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3B-73-74	G. E. CLAPP	Yamil C/D
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District: EAST SEPIK

Report No: 5 of 1973/74

Conducted by: R.G. BRAY

Designation: A.P.O.

Duration: 10 DAYS (Broken)

No. of Days: 4/3/74 to 15/8/74

Census Division: WINDEPOLYE

Population:

2559

Lotter saver said Coats

House of Assembly Electorate: YANGORU- SAUSSIA

Map Reference: MILT. SH. 7590

Lact Patrol: NOV. 1972

Objects of Patrol: CENSUS REVISION, AREA STUDY SPDATING, POLITICAL FOUCATION GENERAL ADMINISTRATION WHERE NEC.

The District Commissioner,

Esst Sepik

District,

MAPRIK.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Field Officers Journal Folios Town,

Patrol Instructions,

The Report and my comments,

Area study,

Updating of area study

Situation Reports Nos 1 - only.

Petrol map,

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DATE: 2 /5 /1974.

Assistant District Sommissioner

The Secretary,

Department of the Chief Minister and Development Administration, KONEDOBU, Papua New Guinea.

In respect of this patrol, I attach

Area study,

Updating of area study,

Situation Reports Nos 1-07,

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District Headquarters assessment of Patrol & Report.....

Above average

Average

Below average

DATE: 27/6 /1974.

DERLY District Commissioner

POPULATION

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Date of Census	Village	TOTALS (Excluding Absentees)				ABSENTEES (Resident outside Electorate)				Grand Total	al
		Under 18 years		18 years and over		Under 18 years		18 years and over			
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	Balmo	35	50	58	65	33	14	35	15	303	
	Boim	41	48	60	64	32	15	41	26	327	
	Guinyingi	28	35	34	36	8	10	22,	10	183	
	Kwolyik	88	89	67	96	19	20	32	10	421	
	Nambari No.1	51	59	75	75	2	3	10	8	283	
	Namberi No. 2	19	16	14	28	12	9	19	5	122	
	Nindepolye	57	38	48	65	29	17	52	16	322	
	Saza	32	34	50	53	25	8	33	4	239	
	Yaraboim	32	34	48 _T	31	2	12	23	5	187	
	TOTAL	398	419	482	543	189	129	287	114	2559 2561	
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Nemo Vill	age	Licence No.	Expiry Dete
Labuninga - Yuaimberi	Agingun	23483	June 1974
James - Buisign	Agdingun	26785	June 1974
Hovje - Homoiwara	Boin	26792	June 1974
Yegrasanso -	Kwolyik	26791	June 1974
Kumeni - Loui	Evolyžk	26778	June 1974
Poni - Kangirie	Nambari No. 1	23496	June 1974

One store at Balmo has recently ceased operation and is not expected to be

Yangoru Fatral No. 5 1973/74

APPENDIX D. POSSESSIONS

Village	Radio	Tilly Loop	Bicycle	Sowing Machines
Agingun	1			
Dalmo	1			
Boám	11	1	1	
Gwinyingi	7	ering and an experience		
Kwolytk	7	9	3	3
Namberi No. 1 82	2	1		
Nindepolye	5	2	-	
Sam	11	Association and the		
Yaraboim	4	the Table of	-	
Potels	49	13	4	3

Keelyik is the only village that possess's a Cffee hasking machine.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

TELEGRAMS:

P.O. Box 69, Maprik.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Secretary,
Department of the Chief Minister
and Development Administration,
Konedobu.

Our Reference: 67-3-11
Action Officer: R.I. Becke
Designation: a/DC

Your Reference : Date :

Yangoru Patrol Report No. 5 of 1913/74

Attached please find the above report submitted by Mr. R. Bray, A.P.O. I have the following comments to make:

The natural increase of 1.15% is unusually low for this area when throughout the country the rate usually fails between 2 and 5%.

The cargo cult activities associated with the rele association appear to have waned considerably and this situation is common throughout the sub-district.

This report has been spoilt by numerous spelling mistakes and in some cases by poor expression.

a.l. becke for the a/peputy District Commissioner

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A. but inorganous

Apartfrom the mission at Warabung there is no non-indigenous holdings or occupents of the Mindepolye census division.

Periodic artifact buying trips and coffee be 'g trips by non-indigencus buyers are the only activities carried ... 'y same in this area.

S.COMMUNICATIONS

The Wewal- Maprik road passes through six of the ten villages in this consus division, this road is an all weather road passible by sedan care. Two of the restining four villages are situated adjacent to the old Yangoru access road and the remaining two are situated within a half hours walk of seme. This later road is passable by high who elbesed vehicles all year round.

In the current Yangoru Local Covernment Councils programme fundahave been allocated for an accomposition the old Edugoru road to the Sepik highway at Waxabung. On completion of same At will be then possible to visit all of the villages of this census division by road.

There are no navigable rivers in this area. Likewhee there are no operational airstrips in the area as the previously at the Warabung Catholic mission has been converted into pastored land and playing fields.

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K. THISHICAL AND CHRICAL SKILLS

At the time of the patrol no technically of clerically skilled persons were actually present within this area. Quite a number of the people listed in the Census book as absent are qualified as such but it would be virtually impossible to get an accurate figure. This being so as many femilies have been absent for a number of years and it is not known if or what skills are held by the children of these families as many left the villages at very early ago.

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At present as must be the case in all of the other census livialous of the Yangoru axua the people have heard that many conflicting ideas about the topics of self government and independence that most peoples ideas of same are very confused and electric. With the Peli Association and its satellite groups in the area there have consequently been many and varied predictions as to what was going to eventuate at self government and what is going to happen at the time of independence.

As the writer was not stationed at Yangoru prior to self government it is not possible to give a clear indication of the beliefs and expectations that were present inforehead. However if they were the same as in other areas, widespread changes in who was going to run the country, the type and amount of tax's payable, the type of work that would be required from the people and in general a higher level of affluence were expected to come with the attainment of Self government. There views mainly reli or Pali inspired have in time been dispelled and it is now felt that Political education talks with a strong emphasis on the need for hard work to attain the desired changes were listened to with a greater degree of credibility than was previously the case.

Interest at the mement in the Peli association and its satellite

L. STAGE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT CONT.

groups seem to be at a ratther low obb and most of the members say that they have finished with Mathias and his work. This may indeed be the case at present but I feel all that would be needed is a few more half plausible promises and a bit of activity from the leaders and a resulting resultance of interest among the people would be forthcoming. Additionally I real that due to the increasing swing by this group towards more political matters the interest of the normal person has not been held as most of the rank and file members are only interested in getting something for nothing and matters of state held little interest for them.

