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WESTERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT PATROL REPORTS

1968-1969

KANDEP & PORGERA

Report no.

Officer conducting
patrol

Area patrolled

KANDEP

1-68-69

A. Sinoa

Wage C.D.

PORGERA

2-68-69

K.A. Winnecombe

Pziela C.D.

Division of District Administration,
Department of the Administrator,
Harare.

67-14-05

23rd September, 1969.

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
Harare.

MARVAL NO. KANDOP 1 OF 1968/69

Your reference WED 750 of 18th August, 1969.

2. I acknowledge with thanks receipt of Situation Report by Mr. A. Siaca to WAGE Census Division.
3. The matters raised in your covering memorandum should be discussed by the District Co-ordinating Committee and I will be pleased to receive their recommendations in due course.
4. An informative report.

(T.M. ELLIS)

Secretary
Department of the Administrator

c.c. Mr. A. Siaca,
Kandop Patrol Post,
Western Highlands.

Please note that political education must be a continuing process in all situations with the emphasis on the advantages of national unity.



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19th August, 1969

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
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KANDEP PATROL REPORT NO. 1 - 68/69

Mr. Siosa's report is submitted herewith, together with a copy of covering memoranda from the A.D.C. at Lailegam which clarifies or explains the main contentious matters raised by Mr. Siosa.

It is apparent that the main action needed in the Wage is:

- a) The setting up in the Wage Valley of a local Government Rural Development Centre, staffed by a Patrol Officer and with a supporting Rural Police Post, and
- b) An immediate survey by the Welfare Branch to make a full assessment of the Women's Club and Youth Activity potential. From this, a detailed social and welfare development plan for the area can be drawn up.

With a view to the further decentralisation of Administration, it is requested that staff and funds be made available for the establishment, as a permanent feature of Administration, of a Rural Development Centre at Longap in the Wage Valley.

For your consideration and advice please.

S. M. FOLEY
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

(9)

Patrol Post,
Kandop, Wainwright,
11-1
23rd April, 1969.

KANDOP PATROL REPORT No. 1 1968/69.

WAGE GANES DIVISION.

INTRODUCTION.

1. The above patrol was carried out in the Wage Ganes Division of the Kandop Local Government Council area, as from 23rd February 1969 to the 18th April, 1969.
2. This area consists of the whole area on the Southern bank of the Kai River to the Margaria, Tari boundary and on the West to the Fergara border. The area comprises of two mixed linguistic groups, "Sag" and "Tari" while small groups among the group speak Fergara and Mandi language as well.
3. The major object of the patrol was to supervise the graveling of Kandop/Margaria road, to re-route the Kandop/Mindali section of the road and to survey the proposed Ispink/Mindali and Potonak, Karcara, and Iuhis road system. The number of days spent on this patrol was thirteen, with few days on the station, awaiting Supreme Court sittings and Kandop Council Meetings.

ROADS AND TRAFFIC.

4. There are three four wheel vehicles in the whole Wage Valley of Wage Ganes Division. These roads run from Kandop to Margaria, Kandop to Mindali, and Kandop through Longap to Potonak. Of these three roads, Kandop Margaria road is often trafficable whereas the Kandop to Mindali road is trafficable as far as Sainas village.
5. The section between Kandop and Mindali is not very much used because it frequently becomes boggy during the wet season and some section of this road is very steep. During this patrol, the writer has re-surveyed the two section of the road which are very steep.
6. The Longap/Potonak road when it was newly constructed was open to traffic, but very little maintenance has been done to the road, consequently bridges have been fallen, grass has covered the road and landslides have covered some parts of the road as well. Although this seems to be very extensive work, efforts have been made to clear the grass, landslides and also graveling of the road is now in progress.
7. The major fact contributing to why very little work was done is because the section between Longap and Potonak goes through an uninhabited dense rain forest.
8. New roads have been constructed now at Ispink/Longap, Karcara and Iuhis. The Ispink/Longap road will eventually link with the Mindali and Kandop road, whereas the Karcara road will link with Potonak and Iuhis road will join with Kandop/Longap road.
9. At the present, the villages in the Wage valley use the foot tracks which are often muddy and goes through dense forests and swamps.

