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I N T R O D U C T I O N

The South Pacific Commission met for its Twenty-first Session from 13 October to 25 October, 1960. Mr. Dudley McCarthy, Senior Commissioner for Australia, presided.

The Commission established three working Committees: Committee of the Whole (Chairman, Mr. D. McCarthy); the General Committee (Chairman, Sir John Gutch, Senior Commissioner for the United Kingdom); and the Administration and Finance Committee (Chairman Dr. A. Loosjes, Second Commissioner for the Netherlands).

The Committees submitted recommendations and draft resolutions for consideration by the Commission in plenary meeting. These Proceedings record the resolutions as adopted by the Commission.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

AT ITS TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

AGENDA ITEM I - ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

1. The Commission :
 - (a) adopts the Agenda as amended; and
 - (b) establishes a Committee of the Whole, a General Committee and an Administration and Finance Committee to give initial consideration to items on the Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM II - REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

2. The Commission receives with appreciation the Report of the Secretary-General, and accepts it subject to discussion of matters raised under appropriate items of the Agenda.

AGENDA ITEM III - RESEARCH COUNCIL

A. Membership

3. The Commission :

noting with regret the resignation of Médecin-Colonel M. Demange appoints Doctor Emile Massal to be a member of the Research Council, the appointment being effective from 7 April, 1960 until such time as another person shall be appointed in his stead on the nomination of his Government.

B. Report of Eleventh Meeting

4. The Commission receives with appreciation the report of the Eleventh Meeting of the Research Council which has proved of great value in the discussion of the Health section of the work programme, and commends the Report as a most useful document for study by governments and territorial administrations.

C. Future Arrangements

5. The Commission, being satisfied after hearing statements by the Secretary-General and the Executive Officers concerned, that at the present stage of the Social Development programme there would be advantage in postponing the next meeting of the Social Development section of the Research Council until 1962 and that it is desirable to hold a meeting of the Economic Development section of the Research Council not later than 1962

Resolves that there shall be no Research Council Meeting in 1961 and that

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the Social Development and Economic Development sections of the Council should both be convened in 1962, the sections to sit simultaneously but separately except for the discussion of such subjects as the Commission may refer to joint meetings of both sections.

Note: The Australian delegation reserved its vote on para.C.

D. Twelfth Meeting

(i) Date

(ii) Subjects for special attention

(iii) Appointment of Consultants

6. The Commission decides to defer its consideration of these matters until its Twenty-second Session.

AGENDA ITEM IV. SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE

A. Fifth South Pacific Conference

(i) Site

7. The Commission :

(a) gratefully accepts the generous offer of the United States Government that the Fifth South Pacific Conference be held at Utulei, near Pago Pago, American Samoa in July 1962, the precise date to be arranged between the Secretary-General and the United States Government. The Commission would hope that the Conference could continue for between two and three weeks.

(b) acknowledges with many thanks the message brought to it by the Hon. Tualauilelei, Minister of Agriculture in the Government of Western Samoa, that his Prime Minister and Government would be glad to welcome delegates at the South Pacific Conference of 1962 who might wish to make an excursion to see something of Western Samoa.

(ii) Agenda

8. The Commission approves the following Agenda for the Fifth South Pacific Conference:

Fifth South Pacific Conference

Agenda

- I. Opening by Chairman.
- II. Election of General Committee and Appointment of Standing Committees.
- III. Report by the Secretary-General on the work of the Commission.
- IV. Resolutions of previous Conference - Review of action taken.
- V. Methods of training Pacific Islanders in business methods and practices.

- VI. The needs for, and methods of, gaining interest and support for steps to improve the quality of agricultural produce, including standardization and inspection schemes, and programmes to increase marketing efficiency.
- VII. The changing role of women in the South Pacific territories.
- VIII. Ways of obtaining a reasonable balance between social advancement and economic development in South Pacific territories with due regard to labour problems and increasing population.
- IX. The importance of organized adult education schemes in South Pacific territories.
- X. The importance of relating education to the needs of a territory.
- XI. Proposals for the Sixth South Pacific Conference.
- XII. Report to the South Pacific Commission.
- XIII. Closing Addresses.
- XIV. Closing by Chairman.

Special Issue of Postage Stamps

9. The Commission, noting with favour a suggestion of the Senior Commissioner for the Netherlands that each territory within the Commission area should issue a special postage stamp in connexion with the Fifth South Pacific Conference, directs the Secretary-General to inform governments and territorial administrations of the proposal and to consult both official and other sources of expert opinion concerning a suitable design for the information of territories.

B. Rules of Procedure

- 10. The Commission decides to defer until the Twenty-second Session the drafting of amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the South Pacific Conference to clarify the intention of certain rules.
- 11. The Commission invites the Kingdom of Tonga to be represented at the Conference.

AGENDA ITEM V. WORK PROGRAMME

- A. Australian Proposals for the Development of the Work Programme
 - B. Progress Reports by Executive Officers
 - C. Proposals for 1961

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

AUSTRALIAN PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORK PROGRAMME

Sub-regional Study Groups

12. The Commission agreeing in principle with the Australian proposals designed to associate the peoples of the South Pacific as well as territorial administrations even more closely with the Commission's work in promoting the welfare and advancement of these peoples, and to give further opportunity to the people to study their own problems with the help and guidance of the Commission :

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- (a) offers to assist territories ready to convene sub-regional study groups in 1961 and to make the necessary administrative arrangements in collaboration with them in accordance with the following:
- (i) These study groups should be referred to by this term, bearing in mind that they will consist of a small group of people interested in a common problem but not necessarily possessing professional competence in it. Those attending would be selected by their territorial administrations and there would be no advisers or observers.
 - (ii) The Commission recognizes that it will be necessary to allow sufficient time for preparation for these study groups.
 - (iii) The report of the study group would not take the form of resolutions but of observations giving expression to all shades of opinion represented in the discussion.
 - (iv) The report would be submitted to the Commission which would distribute it to participants, Commissioners and territorial administrations.
- (b) notes with appreciation the offers by the Administrations of Papua and New Guinea and of Netherlands New Guinea to act as hosts for such study groups during 1961;
- (c) authorizes financial provision to enable the Commission to participate by meeting the travel, accommodation en route and out-of-pocket expenses of those attending two study groups during 1961;
- (d) considers that topics on which these study groups should be based should lend themselves, in so far as this may commend itself to territorial administrations, to the development of aided self-help programmes; and that the first topic should be "The Problems of Youth in Urban Communities"; and
- (e) requests the Secretary-General, should sufficient support be forthcoming from territories, and in the light of experience gained in 1961, to formulate proposals for further study groups in 1962 (and subsequently as a regular project in the work programme) and to present them for consideration at the next Session.

