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SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

SECOND SESSION

Sydney, October, 1948.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON MEMBERS OF

DELEGATIONS ATTENDING

AUGÉ, His Excellency Pierre Jean Paul, (Senior Commissioner for France, and Chairman of Second Session), Minister of France in Australia since 17th July, 1945. Born February 26th, 1895, Vias, Herault, France; Diplôme d'études supérieures de Droit; Hautes études commerciales; served in 1914-18 war, 201st Infantry Regiment; wounded at Verdun, 1916; Médaille Militaire; Croix de Guerre; Officier de la Légion d'Honneur; Médaille de la Résistance (1940-44); Colonial decorations; entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs 1920; occupied posts in Shanghai, Southern China, 1920-30; Ceylon, 1932-35; Vancouver, 1936-37; Shanghai, 1937-40. Préfet of the Aude at the Liberation (August 1944 - July 1945).

BEVERSLUIS, Antoon Johannes. (Senior Commissioner for the Netherlands) Senior Official for New Guinea affairs at the Department of Economic Affairs, Batavia. Formerly Deputy-Director of Forestry in the Netherlands East Indies. Born Utrecht, Holland, 20th December, 1891; Agricultural University at Wageningen, Holland; Government service in N.E.I., Department of Forestry; interned in Java during Japanese occupation. Malaya Forestry Conference, Kuala-Lumpur 1936; Canberra Conference establishing the South Pacific Commission in January-February 1947. Publications; Het Gouvernement der Molukken, Handbook of the Moluccas and New Guinea; articles in the Forestry journal "Tectona".

BONNARD, Pierre Calixte Joseph. (Alternate Commissioner, French Delegation) Colonial Administrator; Captain on the Reserve list of Officers. Born on 22nd September, 1901 at Saint Etienne (Loire), France. Licencia-es-lettres, d'enseignement (Classical languages and literature); Administrator of Colonies since 1933; Various appointments as Administrator of Colonies from 1933 to 1940; Volunteer Free French Forces, 1940; Chief of the Press and Information Services of the Cameroons from September 1940 to July 1943; Director of Press and Information Services of the Government-General of French West Africa from July 1943 to May 1946; Directeur du Cabinet du Haut-Commissaire of the French Republic in the Pacific, 1948.

BURTON, Rev. John Wear, M.A., D.D. (Commissioner, Australian Delegation) President-General Methodist Church of Australasia since 1945, Gen. Secy., Methodist Missionary Socy. of A'sia 1925; Secy.-Gen. Methodist Church of A'sia 1939-45. Educated Prince Alfred Theological College, Auckland, N.Z., Canterbury Coll., Univ. of N.Z., and Univ. of Melb., M.A., final honours in philosophy; Missionary in Fiji, Indian population, 1902-11; Conference Foreign Mission Secy. 1914-24; Chief Religious Work Director with Aust. Y.M.C.A. during World War I, 1918-20. Hon. Maj; Editor "Missionary Review" since 1922; Pres. Methodist N.S.W. Conference, N.S.W. 1931; Chrmn. National Missionary Council of Australia, 1931-42; Secy., Australian Inter-Communion Group; Secy. Darwin Inter-Church Mgmt. Cttee.; Carnahan Foundation Lecturer, U.S.A. 1945; publications, Fiji of Today, 1910, Snap Shots in India, 1912, Call of the Pacific, 1914, Modern Problems of Missionary Enterprise, 1919, Our task in Papua, 1926, The Pacific Islands, A Missionary Survey, 1930, A Hundred Years in Fiji, (in collaboration with Rev. W. Deane, M.A. B.D.) 1936, Brown and White in the South Pacific, 1944. His son, Dr. J.W. Burton, is Secretary, Department of External Affairs, Canberra.

FOURCADE, Alfred Houques-, (Adviser, French Delegation). Administrator of Colonies. Born Noumea, New Caledonia, 14th September 1907; Captain on the reserve list; graduate in law, graduate of the École des Sciences Morales et Politiques (Paris); served as Administrator of Colonies in the Cameroons from 1934 to 1940; joined the Free French Forces in London where he was posted to General Headquarters; Assistant to Admiral d'Argenlieu in 1941; First Assistant to Admiral d'Argenlieu in 1942; then Acting Secretary to the Office of the High Commissioner for the Pacific until September 1943; appointed French Resident in the New Hebrides from September 1943 to June, 1944; appointed First Assistant to French High Commissioner from 1944 to September 1946; French Resident in the New Hebrides from September 1946.

