a District will report at the office of the District Commissioner, sign the Visiting Officer's Book and acquaint the District Commissioner of the purpose of their visit and seek the co-operation of the District Commissioner in the course of action they propose to undertake in the District."

South Pacific Post, Children Seek Schools Grant, 19 January 1951, p 4. Department of Education has received 116 applications for Secondary Education allowances. £125 and return fare to Sydney. Must have complete Grade VI in PNG or Grade V in Australia.

South Pacific Post, Personal Pointers, 20 January 1951, p 12. Charles Julius, Research Officer, Department of Education, is off for 11 months to do a refresher course in anthropology at Sydney University. Did his Masters some years ago.

Note: Mount Lamington erupts 20-21 January 1951. 3,466 lives lost.

South Pacific Post, Institute Given New Name, 2 February 1951, p 5. Port Moresby Library Institute now called Port Moresby Institute. Groves president, Murray patron.

South Pacific Post, The Royal Tour, 2 February 1951, p 8. Editorial suggests the tour should include the islands. "It is our task to maintain native loyalty."

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 Exam. Fells says, "This may be the type of thing asked for in the circular re items of interest for trainees at ASOPA."

South Pacific Post, Personal Pointers, 16 February 1951, p 12. Sid Neilson back after 12 months leave studying. Off to Lae to set up school. Formerly in Manus, Madang and Moresby.

CD Rowley to JK Murray, 26 February 1951. Rowley has heard from Halligan that no officers can be released for the first year of two-year course. Disappointed. "I would just like to assure you that we will continue to do our best to help you in all ways we can... I have been giving some tentative thought to the question of a Council meeting. I think, however, that it would be well worth deferring it until you

feel that you are in a position to come down for it. Perhaps you could give me some indication of the likely period of the present crisis and of your chances of leaving the Territory for a short time."

JK Murray to SA Lonergan, 2 March 1951. Copy of 26 February letter to Rowley. Expects to be able to send at least 20 officers to the first year of the 2-year course in 1952.

JK Murray to PC Spender, 5 March 1951. The ABC announced yesterday your appointment as Ambassador at Washington. History will be determined more I think in Washington and New York than anywhere else, even though the war initiative may rest with Moscow.

My notes say that Spender withdrew from politics due to ill-health. He was replaced by RG Casey, 26 April to 11 May 1951 when PMC Husluck took over him.

WC Groves, Religious Instruction in Administration Schools, Circular Memorandum No. 10 of 1951, 8 March 1951. The principles were laid down at a Conference between the Department of Education and representatives of various Missions, held at Moresby on 23 January 1948. Clergy (or nominee) have a right to give instruction at Administration schools not in excess of one hour. Parents may elect for their children to not attend.

JK Murray to EAF Head, 9 March 1951. Regulation 9 of Public Service Regulations reads: "The functions of each Department shall be such as the Administrator from time to time direct." Murray asks Head to inform him of the functions each Department is exercising and any modifications or additions they consider should be made.

PC Spender to JK Murray, 14 March 1951. In reply to Murray's letter of 5 March, Spender says, "I shall go to my new task with real enthusiasm."

United Nations Visiting Mission of 1950, 15 March 1951. The Burns Report was debated at the 8th Session of the UN Trusteeship Council, which adopted the report and its recommendations and brought them to the notice of the administering authority.

South Pacific Post, Wanted – A Minister, 9 March 1951, p 8. Editorial wants a new portfolio for the Minister for External Territories. "It is fantastic that decisions vital to our progress should be held up while a so called Minister for External Territories is jogging through Britain, Europe or the US."

South Pacific Post, Gales Lash Port Moresby, 16 March 1951, p 1. Kila Kila flattened. 10% of books saved.

South Pacific Post, New Mission for Sangara, 16 March 1951, p 3. Bishop Hand announced that a new mission station will be built at Popondetta to replace the one destroyed by the eruption at Sangara. 18 Papuan teachers and 20 trainees were killed when Mount Lamington erupted.

South Pacific Post, Parliament Dissolved – Election on April 28, 22 March 1951, p 1. The Governor-General Mr McKell dissolved Parliament on 19 March for failure of the Senate to pass the banking bill. New Parliament will sit middle of June.