PROPOSAL BY THE GOVERNOR OF FRENCH POLYNESIA

(Towards the end of 1959 the Governor of French Polynesia suggested that inter-territorial conferences on social problems be held periodically by the South Pacific Commission to enable senior officers of the various territories to make a comparative study of the different ways by which territories endeavour to solve social and labour problems.)

13. The Commission, having received a proposal by the Commissioners for France that the Commission convene inter-territorial conferences on social and more especially labour problems, requests the Secretary-General :

- (a) to seek the views of governments and territorial administrations on the inclusion of such conferences in the Commission's work programme with particular reference to the form they might take and specific subjects that might be discussed; and

- (b) to report to Commissioners with a view to consideration of the proposal at the next Session of the Commission.

LITERATURE PROMOTION
AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS
LITERACY

(The Commission's work in these fields was commenced in 1952 with the establishment of its Literature Bureau, in which emphasis has been varied from time to time to meet the most immediate needs. The Commission believes that the maintenance of this flexible approach will continue to yield results of practical value to the territories.

Emphasis at present is mainly, but not exclusively, concentrated on literature promotion, including enquiry into the best means of promoting the preparation and production of printed material within territories themselves. Continuing attention has been devoted to the development of libraries and other means of bringing literature to the people of the area.

A film appraisal service is available to territories through arrangements between the Commission and The Commonwealth National Library, Canberra. The Literature Bureau in addition handles requests for advice and assistance in the fields of visual aids and literacy.)

Literature Bureau

14. The Commission, appreciating the need for the fullest possible integration of the work of the Literature Bureau and the Literature Production Training Centre, decides that the post of Editorial Assistant in the Bureau should be changed to that of Specialist Assistant, to assist territories in their follow-up of the work of the Centre.

Literature Production Training Centre

(The establishment at the beginning of 1960 of the Literature Production Training Centre at Honiara in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate has marked an important further step in the field of literature promotion in that it will, by helping to provide trained staff and by investigating practical problems, assist territories towards self-sufficiency in the provision of printed matter designed specially for their own conditions).

15. The Commission :
- (a) has learned with pleasure of the successful establishment of the Training Centre at Honiara;

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- (b) greatly appreciates the continuing assistance to the Centre from both UNESCO and the Government of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate; and
- (c) accepts the staffing plan that has been recommended by the Secretary-General for the Centre in 1962.

Territorial Library Development

(Work connected with the development of territorial library services has formed part of the approved programme of the Literature Bureau since its inception in 1952.

The Commission in 1958 authorized grants and technical assistance towards the establishment of mobile libraries in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate and New Caledonia.

During 1960 library surveys were undertaken by the Commission in American Samoa and Fiji.)

16. The Commission :

- (a) notes with interest the increasing attention that territories are giving to the question of the development of library services and reaffirms its willingness to assist whenever possible; and
- (b) authorizes the Secretary-General to approach UNESCO with a view to that Organization making available to the Commission during 1961 the services of a library specialist.

Visual Aids

17. The Commission decides that the filmstrip collection shall be no longer maintained.

General

18. The Commission directs that the whole field of activity coming within the purview of its Literature Bureau be referred to the next meeting of its Research Council for reassessment in the light of changing territorial needs.

EDUCATION

(Services related to education are undertaken at present by the Commission not only through its Literature Bureau, Visual Aids and Co-operatives projects, but also through various activities in other parts of its programme. Many requests for material, information and advice are met through the Social Development Clearing-House. Financial assistance has also been given by the Commission towards the costs of inter-territorial visits by education officers in the area.

In November, 1959 the Commission convened at

Brisbane, Australia, a Regional Education Seminar for the South Pacific which gave those responsible for the development of education in the area an opportunity to discuss common problems. The Seminar also made recommendations concerning possible Commission activity in this field.

During 1960 the Commission was able to help in making available to American Samoa experienced personnel from other territories to assist with that territory's annual Teachers Institute.)

Regional Education Seminar

19. The Commission :

- (1) (a) has been pleased to learn of the success of the Regional Education Seminar;
- (b) greatly appreciates the co-operation of governments, territorial administrations and mission organizations enabling personnel to participate;
- (c) warmly acknowledges the assistance provided by the University of Queensland and Emmanuel College;
- (d) thanks UNESCO for having made available the services of the consultant requested in the field of language teaching;
- (e) receives with great interest the Report of the Regional Education Seminar;
- (f) expresses its appreciation of the clear recommendations therein transmitted; and
- (g) directs that the Report and Recommendations of the Seminar be published in the Technical Paper series together with a note incorporating the decisions of the present Session of the Commission and stating that they are without prejudice to the further consideration of the Recommendations of the Seminar.

20. The Commission :

- (2) (a) expresses interest in the possibility of convening a further Seminar, possibly in 1963, and thanks the Government of New Caledonia for its invitation to hold the Seminar at Nouméa and for its offer to provide facilities;
- (b) requests that a detailed proposal be prepared for consideration at its next Session, and authorizes the Secretary-General to invite UNESCO to associate itself with the proposal;
- (c) requests the Secretary-General further to explore possibilities of establishing the recommended Educational Research Centre and to prepare recommendations for submission to the next Session;
- (d) requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with territories, to draw up detailed proposals relating to a programme of seminars, workshops or specialist training courses for consideration at its next Session; and
- (e) authorizes the Secretary-General to approach UNESCO with a view to that Organization making available the services of a language-teaching specialist who should be bilingual in English and French.

Inter-Territorial Visits

21. The Commission decides to continue to make provision to assist educational personnel to visit other territories in the interests of their work and requests that territories be consulted concerning the possibilities of useful interchange of teachers on short or long term arrangements; and authorizes the Secretary-General to present specific requests to UNESCO for consideration within its Exchange of Persons Programme.

Assistance to American Samoa

22. The Commission thanks the authorities of the Cook Islands, Fiji, Hawaii and New Zealand for making available the services of experienced personnel to assist in the conduct of the training course for supervisors of elementary schools in American Samoa and has learned with interest of the participation in the course of selected teachers from Western Samoa and Fiji.

AIDED SELF-HELPCo-operatives

(The Commission has had a continuing programme assisting the development of co-operatives throughout the region, and since 1955 has employed a specialist co-operatives officer whose major functions have been to conduct territorial field surveys and to give advice at the request of territories. In addition, an information and clearing-house service has been maintained, and a comprehensive library on co-operatives has been built up.

In 1958, at Port Moresby, the Commission convened a Technical Meeting of specialist co-operatives officers at which they exchanged views and experience. The recommendations of this meeting have provided many useful principles for consideration by the territories directly responsible for co-operatives, as well as a basis for the planning of further Commission activity in this field.

Since 1958 there has been particular emphasis on territorial visits by the Commission's Co-operatives Officer.)