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GENERAL SITUATION

10. Political. Although the area controlled has been under the local Government Council influence for three years, very little is known about the purpose of local Government, and what it's worth while for. Through verbal discussion with various leaders it was observed that they all think that the objectives and functions of the local Government is another section of Central Government whereby all work done by local Government should be submitted by Central Government.

11. Various Officers of the Central Government attempt to give technical assistance or advice are rejected. This was seen when the Council refused to employ an agricultural assistant to advise them on gardening and cattle projects. "We not taking advice, advice are taken on."

12. Education. The councillors on the whole are illiterate and with no formal education, are ignorant also. The president of the local Government functions. The councillors in the large valley, with the exception of those of Kariyoo, some of Kariyoo, Kariyoo of Kariyoo and all of Kariyoo, are very co-operative with administration, although they believe, they are without advice.

13. State of Assembly. The activities of the House of Assembly and the functions and reports to these people is limited to their understanding, as they are all illiterate and without formal education.

14. Although their immediate leaders, village head men visit them through their representatives (Councillors) to discuss in it the area but as his confidence therefore cannot pass the true message of his advice and activities to his constituents.

15. Political Situation. Teaching of political education through assemblies, pamphlets or any other publications would be time consuming and fruitless. The only means of transmitting the topic to their minds would be through pictorial charts or through open discussions especially in Council meetings.

16. Electoral Voting. The preferential voting, although is very new to them, and people in the area are accustomed to the system. The people only have three elections, two for House of Assembly and one for their local Government Councils. With their own Council members the only any such election were held in the area controlled by the writer. Candidates for councillor were elected at this next election.

17. The villagers where these situations were discovered, the members of the councils and the councillors were told by the writer, that they could only nominate the new candidates for the position of councillor and could vote for those candidates in the forth coming election, and not to hold elections at those candidates when they nominated and declare the candidate with new votes as the new councillor for their constituencies. The writer explained to them that these would lead to the illiterate majority to believe:

- a) That the election was held already and that the new candidates was the councillor.
- b) That, if the true election was conducted, the people might only vote for the candidate who had a majority votes in the next election. This may create unfair election.

AGRICULTURE

18. Economically, large valley is a low cash income earning area. Although pyrethrum has been planted in the area it is not doing well. Many small gardens planted through the pyrethrum bush have practically no

1. ~~Small, unincorporated~~ The small establishments of business with small
number of employees.

2. ~~Small, unincorporated~~ This statute has small status of business,
locally owned and operated. The staff are all independent business. It has
small turnover and its influence is steadily growing. It has all forms
of support needed by an all round industry.

~~Small, unincorporated~~

3. There is no well organized in the area. There are through
establishment of only one branch in people of business having the best
and better in the business establishment in making employees, having
the in form, small people are very few and small. The establishment
and have independent business in which they are present around that
that a few may well be set up in the area. It is not clear, in fact, that
establishment is present only in 1950, and having more in 1951 and
national and provincial level have been taken into the establishment in
form of business covering the area. There is no other policy but
all the business interest in the area.

4. The facilities in the area which have equally small scale
branches of private and public business.

~~Small, unincorporated~~

5. The area are one of these services. There's also a few
establishment are not based in the area.

6. In the business establishment area there are only the small, but
not as many as established by the people from all over of the Territory.
The area is not particularly satisfactory. It is supposed to be in the
area where are independent.

7. A village level, "the best" in the area would be
people are with. This area has business but for some time.

8. There has to be an establishment in the area, which would be
in the business establishment area being established in the area.

~~Small, unincorporated~~

9. In there has been no small scale program carried out by the
any level through the area, which is a feature of the business
which this type is not based in the area.

~~Small, unincorporated~~

10. 1. That small scale business from other things or from the
market for young girls of money to train the business and that this has
to be, only, how buying and selling.

2. Should there be any possibility of establishing more in the area
in future, various levels of establishment, district or independent level
should be advised of the business interest and the expansion.