FREESTON, His Excellency Sir Leslie Brian, K.C.M.G., O.B.E. (Senior Commissioner for the United Kingdom). Born 1892 London, Scholar, New College, Oxford, 1911-14. Served in British Army 1914-19, attached British Military Mission to U.S., 1918. Entered Colonial Office, 1919, Secretary Colonial Development Advisory Committee 1930-31. Secretary, E. African Governor's Conference, Nairobi, 1935-38. Chief Secretary, Tanganyika, 1939-43, Governor, Leeward Islands, 1943-48. Governor, Fiji, and High Commissioner for West Pacific, January 1948. Married, 3 daughters.

GUNTHER, John Thomson (Alternate Commissioner, Australian Delegation). Acting Director of Public Health Provisional Administration of Papua-New Guinea, 1946. Born Sydney 1910; ed. The King's School, Parramatta, and the University of Sydney; graduated 1934 M.B., B.S.; Resident Medical Officer Sydney Hospital 1935; Company Medical Officer, 1935-38, British Solomon Islands Protectorate; Chairman Medical Board, Mount Isa, investigating industrial diseases, more particularly plumbism, 1938-40; served with R.A.A.F. D/P.M.O. (hygiene), malariologist and Officer Commanding Tropical Research Field Unit, 1941-46; granted Diplomas in Tropical Medicine and Tropical Hygiene of University of Sydney, 1944.

HACKLER, Windsor Gregory. (Adviser, United States Delegation). Northwestern and Harvard Universities, B.A.; M.A. Instructor at University of Arkansas, 1940-41. Active duty with U.S. Naval Reserve, 1942-47. Assistant in Dependent Area Affairs, Department of State, Washington, 1947. Member of U.S. Delegation to Second and Third Sessions of United Nations Trusteeship Council, 1948.

HALLIGAN, James Reginald (Senior Commissioner for Australia), Dip. Com., Melb., A.I.C.A.; Secretary, Department External Territories since May, 1944. Born November 8th, 1894, East Melbourne, Victoria; ed. C.B.C., Victoria Pde., East Melbourne; Commonwealth Public Service, Department External Affairs, 1911; Accountant, Administration Mandated Territory of New Guinea, 1922; associated with Commonwealth Department administering Commonwealth Territories since 1923; Deputy Administrator and Chief Magistrate, Norfolk Is.,

HALLIGAN, James Reginald (Continued)

1937; accredited representative of Commonwealth at examination of Annual Reports on New Guinea, Nauru by Permanent Mandates Commission, Geneva, 1939; Adviser, Aust. Delegation to International Labour Conference, Geneva, 1939 and 1947.

HUNT, Brigadier Frank Leslie (Commissioner, New Zealand Delegation). Born Leeston, New Zealand, 30th November, 1890. Educated Dunedin, New Zealand. Prior to 1st World War studied Law. Served during 1st World War with New Zealand forces. Joined Regular forces New Zealand Army September 1916. Served 2nd World War with New Zealand forces in Middle East and Pacific. Awarded O.B.E. and was Mentioned in Despatches. Senior appointments held overseas include Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General, with 2 N.Z.E.F. and Brigade Commander, 8, 9 and 16 Brigades. Senior appointments held in New Zealand include Director of Military Training, Deputy Adjutant General, Adjutant General and Quartermaster-General. Member of New Zealand Army Board 1946-48. 1948 seconded to Department of External Affairs. As New Zealand permanent delegate to the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, attended second and third sessions of E.C.A.F.E. at Baguio and Octacumund. New Zealand Commissioner, first and second sessions, South Pacific Commission.

JONES, John Herbert. (Adviser, Australian Delegation). Director District Services and Native Affairs, Papua-New Guinea; Born 7th May, 1897. Joined Territory of New Guinea Public Service 1921; District Officer 1934. Director of District Services and Native Affairs, Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit, 1943-46 (Lt.Col. A.I.F.). Chairman, Native Development and Welfare Committee, Papua-New Guinea.