23. The Commission :

- (a) approves the lines along which the Co-operatives Project is being developed;
- (b) decides to convene in April 1961 at Commission headquarters a further Technical Meeting on Co-operatives of which the objectives shall be (i) to provide an opportunity for registrars and equivalent officers to consider problems associated with training and education in the field of co-operation, and (ii) to give further consideration to selected technical questions deriving from the previous Technical Meeting held at Port Moresby in 1958;

- (c) approves the following Agenda for the Technical Meeting:

A. Training and Education

- (i) The training of staff of Government Co-operatives Departments;
- (ii) The training of directors, office-bearers and employees;
- (iii) The education of members;
- (iv) Co-operative Education and the Community; and
- (v) Financial and accounting procedures.

B. Technical

Co-operatives in relation to Capital Formation and Credit.

- (d) approves the steps that have already been taken in connexion with the Regional Co-operatives Training Centre proposed for 1962 and requests that a detailed plan be prepared for consideration at its 1961 Session; and gratefully accepts the invitation of the Government of Fiji for the Training Centre to be held at Suva.

Women's Interests

(The Second South Pacific Conference in 1953 recommended that consideration be given by the Commission to means by which the various women's organizations in the South Pacific might be assisted to co-operate by personal contact and by regular exchange of information. This was further stressed by the South Pacific Conference of 1956 which considered the important rôle that women's organizations play [in many places] in relation to village welfare activities.

The Commission, assisted by a generous grant of funds from United Church Women of the United States of America, appointed in 1959 a Women's Interests Officer to develop its work in this area of activity in co-operation with territorial administrations. This officer was mainly occupied during 1959 in establishing a women's interests project on Aitutaki in the Cook Islands, in collaboration with the Administration.

During 1960 working visits have been made to Papua and New Guinea, Fiji, Tonga and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the scope of the work will be still further extended during 1961.

Financial assistance has also been given by the Commission towards the costs of travel of representatives of women's organizations in the area.)

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The Commission :

- (a) notes with interest the development of this part of its work programme;

- (b) decides to convene in August/September 1961 a Women's Interests Training Seminar, the principal objectives of which have already been approved;
- (c) gratefully accepts the invitation of the Government of Western Samoa to hold the Seminar in that Territory and expresses its appreciation to the Samoan Church Committee of the London Missionary Society for making available the facilities of the Paputa Girls' School;
- (d) approves the plan of the Seminar to provide training courses
 - (i) to help participants to organize programmes;
 - (ii) to give them further subject matter, including maternal and child welfare;
 - (iii) to improve present courses and programmes;
 - (iv) to teach techniques of working with adult groups;
 - (v) to stress the importance of adequate basic materials; and
 - (vi) to teach techniques of evaluation;
- (e) invites interested territories to nominate participants in the Seminar from among those directly concerned with women's interests activities;
- (f) acknowledges and accepts with thanks the assistance offered to the Seminar by the Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, and United Church Women of the United States;
- (g) cordially invites United Church Women to be represented at the Seminar;
- (h) decides to invite Miss Freda Gwilliam (Woman Educational Adviser to the United Kingdom Secretary of State for the Colonies) to attend the Seminar as a consultant, recognizing that her presence would add greatly to the value of the Seminar;
- (i) requests the Secretary-General to invite appropriate organizations to be represented by observers; and
- (j) will continue to make moderate provision to assist the travel of representatives of women's organizations.

PROMOTION OF APPLIED RESEARCH

(The meetings of the Research Council in 1958 and 1959 stressed the importance of applied research projects in basic social and economic problems of Pacific island communities, studies of which could be of value to the administrations of the territories of the area, and emphasized the desirability of the Commission's encouraging universities and other research institutions to undertake such investigations.

In 1958 the Commission agreed to set up a committee

to advise it concerning proposed research in the region into problems of urbanization and authorized the Secretary-General, when satisfied in each case that the proposals are acceptable to the governments concerned, to seek outside financial support for approved work in this field.)

Urbanization

25. The Commission :

- (a) decides to convene the first meeting of its Urbanization Advisory Committee during 1961;
- (b) in view of the special interest of Territories of the United States in this problem endorses the proposal of the Convener of the Committee that the National Institutes of Health of the United States, which makes grants for independent research from its own funds, be invited to make a grant of assistance equal to the additional cost of holding the meeting of the Urbanization Advisory Committee in Honolulu after the Tenth Pacific Science Congress rather than at Nouméa; the meeting will be held within the auspices of the South Pacific Commission and attendance will be at the invitation of the Commission;
- (c) should the meeting be held at Honolulu, authorizes the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Convener of the Committee and Senior Commissioners, to invite additional persons with special competence in the problems of urbanization to participate in the meeting; and
- (d) authorizes the Secretary-General to lodge a formal request with the Director-General of UNESCO for assistance to the meeting from within that Organization's Participation Programme.

PACIFIC ISLAND GAMES

(The South Pacific Conference at Rabaul in 1959 recommended that the Commission examine the possibilities of inter-territorial triennial Pacific Island Games.)

26. The Commission :

- (a) has learned with pleasure that eight of the Territories (through either their Administrations or sporting organizations) are willing to send one representative each to attend a preliminary meeting to examine further the possibilities of holding such Games and also that several other Territories would be interested in participating should the Games eventuate;
- (b) requests the Secretary-General to convene at Commission headquarters at Nouméa a meeting of such representatives; and
- (c) authorizes the Secretary-General to arrange for the attendance at the meeting of a person experienced in the organization of Games on a large scale.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CLEARING-HOUSE

(In addition to specific projects in the field of social development, the Commission provides an information and clearing-house service, maintains contact with research workers and institutions, lends field equipment and publishes articles of general interest in its Bulletin and other journals.)

27. The Commission approves the continuation of the various activities within this section of its work programme in Social Development.

HEALTH

(The work of the Health Section was reviewed by the Research Council for the first time in three years. Changes in personnel within the Section, and the changing needs within the Commission's area have indicated the desirability of a reconsideration of programme emphasis. The following statement reflects the attitude of the Commission on programmes in which the Commission can most usefully engage, based on recommendations of the Research Council, and sets forth guide lines for their implementation.)

28. While recognizing that full responsibility for the health of the Pacific peoples must lie in the hands of the territorial health departments concerned, the Commission agrees that it is its proper function to assist them to carry out this responsibility, and endorses the recommendations of the Research Council that this assistance can be most usefully rendered by :

- (a) providing a link between the different territories and between the territories and potential sources of aid outside the region;
- (b) acting as a source of information on health questions applicable to the area;
- (c) providing technical assistance as far as it is able to do so, particularly in the fields of health education and the training of health workers; and, in general,
- (d) stimulating health progress in the area.

HEALTH EDUCATION

(The Commission's health education programme was initiated in 1957 with the holding of a Regional Training Course in Nouméa, and the secondment for a year of a health education specialist from the World Health Organization. In May 1959, the Commission appointed its own health education officer to continue and develop the work, with emphasis on local training.