Who is the government or what is it ?. was a much asked question.

Many people explained that they were well aware of the Australian

government and work it has done and what it consisted of but were at
a loss as to what the Coalition government was and who constituted it.

Explainations as to the format of the government and what actually
happened before and after self government were greatly appreciated.

When it was explained that there wasnt going to be any sweeping
changes in the way of doing things or in the work carried out by
each department a great deal of relief was in evidence as changes
were expected in a big way and most people would not have been prepared for it.

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Me THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA

From the Coffee tree census conducted by the D.A.S.F. officer accompanying this patrol it was found that there are now 21,705 mature and 5,114 immature coffee trees in this census division. With an optimus level of production being 1½ to 1½ lbs of parchment produced per mature a field of 27/131 lbs would be expected, but due to wastage and poor management a yield of 21,704lbs (4/5 the expected amount) would be more realistic. This would then give a monetry return at fifteen cents per lb (average price for year) of approximately \$3225-00.

Income derived from the sale of items at the three markets in the area at Yangeru, Beim and NEE Wingel would be approximately \$3750. This being derived by multiplying the average income per person per week, 70cents, by the average mumber of people in attendance, 50, by the number of weeks per year hence the total.

Since the last area study updating in 1973 there have been two tradestores cease business and a third at Warabung in jeapardy as to its future. The four remaining stores are not of a large nature and it is estimated that the net income of each would be

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approximately \$100 . thus giving a total not income derived from this source of \$400.

other miscellaneous forms of income are derived from the sale of pigs, the occassional payment for labour from the Mission at Marabung etc. and would be approximately \$2500. Money being sent back by people working outside the area only amounts to a very small figure and would be approximately \$500 per annum. Thus the annual monetary income of this area would be as follows :-

1. Coffee Parchment	3225
2. Cocoe Beans	2000
3. Warket Sales	3750
4. Tradestores	400
5. Money sent Home	500
6. Miscellaneous	2500
Total	12375
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This figure is then devided by the total population of 2559 to give a gross annual income per head of \$4.84. This then gives an average family of six a total gross income of \$29.04. N.B. This is only an estimate of the GROSS annual income the Net annual income would be boardering on the zero mark.

Also not mentioned in this breakdown are the Cattle projects as none of these have started giving returns so they were not included in this exercise.

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H. POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE HOOFIGHY

Due to the lack of interest in each cropping and the large amount of land the possibilities of expanding the commony in the agricultural field is only limited by the size of the land itself. However for this to become a reallity I feel that anesculated extension work programme should be commoneed by the department of Agricultural e Stock and Fisheries. The one officer of this department that is now stationed here is by no means enough to carry out the work required end until futhur staff is stationed here extention work will not be able to be increased. I understand that the reason for the presence of one member of this (IMII) department being stationed here is because of the lack of interest by the people of this area but unless more officers are stationed here it will be impossible to generate new interest.

Cattle projects should come to the for in the future and if the proposed Kanauki cattle sub-division is completed this should encourage local owners to follow suit and common there example seeks. With this in mind I feel that the economic future of this area lies in this field and on the whole I feel that the people would be more suited to this style of life then to that of cash cropping.

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O. ATTITUDES TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Most people felt that the Yangoru Local Government Council was neglecting them and they inferred thati if something wasn't do seen they would refuse to pay tax's in the future. This feeling is believed to stem from the fact that nobody has ever really emplained the function of the council to them befor and that its object was to help all of the people of the Yangoru area net just one small section.

In general the people accepted the fact that they have substantially but better off than the other census divisions eg. Sepik Highway, and they could see after explainations ag the Councils budget system, why at this point of time more (bing) money is being spent in the other areas. Also the fact that the Council in its present works programme has set aside frads for the construction of th Yaraboim-Warabung road and that the availability of equipment is now the only holdup had a dampener effect on the complaints about the council.

Also and I feel justifiable so there was a fair deal of writicism about the amount of activity and council maney that has been projection and around the the Yangoru Station area by the council. This peactibly being because Yangoru is the feeal point of the area and any work carried out there is seen by all and sundary whereas work dene elsewhere is not seen by the majority of the populase.

As for this area the the previous council tex of \$8-50 was far to high and I feel the new figure of \$6-00 will be meet much more easily.

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O. ATTITUDES TOWARDS CENTRAL CONCERNIONS

A general Widespread lack of Knowledge of the Central Government and its component parts made it difficult to gauge the attitude of the people to same. This linked with the various Peli faction beliefs throughout the area made any knowledge of the central government warpped and inaccurate. Self government as the name was widely heard of but what it actually was or is and what its effects would be remained a mystery.

Confusion as to what the Coalition government is was witnessed in all villages visited the people said that they know who the Australian government is and what they have done but who are these Coalitions? When this and also the process of the changover of the control of the various departments was explained a more reluxed feeling about this aspect was in evidence. Although there was a general widespread belief that "we" are not ready for self government and independence when it was explained that these would not entail widespread changes a number of these apprehensions were alleviated. However as is always the case unless constant followup work is carried out the understanding of this current situation will again become heavy and soon just some works heard on the radio again.

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8- VOCOL SYNATON STREET AND THE BYAN BULLES

All villages visited have quite adequate rest houses although some (e)) very old and in (MMM) the case of Agingum in need of replacement. In the villages of Agingum Gwiningi and Boim the rest beuses were considerable distances from the village proper (2 miles) therefor it was very difficult to conduct the normal inspections and observations to obtain the necessary information for this report.

There are five tradestores in the area all catering for the basic necessities such as lice, timed meat and fish and sugar etc. with very few luxuary items being observed by the writer when visiting same. The store at Warabung has a petrol pump but at the moment due to an owners dispute it is not operative but moves are afort to recommence business so if this eventuates petrol will once again be available from this source.

Transport is no difficulty as all you need do is stand by the side of the road and stop one of the many Publid Motor Vehicles that pass along the Sepik Highway Daily. Maprik is about one hours drive to the west and Wewek about two hours to the east.

