



Above: Participants examine one of the craft displays arranged by the various territories represented at the Seminar. Right: Miss Sulamasina Malletoa (centre), of the Papauta Girls' School staff, discussing some craft work with (on her right) Mrs. L. Daucakacaka and Mrs. D. Hussein, two of the delegates from Fiji.

Miss Friderich of UNESCO's Department of Education."

Addressing the delegates, Mr. Wright reminded them that the success of the Seminar depended on the extent to which they would participate in its deliberations. He also reminded them that they were all experts from their homelands, with something to contribute to the meeting. He said that the greatest

good would come from stimulating discussions and the pooling of ideas.

In concluding, Mr. Wright said that the Seminar was not only an expression of the partnership which existed between the South Pacific territories through the South Pacific Commission, but equally an expression of the urge towards still greater partnership in public life between men and women of the world.

Traditional Ceremony Of Welcome

At the end of the ceremony, the official party, delegates and guests were entertained at morning tea by the Seminar participants, and immediately afterwards the work of the Seminar began.

In the afternoon, participants were accorded a traditional Samoan welcome by representatives of women's committees of Western Samoa.

SPC-FAO Fisheries Training Centre Opened

THE Fisheries Training Centre organized jointly by the South Pacific Commission and the Food and Agriculture Organization at Tulagi, in the British Solomon Islands, with the active support of the Protectorate Government, was declared open by His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, Mr. D. C. C. Trench, C.M.G., M.C., on September 1.

Twenty-five trainees are attending from Netherlands New Guinea, Papua and New Guinea, the Solomons and the New Hebrides. Director of the Centre is Mr. Pierre Lusyne, Gear Technologist of the Fisheries Division, Food and Agriculture Organization. (Mr. Lusyne was co-Director of the first SPC-FAO training course held at Commission headquarters in Nouméa in 1956-57.) Assisting him are four instructors—Messrs. J. Kemsley (Food and Agriculture Organization), Ronald Powell (Fisheries Officer, Cook Islands), M. Aylett (Fisheries Officer, British Solomon Islands), and Louis Devambe (Assistant Fisheries Officer, South Pacific Commission).

In his opening address, Mr. Trench said he was glad to see that the emphasis

was to be on practical work, and that most of the training would take place at sea under commercial fishing conditions. He also drew attention to the fact that the boats to be used during the training course had been built at another training centre, also organized by the South Pacific Commission and the Food and Agriculture Organization.

Replying to the High Commissioner, Mr. Lusyne said that fisheries had tremendous potential in relation to the problem of world food production, and that the best way to develop them was by means of training centres similar to that at Tulagi. Generally speaking, fishermen, wherever they lived, had a fund of methods and techniques which had been proved through the ages at the subsistence level. The task of the instructors was to build upon this foundation as much as possible.

The Centre will run six days a week for ten weeks, to complete an intensive course that includes not only practical fishing operations at sea, but the rigging of lines and nets, the making of equipment such as large fixed fishtraps, and the mechanization and maintenance of fishing craft.

Health Education Courses In Tahiti

In Tahiti during August, Miss Liliane Geisseler, SPC health education officer, conducted two courses in health education. Both were held at Papeete.

The first course, held from August 1-25, was for health personnel, including eleven male and female student nurses and two midwives from the Health Department, four auxiliary social workers from the Department of Social Service, and six inspectors from the Institute of Medical Research.

The second course, held from August 15-26, covered health education in schools. It was attended by twenty-eight teachers from outlying islands of French Polynesia, including the Tuamotu, Austral, Marquesas, and Leeward Groups. As most of those who attended were from islands where there are no doctors, a refresher course in first aid and simple medical care was included.

Before returning to headquarters on September 16, Miss Geisseler spent a week on Moorea Island assisting the local health inspector with health education activities.