In accordance with the recommendations of the

Research Council, it is envisaged that development of the programme should be guided by the wishes and needs of the territories themselves; but that broadly these lines should include opportunities for:

- (i) increased training for local personnel, at all levels;
- (ii) linking health education services with services in other fields;
- (iii) coordination between territories in the area and between them and the South Pacific Commission;
- (iv) the development of a clearing house and the supply of health education materials for the benefit of the area, and of a newsletter for field workers;
- (v) the development of research and pilot programmes as opportunities permit within the general framework of development; and
- (vi) the continued provision of practical help and consultant advice to territories in the development of their own programmes.)

29.

The Commission :

- (a) notes with pleasure the vigorous and increasing demand for the services of the Health Education Officer, particularly in the planning and conduct of training courses, and approves of the appointment of a second Health Education Officer;
- (b) directs the Secretary-General to convene a Conference in Nouméa of Directors of territorial health services, primarily to discuss the development of health education activities in the area;
- (c) decides that the agenda of the Conference should include other subjects of interest to health services such as maternal and child health, and training;
- (d) invites member governments each to send one observer directly concerned with health education at a high level;
- (e) authorizes the Secretary-General to invite consultants from the World Health Organization and from an organization such as the Sydney School of Public Health; and
- (f) directs that, in accordance with the suggestion of the Research Council, the proposal to hold a regional training course in health education in 1962 be referred to the Conference for its recommendation.

NUTRITION AND DIET

(Nutrition has been one of the fields in which the Commission has been actively engaged almost since its inception, and it has undertaken a variety of projects during this time.

It was felt appropriate by the Twentieth Session that stock should be taken of these activities and to this end a consultant, Professeur Agrégé H. Gounelle of the Centre de Recherches Foch, was invited to visit Commission headquarters in order to study all the records of the Health Section's work in nutrition. He was asked to advise how best the Commission could in future assist territories in their problems of nutrition.

Professeur Gounelle after completing this study attended the Eleventh Meeting of the Research Council and gave his views. As a result the Council recommended that:

- (i) teaching of good nutritional practice particularly to mothers during the weaning period, and in schools, should be undertaken by territories and in this the Commission should endeavour to assist;
- (ii) certain basic research in nutrition is required in order to elucidate the meaning of data revealed by the past work of the Commission's experts;
- (iii) there should be further investigation of the pattern and extent of nutritional disease in the area.)

30. The Commission :

- (a) expresses its thanks to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for its help in obtaining the expert services of Professeur Agrégé H. Gounelle as a consultant in nutrition, which help is one more instance of the assistance so freely given by the Organization; and to Professeur Gounelle for his most valuable contribution to the meeting of the Research Council;
- (b) directs the Secretary-General to have the appropriate information, previously assembled by the Commission, suitably edited and assembled for publication as a Technical Paper;
- (c) directs the Secretary-General to obtain from territorial administrations :
 - (i) information relating to the inclusion of the teaching of nutrition in school curricula;
 - (ii) facts relating to existing nutritional deficiency diseases in their territories, such information to be supplied before April 1962; and
- (d) authorizes the Secretary-General to make a preliminary approach to an appropriate organization for support for studies designed to determine basic nutritional needs of particular groups of people in the area.

Home Economics Officer

31. The Commission, considering that the services of specially trained personnel are necessary for improving the nutrition of many of the Pacific island people, in particular mothers and young children, requests the Secretary-General to :

- (a) bring to the attention of territorial administrations the advisability of including on their staffs persons experienced in the proper utilization of available food resources;
- (b) consult with the Food and Agriculture Organization with a view to requesting that Organization to make available to the Commission an officer with the appropriate qualifications to work in close collaboration with the Health Education Section and Women's Interests Officer in the area; and
- (c) report on the matter to the next meeting of the Commission.

Toxicity of Fish

(The Research Council, in discussing the deterring effect of the incidence of fish poisoning (ichthyosarcotoxism) on the consumption of this basic protein source recommended that the Commission should use its efforts to stimulate research leading to further knowledge of the causes of this occurrence and as a practical matter suggested that the Commission might draw up and distribute a list of those fish species which do not cause such poisoning.)

32. The Commission :

- (a) takes note that research is in progress in different places as to the causes of toxicity in fish;
- (b) directs that the collection of all available information on this subject should continue and that when possible suitable information should be published in the South Pacific Bulletin; and
- (c) directs the Secretary-General to determine how the Commission might facilitate research into the causes of toxicity in fish, and to investigate sources of outside help which might be available.

PUBLIC HEALTH

(The Commission at its Twentieth Session wished to ensure that its future activities should be based on

- (i) the needs of the territories, and
- (ii) techniques which have proved effective elsewhere on a regional basis.

The Research Council in considering this matter had the benefit of the advice of a consultant in public health, Sir Selwyn Selwyn-Clarke.

The Research Council stressed the importance of maintain-

ing a close link, by means of personal contact, with the various territories on the one hand and with international agencies on the other. It is envisaged that the staff of the Health Section will be in a position to give assistance and advice to territories, both in carrying out their own programmes and in seeking assistance from outside agencies, to ensure inter-territorial cooperation and collaboration, and to facilitate the exchange of experience and information.)

33. The Commission approves the principles expressed by the Research Council as a basis for the development of its programme in Public Health, and

- (a) thanks Sir Selwyn Selwyn-Clarke for his contribution to the deliberations of that body;
- (b) decides to focus attention on health problems such as maternal and child health, environmental sanitation, nutrition, and the development of community health services;
- (c) offers its assistance to territories in setting up and evaluating programmes in public health either directly or in co-operation with appropriate international organizations.

Maternal and Child Health

(The South Pacific Conferences of 1956 and 1959 requested that a comparative evaluation should be made of the infant and maternal welfare services operating in the Pacific islands area, with the view that territorial services might learn from each other. At its Twentieth Session, the Commission directed the Secretary-General to approach the World Health Organization with a view to formulating an inter-country project to evaluate the existing services within the region and give appropriate advice to territories. This was agreed to by WHO and the Commission has approached the Technical Assistance Board with a request that funds be allocated to WHO for this purpose. It is envisaged that a team consisting of one paediatrician and one public health nurse will be recruited. Five territories have expressed a wish to be included in the survey, which is expected to last about one year.)

34. The Commission :

- (a) requests the Secretary-General to call the attention of metropolitan governments to the importance which the Research Council attached to the problems of maternal and child health and to the urgent need for the up-grading and expansion of services in this field in many of the territories and for long-term planning of maternal and child health programmes within territories; and
- (b) notes with approval the progress made in the development of the joint WHO/SPC maternal and child health project.