South Pacific Post, Appeal to Electors, 22 March 1951, p 8. Editorial: "The election will cause a further delay in the appointment of a minister to replace Mr Spender. It will also mean that decisions vital to our welfare will be shelved for some considerable time. Far worse however, it may mean that if the country swings back

to Labor we will again be saddled with Mr Eddie Ward. The policy of the Labor government was disastrous so far as the Territory is concerned and it was a difficult task that faced Mr Spender when he assumed office."

South Pacific Post, *Personal Pointers*, 6 April 1951, p 8. WP Dobbyn, who was for 2 years attached to Education Department headquarters at Port Moresby returned from leave and has been posted as District Education Officer, Lae.

JK Murray to The Secretary DOET, Report Submitted by Mr D. H. Drummond MP, 10 April 1951. The value of jungle training within the Territory for Duntroon Cadets is a matter for consideration by the Army. The universal, high speed teaching of English is not practicable at this stage, however, and vernaculars will necessarily be an important educational media, particularly in village schools, for some time.

South Pacific Post, *Site for Lae School Not Decided*, 27 April 1951, p 2. Groves objects to the proposed site for the European school as: too far for the children to walk; too close to the airport; children may fall over the cliff.

South Pacific Post, *More Prefab May Now be Ordered*, 27 April 1951, p 4. Administration is considering ordering 200 buildings. Just before he relinquished his position Spender approved the idea in principle. Also considering prefabricated school buildings.

South Pacific Post, *UN Gives Verdict*, 27 April 1951, p 8. Editorial: Administration has every reason to be pleased with the UN examination of the 1949-50 report. The UN wants to see natives given a greater share in the government of the Territory - a highly questionable theory... surely the time is not yet here. We are yet only on the fringe of native education.

South Pacific Post, *UN Wants Greater Use of Natives in Administration*, 27 April 1951, p 2. The UN Trusteeship Council "urged the Administration to go ahead with the establishment of a Legislative Council without delay and to take steps to give greater participation of natives in Council." It recommended, "that all necessary steps for the training of natives should be taken to enable them to take more responsible posts in the administration of the Territory." Special mention was given to the proposed native teacher training centre at Finschhafen with the suggestion that it be finished as rapidly as possible and efforts be increased to expand teacher training throughout the Territory. Universal elementary education should also be expanded and natives be given further opportunities for secondary and higher education. The UN requires the opening of more Government schools and suggests the granting of a reasonable number of scholarships for attendance at schools in and outside of NG.

South Pacific Post, *Permanent Heads Announced*, 4 May 1951, p 1. Halligan has announced that before vacating his portfolio Spender approved the appointment of six officers as permanent heads of their departments. Groves was one of them.

South Pacific Post, *Electors Break Senate Deadlock*, 4 May 1951, p 1. Government to be returned as a result of the 28 April election. It is probable that Mr Casey will be given the external portfolio.

South Pacific Post, *Hasluck is New Minister*, 11 May 1951, p 1. Menzies announced his new cabinet last night 10 May. Hasluck 46 yrs old. Biography.

South Pacific Post, *Profile*, 11 May 1951, p 4. Caricature of JR Halligan, Secretary of the Department of External Affairs and biography.

JK Murray to I Hogbin, 16 May 1951. The Australian Government, as you know, has continued to be liberal in the provision of funds and, despite the defence demands, I still hope that a forward looking policy, satisfactorily backed financially will continue to be pursued.

Estimates 1951/51, 16 May 1951. Includes monies paid to each Mission, and for what purpose, for years 1946-47 to 1949-50.

South Pacific Post, Profile, 18 May 1951, p 9. Caricature of SA Lonergan, Acting Government Secretary and biography.

South Pacific Post, Problems of Educating the Native, 18 May 1951, p 1. Review of FE Williams' book '*Blending of Cultures: An Essay on the Aims of Native Education*'. First published in 1935 as Territory of Papua Anthropology Report. 41 pages including an index and bibliography of Williams' scientific writings. Educationists must pay regard to the society in which the pupil is destined to live. The task of education, then, is to change and adapt culture to suit the needs of man rather than fit man into any particular culture. The threefold task of education in the Territory is to maintain the effective and beneficial aspects of the native culture, to expurgate undesirable elements, and to enrich and expand the old by blending with the new. To open the gates to far wider fields of experience and knowledge, English should be taught as a second language at even the lowest school levels. Williams was killed in a plane crash in the Owen Stanley Range during the War.

