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en Gouvernement te Wamena.



AAN: Zijne Excellentie de Staatssecre-  
taris van Binnenlandse Zaken  
Plein 1,  
'S-GRAVENHAGE.

./2 Ik heb de eer Uwer Excellentie hiernevens ter kennisneming  
aan te bieden een exemplaar in tweevoud van de aanbevelingen van  
de conferentie, welke van 2 tot 7 oktober j.l. te Wamena is ge-  
houden tussen vertegenwoordigers van het Gouvernement, R.K.Missie  
Evangelisch Christelijke Kerk, Christian and Missionary Alliance,  
Unievangelised Fields Mission, Australian Baptist Missionary  
Society, Regions Beyond Missionary Union en de vertegenwoordiger  
van het Oostelijk Bergland in de Nieuw-Guinea Raad, zomede een  
exemplaar van het zo beknopt mogelijk gehouden verslag van de  
besprekingen.

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De aanbieding van evengenoemde bescheiden moge geschieden  
in de in het Engels gestelde tekst, aangezien vertaling hiervan  
op dit moment de opzending aan U ernstig zou vertragen hetgeen  
mij minder gewenst voorkomt.

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De Gouverneur van Nederlands-Nieuw-Guinea,  
Voor de Gouverneur,  
De Adj. Gouvernementssecretaris,

*[Signature]*

J.A. WELLEMANS

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND MISSIONS  
HELD AT WAMENA  
OCTOBER 2-7 1961 *W. J. Enay is highest!*

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DELEGATES PRESENT:

Arling, P.G.	Predikant E.C.K., Wamena
Blokdijk, A.	Ressortleider R.K. Missie, Wamena
Catto, H.	Field Director C.A.M.A.
Craig, Chas.W.	Field Director A.B.M.S.
Horne, Ch.	Area Superintendant U.F.M.
Mallon, W.E.	Field Director R.B.M.U.
Peters, V.	R.K. Missionaris, anthropoloog
Rumainum, F.J.S.	Voorzitter Als.Synode E.C.K.
Stoep, W.v.d.	Leader Training Centre Tiom
Westerink, W.	Leider Onderwijsproj. R.K.Missie
Kamma, F.C.	Afgevaardigde Nieuw-Guinea-Raad
Stephan, R.	Ns. Resident Hollandia
Haan, R. Den	Commissaris Centrale Bergland
Schneider, C.J.	Contr.Exploratieress.Oost-Bergland
Huizenga, A.	A.A. Bokondini
Veling, J.	A.A. Wamena
Rumbiak, D.	C.B.A. Kurima
Jaspers, C.P.	Residentie L.V.D. Wamena
Sluys, L.A. van der	Commissariaats L.V.D.

DELEGATE ABSENT:

Zwollo, M. Hoofd Residentie L.V.D.

Tuesday, October 2nd 1961

CALL TO ORDER. -

The Conference was called to order by mr C.J. Schneider with a welcome and expression of gratitude to all participating mission groups working with the Dani people in the Eastern Highlands.

Acting as host, the Government also welcomed all officials, and especially wished Mr. Den Haan much success in his difficult job as the Commissioner of the Netherlands New Guinea Central Highlands. The members of the agricultural department working for the future economic development of the Dani people, as well as the patrol officers were welcomed with the hope that all would profit from this conference.

The hope was expressed that the discussions of the next five days would be fruitful, creating better understanding and taking place in an atmosphere of honest goodwill leading the Danis to a profitable future.

After these remarks, Mr. Schneider declared the conference officially opened.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.-

Mr. Schneider then requested the approval of his suggestion that Mr. Den Haan be appointed Chairman. Approved, Mr. Den Haan took the chair after acknowledging Mr. Schneider's excellent address.

Mr. Den Haan expressed deep appreciation to the Cessna pilot Mr. Johanson for helping make possible the convening of the conference notwithstanding many difficulties.

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Regret was expressed that Dr Kamma, representative of the NNG Council, Reverend Rumainum and Mr. Stephan were not yet present and that Mr. Zwollo was forced to return to Hollandia due to illness.

#### CLARIFICATION OF NECESSARY ITEMS.--

Before proceeding with the agenda, it was necessary to clarify several points, the first concerning the use of English at this conference.

