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AREA STUDY

Updating Area study of Baiyer. Patrol Report No. 1 of 1969/70. Mr. R.B.Cruikshank

1. INTRODUCTION

e. Georganical Description

Although the area is largely unchanged, it would appear that a large underestimation of the size of the area was made in the last Study. Although the exact figure is waknown, as estimated 320 Mgs miles for the Baiyer Consus Division, as stated in the 1973 village directory, would be a lot alover to the correct figure than 260 sg, miles as providually suggested by the last report and this figure included the lasts Consus Division as well.

The beavily timbered areas are slowly being anomenched upon by subsistance gardeners. Burning off for honting purposes is becoming a thing of the past, except in the Lower Jiel, a where occasional burning off of grasslands takes place, but this has not had much effect on the timbered areas surrounding these grasslands.

The area was not effected by the 1972 frosts, but did suffer from the extensive dry spell that took place at the same time. The situation is now returned to nonsel.

b. Access and Location.

The entire road from Mt. Hagen through the Patrol Post and onto the Bird Sanctury is now the resposibility of P.W.D. This has meant a high standard of road all the way through, (far better than previously). Since the Council started using six ton tipper trucks the road from the Patrol Post through the Council Chambers and on along the Lumis Road for about 5 miles has been surfaced and is in better condition than before. The Trains road is only trafficable for about 4 miles from its junction, the remaining 4 miles to the top of the dovide being in a very severe state of abondon and neglect. There is a poor standard venicular road from Saiyer to Iki which still awaits a bridge over the Signya River.

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As anticipated in the previous report, the regular service to the D.A.S.F. sirstrip at Reiver has been discontinued. The Ruti strip has been upgraded to a Cat.A strip. The Numberes Mission Cat D stri is still used every week for cervices into Kompien, Lumis, Lepsiens and the Wepi.

c. Background

Basically unchanged. The Council complex at Heiphest has tanked to overshadow the Patrol Post now and most functions and meetings are held there, whereas they would preciously been held at the Patrol Post. The Area has and come under the rew sUGLAGP sub District which was areated when the Mt. Hegen Sub District was split in the in 1972. Within the eres there is considerable opposition to the location of the S.D. H.G. which they feel should be down in the Salyer Valley a little closer to head.

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II. POPULATION - Distribution and Trands

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Figures for the 1972 Cansus are contained in the Patrol Judict. The population of the area as emmerated was 11005 which was an increase of 889 over the 3 years, or a little under 3% p.a. It is intristing to note that the Lumis Consus Division (Baiyer Administra tive Area) over the same period had a 1% network increase. Compate on this are contained in the Lumis Area Study (Report 4 of 72/73 Baiyer)

There is still a tendancy for the people to leave the ridgetope and go down to the lower flatter areas, and there are a few rigrations still taking place(mainly inwards) from the Hagen, Mal and Dei Areas.

b. Arrest to Villages

All centres bar 2 can now be reached by car. Taipingens and Ruti are still only accessible on foot, however Ruti does have a D.C.3 strip. The Taipingens road is partially constructed, however they started from Taipingens and worked back towards Taramanda, so they will have no improved communications till the road is complete. Other roads to all centres are in a fair condition. Kul is currently only accessible from Bei Council, but once the Tigi Baiyer Road is completed they will have good access to Baiyer.

c. Labour Movement.

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In the previous Area Study 40males and 4 females were recorded as absent outside the District. The figure has only increased to 57 males and 13 females after 3yrs. so the situation appears to be very stable. The females on the whole are married to the males outside the District, and the new would be about 20% H.L.S. workers. Must have good jober army, police, public survants etc. as stated in the last report.

90% of the labour employed within the size is local 1-hour. (is people from within the Baiyer Area.)

III SOCIAL CROMPDICE

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a to e Social Background.