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APPRODIX A. POPULATION

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March	Agingun	15	16	28	30	27	21	20	15	172	
1974	Balmo	35	50	58	65	33	14	35	15	303	
	Boim	41	48	60	64	32	15	41	26	327	
	Owiningi	28	35	34	36	8	10	22	10	183	
	Ewolytk	88	89	67	96	19	20	32	10	421	
	Nambers No. 1	51	59	75	75	2	3	10	8	283	
	Namberi No. 2	19	16	14	28	12	9	19	5	122	
	Nindepolye	57	38	48	65	29	17	52	16	322	
	Sers.	32	34	50	53	25	8	33	4	239	
	Yexabota	32	34	48	31	2	13	23	4	187	
	Total	398	419	482	543	189	129	287	114	2559	

Total musber of Deaths recoded this Census - 33

Total Number of Mirths recorded this Census - 69

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APPENDIX B. SHOTOME

Name	Village	Serial No.	Licence No.	Expiry Date
Peskila - Gilngi	Balmo	142190	33753	21/10/74
Aiwara - Mansigut	Balmo	069632	33750	16/11/74
Yabaim - Walu	Ba2mo	7505	33854	5/1/75
Raka - Koilisik	Balmo	6845	24954	16/7/74
Hating - Hasingle	Boim	224879	24895	15/6/74
Aunangi.	Owi-yingi	7076	24880	11/7/74
Menia - (marrie)	Ewolyik	7568	33916	21/1/75
Luniyen - Kuyanyu	Kwolyik	7027	33943	29/1/75
Simani - Mogalai	Findepolye	224113	25000	28/7/74
Kipan - Yizuwapia	Nindepolye	140611e	25106	16/9/74
Kwason - Subundua	Saza	75915	24924	1/7/74
Yegrumbukir - Mani	Saxe	C224233	24896	28/6/74

Total Number of Shotguns . 12

APPERIDIX B.	(1) Permits	O CEPTY					
Neme	Village		Licence	lio.	Expiry date		
Yogirosause	-Sausenyan M	olyik	1450		29/	1/75	

Attitudes Towards the Patrol Cont.

lethergic attitude and thier loathe of hardwork consequently the promines of something for nothing by the Peli were considered worth the membership fee and too good to miss if something did eventuate.

All of the patrol personnel were treated with the respect due thier respective office's. It was interesting to note that the two T.P.O's one of whom comes from this census division and the stater from an adjoining division were given respect and not treated as ordinary young men from the village. To what degree my presence incluenced this attitude is not able to be guaged but it is believed that it did so to a certain extent.

Health

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As this patrol was not accompanied by a member of the P.H.D. staff the following are merely observations made by the writer during the course of the patrol.

Thin desenses as usual are in evidence in all villages visited but more so in the villages of Yaraboim, Namberi No.1 82 and Nindepolye whore during the dry months the supply of water is short. Tropical ulcers and the like as usual were predominant among the younger chilren but in most of the more serious cases those were already under treatment at either the Aid Post at Warabung or at Yangeru.

Wherever it was thought necessary I gave instructions for people to be taken for treatment and on many occassions strong emphasis was given to the need for prompt action in the treatment of sickness but only time will tell as to what notice was taken of these words. Overall I feel that the health of the people of this area is on a par with most other areas and there was no abnotal numbers of any one type of desease witnessed in any one village.

Lew and Order

Once again due to the proximity of this census division to the Yengpru patrol post any matters of law are bought to the attention of the officers there and not saved 'p until a Patrol visits the area. The disputes and complaints to non-payment of Bride Price's and the non-payment of Pig purchases as usual were bought to the attention of the Patrol and most of the spare time not devoted to other work was spent in attempting to mediate in these disputes.

Conclusion

The people of this area were found to be friendly and co-operative as long as this co-operation didn't involve too much int the line of work. There seems to be a universal affliction of talking about this great things and great loads that were performed in the past but little time is devoted to the future and as long as this standards are full they appear to be happy.

Raymend Bray

Yangoru Patrol No. 5 1973/74

A. ETZIGDUCTAGA

Commanded The Mindepolye Census Division is a 135 square kilomotro tract of land in the sourthern foothills of the Prince Alexander Ranges, the eastern boundry of which being approximately 5 kilometres south-west of the Yangoru Patrol Post. This census division which is approximately 8) Lometres wide in a north-south direction and 16 dicentres in a cast-west direction is bisected by the Sepik nighway running in general in the later direction.

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Six of the ten villages in this census division are situated adjscent to the Sepik Highway and all are well within a half hours drive of the Yangoru station. The remaining four villages of Yaraboin, MambariNo.1 & 2 and Mindepolye are within thirty minutes walking dictance of the old Yangoru access road starting at Ewolik village.

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Since the last census revision which was carried out in 1973 there have been 33 recorded deaths and 69 births this giving a not natural increase of 35 people. This represents a percentage increase on the total population due to births over deaths of a little over one percent which has now become a fairly static net increase for this area over the past few years. This stability points to the affectiveness of the maternal child health clinics being carried in the area under the guidance of the sisters attrached to the Yangera Catholic Mission. This natural population increase of one percent per annum is empected to remain static for the foreceable future as until the living standards are raised it will not be possible to elter the nec-mort-

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C. SOCIAL GROUP THOS

The traditional unit in this area is the extended family although the conducting of the everyday activities and decisions in a village the issodiate family is the operative unit. In matters concerning land rights or policy decisions involving long termaffects the extended family is the functional unit.

In the Mindopolye Census Division there are two language groups,
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and Agingin and DUC which is spoken in the Eastern sector by the
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large extent in the eastern Wesern area. Due is understood to the
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people living close to the boundries of these language groups
carminderstand and talk the other language. This ability to communicate,
naturally, because less the greater the distance from these boundries
although all villages number a few men who can at least hear the
language of the other groups even if they cannot speak it.

As an esult of the second world war the what was once a large conglowerate village of Balmo has split into three separate villages. The original village of Balmo remains however two off-shoot villages of Agingin and Kamenjan (Sepik Plains) have been formed. Why this second village has been grouped in Sepik Plains is any ones guess as for all intents and purposes they are part of what was once Balmo and therefor should be grouped with same.

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Customary marriages are still perferred as always and most of the matchings are made internally within the village group. This mainly being so as all parties concerned understand and are governed by the same obligations in the marriage which is not the case if a marriage if as a marriage is undertaken by two parties of different village groups. In general it was found that most of the complaints on marriage problems bought forward during this patrol were from the this later group so this in itself points to the wisdom of marriages within the village.

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With the advent of the Yangeru Local Government Council and the Instituting of same the anditional guides for the selection for the various village leaders has changed. Whereas in times gone by the leaders were chosen for this various war skills and thier shrewdness in battle the need for shrewdness in debate has now become a major factor.

been elected to the various ward sente since the inception of the Council. At first the traditional leaders, the elders of the villege were put into the positions of councillors, these men having been selected under traditional standards and being put into office because of thier compliance withthese standards. Now as a need for a more statesman like person and a more clued up person is becoming evident the swing is towards younger more educated men with an idea of the new systems. Overall basically the way of selectingthe leaders has not changed to any great degree but it is more that the standards and qualifications for selection has changed with the times.

