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PATROL REPORTS

BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT

BUIN, BOKU,, MOROTANA, SIWAI

<u>Report no.</u>	<u>Officer conducting patrol</u>	<u>Area patrolled</u>
<u>BUIN</u>		
1-70-71	P. van Staveren	Oria village
2-70-71	Y. U-Yassi	Part Lugakei C.D.
3-70-71	P. van Staveren	Aria village
<u>BOKU</u>		
1-70-71	G. Schweinfurth	Baitsi and Part Nagovisi C.D.
2-70-71	U. Togavul ' J. Irah	Banoni, Nagovisi & part Baitsi C.D.
3-70-71	G. Schweinfurth	Banoni & Nagovisi C.D.
4-70-71	G. Schweinfurth	Part Nagovisi C.D.
<u>MOROTANA</u>		
1-70-71	W.R. Read	Nagovisi C.D.
2-70-71	W.R. Read	Banoni C.D.
<u>Special report</u>		
10-70-71	G. Schweinfurth	Siwai Local government council special



TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

PATROL REPORT

Report Number : Siwai Local Government Council Special Report No. 10 of 1970-71.

Sub-District : Buin.

District : Bougainville.

Council/Non Council area: Council Area.

Patrol Conducted By : G. Schweinfurth.

Designation : Patrol Officer/Council Advisor.

Area Patrolled : Siwai Council Area.

Personal Accompanying Patrol : Mr. Kamuai Keita Council President.

Duration of Patrol : 19.5.71 to 28.5.71.

Number of Days : 9 Days.

Date and Duration of last D.D.A. Patrol to the area: 18.8.70 to 19.11.70. 25 days.

Objects of Patrol : Pre Election Patrol Siwai Local Government Council.

Total Population of Area Patrolled : 7062

Map Reference : Milinch Bougainville South, Fournil Series.

Director of District Administration,
PORT MORESBY.

Forwarded, please.

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District Commissioner

Amount Paid for War Damage Compensation \$.....

Amount Paid from D.N.E. Trust Fund \$.....

Amount paid from P.E.D.P. Trust Fund

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TERRITORY OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

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P.O. BOX 123/124,
ARAWA
BOUGAINVILLE

12th August, 1971

The Secretary,
Department of the Administrator,
KONEDOEU
Papua

SPECIAL PATROL REPORT NO. 10 OF 1970/71 of SIWAI AREA

I am attaching Special Report as above and covering comments from the District Local Government Officer for a patrol of the Siwai area which was carried out for pre-election purposes.

2. I agree with the comments made by the District Local Government Officer in that the situation financially in the Siwai Council is not very satisfactory. However, the Council is now under new leadership. Mr. Tom Sipana is one of the older group, and member of the District Advisory Council and a very stable personality, and he has been elected president of this Council.

3. Without denigrating any particular officer, I am not sure that the financial overexpenditure incurred by the Siwai Council is not due to superficial or inadequate supervision. However, the District Local Government Officer has taken steps to remedy this. The Council previously employed two clerks for a job which barely required the services of one. One clerk has now been transferred to the Boku Council. Mr. Gus Schweinfurth is now carrying out general field duties in the patrol area and Council Advisory duties are being provided by Mr. T. Barrett

W.T. BROWN
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Encl.

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LG.39/1/30

Office of Local Government,
P.O. Box 176,
KIETA.

2nd August, 1971.

The District Commissioner,
Department of the Administrator,
District Headquarters,
P.O. Box 123,
ARAWA.

SIWAI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL - SPECIAL
REPORT NO. 10 OF 1970/71

Attached are copies of the Siwai Report, as above,
submitted by Mr. G. Schweinfurth, Patrol Officer and
at the time Council Adviser.

The object of the Patrol was to conduct a Pre-Election
Patrol prior to the Siwai General Elections to be held
in June, 1971.

The opening statement that Local Government in the
area is generally satisfactory is misleading. The
Council is prone to passing resolutions outside the
scope of the Local Government Ordinance. They take
very little advice from their Adviser and have little
comprehension of estimates and their capabilities.

The Council has passed Resolutions in the year 1970/71
for the imposition of Income Tax and a taxation on
the sale of traditional currency which will probably
be termed as an Import Duty.

They have passed Motions for the purchase of bull-
dozers, for donations of money to a community hostel
at Arawa, to provision of money for the Morotana/Panguna
Road.

The sum total of their year's efforts resulted in an

Overdraft of over two and a half thousand dollars being required to maintain the Council services at a bare minimum.

Mr. Schweinfurth points out in his Report, and I quote "that most of the Siwai Councillors are not filling their proper function of Councillor and never advise the people of what is going on after coming from their Monthly Council Meeting. That is the main factor which makes the Siwai Council not very popular or effective".