Since more delegates understand this language and it would thus speed up the conference, English was chosen in accordance with the procedure already followed at the first Wamena Conference. However, it was requested that all delegates speak slowly and distinctly for the benefit of those who are not fluent and that Mr Abell translate for those who do not understand.

After discussion the working hours were set from 9:00 to 12:30 in the morning. The afternoon hours were changed to 3:00 to 5:00

It was requested that applications for Wednesday's excursions be given to Miss van der Lucht. The car trip is officially "washed out".

The recording of conference proceedings was clarified. It need not be verbatim but should be a record containing resolutions and a summary of proceedings. Resolutions will only be effective if there is unanimous agreement. Resolutions are also for the important purpose of giving the Eastern Highlands a voice outside this conference.

Mr F. Abell, official Government translator, has kindly agreed to translate for this conference. The secretaries are Miss Yvonne Heiden and miss Joke van der Lucht.

It was agreed that a final communique be made after the conference as a press statement.

After discussion it was agreed that there would be no working papers unless the need of them becomes apparent, as in technical matters (For example, regarding agriculture).

#### PROVISIONAL AGENDA.--

The Chairman was given approval to present the adoption of the provisional agenda, seriatim.

Item a: Report on establishment of Central Highlands District.

Due to the fact that many questions can be expected in this conference concerning the Government plans for the Central Highlands this item was included. The report will be given by the Chairman in his capacity as Commissioner for the Central Highlands. Approved.

Item b: Introduction of N.N.G. currency.

This item was already introduced at last year's conference. Approved.

Item c: Possible common policy on prices to be paid for local products.

Approved.

Item d: .....

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Item d: Coordination of road building projects.  
Approved.

Item e: Possible common policy on prevention of adverse consequences of nativistic movements.

After discussion on the meaning of the word "nativistic" the Chairman clarified the meaning to pertain to any movement among groups of native people and expressed the feeling that it should be considered a general term.  
Adopted as read.

Item f: Various aspects of tourism and expeditions in the Eastern Highlands.

The Chairman explained that when this item was put on the provisional agenda it pertained mainly to problems regarding tourism and expeditions, but has now become more comprehensive.  
Adopted.

Item g: Continuation of common activities in linguistic field.

There has already been cooperation on Dani spelling. This item is included to investigate the possibility of further cooperation in this area.  
Approved.

Item h: Possible need for common anthropological research.

Since this matter is now being carried on by many groups and is quite involved, it is felt there may be a need to combine these activities.  
Approved.

Item i: Participation of Missions in various ways to develop economic possibilities for native population.

The idea is to investigate as to how far the Missions would be prepared to participate in the material welfare of the natives. It is understood that in the first place they are interested in the spiritual aspect, but that they would be prepared to co-operate in the more material aspect also.

Approved.

Item j: Administration of justice in Government controlled areas.

This item was put on the agenda so that there would be an answer on several questions of Mission personnel.  
Approved.

Item k: Recreation possibility for native population.

Approved.

Item l: Other business.

All items not listed in the official and now adopted agenda will be very welcome under this item.

#### A. REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL HIGHLANDS DISTRICT.--

The Chairman as the appointed Commissioner for the Central Highlands gave a rough report on the intended establishment of Central Highlands District and went back a little into recent history. The Minister of Internal Affairs had announced that very close attention had to be paid to

the Central Highlands ....

the Central Highlands. This statement lead to the appointment of a Commissioner for the development of the Central Highlands beginning May 15th 1961. In the instructions for the Commissioner it is stated that he was to try to arrange the material conditions before the 1st of October, but he regretted that he has not been able to fulfil these conditions.

In the first place the overall bad personnel situation is beyond description and further the airtransport situation had not yet been settled. Until there is airtransport to the Highlands and in the Highlands itself he could not and will not be prepared to take the responsibility.

The establishment of a District for the Central Highlands will require the establishment of seperate services, just as the "Residentie" services. There is already a Commissioner for the police as well as an agricultural man, and the situation in the field of Public Works looks rather good too. In the field of Internal Affairs the situation does not look altogether hopeless. The Commissioner has abandoned his first idea to separate the Central Highlands into two districts: Eastern and Western Highlands for personnel reasons and he is planning instead one district only.