However within the village groups and with the matters concerning village policy and overall in matters concerning the village people and the conducting or thier evertay life the traditional leaders are very much in control and are still important sen in the village group. Thorfor it is felt that leadership in these villages is on a two tier basis. Firstly the new type leadersks. i.e. the councillors are th

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Land temme throughout this area is patralineal, land being passed down from father to sen. If a man has no heirs by his wife or wives he usually edopts the second sen of one of his brothers so as this terms system can be carried on. In general each village has several large excess of land to which a number of people have rights and claims to over the whole section. Upon his fathers death the sen inherits his rights of access to this land. This hand is considered community land and any thing taken from eg. animals must be made known to the other people and in some cases must be shared with them.

Cash exceptive is carried out in all villages but not to any great degree and it is only a few go-ahead people that do seme, the rest seem to be quite contented with thier subsistence type life. The main and practically only excep being cultivated is Coffee although some men have examensed examercial growing of Cocca. As a result of this patrol a veral persons have indicated thier willingness to commence him growing but only time will tell as to the outcome of this willingness.

The scope for the future development of cash cropping is virtually limited only by the land available as at least 90% of the land in this area is suitable for each cropping purposes. At ine moment it is easestimated that less than 103 10% of the arable land is being utilized for this purpose, reasons being firstly the germal lethangic attitude of most of the people and also to an extent the lack of real extension work by the officers of D.A.S.F. in this area.

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At the moment there are only four Cattle projects in epocation in this area but it is felt that due to the landforms and the vegetation this area would be ideal for this activity and the possibility of expension in this field would definately warrent a closer inspection when future thought is given to the sconemy of this area. One area of land previously owned by the people of Beim and Sara villages is incorporated in IM a subdivision for future large scale cattle projects so if this gets underway a resulting emercess and increase in the number of cattle projects could be forthcoming throughout the rest of this area.

In this area there are two parcels of alienated land the first being the Manauki subdivision and the second the land that is occupied by the St. Micheal's Catholic mission at Warmburg which is approx.

21 hectares. A third small sector of alienated land is occupied by the Warmburg Retail Traders Store and is of approx. 0.2 hectares.

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F. LITERACY

There is only one school located within the Nindepolye Ceneus Division That being at the Catholic mission Warabung. However schooling facilities at Yangoru and at the A.C.G. Mission at Wingel are within anhours walking distance of the villages so an above average schooling opportunity is available to all the children of the area.

The one school at Warabung is a government recognized primary school and has standa des one to six inclusive. The breakdown of students per class is as follows:-

Standard	Valo	Fomale	Total
1	23	9	32
5	23	10	33
3	24	7	31
4	23	3	31
5	26	5	31
6	19	4	23
Total	138	43	181

The literacy percentage amongst the residents of the area and not actually involved at present in schooling would be approximately 2% in English and about 5% in Pidein, most of this number would be made up of standard six dropouts. At the moment there approximately 37 students attending High schools, 10 attending further technical

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erd Teacher training courses and at the moment there are seven students from this area attending University. One of these students David - Ningigo is currently attending Nairobi (Africa) University doing courses allied with the agricultural field. Another student David-Nelson is believed to be soon going to Canberra to further his studies in Law.

At the present count of radios in the area there are 47 operational sets. The most popular station raturally being Radio Wewak but among those owners that understand English a preference is shown to the National programme from Fort Moresby. The radios are mostly used for tier entertainment value with listening to musical programmes being the most popular use but there is also a fair amount of tolerance or interest in the political programmes and council meeting breadcasts. The programme that possibly draws the largest (interes) listener is the Tok Save which has proved to be a valuable means of communication on many an occasion.

Overall with the schooling facilities available and with the recent inteduction of a Day High School at Yangeru the what is now above average literacy rate should improve substancially over the next few years.

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Moves are afcot to commence a Vocational school at the Cathelic mission Warabang but as of yet no firm information is available. Further and more securate information should be forthcoming in the next area study updating. Yengora Patril No. 5 1973/74

G. STANDARD OF LIVING

Rousing for the people of this area is proving to be a difficulty and will continue to be so in the future. This is due to the new greatly reduced life expectancy of a dwelling thus putting a heavier then normal drain on the supply of building materials obtained from the bush. This reduction in life expectancy of a dwelling has been bought about by the use of D.D.T. spray by the Malarial Control units in thier expedication programme. Before a house had an expectancy of 6 or 7 years but new (MEMM) 3 of 4 years is all that a house is good for, thus this aspect constitutes one of the main exlevances of the people and complaints were forthcoming at all villages visited. As a result of this the houses in general are not in a very good state of repair and (MEMM) there is not as much care taken in construction of the houses as otherwise would be taken.

As for sanitation, in some villages the facilities are well looked afternad of good construction but in other villages there is a virtual diregard for the pit latrines and they are either not used or in some cases not even in emistence. Very few rubbish pits were sighted and most rubbish was thrown away into the bush. This not being as bad as it firstmay seem asthere is little of the refuse that is not utilised e.g. tin cans, the other rubbish in the form of Coccomit hasks etc. are regenerated into the humas. Consequently in a village system as such they denot encounter the pollution

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Most people are dependent on the subsistance type agricultures and there is very little money available to buy such lumary items as tinned fish of meat, the little money available being needed for other more pres sing needs such as Council tax payments, school fees and elething. The staple diet of mani, taxe and sage is only offset occassionally by the supply of meat, this taking the form of park at celebrations and on the odd occassion when semebody is lucky enough to shoot some game. This later source is rapidly depleting and unless some real form of conservations is carried out now before it is too late the future generations may only be able to read about the wildlife as is the cases in many other parts of the world at the present.

The ratio of traditional type housing to the european style housing is 70-30 at the present. This again is influenced by the fact that a traditional house is easier to build than a box type style therefor as they need replacing each 2 to 3 years more people opt for the traditional style.

Overall it was found that most villeges were clean and tidy and in general on a per with the other areas throughout the Maprik Sub-distict.

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At the Warabung Catholic mission there are two expatriate Priests and six indigenous teachers. It is not known how many other people are employed as the size of the workforce depends on the work at hand so it can vary accordingly.

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the schooling and to some degree medical services the people will continue to accept this presence and continue to pay them some degree of lip service. If however these services were discontinued and the missions remained I would seriously doubt that the following would remain as large as now if the case and only the small master of true believers would remain faithful.