South Pacific Post, Personal Pointers, 25 May 1951, p 11. Percy Cochrane, Bulolo school teacher going on leave to attend a course at ASOPA. Will return to the Territory next year.

WC Groves to All Education Officers, Native Village Councils, 30 May 1951. Harry Plant of District Services and Native Affairs is preparing a statement for reference to me which, when accepted on behalf of this Department, will represent the basis of our proposed future policy. Regulations under the Education Ordinance will in due course be produced to cover such policy in this connection. I propose to ask the Research Branch of Department of External Territories to undertake on our behalf a review of policy and practice in other Colonial areas. My feeling at present is that ultimately it would be best to require the Village Council to undertake from its own resources the provision and maintenance of school buildings as far as their resources make possible, and to make a direct contribution towards the salary and maintenance of native teaching staff.

Secretary Department of Territories to His Honour the Administrator, Departmental Administrative Arrangements, 2 June 1951. Murray was advised that Commonwealth Gazette No 31 of 11 May abolished the Department of External Territories, established the Department of Territories, and appointed Hasluck as Minister. The Department will undertake the administration of the Northern Territory as well as the external territories. Lambert has been appointed Permanent Head of the new department and will assume duties 31 May 1951. Halligan has been appointed Special Adviser to Hasluck to deal with UN Trusteeship matters. Will also be Senior Australian Commissioner to the South Pacific Commission.

South Pacific Post, Administrator Backs Visit by Navy Ships, 6 June 1951, p 7. 'Show the flag' movements of Australian warships in Territorial waters are essential, in the opinion of the Administrator Col J. Murray. Murray is off to Canberra for Jubilee Celebrations. Will talk with Hasluck and Lambert. Back 24 June.

Commonwealth of Australia, Territory of Papua. Annual Report for the Period 1st July 1951 to 30 June 1952.

Commonwealth of Australia, Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on the Administration of the Territory of New Guinea from 1 July 1951 to 30 June 1952.

AA Roberts to Director of Education, *Native Village Councils*, 3 July 1951.

Roberts forwards a 3 page report from DM Feinberg and says to Groves, "I think that you will be in total agreement with the views...as they seem to be very much the same as those already expressed by yourself."

Eva Standen to Irvine, 5 July 1951. Recently Mr Roscoe kindly arranged for duplicating of 100 little story books in Bamu dialect. Arrived safely at last amid much excitement. Bright eyes and eager hands welcomed our very first Bamu talk story book, was such a thrill to us all.

CR Lambert to His Honour, 5 July 1951. Concerns Estimates for 1951-52. "It will be difficult for the Minister to approve your Estimates unless he can be assured that the Administration is capable of spending the amount sought and from the information you have given me, I am unable to give him this assurance." Anticipated that 60 Cadet Patrol Officers will be recruited over the next 12 months.

South Pacific Post, *Prefab School Buildings*, 6 July 1951, p 4. The Administration has ordered from England five aluminum building units for use mainly as schools.

Department of Education, Functions, Etc, of Social Welfare Branch, 13 July 1951. Introduction, Fields of Social Welfare, The Social Welfare Machinery in the Territory, Work of the Section to Date.

FA Champion to Director Department of District Services & Native Affairs, Ref *Impending Marriage of Mr C Abel*, 5 July 1951. Several letters concerning Papuan opposition to Cecil Abel's marriage to a Papuan. Mr Abel was under the impression some of their native leaders may try to overthrow the Mission by force, thus enabling them to oust the Europeans, and carry on their own affairs...time the Papuans ran Papua. Champion met with the leaders on 2 July 1951. They informed me that the greater part of the population were very much against the marriage...as it would lead to the disintegration of the Papuan race. If Mr Abel persisted in the marriage, he must leave the Mission and the District. [*Note: He married and left the District.*]

BA McLachlan, Female Education Division, 13 July 1951. Staff, Girls' Schools, Women's Centres, Handicrafts, Relations with Missions, Women's Central Committee, Girl Guides and Junior Red Cross.

South Pacific Post, *Minister Alters Tour Plans*, 13 July 1951, p 6. Hasluck to arrive 25 July accompanied by Lambert and his secretary Mr Hutchinson. Will visit Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Samuraj, Wau and Menyama. Will remain 18 days. "I want to see Canberra and the Territory working in close touch with each other...knowing they have our backing. I want senior departmental officials to be avail to tackle any emergency on the spot, instead of at distant desks."

