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DIARY OF PATROL.

TUFI NO. 1/69 - 70.

- 27/7/69. In company with C.P.O. Mr. Favetta departed Tufi by Ubuna at 6-30 and arrived Kewansasap at 17-30. Rough Seas. Call made at Wanigela en route. Slept Kewansasap.
- 28/7/69. Elections for Ward 1 commenced at Kewansasap. General discussions with people. Slept Kewansasap.
- 29/7/69. Departed Kewansasap at 0830 and arrived Lako 0900. Ward 1 Elections completed here. In afternoon to Ailala. Slept Ailala.
- 30/7/69. Elections at Ailala for Ward 2. Talks delivered to people. Slept Ailala.
- 31/7/69. Departed Ailala at 0800 and arrived Uiaku at 0930. Elections for Ward 3 at Uiaku. General Talks. Slept Uiaku.
- 1/8/69. Elections for Ward 4 at Ganjiga. Slept Uiaku.
- 2/8/69. Departed Uiaku at 0800 and arrived Wanigela 0900. Tax team dropped at Wanigela. Myself and Mr Favetta to Tufi.
- 3/8/69. Sunday at Tufi.
- 4/8/69. Returned Wanigela. Elections Ward 5 carried out. Inspected progress on Wanigela road. Repaired Council Water Pump. Lent an ear to some Mission Complaints. Slept Wanigela.
- 5/8/69. Departed Wanigela at 0900 and arrived Uwe at 0930. Elections for Ward 6. Talk delivered. Pig offenders under Council Rule prosecuted. Slept Uwe.
- 6/8/69. Departed Uwe at 0800 arriving Marasa at 0830. Elections for Ward 7 and Talk delivered. Two Pig offenders under Council Rule prosecuted. To Sinifara in afternoon. Slept Sinifara.
- 7/8/69. Elections Ward 8 at Sinifara. Slept Sinifara.
- 8/8/69. To Jebu at 0800. Elections Ward 9 commenced here. Then to Tainabuna and Ward 9 Elections completed. To Tufi at 1430. Slept Tufi.
- 9/8/69. Saturday at Tufi.
- 10/8/69. Sunday at Tufi.
- 11/8/69. Monday at Tufi. All day hearing Local Court.
- 12/8/69. Departed Tufi by Ubuna at 0700 and arrived Sebaga at 1200. Canoes waiting. To Foru 1 arriving at approx. 1500. Discussions with people concerning their village 'block' plans. Slept Foru.
- 13/8/69. Departed Foru at 0800 and arrived 'canoe Landing' about 11.30. Walked to Monoioogo arriving at 1530. People made ready for commencement of Council Elections Ward 17. Slept Monoioogo.
- 14/8/69. Ward 17 Elections commenced at Monoioogo. Most people in Ward 17 at Karaisa for S.D.A. convention. Walked to Karaisa Polling few people at Moiaive and Badaide on the way. Arrived Karaisa at 1500. Slept Karaisa.

Patrol Diary cont.

- 15/8/69 Karaisa people and people from other villages who had not voted, voted at Karaisa. Slept Karaisa.
- 16/8/69 S.D.A. Sabbath.
- 17/8/69 Departed Karaisa at 0800 and arrived Kinjaki 1200. People voted. Lengthy general talks. Slept Kinjaki.
- 18/8/69 Departed Kinjaki at 0800 and arrived Korala at 13.30. Few people here voted. Village practically deserted. Carriers tired, so slept here.
- 19/8/69 Departed Korala at 0700 and arrived Kakaisa at 1100. Voting Kakaisa. Talks. Slept Kakaisa.
- 20/8/69 Departed Kakaisa at 0800 and arrived Embessa at 1100. People had no candidates ready. Runners sent to various villages of the Ward. Slept Embessa.
- 21/8/69 People presented candidates. Voting carried out. Departed at 1200 for Gugumu. Voting Gugumu. Departed 1400 for Dove arriving at 1600 Slept Dove.
- 22/8/69 Voting Dove. Departed 1200 and arrived Guruguru at 16.30 by raft. Slept Guruguru.
- 23/8/69 Departed Guruguru at 0700 and arrived Foru by raft at 1300. Departed Foru at 1400 by canoe arriving at Sebaga on the coast at 1600. Picked up Ubuna. Arrived Tufi at 2100.