3. The writer's feeling towards the establishment of any of these in
in line with the people through this area business in very hard to follow
and the days in the area would not help the people through their problems
and the officer will not have adequate time to attend to all matters.

(S. 1951)
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Field Diary

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Monday 28th Feb 1952

Departed London at 2.30 pm for Luton to supervise road. Slept overnight at Luton.

Tuesday 29th Feb

Commenced graveling of London / Margate road at 7.45 am until 5.00 pm. Slept overnight at Luton.

Wednesday 29th Feb

Supervised the graveling of the above road. Slept overnight at Luton.

Thursday 30th Feb

Returned to London by vehicle at 11.30 am. Afternoon office duties.

Friday 1st March

Office at 7.45 am. Departed London for Luton. Road work until 5.30 pm. Slept overnight at Luton.

Saturday 2nd March

Commenced road work at 7.30 am. Left Luton for London by vehicle at 9.30 am for District Court.

Sunday 3rd March

Office at 7.45 am. Departed London for Luton at 8.30 am. Arrived Luton 11.30 am. Supervised road work until 5.30 pm. Slept overnight at Luton.

Monday 4th March

Road work whole day. Slept overnight at Luton.

Tuesday 5th March

Commenced graveling at 7.45 am until 5.30 pm. Left Luton for London at 6.00 pm, arrived 6.30 pm.

Wednesday 6th March

Office at 7.45 am. Departed London for road survey party at Luton at 12.30 noon. Arrived Kilmall at 3.00 pm. Slept overnight at Kilmall.

Thursday 7th March

Departed Kilmall at 8.00 am on survey party. Arrived at 12.30 pm. Arrived camp at 1.00 pm. Gravelled route with loaders. Slept overnight at Luton.

Friday 8th March

Commenced marking of the proposed route of Luton / Kilmall road whole day. Had site survey after looking at another alternative. Completed marking at 5.30 pm. Slept overnight at Luton.

Saturday 9th March

Departed Luton at 9.00 am. Checked the progress of the Luton / Kilmall section of the road with Councilor Jackson. Arrived at Kilmall at 1.00 pm. Departed for Luton at 2.30 pm then to Kilmall at 5.30 pm. Staid for vehicle at Kilmall until 5.30 pm. Arrived Luton at 6.00 pm.

Sunday 10th March

Office at 7.45 am. Departed London by motor cycle for Luton for resurfacing of Luton / Kilmall road and arrived at 12.30 pm. Supervised the graveling of Luton and Kilmall road. Returned to Luton at 5.00 pm. Slept overnight at Luton.

Monday 11th March

Commenced pegging the new route of Luton / Kilmall road. Completed marking at 4.30 pm. Slept overnight at Luton.

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Monday 16th April

Left Kalam at 7.30 am for Kishali to survey the proposed re route of Kishali section of the road. Completed working the route at 12.30 pm. Returned to Kalam, then on to Kungah. Arrived at 3.30 pm. Started the graveling of the road to Kungah. Slept overnight at Kungah.

Tuesday 17th April

Graveling of the road with people of Kungah in the morning and with the Kungah people in the afternoon. Slept overnight at Kungah.

Wednesday 18th April

Departed Kungah at 10.30 am for Lagg, arrived at 12.30 noon, after acquiring a pack animal. Walked from Lagg to Follak, arrived 4.30 pm. Slept overnight at Follak.

Thursday 19th April

Departed Follak for Kishali at 7.30 am. Arrived 2.30 pm. Investigated bank of Tangi (?) near Kishali with Constable from Kungah. Discussed road and arrived at Kungah. Slept overnight at Kishali.

Friday 20th April

Departed Kishali at 9.30 am. Following high water track which was busy through swamp and with rain forests. Arrived Follak at 1.30 pm. Then to Kungah, arrived Kungah at 4.30. Slept overnight at Kungah.

Saturday 21st April

At 7.30 am. started the proposed site with Constable Kungah. Parties already being constructed, remaining work reasonable. Started to Kungah at 4.30 pm. Slept overnight at Kungah.