WC Groves, *General Information Paper for Applicants for Appointment as Education Officers*, 17 July 1951. Broad programme of education, blending of cultures, Divisions, types of schools, Missions, wages. Because it is considered that educational work in this Territory cannot be approached along the same lines as those followed in normal European communities, a special course of training designed to prepare Education Officers for their work in the Territory and to give them some understanding of the principles upon which it is based, is provided at the

ASOPA. It has not been possible up to date, mainly because of the immediate staffing requirements of the Department to carry on and extend its work, for all new appointees to undergo this course, but it may be taken for granted that attendance at such a course will be required. The course is of one year's duration, and includes the history and geography of the Territory, comparative colonial education, Social Anthropology and other significant subjects. A Cadet Education Officer training plan has been drawn up. Minimum entry is matriculation but university graduates receive priority in selection. The training period covers three years and includes professional teacher training in a Teacher' College in NSW as well as a special course of one year's duration at the ASOPA. The broad objectives of the Territorial education programme are universal literacy, not necessarily in English; the introduction of English as a universal second language; the conservation of all that is good in Native culture...and its progressive adaptation to change.

JK Murray to WC Groves, *Functions of Departments, Public Service Regulation 9, 19 July 1951.* A copy of the proposed shortened list of functions, as suggested by the Public Service Commissioner is attached and each Head of Department is to submit to me his comments regarding it. Also prepare a list of Ordinances, the implementation of which is the responsibility of their Department. 12 pages.

WC Groves to Public Service Commissioner, *Organisation, Staffing and Allied Matters relating to the Functions of the Department of Education in this Territory, 21 July 1951.* In an 8 page document, Groves asks for an urgent meeting to discuss "a number of matters vitally affecting the present activities and the future of this Department." Deals with staff shortages. One typist for the whole of headquarters. Unless provision is made for the full 20 Cadet Education Officers originally proposed by me, I shall never have that basic reservoir of specially trained teaching staff which was the foundation of my plans. Reference to your files will show you that I submitted completely revised and fully detailed recommendations for the Cadet Education Officer Scheme over two years ago. To date I am not even officially aware that my proposals have been referred beyond the Territory.

WC Groves to Public Service Commissioner, *Department of Education, 23 July 1951.* I have had the impression that, except for matters of immediate urgency, you did not desire to have such things (staffing requirements) pressed upon you. This Department appears to have suffered in the building-up of its effectiveness as an effective organization because of my having paid regard to your wishes and not having pressed our requirements insistently upon you. I am convinced that the tempo and range of the work of the department must be speeded up and extended according to a considered plan, and to enable us to accomplish at least some part of the Five Year Plan outlined and submitted to the Department of External Territories through His Honour the Administrator some two years ago. As no action appears to have been taken on the revised Cadet Education Officer proposals submitted about 2 years ago, could very early consideration be given to a resubmission of this matter with a view to having a batch of cadets commence their training at the beginning of 1952? If 10 could be appointed under the proposed revised plan at the beginning of 1952, it would be desirable to appoint a further 10 to commence at the beginning of 1953.

WC Groves to His Honour the Administrator, *Functions of Departments, 26 July 1951.* Attaches a schedule of Functions and reference to Ordinances administered. 2 pages.

Organisation of the Department of Education, 26 July 1951. Diagram of structure of the Dept, from D of Ed to Asst Dir, then Divisions, Branches, Sections.

Chart 'A', Organisation of the Department of Education, 26 July 1951. A chart giving the various levels of Ed, Age of Students at Each Level, and Standard Reached. Also presented to the Conference of Education Officers, 9 January 1950.

Department of Education, Special Services Division, 26 July 1951. The Special Services Division formed for Visual Education, Broadcasts, Publications, Art, Music, Physical Education, and Rural Science. Outline of each. Also presented to the Conference of Education Officers, 9 January 1950.

South Pacific Post, Welcome Visit, 27 July 1951, p 8. Hasluck in the Territory. He told of his plans to encourage the Administration to take increased responsibility in the day to day government of the Territory and of his own hesitancy to sail in with the big stick until he had become personally familiar with local problems. He has a hatred of 'investigating committees', likes to ask the principals what is required and then takes action without pigeon-hole hibernation.