KEESING, Dr. Felix M. (Senior Commissioner for the United States); Professor of Anthropology and Executive Head, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Stanford University; formerly Research Staff, Institute of Pacific Relations, 1930-34; Professor and Chairman, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Hawaii, 1934-42; Office of

KEESING, Dr. Felix M. (Continued)

Strategic Services, Washington, D.C. 1942-43; to Stanford, 1943, in war training programs relating to the Pacific area, and as Professor of Anthropology; Associate Director, School of Naval Administration, Stanford, 1946-48; member scientific committees of the Pacific Science Board (National Research Council) and Pacific War Memorial; recently Technical Consultant, United Nations Mission to Western Samoa; author of "The South Seas in the Modern World", "Native Peoples of the Pacific World", and other books and articles on the Pacific area.

KIMBER, Gurth (Alternate Commissioner, ad interim, United Kingdom Delegation)

Born 1906, Buenos Aires. Scholar, Clare College, Cambridge, 1924-27. Entered Dominions Office, 1928. Posted to United Kingdom Representative's Office, Canberra 1934-35, Dominions Office 1936-46. Joint Official Secretary, United Kingdom High Commissioner's Office, Canberra, 1946 to date.

KLEIN, W.C. (Adviser, Netherlands Delegation). Mining Engineer; Doctor of Technical Science, University of Delft, Holland; worked many years in the East Indies as engineer and geologist; Secretary of New Guinea Committee, 1934; published book in 3 volumes about Netherlands and Australian New Guinea, 1936-39, in collaboration with Mr. Beverluis and others now engaged on new publication on same subject. After the war worked in the Netherlands Department of Economic Affairs and temporarily was Secretary of the Economic Foundation for the Netherlands West Indies. Member of Board of Moluccan Institute at Amsterdam and of New Guinea Study Circle at The Hague.

LASSALLE-SÉRÉ, Robert Felix Jacques (Permanent Commissioner for France)

Inspector General of Colonies in the Ministry of Colonies in Paris, Born 26th November, 1898, Salies-de-Béarn, Basses Pyrenées; Doctor of Laws; Veteran of the 1914-18 and 1939-45 wars; Officier de la Légion d'honneur, three Croix de Guerre (1914-18, Morocco and 1939-45 wars); eight citations and twice wounded; Cadet at St. Cyr in 1916, volunteer from 26th July 1916 to the end of the war; Sub-Lieutenant in 1918; Lieutenant in 1920; Captain in 1927; Inspector of Colonies June 1930; Inspector-General since

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November 1941. Campaigns as officer in Morocco 1920-25; in the Sahara 1925; in West Africa 1926-28; Missions as Inspector and Inspector-General of Colonies in twelve French Colonies, in Africa, Madagascar, and Réunion, 1930 to 1940. Inspection Mission Tahiti March 1947-March 1948. New Caledonia until May 8th, 1948.

LCOSJES, Dr. Adriaan. (Adviser/Secretary, Netherlands Delegation).

Officer of the General Secretariat of the Netherlands Indies Government. Born Ameland, Holland, 22nd February, 1913; Doctor of Laws, University of Utrecht, Holland, 1937. Member of Civil Administration Service in the Netherlands East Indies, interned in Tjimahi during Japanese occupation. Organising Secretary-General Pangkalpinang Conference, South Pacific Commission-delegate to Preparatory Conference, November, 1947, and first session, May 1948, also member of Working Committee visiting Noumea and Suva.

MANNING, Martin Francis. (Secretary, Australian Delegation).

Born Sydney, Australia, 1918. Served with R.A.A.F. 1941-45; Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross 1943. Present position; Acting Officer-in-Charge, International Conventions and Research Section, Department of External Territories, Canberra.

McKAY, C.G.R. (Senior Commissioner for New Zealand).

Born New Zealand, 1900; entered Government service, Wellington, 1917; Western Samoa 1919; Department of Island Territories Wellington 1926; Western Samoa 1929; appointed Secretary of Native Affairs, Western Samoa and Tokelau Islands, 1933; was one of the New Zealand Delegation (on Trusteeship) at second part of First Assembly of United Nations, 1946. Secretary, Department of Island Territories, Wellington, 1943-7.

NIELSEN, Mr. Orsen N. (Alternate Commissioner, United States Delegation).