Mosquito-borne Diseases

(The programme in mosquito-borne diseases was initiated in 1949 and originally covered malaria and filariasis. It was later decided to limit it to filariasis. Dr.M.O.T. Iyengar was appointed as project officer in 1954 and continued in that post until the end of his second three-year term of engagement in June 1960. His work consisted of surveying the extent of the disease and its mosquito vectors, advising on control problems and preparing technical documentation on this subject. A Study Group on Filariasis was called in November 1959 and its report has now been distributed. A résumé of the findings was published in Technical Information Circular No.42. The Study Group was of the opinion that the filariasis project as such had reached the limit of its usefulness. The Research Council agreed with this view but recommended that the Commission should continue to retain interest in this subject as part of its general public health activities, and give such assistance to territories both in control programmes and in the encouragement of further research into this problem as lies within its power.)

35. The Commission :

- (a) receives with appreciation the report of the Study Group on Filariasis and authorizes its release for distribution;
- (b) accepts the recommendation of the Study Group that the mosquito-borne diseases project as such should be ended; but decides that continued attention should be given to this subject within the ambit of the health activities of the Commission as far as resources permit;
- (c) requests the Secretary-General to inform territories that the Commission is prepared to provide advisory services to territories in which filariasis is a problem and assistance in the training of personnel;
- (d) accepts with thanks the offer of the Institut Français d'Océanie to care for the mosquito collection and to make it available for study when required;
- (e) directs that the collection of reprints and microfilms built up by Dr. Iyengar should be retained at headquarters; and
- (f) because rat damaged coconuts form ideal breeding places for the vectors of filariasis (as well as for economic reasons), directs that the attention of territorial administrations should be invited to the advantages of banding coconut palms.

Tuberculosis

(The Research Council considered the Report of the Conference on Tuberculosis organized by the Commission in 1958. The Report was endorsed and distributed widely by the Commission which at the same time expressed the hope that territories would implement the recommendations where applicable as soon as possible. The Council drew attention to the close link between tuberculosis and nutrition, suggesting that some of the towns of the South Pacific, where people of various races with differing dietary habits are living in the same environment, might be suitable areas for studying this problem.)

36. The Commission endorses the observations of the Research Council on this subject.

Epidemiological Surveys

(The Commission agrees with the Research Council that epidemiological surveys should have an important place in the long-term planning of territorial health programmes. It notes that, as directed at the Nineteenth (1959) Session, the Secretary-General has asked the World Health Organization for the services of an epidemiologist to advise territories on methods of obtaining and evaluating epidemiological information with a view to establishing priorities in health programmes.)

57. The Commission directs that continued efforts should be made to assist territories in this matter.

Environmental Sanitation

(The Research Council was of the opinion that environmental sanitation is of basic importance and that health education is the channel through which the Commission can best assist at present in improving the situation at the village level.)

38. The Commission directs :

- (a) that increasing attention be paid to providing educational material and information on this subject; and
- (b) that, in its arrangements for inter-territorial visits, it should encourage the travel of health inspectors or others engaged on environmental sanitation work.

HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICE

(This Service was suggested as a new and major project for consideration at the Eleventh Meeting of the Research Council.

It originally envisaged a first-class research library to provide information for health workers at all levels in the area in the fields of tropical medicine, public health and anthropology in the Pacific.

The Research Council was of the opinion that a suitably expanded information service was essential to carrying out the duties of the Health Section and that this should be developed by gradually expanding present activities in keeping with demand.

In this connexion the Research Council suggested that attention should be concentrated on the collection and collation of information on subjects of interest to the Health Section; the provision of reference services; a working library for health education activities; and the provision of up to date health and medical information to local workers in the area either on request or in the form of appropriate digests or newsletters.)

39. The Commission :

- (a) endorses the recommendations of the Research Council that the

collection and dissemination of information by the Health Section of the Commission, in particular in nutrition, tropical medicine, maternal and child health, and health education, should be gradually expanded;

- (b) decides to make available a sum to be used on the development and distribution of further and more attractive publications, for equipment, and for additional acquisitions in the fields of the Commission's interest, particularly for health education, public health, and the other fields mentioned above;
- (c) decides that material produced should be particularly suited to assistant medical officers and to other local health workers; and
- (d) determines that further expansion of this aspect of the Commission programme in future should depend on the demand of territories.

TRAINING

(In conformity with the request of the Twentieth Session, the Research Council gave particular attention to the whole question of training, and recommended that increasing attention should be paid to this aspect of the Commission's work. The Council saw the problem as twofold:

- (i) the re-orientation of existing staff to a more preventive outlook; and
- (ii) the training of an increasing number of auxiliary health staff to man the expanding services.)

40. The Commission recognizes the importance of training at all levels and

- (a) offers its assistance to territories in the planning and organization of training courses for auxiliary personnel as far as circumstances permit; and
- (b) insofar as the implementation of its programme allows, will offer the services of its professional health staff as visiting lecturers and external examiners to the Suva and Port Moresby schools of medicine.

INTER-TERRITORIAL STUDY TOURS

(The Commission in the past has made provision for assistance to territorial administrations to send health workers to study services in other territories. The Research Council recommended that this scheme be continued, and if possible increased.)

41. The Commission endorses this recommendation.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FISHERIES

The project includes -

1. Fisheries Service

(The Commission's programme is designed to improve fisheries resources in the area through the introduction of edible fish, the expanded use of resources and the provision of training in fisheries methods.

Advisory visits by the Commission's two Fisheries Officers have been in constant demand by territories. The work is assisted by a Technical Advisory Committee.)

42. The Commission notes :

- (a) with pleasure the continued interest which territories in the area are showing in the activities of the Commission's Fisheries Service;
- (b) while several territories are setting up their own fisheries services, practical recommendations for the promotion of local fisheries will be given in a Technical Paper of regional interest which is now being prepared by the Commission's Fisheries Officers and will be distributed to the territories;
- (c) that the Commission in 1961 will complete its fisheries surveys and that therefore the project will need to be re-assessed, and accordingly
- (d) decides that a Technical Meeting should be held early in 1962 to review the project and to advise on its future programme.

2. Boat Building Course

(A 2-year course in boat building for 24 trainees commenced at Auki, Malaita, in August 1960. In it are associated the Government of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, the Bureau of Technical Assistance Operations of the United Nations and the South Pacific Commission.)

43. The Commission :

- (a) has been pleased to learn of the successful organization and opening of the Boat Building Course at Auki, Malaita;
- (b) thanks the United Nations and the Government of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate for their assistance with the course;
- (c) approves in principle the setting up of a second sub-regional course in Nouméa, as proposed by the Government of New Caledonia, to which the Commission expresses its thanks for its offer to provide facilities; and
- (d) directs the Secretary-General to undertake the necessary preliminary enquiries both from the territories and from international organizations, and to present at the next Session a detailed proposal on this matter.

3. Sub-Regional Fisheries Training Centre

(The Commission in 1959 approved a recommendation of its Research Council that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations be invited to be associated with the Commission in a sub-regional training course in Fisheries, to be held in 1961 in a Melanesian area, for 25 trainees.)

