

4 of 60/61 T.R. Bergin Collingwood Bay, May 19 - June 6, 1961

- ◆ to complete census revision, collect tax, collect data for local resources available for use in Community Technical Training Programme, routine administration

Few details – collected L 33.0.0 at Yuayu and L34 at Ganjiga (the latter was a 40%) increase over year before

25.5.61 Uiaku

“During morning revised census and collected tax UIAKU. Village inspected and many men ordered to repair or completely rebuild their dilapidated houses. Medical check of all persons seen. Health good.

During afternoon, inspected Mission School at IAMAKERI Mission Station adjacent to UIAKU Village. 104 pupils - Up to St. III taught.

Found that the copra smoke-houses were not being made good use of and that the people were only making copra spasmodically.

Inspected newly rebuilt Aid Post and found this in excellent order. The post has been completely rebuilt by the UIKAU and GANJIGA people since my last visit in September, 1960. It consists of iron roof, well made selo walls and a well-laid goru floor. A.P.O's house and one building consisting of office, Out-patients department, Wards and Infant Welfare Clinic. The A.P.O in charge appears to be carrying out his duties well. The village people are making good use of the Post.

Inspected GANJIGA village - satisfactory. A small amount of copra being made.”

- ◆ collected L82 (51% increase)

In Sinapa – new VC *elected* to replace one who resigned; new councilors elected to replace those who had died. Village in good shape, but land tight. Villagers trying to reclaim swamp land behind. In Sinipara, found that the copra drier not being used.

Airara and Marua in good shape, but no copra being produced. “Talking to and urging these people to produce copra for a continuing cash return seems to be of no avail. The people make copra only spasmodically when a little cash is needed to purchase trade store goods. It is by no means a full-time occupation for the village people as a whole.”

On “absenteeism”: “There is a high percentage of absentees from AILALA. Most of them are at work outside of the area, others, I am told, are only visiting friends scattered far and wide. The high percentage does not appear to be affecting adversely village life in general, but I instructed that in future the Village Constable is to see that people who wish to leave the village to seek work or to visit must first report to the Sub-District Office, Tufi. This will allow a closer check to be kept on absenteeism within that village.”