What he has in mind for the Western Highlands is to supply the stations from one central point with a DC-3 strip i.e. Waghete with a couple of Cessna's for distribution. It will still take three years before the Dakota strip is ready. In the meantime another solution could be taken: distribution from Nabire. This would require four Cessna's stationed in Nabire.

Sub-districts in the Western Highlands will be: Tigi, Paniai and the exploration area Western Highlands. ..

The central airfield in the Eastern Highlands is already in existence at Wamena but is not yet an allweather-field. There should be 1 or 2 Cessna's stationed there for Government use.

Sub-districts in the Eastern Highlands will be: Grand Valley, Bokondini-Swart Valley, North and West Baliem, Eastern Highlands Exploration area including Sibil.

Regarding the matter of roads the Commissioner stated that it is necessary to have a road in the future to connect with the coast. For that reason he has presented the project to the Commission for international development association.

Regarding questions on his exposé on Baliem Tribal Warfare Father Peters was kindly asked to postpone this until item L is discussed.

Mr Van der Stoep requested information about the funds available for development. The Chairman answered that for 1962 the ceiling has been set, but in drawing up the budget for 1963 the need for additional funds will undoubtedly be taken into consideration; however there is no assurance this will be granted. Special attention is to be paid to the Central Highlands and it can be expected that there will be extra money for extra effort.

To the question of .....

To the question of Mr Catto, the Chairman answered that the Moni people will fall under the Enarotali area. There are no immediate plans made for a staff posting in the Moni area due to lack of personnel.

Mr Horne asked if there are plans to develop a second DC-3 airstrip in the Eastern Highlands. The Chairman thinks one DC-3 strip will be sufficient with distribution by Cessna's, especially when the strip in Wamena becomes an allweather strip, for which plans are now being made.

Mr Catto asked how much of the discussion in this conference will be of benefit to the Western Highlands. Items of general interest as for instance airtransport etc. will certainly apply to the Western Highlands also.

B. INTRODUCTION OF NNG CURRENCY.--

The introduction of Netherlands New Guinea currency into the Eastern Highlands was discussed at the November 1960 conference. Everyone has been working toward this but certain vital conditions are necessary to expedite the carrying out of this matter; namely, the supply of goods and the vital means of doing this - air transportation.

One helpful solution has been found in an agreement between the Government and MAF, whereby the Government reserves 2½ tons weekly for MAF from Hollandia to Wamena in exchange for 30 hours of flying per month by the Cessna.

Several questions were posed in regard to introducing currency: Is it desirable generally to have money introduced in the Eastern Highlands? If so, where and for what items? Does the conference agree to the principle that in order to promote the material welfare of the people it is necessary to generally introduce the use of NNG currency? The conference adhered to the principle already accepted at the first conference; namely, that money should be introduced into the Eastern Highlands.

Starting out from the principle that money should be introduced only where it is possible to introduce goods the discussion went further on to find out where such possibilities exist. Wamena would offer a good prospect as it has a DC-3 strip already and as there is some hope of placing a special DC-3 at Hollandia for the supplying of the Eastern Highlands.

The question was asked if the natives now buy in Wamena. It was felt that what they do now is irrelevant. They should be encouraged because it is a good thing.

The need for introducing money was discussed. The need was felt to be apparent since in schools pupils are taught the use and value of money with little opportunity to realize this.

Discussion was held on the drafting of a standard list of useful goods, keeping in mind that this will have consequences in the way of cargo and policy aspects. The proposition to set up a standard list for the introduction of native goods wherever means of doing so could be found,

was adopted .....

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was adopted. The list drafted for Wamena could be the maximum and thus usable for other stations. This should not express only the desires of the native population but should be a list which in the eyes of the conference would be of practical use and help to the natives. This does not apply for example to such items as beer.

Dr F.C. Kamma, N.G. Council representative and Reverend F.J.S. Romainum of the ECK were gratefully welcomed at this point.