South Pacific Post, Legislative Council to be Formed Soon, 27 July 1951, p 1. Hasluck hoped first meeting will be in November. Aims to give increasing representation to people of Territory in their affairs and increasing participation by the native population as stressed by UN.

South Pacific Post, Speed Up Routine Administration, 27 July 1951, p 14. Hasluck says he will send officer from Canberra to the Territory to help in on-the-spot decisions of any difficulties that might arise.

Paul Hasluck to His Honour the Administrator, 10 August 1951. "...the visit has been a profitable one, both in informing my own mind and giving me a better understanding of the conditions under which government is carried on in Papua and New Guinea."

South Pacific Post, Assistant Administrator Announced, 10 August 1951, p 1. 9 August Hasluck announced DM Cleland CBE. Biography.

South Pacific Post, Pressing Need for Greater Facilities, 10 August 1951, p 1. Including roads, buildings and more staff Hasluck said at the end of his fortnight tour.

South Pacific Post, Australia in New Guinea to Stay, 10 August 1951, p 8. Hasluck said that the Australian Government would always endeavour to honour its international obligations (to the UN) "But the decision on any matter of Australian policy including matters affecting Australia and NG is a matter for the Australian Gov and for no one else... there is no other administering authority."

Clerk of the Executive Council to His Honour, Relationship between the Administration and the Australian School of Pacific Administration, 13 August 1951. At Meeting No 10 on 30 March 1951 the Executive Council recommended "that action be taken to bring about closer relationship between the Administration and the Australian School of Pacific Administration, in connection with the teaching programme of the School. It is considered that, under present circumstances, the School is not in a position to enable it best to serve the requirements of the Territory in the training of its officers and that the Administration, equally, is not in the best position to ensure that its needs are adequately met in the teaching of the School." At Meeting No 11, Council agreed "that closer liaison between the Administration and the School should be maintained and that the Principal of the School should be invited to the Territory periodically to

enable all problems that affect the Territory ... to be fully discussed." At the meeting Halligan suggested the formation of a sub-committee of Champion, Groves and Gunther. The views of Government Departments were sought, the matter further discussed at Meeting No 16 on 5 June, referred back to the sub-committee where nothing has happened due to periods of absence from Port Moresby by members of the sub-committee.

South Pacific Post, No Areas Now Uncontrolled, 17 August 1951, p 1. Term 'uncontrolled' now officially dropped. Patrol Officers can enter any areas. Some areas are 'restricted' as they are dangerous and non-official persons can only enter with a permit.

South Pacific Post, PSA Seeks Improved Conditions, 24 August 1951, p 3. Public Service Association has asked the Minister to give European university students the same fare and subsidy as secondary students.

WC Groves to His Honour the Administrator, Australian School of Pacific Administration, 27 August 1951. Groves to represent Murray at Fourth Meeting of the ASOPA Council in Sydney 10 September 1951. Concerned that there would be nothing decisive and final in connection with future courses, Groves has passed to the Government Secretary, to forward to Rowley, the draft report of the sub-committee referred to in letter of 13 August. The draft report will also be referred to Executive Council Meeting No 25, which meets this week. Groves would like the Executive Council's determinations to be forwarded to Lambert before he takes the Chair at the ASOPA Council Meeting.

JK Murray to CD Rowley, 31 August 1951. Murray can't be at ASOPA Council meeting as Cleland arrives on 9 September and must meet him and brief him before Murray leaves for a 10-day visit to Kerema-Kikori starting on 19 September. The Executive Council last Wednesday debated the needs of the Administration in courses at ASOPA and each Head of Department was very keen that the utmost should be made of the facilities you can give. The Long Course suits the needs of the Department of DS&NA and Groves is well briefed as to the point of view of the Administration and the various Departments.

WC Groves to GG Carter, 6 September 1951. Some 12 months earlier Groves had received a Syllabus of Instruction compiled by the Methodist Mission. Commenting on some aspects of the Syllabus, GT Roscoe wrote on Groves behalf: Page 4. "Village schools should be conducted in the dialect of that Village". Yes this is our official policy. "Students should be literate in a native dialect before they commence to learn English systematically." Yes, that is also in accord with Departmental policy.

EAF Head to His Honour the Administrator, Functions of Departments, Public Service Regulation 9, 10 September 1951. Attaches a schedule of Functions and reference to Ordinances administered and advises that the list is being forwarded to Crown Law for checking.