Situation remains wachanged.

d. Internal Social Relations

In Mr. Cruikshank's report in 1969 he made lengthy note of the More, Meldpa division within the area. I would consider it to be a far smaller problem now than the situation that apparently existed in 1969. There is a considerable degree of 'Council Waity' within the Ares and the people do consider thenselves to be "Baiyers' rather than a small clan and regardless of whether they are linges or Heldpas. There is no physical friction between these groups, and marriages between thes are taking place all the time. All serious illnesses are taken up to the Baptist Hospital (Baga) and for minor matters they have their own Aid Post, Education was a point of contention when thele were no schools in the Maldpa Area but now there is one at Iki and there will shortly by other one at degl so this is no longer a problem. The Enga Co-op gets timber from Gegl and a lot of coffee from Iki so this is no problem. Contrary to the previous report I would consider that the Meldpa side has been neglected in the past by the Council, but this matter is now being rectified.

A far greater problem is amongst the Enga's themselves. In the past two years, an increadible musicer of land disputes have flared up, and old ones which were wettled previously and accepted are also starting up again. On all land matters they are thoroughly dishonest and totally unreasonable. They flattly refuse to accept any solution that is anything short of 100% in their favour. They make claims for ground that they know not to be theirs, is the hope that if it is devided down the middle they will accumulate ground that does not really belong to them. Land Pressures and a greater appreciation of the value of land, I would consider to be the main reasons. If some solutions for their problems do not come out of the proposed changes to the Land Legislation (1973 Commission of Enguiry into Land Problems) I former very extensive problems for the Budger in the future.

d. External Social Relationships

Situation remains unchanged. A border dispute with the Mal Conneil flares up regularly, but this is a dispute between two groups (wither than two Councils.

IN LEADERSHUP

The pattern remains basically unchanged. Traditional loaders still sum "the Moga" and other things of a traditional nature.

Of the 20 Counciliers in the area there are 10 who could be described as traditional locders and 10 who have achieved their position through buisness and limited educatin etc. Eleven of them opeak pidgin and 9 do not although most would understand a little.

Of the list of headman described in the stars study only one has alighed dounhill and that is Rami, Mineshi, an ex-Move interpreter, as inlusi, as Council President. He became a drunk removed for his shady doals. He is now no longer a Councillor, and has been replaced by Cacir. Nate a young active progressive buildnesses, who should do wall in years to come.

The M.H.A. Trainiya Kambibi, now in his second term as a Member, is not very popular (politically) in the Baiyer Area. (He is from Kamis) A lot of his support comes from Kompian and the remainder from Louis. Should the Electorate be split into Baiyer and Kompian (both Councils are pressing for this) he could well hose his meat in the next election with current Baiyer attitudes towards him.

Cocir Paraga Nyi has also risen in status since he became an Area Archority Hember, however he was unsuccessful in his bid to unseat the President of the Council about a year ago.

Pi remains President, but I found him to be a less powerful leader than the last report suggests. He is however a man of considerable influence throughout the area.

V LAND THRURE AND USAGE.

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Treditional Land Tenur 185 described by Mr. Czuikshank. Problems have arrisen however, trying to delineate or demarcate ownership of what was traditionally jointly owned Land, usually pig graming land. On the Meldpa side of the area there are no land problems. All Councillors on this side are traditional leaders, which may well be significant.

b. Jenure Conversion

Still no temure conversion and no intrest expressed in doing so. Any attempts would almost certainly lead to fresh land disputes.

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c. Gash Grounding

Situation remains unchanged. Coffee is still the only notable product. Only traditional foodstaffs are sold at the watket in any quantities. The odd European vedgtable appears out are few and far between. The demand is limited as the Missionaries tand to grow their own.

VI LITERACI

At the time of the last report there were two Frimely Schools within the Census Livinion, Winyh and Mambores. There are nowfive - Winyi, Kareta, Kingaringa, Iki and Mandawaa which has replaced the school that was at Mamberes. There are still a member of village, bible type schools of limited value and the Kwinkys Bible School which could be considered the only recognized institution of this nations in the area.

At the recognized Primary 'T' Schools there are \$32 boys and 241 girls, total 573, compared with 242 boys and 97girls in 1969, total 339. This is an increase of nearly 70% in three years. At Gegl a Wesleyan Sect have established a non recognized school, but the Catholics have been approved for a recognized school there next year. I am led to believe, so it is possible the Wesleyan School may not survive.