It was agreed that Reverend P.G. Aring should read his prepared list of items to the Conference for action seriatim. After lengthy discussion, the following items were adopted:

soap,  
towels,  
scrub brush for washing clothing

These items were felt to be quite obviously needed.  
drippings in drums (least expensive)

inexpensive canned meat  
fish (included in view of the need of protein)  
salt (after consultation with the medical department)  
simple cooking and eating utensils  
simple cloting (shirts, shorts)  
dress material for women (not to include sarongs)

matches  
light metal suitcases (for prevention of theft and cleanliness)  
flashlights, batteries, bulbs  
ax heads  
bush knives (parangs)  
kitchen knives  
trench shovels  
blankets  
mosquito nets  
hammers  
saws  
seeds  
mirrors  
razor blades  
adz (hatchets)  
nails (in low priority range)  
tobacco (in a very low priority range)

Omissions:

flour  
yeast  
rice (it was not felt necessary to import these items when native food - sweet potatoes) is already available)  
sunglasses  
toothpaste (not necessary at this time)  
sugar (sugar cane available)  
lamps (implies import of kerosene)

Messrs Schneider, Blokdijk and Aring were appointed as a working party to present a list of priorities on the adopted items.

The opening of a store at Bokondini was discussed

at length. ....

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at length. It was decided that the principle of introducing money and a Government trade store at Bokondini should be carried out and that by the time this was practically possible the problems involved would have been solved.

The same thing applies also to the Government station Kurima.

After further discussion it was agreed that a trade store should also be opened on the route from Wamena to Pyramid. Whether this is to be mobile or situated at Asologoima is to be worked out later.

Mr Den Haan proposed the possibility of the Missions operating a trade store on a commission basis with transportation and supply of goods assured by the Government. It was felt after discussion that personnel and funds would pose some problems on smaller stations.

Father Blokdijs spoke to the point that if the Government could not operate a trade store at Asologoima, Father Peters would be prepared to do so; the Roman Catholics would also be prepared to do so in the Ilaga when the possibility arises.

Mr Den Haan clarified the fact that this was not an official offer to the Roman Catholic or any other Mission, but rather a proposition to find out whether or not in far away places where the Government cannot easily reach the population the Conference commonly desires a trade store run by the Missions with transportation and supply of goods assured by the Government.

Mr Catto, speaking for the CAMA, did not favor trade stores activity by his mission.

Father Blokdijs expressed the Roman Catholic view that they wish to promote both the spiritual and materialistic welfare of the people and he felt the suggestion was quite attractive.

Since there was no common agreement, this matter was closed without recommendation.

The question was proposed: Should this introduction of currency be limited to certain fields of activity? It was commonly agreed after discussion that currency need not be introduced in opening new strips or similar situations but that this should be left to practical policy rather than a specific recommendation. It was agreed that both money and bartering items could be used jointly in some situations.

ADJOURNMENT.--

Wednesday, October 3rd 1961

RECONVENEED.--

Mr Den Haan called the meeting to order on Wednesday morning and reported that Mr Stephan would be arriving on the Twin Pioneer.

C. POSSIBLE COMMON POLICY ON PRICES TO BE PAID FOR LOCAL PRODUCTS.--

The third item on the agenda was brought forward for consideration. Mr Den Haan explained that some problems would

be involved, using as .....



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be involved, using as an example <sup>COFFEE</sup> On this item the price would always be governed by the world market, and thus could not be made definite. The same thing, to a lesser degree, also applies to vegetables with regard to markets outside the highlands.

The meeting adjourned for a short period to welcome Mr Stephan. *See  
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After reconvening, the Conference agreed on the principle that the local prices should be low enough to be able to afford air freight on them and still create an export product that could be sold in Hollandia.

Mr Jaspers submitted the tentative price list made up by Mr Zwollo.

After much discussion a committee consisting of Messrs Jaspers, Craig, Mallon and Blokdijs was appointed to consider the problem of adjusting the "Landbouw" price list and consider the problem of backloading local products (vegetables).

#### D. COORDINATION OF ROAD BUILDING PROJECTS.--

After coffee break, Item D was brought forward for discussion. Mr Den Haan expressed the thought that roads are definitely a good thing for the native population and certainly needed, but they cannot be thought of in the highlands in the same light as on the coast since here it is not only a means of travel but a definite way of development and a means of pacification.