WC Groves, Comments by the Director of Education on Documents Attached to the Agenda for the Fourth Meeting of the Council to be Held on Monday the 10th September 1951. Introductory Courses: The Executive Council Sub-Committee recommended that there should be conducted a common Introductory Course for all new entrants to the Administration service who might be considered able to profit from such a course; this course was proposed to be informative and descriptive, with no bias towards the requirements of any particular Department of the Administration... this course should be followed by a departmentally-biased

course for the officers concerned, to be organised on their arrival in the Territory, in continuation of the Introductory Course which would have been provided at ASOPA. Refresher Courses: Should be provided for selected officers of all Departments... will consist no doubt of directed reading. Such a course should certainly be arranged for Education Officers, to enable them to become up-to-date in their appreciation of modern developments in Colonial Education and related matters. A volume of work being produced in this field at the moment. ASOPA would be well placed to select from this material and organize the Refresher Course. In working out the details of such an Extension course by correspondence, there should be very close co-operation between the Department here and the lecturers concerned on the staff of the School. There will be no difficulty in the Public Library Service of this Territory handling the books set aside for use by officers of the Administration in connection with Extension Courses being provided for them through ASOPA.

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Council of the Australian School of Pacific Administration as Set up Under the Papua and New Guinea Act, 1949, Held at Mosman on Monday, 10 September 1951. AGREEMENT. (i) THAT the Principal and Mr Groves prepare a submission on a Diploma for students in the Native Education Course to be presented at the next Council Meeting. (ii) THAT the title of the Diploma be "Diploma of the Australian School of Pacific Administration. The Council also discussed Extension Correspondence Courses for District Service Officers, and staffing for ASOPA

South Pacific Post, Mr D Cleland Takes Up New Post, 14 September 1951, p 1. Arrives Sunday. Biography. Wife arrives in a month.

DM Cleland, Reorganisation of the Central Executive of the Administration, 17 September 1951. The Administrator governs the Territory with an Executive and Legislative Council and eleven Administrative Departments ... with assistance from elements of Commonwealth Departments. The departments function more or less independently within bounds of defined policy. 4 pages.

HH Reeve, Estimates 1951/52, 19 September 1951. The Commonwealth Treasury has determined the Commonwealth Grant to the Territory at an amount of £5,372,000 compared to the amount of £9,285,000 sought in the Estimates. The advice states that the "Grant is firm and supplementary estimates will not be permitted." Departments were asked to make a 27% reduction in 'Salaries, Contingencies, Miscellaneous and Maintenance' estimates by 24 September as the Estimates Revision Committee "does not wish to be placed in the position of making arbitrary reductions."

CR Lambert to JK Murray, 19 September 1951. Lambert was in Melbourne when the Fourth ASOPA Council meeting was held. Replaced by Burns. Has made a submission to the Minister endorsing the proposal for an extension service with one minor alteration. Under instructions from the Minister that special efforts be made to improve the recruiting and training of staff for the Administration, arrangements have been made to call a committee meeting 3 October. Howse, myself, Head Burns and Rowley invited to attend.

CR Lambert to JK Murray, 20 September 1951. Murray had sent Lambert a telegram informing him Reeve was on his way to Canberra to discuss the Estimates. "I am sorry that you did not ring me, as I could have saved you the expense of a trip which can serve no useful purpose at the moment." Reeve rang Lambert from Sydney and "is now arranging to return to Port Moresby at the earliest possible moment to participate in the discussion with Mr. Archer and Mr. Willoughby." "The normal procedure of discussion on estimates...was not followed." "The Treasury then

made an allocation of the available finance amongst the various Departments and Territories. It meant a drastic and arbitrary determination of a ceiling of finance available to which the Departments were required to comply by revision of their works programmes and budgets."

South Pacific Post, Department of Administrator, 21 September 1951, p 1.

Hasluck has approved the creation of Department of Administrator. Announced in Government Gazette. Administrator has left on tour of Delta area. Cleland in charge.

WC Groves to His Honour the Administrator, Department of Education, 24 September 1951.

Encloses proposed variations to existing establishment. Number of Education Officers to rise from a present level of 139 to 186; total staff from 154 to 212.