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Ralmo			8
Boin	22	1	-
Owinyingi	7	1	
Keelyik	21	1	
Nambari No.	1 42 13	1	-
Hindepolye	13	-	ő
Sera	28		6
Yamboin	9	-	- \
Total	115	4	23

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327	26	41	15	32	64	60	48	41	Bolm		
183	10	22	10	8	36	34	35	28	Gwinyingi		
421	10	32	20	19	96	67	89	88	Kwolyik		
283	8	10	3	2	75	75	59	51	Nambari No.1		
122	5	19	9	12	28	14	16	19	Nambari No. 2		
322	16	52	17	29	65	48	38	57	Nindepolye		
239	4	33	8	25	53	50	34	32	Saza		
187	5	23	12	2	31	48	34	32	Yaraboim		
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As this patrol was not accompanied by a member of the P.H.D. staff the following are merely observations made by the writer during the course of the patrol.

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Wherever it was thought necessary I gave instructions for people to be taken for treatment and on many occasions strong emphasis was given to the need for prompt action in the treatment of sickness but only time will tell as to what notice was taken of these words. Overall I feel that the health of the people of this area is on a par with most other areas and there was no abromal numbers of any one type it desease witnessed in any one village.

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Law and Order

Once again due to the proximity of this census division to the Yangoru patrol post any matters of law are bought to the attention of the officers there and not saved up until a Batrol visits the area. The disputes and complaints re non-payment of Bride Price's and the non-payment of Pig purchases as usual were bought to the attention of the Patrol and most of the spare time not devoted to other work was spent in attempting to mediate in these d'sputes.

Conclusion

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The current population of the Windepolye Census Division including absentee's is 2559. This represents a total net increase of 73 people on the last census this being mainly due to migrations in.

The large percentage of absenteeism can be attributed to two main reasons, firstly during this Patrol the children attending schools were recorded as being absent and secondly due to the large number of people working in other districts on plantations etc. Some of the later group have been absent for many years and it is doubted that (see some these will ever return to thier respective villages. This aspect will have to be seriously taken into account if any real idea as to the total national population is to be obtained as by now many people would have been registered twice thus throwing out the overall figures.

The overall population density is approx. 19 people per sq. kilometre which is above the average Wewak-Sepik area density of 6 persons per sq. kilometre. However most of the population is centred in large village hamlet groups therefor the density figure given is not a roally good indication of the actual density in the living areas, a figure twice the one given would be far more accurate. All of the villages are a formation of several small hamlets which cotain two or three direct family groups, these hamlets are then grouped in one big area which constitutes a village unit. A striking characteristic of this area being that in any one village there is no big establishment of howses to form the main part of the village but a series of these facily mean hamlets.

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B. POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND TRENDS CONT.

family group hamlets.

Six of the ten villages in this census division are situated adjacent to the Sepik Highway and all are well within a half hours
drive of the Yangoru station. The remaining four villages of Yaraboim,
NambariNo.1 & 2 and Nindepolye are within thirty minutes walking
distance of the old Yangoru access road starting at Kwolik village.

The current Council works program includes a road link between X

Yaraboim on the old road to Warabung on the Sepik Highway connecting up all of the four villages. So on completion of this project all of the villages of the Nindepolye area will be accessible by road, thus being the first such census division in the Yangoru area.

Since the last census revision which was carried out in 1973 there have been 33 recorded deaths and 69 births this giving a net natural increase of 36 people. This represents a percentage increase on the total population due to births over deaths of a little over one percent which has now become a fairly static net increase for this area over the past few years. This stability points to the effectiveness of the maternal child health clinics being carried in the area under the guidance of the sisters attached to the Yangura Catholic Mission. This natural population increase of one percent per annum is expected to remain static for the forseeable future as until the living standards are raised it will not be possible to alter the nec-mortality rate

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-ality rate to any great extent although the incidence of death amongst children will become less prevelant.

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C. SOCIAL GROUPINGS

The traditional unit in this area is the extended family although the conducting of the everyday activities and decisions in a village the immediate family is the operative unit. In matters concerning land rights or policy decisions involving long termaffects the extended family is the functional unit.

In the Nindepolye Census Division there are two language groups,

JAMA to the west which is spoken by the people of Balmo, Gwiningi

and Agingin and DUC which is spoken in the Eastern sector by the

remaining seven villages. Jama is a widespread language group and ic

understood throughout a large area of Maprik and also to a faily

large extent in the eastern Wosera area. Duo is understood to the

east as far as the Wewak area. As is the case in most areas those

people living close to the boundries of these language groups

canunderstand and talk the other language. This ability to communicate,

naturally, becomes less the greater the distance from these boundries

although all villages number a few men who can at least hear the

language of the other groups even if they cannot speak it.

As are suit of the second world war the what was once a large conglowerate village of Balmo has split into three seperate villages.

The original village of Balmo remains however two off-shoot villages of Agingin and Kamanjan (Sepik Plains) have been formed. Why this second village has been grouped in Sepik Plains is any ones guess as for all intents and purposes they are part of what was once Balmo and therefor should be grouped with same.

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C. SOCIAL GROUPINGS CONF.

Customary marriages are still performed as always and most of the matchings are made internally within the village group. This mainly being so as all parties concerned understand and are governed by the same obligations in the marriage which is not the case if a marriage (if M a marriage) is undertaken by two parties of different village groups. In general it was found that most of the complaints on marriage problems bought forward during this patrol were from the this later group so this in itself points to the wisdom of marriages within the village.

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D. LEADERSHIP

With the advent of the Yangoru Local Government Council and the Instituting of same the traditional guides for the selection for the various village leaders has changed. Whereas in times gone by the leaders were chosen for thier various war skills and thier shrewdness in battle the need for shrewdness in debate has now become a major factor.

This is in evidence when looking at the types of persons that have been elected to the various ward seats since the inception of the Council. At first the traditional leaders, the elders of the village were put into the positions of councillors, these men having been selected under traditional standards and being put into office because of thier compliance withthese standards. Now as a need for a more statesman like person and a more clued up person is becoming evident the swing is towards younger more educated men with an idea of the new systems. Overall basically the way of selectingthe leaders has not changed to any great degree but it is more that the standards and qualifications for selection has changed with the times.

However within the village groups and with the matters concerning village policy and overall in matters concerning the village people and the conducting of thier everday life the traditional leaders are very much in control and are still important men in the village group. Therfor it is felt that leadership in these villages is on a two tier basis. Tirstly the new type leaders . i.e. the councillors, are the

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D. LEADERSHIP CONT.

who is the leader in outside negotiation other parties primarily the Government and secondly the leaders concerned with the internal activities of the village those being the traditional leaders.