44. The Commission:

- (a) notes with pleasure that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has sought provision in the 1961 Budget of the Regional Technical Assistance Programme to assist the proposed Sub-Regional Fisheries Training Centre;
- (b) decides that the Centre will be conducted for two months in 1961 at Tulagi in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate;
- (c) thanks the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the Government of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate for their willingness to assist in the establishment of this Centre;
- (d) approves the programme of the Centre which will provide training in fishing methods, fish preservation, care of nets, and the use and maintenance of small powered vessels.

PLANT COLLECTION AND INTRODUCTION

(The Commission's programme includes collecting and facilitating the introduction or exchange of a specific range of economic plants for testing in the Pacific Islands area. Special attention has been given to coffee, cacao, coconuts, breadfruit, pepper, vegetables, bamboos, forage and pasture plants, and other possible cash crops.

There is a continuing study of the breadfruit, with a view to determining varieties which together would provide longer bearing seasons.

Close co-operation is maintained between the Commission and the Naduruloulou Plant Introduction and Quarantine Station in Fiji, to which the Commission makes grants.

During 1960 Mr. J.W. Parham, Botanist in the Department of Agriculture, Fiji, has directed the Commission's project for six months, and has made special studies on useful crops and plants.

A Technical Advisory Committee assists the Commission in this project.)

45. The Commission thanks :

- (a) the Government of Fiji for the services of Mr. J.W. Parham, Botanist on the staff of its Department of Agriculture; and Mr. Parham for his excellent work whilst temporarily in charge of the Plant Collection and Introduction Service; and
- (b) authorizes the renewal of the contract of the Assistant Plant Introduction Officer until the end of 1961.

Naduruloulou Station

45. The Commission :

- (a) again thanks the Fiji Department of Agriculture for the assistance given by the Naduruloulou Plant Introduction and Quarantine Station; and
- (b) authorizes in 1961 a grant of £500 to that Station.

International Technical Meeting on Plant Introduction

47. The Commission notes with interest that the Food and Agriculture Organization will hold an International Conference on Plant Introduction in Rome in 1961, and authorizes the Executive Officer for Economic Development to attend.

Breadfruit Studies

48. The Commission thanks the Government of Western Samoa for its willingness to maintain a collection of breadfruit varieties for comparative study and exchange, and notes that several varieties have already been sent to Western Samoa through the agency of the Commission's Plant Introduction Service.

PESTS AND DISEASES OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS1. Rhinoceros Beetle

(A primary objective of the Commission is to assist territories in the control of the rhinoceros beetle (*Oryctes rhinoceros*) which is an extremely serious threat to the coconut industry of the Pacific Islands, whether from damage where it is already established or from accidental introduction to islands not yet infested.

The Commission's work has been largely concentrated on possibilities of biological control of this pest, but attention is paid also to other methods.

With the advice of its Rhinoceros Beetle Technical Advisory Committee, and in cooperation with territories, the Commission pursues the search for predators and parasites.

Through two grants received from the Rockefeller Foundation, the Commission's work included research on the diseases of the rhinoceros beetle which was undertaken by Dr. Paul Surany, Insect Pathologist.

In addition to its activities concerning rhinoceros beetle control, the Commission pays attention to other important pests and to diseases occurring in the area, principally by disseminating information concerning them.

A survey now being prepared on plant quarantine measures and facilities in the area may enable territories to learn from each other of ways in which their services may be improved.

During 1960 Mr. B.A. O'Connor, Entomologist in the Fiji Department of Agriculture, has been part-time consultant to the Commission on this project.)

49. The Commission :

- (a) expresses its appreciation of the financial assistance which governments and administrations in territories are contributing voluntarily to the Commission's funds for work against the rhinoceros beetle;
- (b) approves the continuation of the project but with preference that a larger part of the appropriation be devoted to the search for parasites and predators, and therefore decides:
 - (i) to send its Entomologist in 1961 to East Africa where it seems likely that insects useful for Oryctes control may be found;
 - (ii) to offer grants to the Commonwealth Institute of Biological Control for assistance in the search for parasites and predators in tropical areas other than East Africa, and to the Institut für Biologische Schädlingsbekämpfung, Darmstadt, for research related to diseases of the beetle;
- (c) commends warmly the field work of the Commission's Entomologist in the successful transfer to the Pacific of large numbers of insects found by him in West Africa which may have promise as predators of the rhinoceros beetle;
- (d) thanks the Government of Fiji for having made available the services of its Entomologist as part-time consultant to the Commission, and authorizes continuation of his part-time appointment as co-ordinator of the project;
- (e) requests that the consultant prepare a region-wide plan of co-ordinated work against the beetle, embracing activities both by the South Pacific Commission and within individual territorial services, believing that in total, the scope, economic importance, and urgency of work on this problem are such as to attract assistance from the United Nations Special Fund or other appropriate body, and authorizes the Secretary-General to seek assistance accordingly, on the basis of the plan when prepared; and
- (f) recognizes that study of the rhinoceros beetle material assembled by Dr. Surany for the Commission should be continued. While hoping that Dr. Surany will be successful in securing a fellowship or grant for this purpose, the Commission decides that this material should be kept available for study at the Institut für Biologische Schädlingsbekämpfung, Darmstadt, in the scope of the research assisted by the above-mentioned grant to that Institute, or for any other purposes the Commission might decide.

2. Other Pests and Diseases

50. The Commission :

- (a) directs that the Economic Development Section continue to circulate regularly any useful information on pests and diseases

of economic plants in the area, on methods of control of such pests and diseases, as well as on all important subjects concerning plant protection;

- (b) notes with pleasure that Mr. B.A. O'Connor is preparing a Technical Paper on the present state of plant quarantine measures in the area and on possible improvements;
- (c) greatly appreciates the collaboration between the Commission and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in the field of plant protection, and hopes that the regional specialist of that Organization will be able to visit the territories of the area to study possible improvements in the plant quarantine measures in the South Pacific.

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES

1. Technical Meeting

(The Commission in 1959 planned for a meeting to be held in 1961, to be attended by senior officers responsible for agricultural extension services, and that the agenda of the meeting should be directed towards the development of agricultural extension work.)

51.

The Commission :

- (a) approves the holding in 1961 of an Agricultural Extension Meeting in accordance with the decisions of the Twentieth (1959) Session;
- (b) gratefully acknowledges offers from the Colony of Fiji and from the Territory of Papua and New Guinea to act as host territory for this meeting;
- (c) authorizes a specialist from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to be invited to attend, at the expense of the Commission; and
- (d) agrees that delegates might be accompanied by observers provided that the expense of such observers would be met by their own territories.

2. Inter-Territorial Study Visits

52. The Commission authorizes continuation of budgetary provision to enable the Secretary-General in his discretion to give financial assistance towards inter-territorial study visits by agricultural personnel to a total of £500.

