

SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

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FOURTH SESSION

Rebaul, April - May, 1959

DELEGATION FROM THE TERRITORY OF NAURU

Head Chief Hammer de Roburt
(Delegate)

Born - 25th September, 1922.

Educated Nauru Primary School and Junior Technical School, Geelong.

1940 Education Branch, Nauru Administration in clerical capacity.

1942 Transported to Truk by Japanese.

1946 Repatriated, and entered Nauruan Native Affairs Branch.

1951 Teacher, Nauruan Secondary School.

1952 Elected President, Nauruan Workers Organisation.

1955 Elected Councillor for Boe District and Head Chief Nauruan Council following Mr. Raymond Gadabu.

1956 Chairman, Nauru Lands Committee, resigned post as secondary school Teacher and appointed Manager Nauru Co-operative Society.

Mr. Raymond Gadabu
(Alternate Delegate)

Born - 25th September, 1921.

Educated Nauru Primary School, Geelong Junior Technical School, Gordon Institute of Technology, Geelong, and Everett's Business College, Melbourne.

1941 Appointed Ledger Clerk at Geelong and Crossy Trading Co., Geelong, and promoted subsequently to Shipping Clerk and Salesman.

1945 Appointed as Welfare Officer, Nauruans and other Pacific Islanders resident in Nauru.

Mr. Raymond Gadabu
(Alternate Delegate)

- 1946 Appointed Accounts Clerk with Nauru Administration.
- 1950 Alternate Delegate, First South Pacific Conference.
- 1951 Appointed Clerk, Nauruan Affairs Branch. Elected Councillor of Nauru Local Government Council.
- 1953-55 Elected by Council as Head Chief of the Nauru Local Government Council.
- 1954 Appointed Nauruan Affairs Officer, and Magistrate of the Nauru District Court.
- 1957 Appointed Administrative and Nauruan Affairs Officer and Councillor for Aiwo District.

Mr. G.A. Pittman
(Adviser)

Born - 13th September, 1908.

Educated Harrow County School and University of Western Australia.

- 1928 Appointed to West Australian Education Department as Teacher in Primary and Secondary Schools.
- 1940 Enlisted A.I.F. Commissioned in 1942, service in Syria, Palestine, Libya, New Guinea and Borneo.
- 1948 Appointed to Department of Immigration as Chief Instructor at Bonegilla (Victoria), and Bathurst (N.S.W.) to non-English-speaking immigrants to Australia.
- 1950 Appointed to Commonwealth Office of Education as Senior Education Officer in charge technical matters relating to the teaching of English to newcomers to Australia.
- 1953 Appointed Director of Education, Nauru.

Publications:

"English for Newcomers to Australia", third edition, 1952.
Contributed paper at UNESCO Seminar, Ceylon, 1953, on "Modern Language Teaching". Articles on English Teaching to periodical "English Language Teaching", published by British Council.