The object of their Patrol was a Pre-Election Patrol - this was achieved. However, the Patrol Report is marred by the fact that it was not received in Kieta until the 19th July and the Siwai Elections were completed on the 2nd July. There is no accompanying map of the route of the Patrol nor installations as required by letter LG 39/1/30 of 12th February, 1971 which stated "Patrol Report maps should show Council installations such as trade posts, schools, tanks, etc. This will allow ultimate compilation of the map of Bougainville".

On-forwarded for your comments.


(D. J. Duggan)

DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICER

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SIWAI LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL SPECIAL PATROL REPORT
NO. 10 OF 1970-71.

P A T R O L D I A R Y

- 19.5.71
W 0900 Departed Siwai council chambers for Kapana and Munnu villages re pre election patrol. People from Kapana, Panakei, Silaruho, Konga PTS, Munnu, Kiniruhi, Sikurai attended. Meeting finished after general discussions at 1700. Slept Munnu village.
- 20.5.71
T 0630 Departed Munnu village for Mataras village, talks re pre election patrol people from Mataras, Legu and Turungum villages. 1000 To Amio re council meeting thence to Mokokolino No.1 village, talks re pre election patrol with people from Mokolino No.2 and Kukusei. Slept Mokolino No.1 village.
- 21.5.71
F 0630 To Hanong villages re talks with people on council elections. People from Hanong, Moromokaimo, Naronai, Maisua Moronei attended. Slept Maisua.
- 22.5.71
S 0630 To Kunnu village re council election talks, people from Kunnu, Kuhinnô, Hino, Laku, Kokuhi, and Kuting villages attended. Slept night Kunnu village.
- 23.5.71
S Observed Kunnu. 1430 departed for Duisei village. People decided to have general discussions on council elections people from Duisei, Misiminô, Hari, Moibinei, Lakemba and Siurihino attended. Slept Duisei village.
- 24.5.71
M 0630 Departed for Ununai village, pre election talks held with people from Ununai, Mamagota, Harikagu, Hire, Koropo, Toitoi attended. Slept Ununai.
- 25.5.71
T 0630 Departed to Amio village re pre election talks with people from Amio, Siroi, Kaparo, Rabauru, Kupinku, Matakoli 1800 back to Boku. re urgent duties. Slept Boku.
- 26.5.71
W 0700 Departed Boku for Tonui village re pre election talks with people from Tontui, Kakakatoli, Toira, Purikoli, Mainota and Makoha attending. 1600 back to Amio re council duties. 1800 Back to Boku for the night.
- 27.5.71
T 0630 To Tonu village re pre election talks. People attended from Tonu, Kotu, Runai, Aitara, Tohu, Usokoli, Osokoli, Nukui. 1100 Departed to Beretemba for Bana Council Meeting. 1800 back to Boku for the night.
- 28.5.71
F 0630 Departed for Sininai re election talks with people attending from Sininai, Kimaku, Kumuki, and Tokonoitu. 1300 Departed for Horino village re election talks with people from Mihero, Iru, Misiminô and Horino. 4800 Proceeded back to Boku pre election patrol completed.

S I T U A T I O N R E P O R T

(a) POLITICAL .

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Local Government in the area is generally satisfactory.

THIS patrol was conducted to cover the whole Siwai Local Government Council area to hold talks and general discussions on the general Council Elections. As per the patrol diary people from all villages in the Siwai Council area were seen and the whole area knew of the coming of the General Elections and what they had to do to prepare for it. The importance of the general elections was fully discussed at each ward and the people showed general interest in the actual discussion. It was pointed out that it is important for a full attendance to be present at the time of the actual polling and that it was up to the people to nominate their candidate and councillor.

The manner of the election was explained and discussed as was the method of voting and nomination. The Electoral Provisions and the Local Government ordinance was explained to the people also and there was quite a deal of interest shown.

Some of the people were keen to elect a new councillor as they wanted someone with a keen attitude and not a slow and ineffective attitude as some of them stated of their own councillors.

Even some of the women showed interest by joining in the discussions over the elections.

The importance of electing a good councillor was discussed as a few of the people always voted for someone who would not make them work or do any thing in their wards. As a lot of people liked this for then they could do what they wanted to and not look after their village.

Another factor brought out was the fact that most of the Siwai councillors were not doing their proper function of councillor and never advising the people of what is going on after coming from their monthly council meeting. This is the main factor which makes the Siwai council not very popular of effective. Most councillors it was explained to the people never take any of their people to court over any matters under which the council has made a rule. The people fully agreed and spoke freely about this matter as quite a number of villages were not even aware that the Siwai Council had two council clerks. The people were quite upset and concerned after the general council work and function was fully explained to them including the estimates. It was found that only a small number of councillors ever actually sit down and discuss items at council meetings with their people or prosecute or handle any matters concerning the area. Thus a poor overall effect has resulted.