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E. LAND TENUT AND USAGE

Land tenure throughout this area is patralineal, land being passed down from father to son. If a man has no heirs by his wife or wives he usually adopts the second son of one of his brothers so as this tenure system can be carried on. In general each village has several large areas of land to which a number of people have rights and claims is over the whole section. Upon his fathers death the son inherits his rights of access to this land. This land is considered community land and any thing taken from eg. animals must be made known to the other people and in some cases must be shared with them.

Cath cropping is carried out in all villages but not to any great degree and it is only a few so-shead people that do same, the rest seem to be quite contented with hier subsistence type life. The main and practically only crop being cultivated is Coffee although some men have commenced commercial growing of Cocoa. As a result of this patrol several persons have indicated thier willingness to commence Rice growing but only time will tell as to the rutcome of this willingness.

The scope for the future development of cash cropping is virtually limited only by the land available as at least 90% of the land in this area is suitable for cash propping purposes. At the moment it is estimated that less than XON 10% of the arable land is being utilized for this purpose, reasons being firstly the genral lethargic attitude of most of the people and also to an extent the lack of real extension work by the officers of D.A.S.F. in this area.

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E. LAND TENURE AND USAGE CONT.

At the moment there are only four Cattle projects in operation in this area but it is felt that due to the landforms and the vegetation this area would be ideal for this activity and the possibility of expansion in this field would definately warrent a closer inspection when future thought is given to the economy of this area. One area of land previously owned by the people of Boim and Sara villages is incorperated in IX a subdivision for future large scale cattle projects so if this gets underway a resulting awareness and increase in the number of cattle projects could be forthcoming throughout the rest of this area.

In this area there are two parcels of alienated land the first being the Kanauki subdivision and the second the land that is occupied by the St. Micheal's Catholic mission at Warabung which is pprox.

21 hectares. A third small sector of alienated land is occupied by the Warabung Retail Traders Store and is of approx. 0.2 hectares.

F. LITERACY

There is only one school located within the Nindepolye Census Division That being at the Catholic mission Warabung. However schooling facilities at Yangoru and at the A.O.G. Mission at Wingei are within anhours walking distance of the villages so an above average schooling opportunity is available to all the children of the area.

The one school at Warabung is a government recognized primary school and has standardes one to six inclusive. The breakdown of students per class is as follows:-

Standard	Male	Female	Total
	23		
2	23	10	33
and 3 mortal use	24	7 7	31
4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	23	8	31
5	26	5	31
6	19	4	23
Total	138	43	181

The literacy percentage amongst the residents of the area and not actually involved at present in schooling would be approximately 2% in English and about 5% in Pidgin, most of this number would be made up of standard six dropouts. At the moment there approximately 37 students attending High schools, 10 attending furthur technical

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F. LITERACY CONT.

and Teacher training courses and at the moment there are seven students from this area attending University. One of these students David-Ningige is currently attending Nairobi (Africa) University doing courses allied with the agricultural field. Another student David-Nelson is believed to be soon going to Canberra to further his studies in Law.

At the present count of radios in the area there are 47 operational sets. The most popular station naturally being Radio Wewak, but among those owners that understand English a preferance is shown to the National programme from Port Moresby. The radios are mostly used for the entertainment value with listening to musical programmes being the most popular use but there is also a fair amount of tolerance or interest in the political programmes and council meeting broadcasts. The programme that possibly draws the largest (TALENER) and leaves is the Tok Save which has proved to be a valuable means of communication on many an occasion.

Overall with the schooling facilities available and with the Federat intoduction of a Day High School at Yangaru the what is now above average literacy rate should improve substancially over the next few years.

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F. LITERACY CONT.

Moves are afoot to commence a Vocational schhol at the Catholic mission Warabung but as of yet no firm information is available. Furthur and more accurate information should be forthcoming in the next area study updating.

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G. STANDARD OF LIVING

Housing for the people of this area is proving to be a difficulty and will continue to be so in the future. This is due to the now greatly reduced life expectancy of a dwelling thus putting a heavier than normal drain on the supply of building materials obtained from the bush. This reduction in life expectancy of a dwelling has been bought about by the use of D.D.T. spray by the Malarial Control units in thier erradication programme. Before a house had an expectancy of 6 or 7 years but now (XXXX) 3 of 4 years is all that a house is good for, thus this aspect constitutes one of the main grievances of the people and complaints were forthcoming at all villages visited. As a result of this the houses in general are not in a very good state of repair and (XXXX) there is not as much care taken in construction of the houses as otherwise would be taken.

As for sanitation, in some villages the facilities are well looked afterand of good construction but in other villages there is a virtual diregard for the pit latrices and they are either not used or in some cases not even in existence. Very few rubbish pits were sighted and most rubbish was thrown away into the bush. This not being as Bad as it firstmay seem asthere is little of the refuse that is not utilized e.g. tin cans, the other rubbish in the form of Coconut husks etc. are regenerated into the humas. Consequently in a village system as such they do not encounter the pollution

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G. STANDARD OF LIVING CONT.

problems of thier twentieht century counterparts of the so called modern world.

Most people are dependent on the subsistance type agricultures and there is very little money available to buy such luxuary items as tinned fish of meat, the little money available being needed for other more pressing needs such as Council tax payments, school fees and clothing. The staple diet of mami, tare and sage is only offset occassionally by the supply of meat, this taking the form of pork at celebrations and on the odd occassion when somebody is lucky enough to shoot some game. This later source is rapidly depleting and unless some real form of conservation is carried out now before it is too late the future generations may only be able to read about the wildlife as is the cases in many other parts of the world at the present.

The ratio of traditional type housing to the european style housing is 70-30 at the present. This again is influenced by the fact that a additional house is easier to build than a box type style therefor as they need replacing each 2 to 3 years more people opt for the traditional style.

Overall it was found that most villages were clean and tity and in general on a par with the other areas throughout the Maprik Sub-distict. 18
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H. MISSIONS

Although there is only one mission located within this census division that being the ST. Micheals Catholic Mission at Warabung there are three others located close to the boundries that have an influencing affect on the people of him area. There missions are the Assemblies of God and the Catholic missions at Yangoru and the Assemblies of God mission at Wingel.

By far the the greatest affect of all of these missions is in the field of education and it is felt that this is the only reason for many when they profess their allicences with the various missions. As for actual active members in each village (NATA) they would only number approx. 15 to 20 percent of the total population. No conflict was witheseed between the active members and the other people of the villages and it seemed to be a we wont worry them if they don't worry us relationship. The non-christians seem to regard the whole aspect of christianity as a bit of a laugh particularly in the cases where the mission has take's on smoking etc.