At present there are 18 students at high School and 2 at University from the area. Winyi school is the only one with a Sta. 6 this year so the number will not increase much next year it would appear.

The Council is prepred to spend unlimited funds on improving existing schools and obtaining more achools. There is considerably pressure for the early establishment of a High School.

There are still no local rasidents recieving newspapers or periodicals. There are over 100 radios in the area and most people seen to listen to Radio Hegen. There are no radios at Ruti (Manki R/H) or at Legau, Caclr Kongiri's group on the Mul border. Listeners appear to be satisfied with the services of Radio Ragen.

VII STANDARD OF LIVING

With the increased circulation of money, conditions and standards of living, the people are progressing but very slowly. Hore people are wearing European type clothes, but still the vast minority. Everybody has an one and or a knife, ashovel and a limited quantity of cooking utensils. Most families have a few blankets. The food pattern remains unchanged from the last report.

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VIII MISSIONS.

The Beptist Mission at Numberes are spill large and influential but are trying to localise and phase out their agency functions. At present mainly Education, but conceivably in years to some the hospital and their Rural Health services as well. All the "T" schools have been put under the control of the Education Dept. but the Mission Teachers are continuing their services is the existing schools.

The Lutherens are still fairly inactive in the Iti Advantages they have finally started a school for fear that the Wesleyens would if they did not. At Gegl both the Wesleyens and Catholics have started schools. This is traditionally a Catholic area so this could cause problems in the not too distant future.

IX NON INDIGINES

Non Indicioous Materories.

D.A.S.F. strength is now considerably reduced, and the regular labour line is only about 30 people. Almost all are local Balyer River people. The Station has been running for about 24 years now.

The Bird of Faradise Sanctury employs 25 labourers, of which about half are from other areas. This no longer has the assistance of the local jail since it was closed in November 1972.

Traune Valley Farm (Pegupak) is the only really private enterprise vonture in the Valley. It is proving a success and could be described as a model farm. It employs 14 labourers, 10 of which are from the Baiyer Area. It is currently running 470 head of eattleon 600 acres of pasture, 300 of which are improved. The total area of the farm is1500 acres.

The Septist Mission currently employs 100 people, most of whom are bospital staff and trainnes, all from the Baiyer and Kompiem Stea. X COMMICATIONS

Existing roads have been discussed.

Proposed Roads:

Baiyer Auti Hoad - The recently suggested road to the Lower Jimi was via Iki. The Iki people were prepared to put money towards it but the Bati people would not so the proposal was abandoned. It is still being proposed by the Govt, as a possible route to open up the grasslands and Timber in the Lower Jimi. The more favoured routs is via the Trains following the old road started in 1957/68. If money is made available, this is the nore likely of the two routes.

Kompion Baiver Read - This most is under consideration. There is limited anthonics from the Baiyers as a shole, Only those was live along the proposed route are really know. There is considerable estimates from the Kompions to show the read would be of great banefit. The project isourrently swelting a feasibility study of the Lei Gorge which will be very difficult to cross and very costly to bridge.

Beiver Wepensmade Road - The road from Beiver to Lamis is open full time now. With the meant repositing of an officer to Lamis construction of the Lamis Pinyapais Road will start equin. Having reached Pinyapais the people can then decide if they are prepared to take it through to Mepensmassia. Although they will like this road I are enclined to think they will sit back and wait and see if the Govt will do it for them. As long as an officer is at Lamis, construction through to Pinyapais and them offic Hekirep will not be difficult, from the point of view of mobilizing the people.

b Sea Transport

Not Applicable

c. Air Transport

Previously discussed under 1 b.

T TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

There is nor a surplus of 'carpenters' in the area, probably twice as many as the 20 suggested in the last report in 1969, however most would be of the trade store construction standard, (is carpenters labourers). There are a few who could be considered very good, is build a good Duropean type house with minimal or no supervision.

There are still a few plushers around, who appear to do odd jobs as the occasion arrises. There is an even greater number of drivers than in 1969. Probably about 100. -Which is about 3 to 4 per vehicle.

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There is skill little clerical work scalable, and quite a number of educated dropouts, however they do not pose much of a problem at present except for the fact that they are reluctant to 'dirty their bands' on community projects as a rule.

