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SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

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THIRD SESSION

Suva, April - May, 1956

DELEGATION FROM BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE

Mr. Silas Sitai, B.E.M.

(Delegate)

Aged 35. Civil Servant.

Born Santa Ana, British Solomon Islands Protectorate,  
married with three children.

Educated

1935-1938 - St. Mary's School, Maravovo, Guadalcanal.

1938-1939 - All Hallows School, Pawa.

1942-1943 - Queen Victoria School, Fiji.

Mr. Sitai joined the Protectorate Government service as a clerk in the Resident Commissioner's office in 1939. In 1942 while he was receiving further education at Queen Victoria School, the Solomon Islands were invaded by Japan. Mr. Sitai joined the Royal Fiji Naval Volunteer Reserve and in August 1942 was attached to the 1st United States Marine Division and landed with them at Guadalcanal on 7th August, 1942. In April 1943 Mr. Sitai was released from his military duties to return to School. After a period of training at the Levuka Wireless School he returned to the Solomons and has since served in Central and Eastern Solomons District. Mr. Sitai served as a member of the Protectorate Advisory Council from 1st October, 1950, until 31st December, 1955.

Present Appointment - Administrative Assistant, Eastern Solomons District.

Decorations - British Empire Medal, Coronation Medal.

The Rev. Leonard Alafurai

(Delegate)

Aged 27. Clerk in Holy Orders.

Born Kwarande, Malaita. Married with three children.

Educated

1937-1941 - St. Mary's School, Maravovo.

1941-1943 - All Hallows School, Pawa.

1945-1947 - Te Aute College, Hawkes Bay, N.Z.

1948-1952 - St. John's College, Auckland, N.Z.

The Rev. Leonard Alafurai (contd.)

Ordained deacon, 1952

Ordained priest, 1953

Teacher at Pawa School, 1947/48.

Teacher at Pawa School, 1953/54.

Teacher at Maravovo School, 1954/55.

District priest in North Malaita up to present date.

Member of Malaita Council 1955 until present date.