At the Warabung Catholic mission there are two expatriate Priests and six indigenous teschers. It is not known how many other people are employed as the size of the workforce depends on the work at hand so it can vary accordingly.

In general I feel that as long as the missions cotinue to provide

H. MISSIONS CONT.

the schooling and to some degree medical services the people will continue to accept their presence and continue to pay them some degree of lip service. If however these services were discontinued and the missions remained I would seriously doubt that the following would remain as large as now if the case and only the small number of true believers would remain faithful.

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I. NON INDIGENOUS

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Apartfrom the mission at Warabung there is no non-indigences holdings or occupents of the Windepolye census division.

Periodic artifact buying trips and coffee buying trips by non-indigenous buyers are the only activities carried out by same in this area.

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J. COMMUNICATIONS

The Wewak-Maprik road passes through six of the ten villages in this census division, this road is an all weather road passible by sedan cars. Two of the remaining four villages are situated adjacent to the old Yangoru access road and the remaining two are situated within a half hours walk of same. This later road is passable by high whe elbased vehicles all year round.

In the current Yangoru Local Covernment Councils programme funds have been allocated for an access road from the old Yangoru road to the Sepik highway at Warabung. On completion of same it will be then possible to visit all of the villages of this census division by road.

There are no navigable rivers in this area. Likewise there are no operational airstrips in the area as the previously at the Warabung Catholic mission has been converted into pastoral land and playing fields.

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K. TECHNICAL AND CLERICAL SKILLS

At the time of the patrol no technically of clerically skilled persons were actually present within this area. Quite a number of the people listed in the Census book as absent are qualified as such but it would be virtually impossible to get an accurate figure. This being so as many families have been absent for a number of years and it is not known if or what skills are held by the children of these families as many left the villages at very early age.

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L. STACE OF PULITICAL DEVELOPMENT

At present as must be the case in all of the other census divisions of the Yangoru area the people have heard that many conflicting ideas about the topics of self government and independence that most peoples ideas of same are very confused and sketchy. With the Peli Association and its satellite groups in the area there have consequently been many and varied predictions as to what was going to eventuate at self government and what is going to happen at the time of independence.

As the writer was not otationed at Yangoru prior to self goverment it is not possible to give a clear indication of the beliefs and expectations that were present beforehand. However if they were the same as in other areas, widespread changes in who was going to run the country, the type and amount of tax's payable, the type of work that would be required from the people and in general a higher level of affluence were expected to come with the attainment of Self government. These views mainly Peli or Peli inspired have in time been dispelled and it is now felt that Political education talks with a strong emphasis on the need for hard work to attain the desired changes were listened to with a greater degree of credibility than was previously the case.

Interest at the moment in the Peli association and its satellite

L. STACE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT CONT.

groups seem to be at a ratther low ebb and most of the members say that they have finished with Mathias and his work. This may indeed be the case at present but I feel all that would be needed is a few more half plausible promises and a bit of activity from the leaders and a resulting resugance of interest among the people would be forthcoming. Additionally I feel that due to the increasing swing by this group towards more political matters the interest of the normal person has not been held as most of the rank and file members are only interested in getting something for nothing and matters of state hold little interest for them.

Who is the government or what is it?, was a much asked question.

Many people explained that they were well aware of the Australian government and work it has done and what it consisted of but were at a loss as to what the Coalition government was and who constituted it. Explainations as to the format of the government and what actually happened before and after self government were greatly appreciated. When it was explained that there wasnt going to be any sweeping changes in the way of doing things or in the work carried cut by each department a great deal of relief was in evidence as changes were expected in a big way and most people would not have been prepared for it.

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M. THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA

From the Coffee tree census conducted by the D.A.S.F. officer accompanying this patrol it was found that there are now 21,705 mature and 5,114 immature of few trees in this census division. With an optimum level of production being 12 to 12 lbs of parchment produced per mature a yield of 21,131 lbs would be expected, but due to wastage and poor management a yield of 21,704lbs (4/5 the expected amount) would be more realistic. This would then give a monetry return at fifteen cents per lb (average price for year) of approximately \$3225-00.

Income derived from the sale of items at the three markets in the area at Yangoru, Boim and WXX Wingel would be approximately \$3750. This being derived by multiplying the average income per person per week, 70cents, by the average number of people in attendance, 50, by the number of weeks per year hence the total.

Since the last area study updating in 1973 there have been two tradestores cease business and a third at Warabung in jeapardy as to its future. The four remaining stores are not of a large nature and it is estimated that the net income of each would be

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approximately \$100, thus giving a total net income derived from this source of \$400.

Other miscellaneous forms of income are derived from the sale of pigs, the occassional payment for labour from the Mission at Warabung etc. and would be approximately \$2500. Money being sent back by people working outside the area only amounts to a very small figure and would be approximately \$500 per annum. Thus the annual monetary income of this area would be as follows:-

	Total	12375
ß.	Miscellaneous	2500
5.	Money sent Home	500
4.	Tradestores	400
3.	Market Sales	3750
2.	Cocoa Beans	2000
1.	Coffee Parchment	3225

This figure is then devided by the total population of 2559 to give a gross annual income per head of \$4.84. This then gives an average family of six a total gross income of \$29.04. N.B. This is only an estimate of the GROSS annual income the Net annual income would be boardering on the zero mark.

Also not mentioned in this breakdown are the Cattle projects as none of these have started giving returns so they were not included in this exercise.

N. POSSIBILITIES OF EXPANDING THE ECONOMY

Due to the lack of interest in cash cropping and the large amount of land the possibilities of expanding the economy in the agricultural field is only limited by the size of the land itself. However for this to become a reallity I feel that anesculated extension work programme should be commenced by the department of Agricultural e Stock and Fisheries. The one officer of this department that is now stationed here is by no means enough to carry out the work required and until further staff is stationed here extention work will not be able to be increased. I understand that the reason for the presence of one member of this (XXXX) department being stationed here is because of the lack of interest by the people of this area but unless more officers are stationed here it will be impossible to generate new interest.

Cattle projects should come to the for in the future and if the proposed Kanauki cattle sub-division is completed this should encourage local owners to follow suit and commence there own projects. With this in mind I feel that the economic future of this area lies in this field and on the whole I feel that the people would be more suited to this style of life than to that of cash cropping.

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O. ATTITUDES TOWARDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Most people felt that the Yangoru Local Government Council was neglecting them and they inferred thati if something wasn't do soon they would refuse to pay tax's in the future. This feeling is believed to stem from the fact that nobody has ever really explained the function of the council to them befor and that its object was to help all of the people of the Yangoru area not just one small section.