XII THE STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPENENT

The real understanding of the structure of Govt. does not extind far past the L.G.Council. The introduction of animumk Area authority has created considerable intrest amongst the Counciliers but little gats past they to the general populace. The N.H.A is really still the only person to grasp National Issues. There is a mass rejection of any concept of Self Govt. and Independence. They have no logical arguments against them, and are generally reluctant to discuss the topic at any inopth. For this reason any extenpts at Folitical Educationare highly frustrating and generally fruitiess.

The Administration remains high in the eyes of the people and support given to officers of this Dept by people throughout the area is extensive. Thure is no anti-white feeling in the area and although there was apprehension about localising the Fatrol Post, it is proving a successful step, and many fears that existed are being averted. In the last report fours were expressed by Hr. Cruikshank regarding the D.A.S.F. livestock station, and local resentment of so much of their land being appropriated. Since then 2000 acress the North and of the station have been gut aside and subject to finalising negotiations, will be cold, very reasonably to the Engs Co-op. The people seem keen on the move and want further blocks allocated to Baiyer people. It is anticipated that as time goes by th/ Str will be broken into further blocks, for local cattle projects, although not necessarily to Baiyer people.

XIII THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA.

Coffee is still the only cash crop of any significance, although quite a large quantity of timbur has been removed from the Gegl area which has been a good source of income for them. The people on the whole survive on Sweet Potatoe from dayto day plus other secondary subsistance foods, however trade store turnovers clearly indicate that peopleare starting to eat more rice and fish, and meet. Money coming into the area has been accessed as follows:

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Wages - Council \$12000, Mission \$20000, D.A.S.F. \$25000 C.M.&D.A. \$7300, Sanctury \$11700, Go-op \$9000, Education \$10,000, Trauna \$5000, Jisi R.C.C. \$7000. Total - \$105000 being earst by 260 people.

Cc-op Dividend - \$10000 Coffee Purchased - \$100000 (about 40% hought by the Hoge Cc-op) J.R.T.T. Intrest - \$9000

Total - 5307000. This figure covers the period 12 months prior to the compilation of this report.

Of the money that can be accounted for an estimated \$120000 was spent at the trade stores throughout the area. About 65% of the goods supplied to the stores came from the Enge Co-cp's

There are about 35 vehicles running in the erea at present, most off the road as often as they are on, and about a doman of these would have been bought in the last 12 months. is, \$30000 spent on new vehicles and probably as much again spent on running and maintainance costs of all vehicles.

\$37000 was paid in Council tax.

These figures indicate that More is a fairly large surplus floating around the area. The average man now appears to earn \$70.00 a year as opposed to the \$40.00 of three years ago.

LTV. ATTITUDE TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

The Council is now well established with a good Council complex at Kuipbaut, and an equipment pool which is starting to make itself falt on the roads throughout the area, although the process is naturally alow.

People seem to be quite happy with the Counciland the main resson that the tax rote is fairly low (\$8.00 male 50g femals) in 72/73 and \$8.00 male in 73/74, is that the Lumis block has always m.de it very difficult to get the tax raised. There has been no shortage of entinesiams on the part of the Baiyar Councillors.

All arrvices provided by the Council appear up be progressing satisfactorily.

The great success of the Baiyer performance at the 1973 Mt. Hagen Show has done much towards unifying and strengthening the Council. The people place great significance on such matters.

XV ACCOMODATION SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

There are still no hotels or guesthouses although a scientific iodum has been errected by the Sanctury for ornitholigists and V.I.J The Mission and Enge Co-op both run workshops for vehicle maintainance of local cars. They also sell petrol, deisel and oil.

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There are over 200 trade stores throughout the area, but the Co-op store and Oblemans are still the only reasonably stocked stores. One liquor licence has been granted just recently but has not yet started to operate.

Thure is no regular transport service into Magen, but local P.M.Vs are in and out of Magen all the time.

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L. J. DOLLAN District Commissioner

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The Secretary, Department of the Chief Himister & Development Administration, KUNEDOBU.

... Attached is patrol jacket for the abovementioned report.

Whallow L. J. DOLAN District Commissioner