Sunday 22nd April

Departed Kungah at 7.30 am, arrived Kungah at 2.15 pm. Inspected the proposed road site, then left Kungah for Lagg on proposed route. About a mile has been constructed, site looks reasonable but very long, would take 2-3 weeks to finish.

Monday 23rd April

Site, section near St. Lagg is impossible due to steep slope of mountains. Slept overnight at Lagg.

Tuesday 24th April

Departed Lagg at Lagg. Slept overnight at Lagg.

Completed graveling of Lagg / Follak road at 9.30 am. Left Lagg by vehicle at 11.00 am for Kungah, arrived at 12 noon. Afternoon office call.

--- END OF DIARY ---

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~~in the school hall~~

~~In Reply~~
~~Patrol Officer~~



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Sub District Office,
LAIAGAN, S.E.D.

10th July, 1969

The District Commissioner,
Western Highlands District,
M.L. HASEN

WAGS Patrol Report No. 1 68/69

Attached herewith I forward three copies of the above report, with Diary and Camping Clats enclosed. The delay in forwarding the report is understandable, as the WAGS L.S. Council by-election was due shortly after this patrol was completed and had to be carried out by a specific date.

Roads and Bridges

The recent \$6000 Rural Development allocation for the WAGS roads will be a great boost to the area as it will provide road access to land for all people and assist their economic pursuits. Mr. CLARK will need to organise road-working teams on a shift basis and allocate road construction work to different groups on alternate weeks. The re-establishment of a Camp at LAIGAN (not marked on map) or any other centrally located point would be most desirable, and should take place as soon as possible.

Political Development

We all realise how difficult it is for these people to understand the differences between the Central and Local Government and how the House of Assembly fits into the Government framework. However, it is astounding how quickly some of the most illiterate people can grasp the idea if time is taken to explain the subject to them. I agree that political education through newsletters and pamphlets would be a waste of time in the area patrolled, but rather than give only the Councillors the political education in Council meetings, the time to get through to the majority of the people is when they are all assembled for a Census Revision or Election in their own environment.

Economic Development

When the WAGS roads are completed it is anticipated that this will help create enthusiasm and interest in Pyreburn and Cattle projects, which at present it seems, leave a lot to be desired.

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Situation & Missions

Statements made in paragraphs 22 and 25 are contradictory. The report should have stated that there are two schools in the GAMB Census Division, - the Government school and one Apostolic Mission School, - and that the Apostolic Mission does not intend to withdraw from the field of education in the GAMB as it will do in the Lelapa area.

It is also not clear from the accompanying map, whether or not the Government school at MUPIPAK is in fact situated within the GAMB Census Division, or the map does not show Census Division boundaries (or a true North for that matter). The District Officer has been asked to ensure that these points are clarified in future reports.

Health & Forest - Missionary Comments

Disappointment with the Administration regarding slow progress, difficulties with funds and staff shortages, is quite understandable, but these people are realistic and they will always be impressed by the concentration of their neighbours, and when have seen and heard of the material and social advancement of their neighbours they will want to emulate them. However, it is for us to explain to them that even in Australia people in country towns, through their isolation, cannot expect the same rate of development as that in the urban centres. It is also important to point out that no matter whether they join the T.M.I., M.B.M. or stay in the Lelapa area, they will still be administered by the new Government.

FRINGE GROUPS

The fringe groups, MUPIPAK, MUPAK (not shown on map) and MUPAK have, according to Sub District Officer PANGA, been migrating backwards and forwards in this general area for many years. The slightest domestic upset or internal problem is enough reason to migrate in or out of an area for considerable lengths of time. However, any correspondence or exchange of lists of names from the migrating groups in question, will have to be submitted to the District Commissioner through regular channels so that the matter can be determined at a higher level between District Commissioners. Approval for any proposed visits to MUPAK will have to be obtained.

Mr. Stone has written an informative report which gives a good picture of the area.

[Handwritten Signature]
L. A. T. S. S.
District Commissioner