In general the people accepted the fact that they were substantially KKI better off than the other census divisions eg. Sepik Highway, and they could see after explainations (**) the Councils budget system, why at this point of time more (**) money is being spent in the other areas. Also the fact that the Council on its present works programme has set aside funds for the construction of th Yaraboim-Warabung road and that the availability of equipment is now the only holdup had a dampener effect on the complaints about the council.

Also and I feel justifiable so there was a fair leal of criticism about the amount of activity and council money that has been put into criticism and around the the Yangozu Station area by the council. This possibly being because Yangozu is the focal point of the area and any work carried out there is seen by all and sundary whereas work done elsewhere is not seen by the majority of the populase. As for this area the the previous council tax of \$8-50 was far to high and I feel the new figure of \$6-00 will be meet much more easily.

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O. ATTITUDES TOWARDS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT

A general widespread lack of Knowledge of the Central Government and its component parts made it difficult to gauge the attitude of the people to same. This linked with the various Peli faction beliefs throughout the area made any knowledge of the central government warpped and inaccurate. Self government as the name was widely heard of but what it actually was or is and what its affects would be remained a rectory.

Confusion as to what the Coalition government is was witnessed in all villages visited the people said that they know who the Australian government is and what they have done but who are these Coalitions? When this and also the process of the changover of the control of the various departments was explained a more relaxed feeling about this aspect was in evidence. Although there was a general widespread belief that "we" are not ready for self government and independence when it was explained that these would not entail widespread changes a number of these apprehensions were alleviated. However as is always the case unless constant followup work is carried out the understanding of this current situation will again become hazy and soon just some words heard on the radio again.

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Q. ACCOMODATION SERVICES AND FACLITIES

All villages visited have quite adequate rest houses although some were very old and in (AMA) the case of Agingum in need of replacement. In the villages of Agingum Gwiningi and Boim the rest houses were considerable distances from the village proper (2 miles) therefor it was very difficult to conduct the normal inspections and observations to obtain the necessary information for this report.

There are five tradestores in the area all catering for the basic necessities such as Rice, tinned meat and fish and sugar etc. with very few luxuary items being observed by the writer when visiting same. The store at Warabung has a petrol pump but at the moment due to an owners dispute it is not operative but moves are afoot to recommence business so if this eventuates petrol will once again be available from this source.

Transport is no difficulty as all you need do is stand by the side of the road and stop one of the many Publid Motor Vehicles that pass along the Sepik Highway Daily. Maprik is about one hours drive to the west and Wewak about two hours to the east.

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APPENDIX A. POPULATION

Date	Village	Child Present Adult			C	Absent Total				
-		M	F	М		M				
March 1974	Agingun	15	16	28	30	27	21	20	15	172
714	Balmo	35	50	58	65	33	14	35	15	303
-	Boim	41	48	60	64	32	15	41	26	327
	Gwiningi	28	35	34	36	8	10	22	10	183
	Kwolyik	88	99	67	96	19	20	32	10	424
	Nambari No.	1 51	59	75	75	2	3	10	8	283
	Nambari No.	2 19	16	14	28	12	9	19	5	122
	Nindepolye	57	38	48	65	29	17	52	16	322
	Sara	32	34	50	53	25	8	33	4	239
	Yaraboim	32	34	48	31	2	12	23	5	187
	Total	398	419	482	543	189	129	287	114	2559

Total Number of Deaths recoded this Census = 33

Total Number of Births recorded this Census = 69

Neo-Mortelity Rate = 33

48.4 %

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APPENDIX B. SHOTCUNS

Name	Village	Serial No.	Licence No.	Expiry Date
Paskila - Gilngi	Balmo	142190	33753	21/10/74
Aiwara - Mansigut	Palmo	069632	33750	16/11/74
Yabain - Walu	Balmo	7505	33854	5/1/75
Raka - Koilisik	Balmo	6845	24954	16/7/74
Nating - Hasingle	Boim	224879	24895	15/6/74
Aunangi	Gwinyingi	7076	24880	11/7/74
Mania - (XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Kwolyik	7568	33916	21/1/75
Luniyan - Kuyanyu	Kwolyik	7027	33943	29/1/75
Simani - Kogalai	Nindepolye	224113	25000	28/7/74
Kipan - Yiruwapie	Nindepolye	140611e	25106	16/9/74
Kwasen - Subundua	Sara	75915	24924	1/7/74
Yegrumbukir - Mani	Sara	0224233	24896	28/6/74

Total Number of Shotguns = 12

APPENDIX B. (1) Permits To Carry

Name	Village	Licence No.	Expiry date	
Yegiresause -Sausenya	n Kwolyik	1450	29/1/75	

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APPENDIX C. TRADESTORES

Name Vill	age	Licence No.	Expiry Date
Labuninga - Yuaimberi	Agingun	23483	June 1974
James - Bwisigu	Agingun	26785	June 1974
Hevie - Homoiwara	Boim	26792	June 1974
Yesrasause - Sausenyan	Kwolyik	26791	June 1974
Kumani - Legi	Kwolyik	26778	June 1974
Toni - Kengirie	Nambari No. 1	23496	June 1974

One store at Balmo has recently ceased operation and is not expected to be reopened.

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Villego	Radio	Tilly	Lamp	Bicycle	Sewing Machines
Agricun	1				
Balmo	1			•	-
Boim	11	1		1	
Gwinyingi	7	-			
Kwolyik	7	9	4	3	3
Nambari No. 1 &	2 2	1		+	
Nindepolye	5	2		-	-
Sara	11	-			
Yaraboim	4	-		-	/_
Totals	49	13	\	4	3

Kwolyik is the only village that Tossess's a Offee husking machine.

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APPENDIX E. AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITES

Village	Coffee Cardens	Cattle Projects	Cocoa Gardens
Agingun	2		2
Balmo	-	<u>.</u>	8
Roim	22	1	
Gwinyingi	7	1	
Kwolyik	21	1	
Nambari No.	1 &2 13	1	
Vindepolye	13		6
ara	28	-	6
araboim	9	-	
Total	115	4	23

ADMINISTRATIVE AREA SCALE SMILES = 1 INCH NINDEPOLYE CENSUS DIVISION NONDEPOLYEE MARREDIM NAMBARI NO 2. SARABOIM NAMBARI NA 1. BOIM BOIM BALMO AGINGUN · sala KEJ CENSUS DIVISION BOUNDES UILLAGE CENTRES AID POST CATHOLIC MISSION