U.S. Consul General, Sydney; U.S. Representative, Interim Organisation and at Preparatory Conference for the South Pacific Commission; service at several posts in Europe and in the Department of State.

NOEST, Jan I. (Adviser, Netherlands Delegation).

Born at The Hague, August 2, 1895. Lieutenant Field Artillery, 1915. Studied Law at Leiden University; Dr. of Law 1922. Entered Consular Service 1924; at present Netherlands Consul-General at Sydney.

PELLAUFESSY, Melkianus Augustinus. (Commissioner, Netherlands Delegation).

Resident Magistrate of the South Moluccas since August, 1948; Trade Adviser to the Netherlands Indies Government August 1946-August 1948. Born Saparoea, Amboina, N.E.I., 25th May, 1906; studied Economics at Leiden (Holland) Institute of Commerce; was official of the Civil Administration Service in the N.E.I.; interned in Makassar, Celebes, during Japanese occupation; was instrumental in creating the State of East Indonesia at Bali in 1946. Was a delegate to the Canberra Conference establishing the South Pacific Commission in January-February, 1947. Was a member of the Dutch Delegation for the International Trade Conference in Havana, November 1947. Representative of the State East Indonesia at Batavia, April 1947 to August 1948.

PYMAN, Trevor Ashmore. (Adviser, Australian Delegation)

Officer-in-Charge South Pacific Section, Pacific Division, Department of External Affairs, Canberra; Born 25th December 1916; Caulfield Grammar School, University of Melbourne, B.A. (Hons), LL.M., Diploma of Public Administration; admitted to Bar; served in A.M.F.; Department of External Affairs since October 1944. Adviser to the Australian Delegation to the Trusteeship Council and the I.L.O. Conference 1947.

RAMEY, Commander R.L. (Adviser, United States Delegation).

U.S. Naval Academy, B.S. Pacific Fleet, Atlantic and European Squadron, Asiatic Fleet. Chief Military Government Officer for Saipan, Marianas Islands. Chief Military Government Staff Officer for the Japanese Mandate Islands. Officer in charge School of Naval Administration, Stanford University, California. At present Assistant Governor of American Samoa. Decorations include 3 Silver Stars, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Croix de Guerre.

de RANITZ, Jonkheer Dr. Johan Antoni (Adviser, Netherlands Delegation).
Foreign Office Directorate of the Far East, Batavia, since September 1946.
First Secretary, Royal Netherlands Legation, Canberra, December 1945-
September 1948. Born The Hague, Holland, 30th June, 1915; Doctor in Law,
University of Leiden, Holland. Diplomatic Service of the Netherlands.

SHALLECK, Mr. Milton. (Commissioner, United States Delegation)
Attorney and Counsellor at Law, and partner in firm of Hirsch, Shalleck
Krakower and Golwan, New York City; formerly, Special Counsel to the
Foreign Economic Administration and formerly Counsel to the Lend Lease
Administration; legal aide to Special Counsel to the President of the
United States, 1933-1945.

SHULLAW, J. Harold. (Adviser, United States Delegation).
Knox College, B.A.; Catholic University of America, M.A.; Teaching
University of Minnesota 1939-1941; entered American Foreign Service 1941.
Served Canada, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Union of South Africa. Acting
Assistant Chief, Division of British Commonwealth Affairs, Department
of State, Washington, D.C.

VASKESS, Henry Harrison. C.M.G., O.B.E. (Commissioner, United Kingdom Delegation)
Born 1891; appointed to Western Pacific High Commission 1911. Military
service with A.I.F. in Egypt, Gallipoli and France 1915-18. Secretary
Western Pacific High Commission 1929-48. O.B.E. 1939, C.M.G. 1947.

WADE, R. Hunter, (Adviser, New Zealand Delegation).
Born New Zealand, 1916. Educated Waitaki Boys High School, Oamaru, New
Zealand; University of Otago, Dunedin; Victoria University College,
Wellington, New Zealand. Graduated M.A. (Honours Economics). Joined New
Zealand Public Service, January 1939. Official Secretary New Zealand
Section, Eastern Group Supply Council, India, 1941-43. On staff of New
Zealand Government Trade Commissioner, Sydney, 1943-47. Assistant
Secretary to the High Commissioner for New Zealand, Canberra 1947 to date.