South Pacific Post, Budget Hits Territory Development, 28 September 1951,

p 1. Economy cuts demanded by the Federal Budget, introduced into the House of Representatives on Wednesday 26th have put the axe to development expenditure planned for P and NG this financial year. Will involve curtailment of public works, economies, possible retrenchment, increased charges for services, and possible introduction of income tax. First Assistant Secretary of DEOT, CJ Archer, arrived Port Moresby last weekend to help with re-appraisal. Commonwealth grant last year was £4.5m, this yr £5.3m.

South Pacific Post, Ordinance for Protection of Native Women, 5 October 1951, p 1.

Forbids native females to be in a European residence between 6pm and 6am unless accompanied by her husband or unless written consent of the District Commissioner.

South Pacific Post, Uproar Over Question on Cleland, 5 October 1951, p 1.

Question in House of Representatives. Hasluck says, "Mr Cleland possesses outstanding qualifications, including a very distinguished period as a brigadier when he was mainly responsible for the administration of NG from 1943."

EAF Head to Departmental Heads, Review of Establishment, 6 October 1951,

p 1. Each Department was provided with a list of its tentative functions, a questionnaire designed to determine a Department's essential functions and how these would be affected by budgetary cuts, and a form to be completed to supply this information. Head wanted the information before midday 9 October 1951. The Department of Education was asked "Should it be necessary to fix a ceiling limit for the staff of your Department at 127 (inclusive of staff for leave relief purposes), what functions, establishments or services would have to be reduced or eliminated."

[Note: Groves was asking for a staff of 212. See Groves to Head 24 September 1951.]

CR Lambert to His Honour the Administrator, Executive Council, 9 October 1951.

The Minister could see no reason to relate the membership of the Legislative Council to the membership of the Executive Council which is a separate body with distinct functions of its own.

WC Groves to Public Service Commissioner, 10 October 1951. Groves supplies the information requested by Head on 6 October 1951. Groves says the approved establishment is currently at 190.

DMC Cleland to General Sir John Northcott, 13 October 1951.

The Administration as a whole has come through a strenuous period... Latterly the Administration has been emerging from that period and embarking on the next stage of consolidation and development... Now however the suggested cut in the Estimates

and Works Programme, can, if it becomes an accomplished fact, seriously impede this second stage. The broad organization and functions of Departments are sound, but some Departments are weak in top personnel of administrative ability and drive. Furthermore, some have received more financial support than others.

WC Groves to Public Service Commissioner, Review of Establishment, 13 October 1951. 7 pages. Groves supplies more details for information requested by Head on 6 October 1951. He gives the proposed percentage reduction for each item of expenditure and the effect of these reductions. E.g., Bursaries and Allowances for Secondary Education – Reduction 22%; Amount of subsidy to be reduced to 100 and no new cases granted assistance. Subsidies for Schools – No more subsidized schools can be opened. Native Teachers – Reduction 17%; All promotions to be cancelled and no more teachers with dependants to be appointed. Maintenance of Students in Native Schools – Reduction 20%; Closing down of some boarding schools and retrenchment of married students.

Director Department of District Services and Native Affairs (DDS&NA) to Government Secretary, Trusteeship Council, 13 October 1951.

ASOPA: The Trusteeship Council was advised that ASOPA has been placed on a permanent basis. If DDS&NA staff reduced, it will be impossible to send officers to attend the two-year course, which may result in the School having to be closed.

South Pacific Post, Names of Council Members Released, 12 October 1951, p 1. Mainly heads of departments. Mission reps were Rev DE Ure (LMS), Fr J Dwyer (RC) and Rev FG Lewis (Meth). Native members Merari Dickson, Aisoli Salin and Simogun Pita. One woman Mrs Doris Booth. Biographies.

WC Groves to Public Service Commissioner, Staff: Department of Education, 19 October 1951. I feel that, from the point of view of (headquarters) staff, the Department has never been at a lower ebb than at present, with increasing work and diminishing resources to cope with it. I have no desire to harass you in your present known circumstances. But I do seriously feel that the requirements of this Department are regularly overlooked; and I do not understand why this should continue to be so.

South Pacific Post, Personal Pointers, 26 October 1951, p 11. Groves left Port Moresby on 26th for Noumea for 8th Meeting of South Pacific Commission. Was also there in May for meetings of the Research Council.