COCONUT INDUSTRY

(The Commission arranged for a survey of the coconut industry in the area during 1952-53 by Mr. W.V.D. Pieris. It has since furnished advice and issued a number of publications and in other ways has recognized the great importance of the coconut industry to the area.

The Commission at its Seventeenth (1957) Session expressed readiness to assist towards the establishment of a research station for study of the coconut under atoll conditions; this is now being provided by a grant from the Commission to the Rangiroa Coconut Research Station in French Polynesia.

At its Tenth Meeting in 1959 the Research Council paid special attention to the problems of the coconut industry, and presented a programme for such assistance as the Commission could provide.

The Commission in 1959 requested the Secretary-General to study the possibility of holding in 1962 a meeting of technical workers in the area who are concerned with coconut improvement; the purpose of such a meeting will now be met by the Symposium on the Improvement of Tropical Crops, which the Executive Officer for Economic Development has been invited to organize, and which is to be held during the Tenth Pacific Science Congress in Hawaii in August, 1961.)

53. The Commission :

- (a) approves the provision of £2,000 in the 1961 Budget to continue the grant-in-aid to the Rangiroa Coconut Research Station as a contribution to work of regional interest on the improvement of the coconut industry, and authorizes technical assistance to other stations in such ways as may prove to be possible;
- (b) notes that direct contacts will be established with specialized agencies of the United Nations and interested foundations, in order to seek their technical and financial assistance for research on coconut improvement undertaken in the area;
- (c) notes with pleasure the progress with the arrangements by the Executive Officer for Economic Development to convene a Symposium on the Improvement of Tropical Crops, which will take place within the framework of the Tenth Pacific Science Congress at Honolulu, Hawaii, in August/September 1961;
- (d) approves the provision in the 1961 Budget to assist four coconut experts working in the South Pacific to attend the meeting;
- (e) considers that, in view of the holding of this Symposium and of the establishment in the near future by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of a study group on the improvement of the coconut industry, it will not be necessary in 1962 to hold the technical meeting which had been proposed by the Tenth Meeting of the Research Council and the Twentieth Session of the Commission; and
- (f) notes that in 1961 the Economic Development Section will continue the dissemination of technical and economic information on the coconut industry.

PROMOTION OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

(The Commission in 1959 offered to assist territorial administrations in :

- (a) holding meetings for the discussion of problems of trade and industry, including Tourism;
- (b) publishing 'Guides to Investors'; and
- (c) arranging inter-territorial visits for the purpose of studying specific established industries.)

54. The Commission :

- (a) confirms the decisions of its Twentieth Session concerning the promotion of trade and industry in the Pacific area;
- (b) authorizes the Secretary-General to use part of the funds provided in the 1961 Budget, to contribute to the costs of inter-territorial visits designed to enable local personnel to study certain local industries in other territories.

CAPITAL FORMATION

(The Commission decided in 1959 that a study should be made of the methods adopted by various territories to facilitate the formation of capital and the provision of credit for developmental purposes, with a view to publication for the information of other territories.)

55. The Commission :

- (a) warmly thanks the Reserve Bank of New Zealand for having made available for one year the services of Mr. V.D. Stace, its Assistant Economist, to undertake a regional survey of problems relating to Capital Formation; and
- (b) notes that the results of this survey will be submitted in the form of a complete report in the course of 1961.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC SURVEY

(The Commission has been informed that the Food and Agriculture Organization has under consideration the possibility of undertaking, in co-operation with the Commission, an economic survey of the region.)

56. The Commission :

- (a) expresses interest in the possibility of cooperating with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in a regional economic survey; and
- (b) authorizes the Secretary-General to explore this possibility with the Food and Agriculture Organization and wishes to be kept informed of any developments.

AGENDA ITEM VI - RELATIONS WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

(Since 1955, discussions have been proceeding in Washington between representatives of the participating governments of the Commission and of the Technical Assistance Board, in an endeavour to draft a Basic Agreement to cover assistance to South Pacific Commission projects from the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations which take part in an Expanded Programme of Technical

Assistance under the auspices of the Technical Assistance Board.)

57. The Commission notes with satisfaction that the Working Group has continued negotiations with the Technical Assistance Board of the United Nations Organization and that it is hoped to conclude, in the very near future, a Basic Agreement to govern assistance towards Commission projects.

AGENDA ITEM VII. PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATIONS

58. The Commission, after considering the report by the Secretary-General on publicity and publications, draws attention to the desirability of achieving the maximum amount of publicity for the Commission's activities and the earliest possible release of reports on conferences and seminars.

AGENDA ITEM VIII - FINANCE

A. Annual Financial Statement for 1959

59. The Commission :

- (a) accepts the Annual Accounts for 1959;
- (b) receives the Report of the Auditors on the Annual Accounts for 1959; and
- (c) authorizes a final transfer of funds from other heads of the Budget for 1959 to meet the excess expenditure shown under :

Part I	Head I	£305
Part III	Head X	£327

B. Review of Expenditure under 1960 Budget

60. The Commission, having reviewed expenditure on the 1960 Budget as shown in the revised estimates included in the Draft Budget for 1961, authorizes the transfer of funds from other heads to meet the estimated excess expenditure shown under:

Part II	Head VII	£1,090
Part III	Head IX	£725

C. Budget for 1961

61. The Commission adopts the Budget for 1961 as set out in Appendix I to these Proceedings.

Note: The Netherlands delegation reserved its vote on this resolution (paragraph 61 above).

D. Appointment of Auditors

62. The Commission appoints the Auditor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia to be the Auditor of the Accounts for the year 1961.

E. Amendment of Financial Regulations

63. Having considered the recommendations in the Auditor's Report for 1959, the Commission decides :

- (a) to repeal Article 8 of the Financial Regulations as amended and to substitute therefor :

"Article 8

- (a) Funds shall remain available for twelve months following the fiscal year to which they relate to the extent that they are required to liquidate commitments.
- (b) Commitments at the close of a fiscal year shall include liabilities for goods supplied and services rendered during the year, for goods and services ordered but not supplied or rendered at the close of the fiscal year, and any other commitment entered into or liability incurred, but not discharged, at the close of the fiscal year.
- (c) Any commitment undischarged at the end of this twelve-month period shall at that time be cancelled, or, if this cannot be done and the commitment remains a valid charge, the expenditure shall be charged against the Budget appropriations of the year in which payment is actually made."

- (b) to amend Article 30(i)(c) by deleting the proviso therein.

F. Carry-over of uncommitted funds

(No action).

AGENDA ITEM IX - ARRANGEMENTS FOR TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

64. The Commission resolves that the Twenty-second Session be held at the Commission headquarters at Nouméa opening in mid-October 1961 for a duration of two weeks.