END OF PATROL

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Sub-District Office,
TUFI, Northern District,

8th. September, 1969.

District Commissioner,
POPONDETTA.

TUFI PATROL REPORT NO.1/69-70.

INTRODUCTION.

This patrol was mounted for the purpose of carrying out the Fifth General Elections of the Cape Nelson Local Government Council. C.P.O Mr. F. Favetta accompanied me from 27/7/69 to 8/8/69 and then we parted company, myself going to the Lower Musa Area of the Dyke Ackland Bay Census Division and Mr. Favetta continuing on around the coastline of the Cape Nelson Census Division to the coastal villages of the Dyke Ackland Bay Census Division. Work was completed on 22nd August 1969 and the two patrols met at Sebaga village. Mr. Favetta was amply trained in carrying out Elections during the time he spent with me, and he carried out efficiently his solo section of the Patrol.

Election Report and Statistics have been forwarded to the Regional Local Government Officer (my 41-1-3 of 29th August 1969). A copy of this report accompanied the Patrol Report.

POLITICAL.

Elections are a well known occurrence to the people in the area patrolled and they are quite well informed as to the procedures involved. It was noted, though that among the people marking their own Ballot Papers there were very few indeed who understood the correct way of indicating their choice. They would do anything to the paper rather than place a figure one, two etc. in the squares for that purpose. On the spot explanations were made and this information imparted should carry on into future years among the people so assisted. For full information on the Elections please read the accompanying Electoral Report.

The people in the area patrolled are mediumly well developed in their political awareness. It is very difficult to gauge its extent to any accurate degree due primarily to the facts that native people are generally reticent until an officer becomes well known to them and also the difficulty they have in expressing views on a topic which has only recently begun to have impact on their life. The fact that Mr. Paulus Arek, M.H.A., is from the Tufi Sub-District has, I would say, considerably increased the peoples awareness of the House of Assembly and things Political if only for the good reason that Mr. Arek is one of their own as it were. It is easier for people to be interested when one of their "home boys" is representing them. Much like the attitude a small town has when one of their young men makes the representative football team for the State in Australia. The attitude is parochial but of benefit.

Councillors encountered during the Patrol widely differed in the amount of authority they possessed and control they exercised over their people. Men such as John Hunt at UIARU and Gladstone NAD at WANIGELA are obviously intelligent, reasonably knowledgeable and exercise a fair amount of influence

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in their Wards. Unfortunately this calibre of Councillors is all too rarely elected by the People. Far too often they put forward a man who should no sooner be a Councillor than he should be an Astronaut. The poor fellow stumbles his way through a term in office, magnificently uninformed, and often enough is re-elected or changed for some other man who is just as unsuitable. I am fully convinced that many people still elect Councillors with the old Village Constable conception of the village "boss" in mind. Obviously this concept should be changed and people brought to the realization that they require articulate and energetic representatives. Such men are available in most Wards even if there are very few of them due to the fact that such types of men are generally absent working in other areas.

The people's attitude towards the Local Government Council is a settled one if not one which evinces any great deal of partisan interest. Its concept holds favour in the mind of most people and in some cases seems to be thought of as an authority nearly completely superceding that of the Administration. This attitude is one which nearly always exists in Wards with the "good" Councillors as it were, and rarely if ever in the wards which have what I term "Village Constable" Councillors. The attitude is not quite correct but is, from the Local Government angle, preferable to the other existing attitude of no real involvement.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The Patrol covered the villages from Kewansasap to Tainabuna on the Tufi coastline and then the inland villages of the Lower Musa area of the Dyke Ackland Bay Census Division. Though neither area could be said to be particularly impressive as regards economic development, the nearly complete lack of it in the Lower Musa area was particularly apparent. The coastline area patrolled is served by three Co-operative Societies, the Maisin based at UIAKU, the Wanigela at Wanigela and the Cape Nelson at Tufi Station. These Societies all operate a Trade Store and provide Copra buying facilities. In 1968/69 the following tonnages of Copra were purchased by the three Societies:

WANIGELA	: 8½ tons
MAISIN	: 30 tons
CAPE NELSON	: 16½ tons.