After discussion the principle of cooperation between the Missions and the Government was agreed to with the thought that the mission's contribution would be in the way of personnel and the contribution of the Government would be in the way of road building material and labor costs.

Mr Veling presented the Government plans for roads in the Grand Valley and Mr Huizenga for roads in the Eastern Highlands outside of the Grand Valley, as follows:  
Within the Grand Valley:

1. Wamena-Assologoma-Pyramid, completed.
2. Wamena-Hitigima, on this road only a bridge across the Baliem River remains to be completed,
3. Hitigima-Kurima, was completed but due to erosion a large section of the road has been lost. A good road can only be constructed with mechanical aid.
4. The side road between Wamena-Pyramid from Pintima to Sama can be constructed under the supervision of the Roman Catholic mission.
5. Upper Ibele-Pintima can be constructed under the supervision of CAMA.
6. Holima-Tulem and on through the Kurelu area would be under the supervision of CAMA, Tulem.
7. Wamena-Pasvalley, on the northern side of the Baliem River, under the supervision of the Government; the sections in the Kurelu area under the supervision of the Roman Catholic mission; the side road Pugima-Wamena under supervision of the CAMA.

8. Wollo-Pyramid .....

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8. Wollo-Pyramid, joining the mainroad Bokondini-Wamena, can be constructed under the supervision of CAMA.

Besides these, mentioned by Mr Veling, the construction of the following roads are proposed:

9. Side road Kimbin-Kurelu.
10. Side road Wellesie-Wamena.

Outside the Grand Valley:

1. Bokondini-Kelila-Pyramid under the supervision of the Government.
2. Bokondini-Katubaka-Kangimeil-Ilague to Mulia (part of the way through the Central Highlands from the Baliem to the Wissel Lakes) under supervision of the Missions, working in that area (CAMA, UFM, RBMU)
3. Pyramid-Jukwa-Maki-Tiom to Kangimeil can be constructed under supervision of the different Missions also. This road would join the "Trans-Centrale Bergland Weg".

The delegates of the different missions, who would be included in these projects agreed to the different proposals.

The Chairman stated that the technical side of the road construction is a matter for the department involved. Therefore surveys will be made on Government initiative and of course no start will be made on a road if somewhere along the route there would be a technical impossibility.

#### ADJOURNMENT.-

Thursday, October 4th 1961

#### RECONVENED.-

The Conference reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Thursday. The Chairman explained Mr. Craig's temporary absence due to taking the Directors, Messrs Lijesen and Roscoe, to Magi. He also explained that a special DC-3 and Twin had been requested for Saturday to insure the prompt return of the delegates; but that this would, of course, depend also upon the weather conditions.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 1.-

The priority list in relation to Agenda Item B, was distributed and adopted with one change, place "drippings in drums" as No. 12 instead of No. 19.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2.-

A draft resolution on Item C, possible common policy on prices to be paid for local products, was read. Mr Jaspers then read the price list as revised by the working committee. After discussion the draft resolution and revised price list were adopted.

Item C was again brought up for discussion and Mr Jaspers reported for the working committee on the matter of backloading vegetables from far away Mission stations to the coast. Due to the recent agreement between the Government and MAF, based upon the stationing of a Cessna at Wamena,

vegetables from those .....

vegetables from those stations very often have to travel via Wamena and on to Hollandia by Kroonduif DC-3. Because of the unreliable connections between Wamena and Hollandia this does not give full satisfaction to the missionaries on far away posts. Mr Den Haan insured the delegates of the Government's awareness of the problem and its intention to help work this out if necessary.

RESOLUTION NO. 3.-

A draft resolution on Item D, coordination of road building projects, was read. After discussion it was adopted after including the words "if required and in so far as possible" after the words "supplied by the Government".

E. POSSIBLE COMMON POLICY ON PREVENTION OF ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF NATIVISTIC MOVEMENTS.-

The Chairman gave some background on this problem, mainly that was a mass response to a new way of life very serious problems sometimes may arise. The Kulugwi is an example. He suggested a very general resolution to more or less limit as much as possible the sometimes not unlikely adverse consequences involved in mass movements.

Father Peters suggested that since this was a highly technical matter it might be well to first have working papers, but this was not felt necessary by the majority.