With the assistance of small blackboard it was explained and shown to the people how to cast their votes and the way ballot papers were filled out and signed.

The people I feel show a reasonable interest in the General Elections as they were quite concerned in getting a proper councillor elected in order to get their council properly effective and not as it has been. Some of the people realised that it was up to them to find a proper respectable and conscientious councillor and not just someone they can push around and use and ignore.

However some of the wards are quite happy to again vote for someone who will do little to better their area.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLORS: Most of the present councillors are satisfactory due to various talks and discussions amongst them and only a few are still completely ineffective in their area. But this is only if one regularly checks on their wards and general work.

In the next general election the people stated that they will try their best to elect someone who will help them and do his job. However this remains to be seen once the new councillors are in.

Attendance was quite good at all the wards with interest being taken by all present.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY: The general running of the House of Assembly was outlined and explained to the people and it was compared with that of the Siwai Council. The people showed interest at its similarity and some were quite surprised. The Regional Member Mr. J. Lue is also from Anio village in the Siwai area and although not too popular does hold meetings and explains items brought up at the House of Assembly. Most of the people show very little interest in Mr. Lue when he returns from the meetings of the House of Assembly but they do consult him in a number of local matters. However Mr. P. Lapun the Member for South Bougainville is more approached in regards to land problems and general problems at village level especially problems concerning sorcery and poison. However Mr. Lapun rarely goes and attends council meetings or holds meetings in any of the wards unless some specific problem arises.

POLITICAL EDUCATION: The last Political Education course was held in May this year and only a small number of councillors attended after it was well broadcasted over radio Bougainville and through the local people. Most matters concerning political matters is referred to their members of the House of Assembly or the 'Kiap.'

ROADS: Roads in the area are generally quite good with all being trafficable in the dry weather. Only a few are impassable in the wet weather but the people are working voluntarily on three different roads in the area and with the assistance of an administration truck and the council tractor the roadwork is progressing slowly. Some of the roads in the area are neglected by the people but this is because of the lazy attitude of some of the councillors. However this is hoped to be changed after the general elections.

ECONOMIC:

GENERAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT: Rural Development in the area is slow at this stage as all the revenue has been spent on roads in the area and once the New financial year is under way further road projects will be started. All work this financial year was satisfactorily completed.

Tonu airstrip is also now officially approved as a commercial airstrip and the Siwai council done the job well and revenue could also be raised through the building of toilet facilities and a small store in order to create extra revenue for the council as quite a lot of people use the airstrip.

PROCESSING AND MARKETING: All produce in the area is handled either through the Siwai Society or privately through various local businessmen. The produce is all sent to Buin and sent out by ship. Now that the Moratona to Jaba river road is underway it is hoped that with support from the Siwai and Buin councils the Bana council can complete this major roadlink which will open up the whole Buin Sub-District and create a good wharf and shipping point for all produce.

NON INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT: There is no non indigenous development in the Siwai Area.

SOCIAL:

EDUCATION: All people in the Siwai area are in the council area and all school children are liable to be in trouble if they do not attend school. This is due to the council's truancy rule which is in use and enforced by the councillors and education committee.

Land for a new day High School has been made available in the Siwai area and it is hoped to be started soon with assistance from the Siwai and Bana people as it will serve students from both areas.

HEALTH: Health in the area is generally good as the people are centrally situated and served by a mission hospital and Monoitu and also by the Administration run Rural Health Centre at Konga. With the regular clinics in the villages and aid posts in the area the people are quite lucky. Quite a number also visit Moratona Hospital in the Boku area for treatment and thus all difficult cases go to Kieta hospital or to Moratona.

LAW AND ORDER: Only a few minor complaints were received regarding council enforcing of the pig rule and those concerned were spoken with. The general situation is good in regards to law and order.

MISSIONS: There are two mission stations in the area Catholic at Monoitu and Methodist at Tonu. Haisi Catholic Mission also serves the Siwai people and it serves people in the Boku area also.

CULT AND UNREST: There is no cult or unrest in the area.

WOMEN'S CLUB: Siwai council has two womens club assistants who patrol villages regularly and hold course with the assistance of the Mission sisters at Monoitu and Tonu.

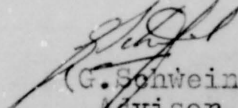
YOUTH ACTIVITIES: There is a weekly soccer and basketball competition at Konga in the Siwai area and it is quite popular and locally organised.

MISCELLANEOUS: Nil

CONCLUSION: The pre election patrol went generally quite well and with the people showing some interest and concern in their local council and councillors to be elected. Attendance was good with men and women showing interest alike.

The results however remain to be seen after the election returns are at hand.

The general situation in the area is good and with regular patrols and liaison with the councillors and people the Siwai council should greatly improve.


(G. Schweinfurth)
Advisor.