The amount are not impressive. Wanigela Society in 1967/68 purchased 20 tons of copra and the large decrease was due to the Society there having been closed down for 6 months of 68/69.

UIAKU village has commenced selling Cocoa which is at present purchased by the Agricultural Extension Officer based at Uiaku. Thus far this year they have sold 1,503 lbs of Wet Beans and it appears that this village at least may eventually achieve a reasonable Cash Crop Income on the basis of their two crops, Cocoa and Copra. Berebona village, though not visited by myself during the Patrol is worthy of note in that it and surrounding villages sold through the Agricultural Extension Centre at Berebona last year 6,000 lbs of Coffee. This was their first year of production. Thus far this year they have sold 5,146 lbs of coffee.

The Extension Centre at UIAKU has recently (after the Patrol) been transferred to Wanigela where it was situated previously. The Agricultural Extension Officer at Tufi does not feel that this move is a good one as the Wanigela people have never evinced any particular interest in advancing themselves and it apparently was their lack of interest in the past which prompted the moving of the Centre to UIAKU.

I tend to feel sympathy with the Agricultural Officers feelings, but the eventual development of the Wanigela Resettlement Blocks will naturally take precedence over the continued development going on at UIAKU. I believe that arrangements are being made for the UIAKU people to sell their Cocoa to the United Church Plantation at Wanigela. It is to be hoped that the UIAKU people accept these arrangements and do not attain the feeling that they have been unfairly treated and let their interest in Cocoa production wain. It would be excellent if the Co-operative Society at UIAKU could take over Cocoa purchases, but this is not likely to originate.

The Wanigela Resettlement Blocks, it is hoped, will be opened to settlement as soon as possible. I personally feel that no earth-shaking development will take part on them as people in the Tufi Sub-District appear to have a long reputation of being, on the whole, immovable in an economically progressive direction. The truth or otherwise of this will eventually be proven and at least the scheme will allow a large groups of people to prove eventually whether they have or have not what it takes. The opening of the Blocks has been dragging on for so long, I believe in the first instance great difficulty was experienced in even collecting applications, that the scheme is beginning to take on an aspect of elusivness similiar to searching for the Golden Fleece. The attitude of the people, first of all in applying for the Blocks and then in constructing a road to the Blocks leads one to believe that the scheme will eventually get off the ground in spite of and not because of them. I note that out of the seventy old applications received for Blocks that 28 to 30 come from the Wanigela villages. I fail to see the advantage of resettling people on their own land after it has been bought from them in the first place. A Land Tenure Conversion Scheme for the Wanigela people and the Resettlement Blocks for people without suitable land is the way I feel the situation should be. I have little doubt though that the reason so many Wanigela people have had applications accepted is because people in villages with poor land have no real desire to leave their old villages and take up residence on a Wanigela Block either because they do not like the Wanigela people or plainly do not care much about acquiring a Block.

The Crown Land at Uwe village has a number of squatters from various villages in it's immediate vicinity who are planting coconuts. During A.D.C. Mr.J.Tierney's time at Tufi, attempts were made to sort out suitably sized areas among the squatters and have them make application to Lands Department. One application was received from one Phanuel Gadebo and in Mr.Tierney's 35-4-2 to your office dated 4th. July 1968, other applications were expected. However, no more applications have been made.

During the course of the patrol some enquiries were made into the village 'block' systems commencing at Gobe and Foru etc. Please refer to my 35-1-2 dated 28th. August 1969. As stated in that letter further investigations at and after the Cape Nelson Council Meeting of 17th. September.