South Pacific Post, Hasluck to Make Brief Visit, 2 November 1951, p 4. Overnight Lae on way to unveil war memorial Lae. Back Lae 12th. No itinerary.

South Pacific Post, MPs Pass Up Chance to Discuss Territory, 16 November 1951, p 4. No members took the opportunity to speak on NG in the House of Representatives Budget debates. PNG was barely mentioned and Hasluck wasn't even in the House. Was in Noumea.

South Pacific Post, Not Worth a Mention, 16 November 1951, p 8. Editorial outraged that Territory only received a passing mention in budget debate and Hasluck wasn't even there. "We are shackled to a government that hasn't the time or interest to govern; that tosses in chicken feed subsidy and authorizes a bunch of Federal bureaucrats to tell us how to spend it... We must use every channel possible to get a greater measure of self-government. In this regard the Legislative Council, used properly, could put us on the right track..... The Labor government went out of office with a shameful record of Territory mismanagement behind it. The Labor

record is being perpetuated by the Liberals while the Territory slowly rots away from under us."

WS Arthur to His Honour the Administrator, 16 November 1951. Registrar of ASOPA forwards a copy of the Minutes of the fourth meeting of the Council.

WC Groves to All Education Staff, Performance of Staff Duties in all Schools During Christmas Vacation, 20 November 1951. On duty. Can leave their station and if no work may be used by other Departments.

South Pacific Post, Hasluck Now Our Ally, 23 November 1951, p 1. Hasluck says he would like to be counted on as the Territory's ally.

South Pacific Post, Murray's Policy of Lasting Value, 23 November 1951, p 8. Tribute to Murray's reign by Justice R T Gore.

WC Groves, Village Councils, 28 November 1951. FG Lewis questioned Groves on Village Councils at the Legislative Council 28 November. Groves supplied him with a copy of the provisional rules governing the arrangement between the Department of Education and Village Councils in connection with the establishment and conduct of schools of this type.

South Pacific Post, Apprenticeship Bill Passed, 30 November 1951, p 5. Introduced by Groves.

JK Murray to Dr L Mair, 3 December 1951. Gives composition of the Legislative Council. Groves a member. Opened 26 November 1951 with inaugural speech by his Excellency the Administrator of the Commonwealth (General Sir John Northcott), followed by a speech by Hasluck. The Council has sat every day since ... and probably will sit until Tuesday next. There will probably be another session of about a fortnight in the latter half of February. Murray on CMC Hasluck: On background, he should be a very good Minister indeed. Murray on CR Lambert: He is energetic and purposeful and we are not experiencing the difficulty now in getting decisions, most of them palatable. This appropriation is not as much as we hoped to have this year and means we will not be able to extend much, if at all. The Governor of Dutch New Guinea paid a courtesy visit about a month ago...I hope to return the visit early in January.

CD Rowley to JK Murray, 7 December 1951. Disappointed Murray can't attend first ceremony for presentation of Diplomas. On the matter of external courses and examinations, we did, some months ago, prepare a plan which was approved at the last meeting of the School Council. I understand that it is still in the stage of being considered from the point of view of staffing arrangements, by the Public Service Board. Hope to visit the Territory early in the New Year. I am hoping by that time the matter of extension courses will have progressed to the stage where we could begin making arrangements in the Territory.

South Pacific Post, Protest Over Delay on Education, 7 December 1951, p 1. In his maiden speech to the Legislative Council, Mr CM Jacobsen protested at the delay in announcing 1952 secondary education subsidies. The Administration raised the matter with Canberra on 30 August and sent out reminders on 15 and 24 October and 6 and 29 November.

South Pacific Post, Native Member Speaks Up on Education, 7 December 1951, p 7. Meravi Dickson wants Australian schools to open their doors to native pupils. Education facilities in the Territory for natives are not enough. Aisoli Salin agrees.

South Pacific Post, *Allowances for Education*, 21 December 1951, p 1. Groves announced that the Minister has approved secondary education allowance at same level as 1951 (£125) provided it can be paid out of existing funds.

South Pacific Post, *Native Education Great Need*, 28 December 1951, p 6. In his Christmas broadcast to Territory, Murray emphasized the importance of education and stressed the need for natives to go to school regularly. Need many native teachers.

WC Groves, To Each European Member of the Department of Education, 12 December 1951. I have personally never worked so consistently over such a varied field in any previous period of my life as I have since I took up office in late 1946.