AGENDA ITEM X - STAFF

A. Executive Officer for Social Development

65. The Commission being appreciative of the high quality of the work of Dr. Richard Seddon and recognizing his contribution to the accomplishment of the Commission's objectives, decides to offer him re-appointment as Executive Officer for Social Development on the expiry of his present term of appointment for a further term of five years subject to termination by six months' notice in writing on either side.

B. Report on salaries and associated matters

66. The Commission, being satisfied that since the last review of salaries there has been, both in Nouméa and Sydney, an increase of approximately five per cent in the cost of living

Resolves that there should be, as from 1st January, 1961, an increase of five per cent in the salaries of all staff employed by the Commission.

67. The Commission further resolves that a review of the salary structure should be undertaken and that a competent person with experience in this field, not associated with the Commission, should be engaged by the Secretary-General to inquire into the matter and present a report to the Twenty-second Session of the Commission; and considers that any such review should pay proper regard to the fact that the Commission's headquarters are located in Nouméa.

C. Other Staff Matters

(a) Staff Rule 31

68. Having considered the recommendation of the Secretary-General, the Commission decides to amend the Staff Rules by the addition to Staff Rule 31 of the clause:

"(d) Leave entitlement for a period of service involving an incomplete month shall be calculated proportionately to that part of the month and to the nearest half-day's leave in respect thereof."

(b) Staff Insurance

69. Having considered recommendations made in accordance with paragraph 56 of the Proceedings of the Twentieth Session, the Commission accepts the scales for permanent partial disablement proposed by the Secretary-General, as amended.

(c) Canteen

70. The Commission directs that the reimbursement from the Canteen Fund to cover operating costs in 1961 shall be £1,100.

D. Sydney Office

71. The Commission, after considering a report by the Secretary-General, expresses the wish that he continue to keep under review the cost and efficiency of the Sydney Office. The Commission thanks the Australian Commissioners for examining the organization of the Sydney Office.

AGENDA ITEM XI. - OTHER BUSINESS

Tenth Pacific Science Congress

72. The Commission, being mindful of the fact that the South Pacific is affected by developments throughout the whole Pacific area, expresses its keen interest in the Tenth Pacific Science Congress to be held in Honolulu in August 1961 by arranging for the participation of some of its officers in the Congress and by correlating its work programme with Congress activities, where appropriate.

AGENDA ITEM XII - APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

73. The Commission resolves that the Proceedings of the Twenty-first Session be compiled and published by the Secretary-General, incorporating the resolutions which the Commission has adopted.

SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

APPENDIX I

ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE 1961 FINANCIAL YEAR

1 JANUARY 1961 - 31 DECEMBER 1961

I N C O M E			E X P E N D I T U R E		
	Estimated Income 1961	Total		1961 Approved Budget Estimate	Total
	£	£		£	£
1. Contributions from participating governments for 1961:			1. <u>PART I - ADMINISTRATION</u>		
(a) in respect of expenditure for repayment of debt for reconstruction of Pentagon	2,366		Head I - Emoluments of Personnel	49,170	
(b) in respect of balance of expenditure	<u>216,534</u>	218,900	Head II - Travel Costs	3,360	
2. Grants from other Organizations and from Territories		24,720	Head III - Equipment, Supplies and Services	<u>34,150</u>	86,680
3. Funds revoted		11,750	2. <u>PART II - WORK PROGRAMME</u>		
4. Brought in from Reserves		500	Head IV - Permanent Research Personnel	37,575	
5. Miscellaneous Income		7,000	Head V - Conferences and Meetings	2,400	
		262,870	Head VI - Health	23,495	
		26,100	Head VII - Economic Development	41,020	
6. Suspense Accounts		26,100	Head VIII - Social Development	48,795	
		<u>£288,970</u>	Head IX - Publications and General	<u>13,190</u>	166,475
			3. <u>PART III - SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE</u>		
			Head X - South Pacific Conference		7,000
			4. <u>PART IV - RESERVE WORKING FUND</u>		
			Head XI - Reserve Working Fund		<u>2,715</u>
			5. <u>PART V - SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS</u>		262,870
			Head XII - Suspense Accounts		26,100
					<u>£288,970</u>

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GOVERNMENTS

(a) in respect of debt for reconstruction
of Pentagon:

Australia	£835	
France	348	
The Netherlands	-	
New Zealand	418	
United Kingdom	417	
United States of America	<u>348</u>	£2,366

(b) in respect of balance of expenditure:

Australia	(30%)	£64,960	
France	(12½%)	27,067	
The Netherlands	(15%)	32,480	
New Zealand	(15%)	32,480	
United Kingdom	(15%)	32,480	
United States of America	(12½%)	<u>27,067</u>	<u>216,534</u>
	<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>£218,900</u>

APPENDIX II

SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

ATTENDANCE

AUSTRALIA

Senior Commissioner Mr. Dudley McCarthy, M.B.E., Assistant Secretary, Department of Territories, Canberra, Australia.

Commissioner Mr. C.T. Moccie, Assistant Secretary, Department of External Affairs, Canberra, Australia.

Alternate Commissioner Mr. W.L. Conroy, Chief, Division of Agricultural Extension, Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries, Port Moresby, Territory of Papua and New Guinea.

Adviser Mr. R.C. Wheeler, M.P., Member of House of Representatives, Canberra, Australia.

Adviser Mr. T.F. Hartnett, Department of Territories, Canberra, Australia.

Adviser Mr. K.R. Douglas-Scott, Australian Consul, Nouméa, New Caledonia.

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Adviser M. l'Administrateur en Chef R. Maylié, Chef du Bureau d'Administration Générale du Haut-Commissariat, Nouméa, New Caledonia.

Adviser M. l'Administrateur en Chef Faure, Chef du Service du Commerce Extérieur de la Nouvelle-Calédonie, Nouméa, New Caledonia.

NETHERLANDS

Acting Senior Commissioner Mr. K.E. Breslau, Senior Officer, International Affairs Branch, Netherlands New Guinea Directorate, Ministry of Home Affairs, The Hague.

Commissioner Dr. A. Loosjes, Government Secretary, Hollandia, Netherlands New Guinea.

Adviser Mr. A. Steensma, Government Secretariat, Hollandia, Netherlands New Guinea.

NEW ZEALAND

Senior Commissioner Mr. C.G.R. McKay, formerly Secretary of Island Territories, Wellington, New Zealand.

Second Commissioner Mr. J.M. McEwen, Secretary, Department of Island Territories, Wellington, New Zealand.

Alternate Commissioner Hon. Tualaualei M. Minister of Agriculture, Apia, Western Samoa.

UNITED KINGDOM

Senior Commissioner Sir John Gutch, K.C.M.G., O.B.E., High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, Honiara, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

Commissioner Mr. T.R. Cowell, South Pacific Office, Suva, Fiji.

Alternate Commissioner Mr. J.S. Rennie, C.M.G., O.B.E., British Resident Commissioner, Vila, New Hebrides.

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