The Lower Musa section of the patrol shows the area to be terribly lacking in any form of Economic Development. A money income comes primarily from seasonal labour and occasional treks to Popondetta Market with excess garden produce and smoked game. The villages of Dove and Guruguru are attempting to commence coconut plantations along the banks of the Musa River but due to setting up individual blocks fairly widely spaced

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they are finding that wild pigs are considerably hampering progress by the fact that they root out and eat the newly planted seed nuts. In this area then, there is no cash cropping to speak of and due to isolation, difficult country to cross in the wet season and a very small population there is not likely to be any in the future. Practically the only hope for the future in this area is for some large scale development to occur on the land at present being surveyed and by Lands Dept. and District Administration.

In conclusion, only a few hopeful signs alleviate the generally dull picture of economic development in the Tufi Sub-District.

SOCIAL

The area covered by the Patrol has numerous small Anglican village schools teaching mainly to St.11. Children requiring further Education mostly have to go to Wanigela or Ssfoa Anglican Mission Schools or Tufi and Sinei Administration Schools. The Lower Musa has two S.D.A. Mission Schools (Karaisa and Sauwavi) both teaching to St.11. and this area is the only S.D.A. foothold in this strongly Anglican Sub-District. More schools teaching to an higher Standard are required in the Sub-District as there is a large amount of wastage from the poorly constituted village schools.

Medically the area patrolled is amply enough supplied with Aid Posts and the people suffer no hardships in acquiring First Aid Treatment. The Anglican Mission Hospital at Wanigela and the Administration Hospital at Tufi are reasonably able to cope with more serious ailments.

As stated previously the area is primarily strongly Anglican, the Mission having been established for such a long time that it has a very definite influence over the people. Unfortunately, the Anglican Mission is not a progressive, aggressive religion and I feel that the generally somnolent attitude of the people is due in part to the example of the set in the rut procedures of their Mission. A 'reformation' of some kind is required and it is a pity that the Anglican Mission has no real competition, for competition, even in the area of saving souls, regenerates interest and vigour. The S.D.A. Mission is secure in its small foothold and at least it had had the effect of cutting down it's adherents consumption of Beate Nut and this in itself is an achievement not to be taken lightly. (I am becoming of the opinion that if people insist on chewing large quantities of Beate Nut everyday, and sometimes all day, it is only to be expected that they evince a 'go slow' attitude. They have no choice. They must obviously be half drunk a good deal of the time and it is hard for a person to operate under those circumstances.)

Women's Clubs are widely scattered throughout the area but do not operate very efficiently or enthusiastically on the whole. There are exceptions, the Uaku Club being one. The Cape Nelson Council Welfare Assistant is capable of doing her job and enthusiastic enough, but ~~finds a fair deal of difficulty~~ but finds a fair deal of difficulty in eliciting any great response from women in most villages.

The reception of the Patrol by the people was reasonably good. The coastal village people tended to take their own good time in unloading and loading the M.V. Ubuma and gathering to hear talks delivered but there was never any hint of hostility or dislike. They are well used to visiting Administration Officers and find no cause for excitement or undue haste in attending to their needs. Carriers used in the Lower Musa

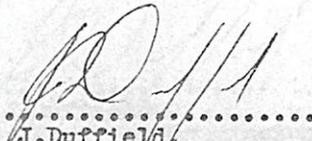
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Were readily available but there was one unfortunate incident involving four men from Sariri village in the Oro Bay Census Division who assisted in carrying from Kinjaki to Kakaisa and then asked for the ridiculous sum of four dollars in payment. They did not, of course, receive this amount and apparently they asked for it because their Councillor had informed them that this was what they must be paid. They eventually accepted the right payment, but in bad grace, and I would say that future Patrols will find difficulty in attaining carriers from Sariri to assist in the walk to Kakaisa. This sort of thing is unfortunate, but an officer cannot make exceptions to certain people to the amount of \$4 for a \$1.50 walk.

Some Courts were heard during the Patrol, mostly concerning infractions of Council Rules and a fair number of minor complaints were attended to.

CONCLUSION.

The patrol was successful in carrying out its aim of conducting the fifth General Elections of the Cape Nelson Council and afforded me the opportunity of seeing the main part of the Tufi Sub-District.



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