Mr Catto explained that in the Kulugwi definite attempts were made by the Missionaries to stop the mass movement but to no avail. The people insisted on going ahead on their own. The same has been true in other areas.

After much discussion of the various aspects involved in this problem, the principle of definite cooperation between the Missions and the Government in dealing with this was agreed to, but the matter of phrasing a draft resolution was postponed until later.

RESOLUTION NO. 4.-

After coffee break, a draft resolution on Item E was given out. The question was raised as to how to know when there was potential danger, but it was felt that this was a matter of "Common sense" and could be left to the findings of the local Government official or Missionary. Item E was adopted.

F. VARIOUS ASPECTS OF TOURISM AND EXPEDITIONS IN THE EASTERN HIGHLANDS.-

Item F was reported on by Mr Schneider who spoke of the problems which tourists and expeditions now create for the Government officers due to the lack of personnel to guide them. It was felt by the Conference that tourism could be encouraged in the future but that now was not the time. The very serious problems arising out of tourism and expeditions in the Baliem were discussed at length, as well as the fact of personnel shortage to care for such matter. The suggestion was made that all tourists and expeditions be given a

brochure regarding .....

brochure regarding behaviour of outsiders in the Baliem, but it was felt this would not be sufficiently effective.

The fact that at present these visitors come through many different channels was discussed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5.-

A draft resolution on Item F was presented and adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2.-

Copies of the revised price list addition to Item C were distributed.

G. CONTINUATION OF COMMON ACTIVITIES IN LINGUISTIC FIELD.-

Item G was presented. It was pointed out that Dani spelling had already become a matter of common effort. The fact that the resulting Dani orthography is not geared to any modern language and therefore poses some difficulties in teaching activities was discussed.

It was suggested that Mr Anceaux, Father van der Stap and Mr Bromley meet to reconsider this problem and that not too much time elapse before something is done, since all materials being worked on would have to be redone if there is a revision of the orthography. This matter was tabled for the drafting of a resolution to be brought to the Conference for action.

H. POSSIBLE NEED FOR COMMON ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH.-

Item H was presented. As yet there has been no common research in this field. Mr Den Haan agreed to see if Mr Broeckhuysen has anything available in this field that could be made available to Missionaries interested. The general consensus of opinion was that there was a definite need for cooperation in this field as well as for a possible full time anthropologist to be stationed in the Eastern Highlands. This matter was also tabled to await a draft resolution.

I. PARTICIPATION OF MISSIONS IN VARIOUS WAYS TO DEVELOP ECONOMIC POSSIBILITIES FOR NATIVE POPULATION.-

Item I was then presented. Mr van der Sluys explained the plan of the Government in relation to fish ponds which he felt should be initiated at the same time as road building projects since in the minds of the people this would connect the fish ponds with earning money and things which they desire thus furthering their interest.

Other economic possibilities for the good of the people considered by the Government are:

Crops with a high protein value (peas, beans, peanuts),  
Cereal products from South America also with high protein

value but still in an experimental stage,

Macademia (Queensland) nut,

Geranium oil,

New Zealand flax,

Pyrethrum (for insecticides),

Coffee.

Other suggested economic ...

Other suggested economic possibilities were the making of artifacts from wood and the selling of curios.

This matter was also tabled for a draft resolution to include a request for more detailed information on these items for distribution to those interested, as well as an expression of the principle of cooperation between the Government and the Missions in this field of endeavor.

ADJOURNMENT.-

Friday, October 5th, 1961

RECONVENED.-

Mr. Den Haan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He explained that the fares involved for delegates attending the Conference would be paid by the Government. He announced a change in the movie program and the still present possibility of plane rides.

RESOLUTION NO. 6.-

Two different versions of a draft resolution on Item G were presented. Draft two was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 7.-

A draft resolution on Item H was presented. After discussion it was felt this was not satisfactory and should be tabled for rewording.

RESOLUTION NO. 8.-

A draft resolution on Item I was presented and adopted.

J. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED AREAS.-

Item J was presented. Mr. Den Haan explained that this matter was placed on the agenda to enable the Conference to ask any questions they might have. He explained that the Dutch system of justice is still based on the idea of separate groups of people, indigenous and non-indigenous, in the case of the natives applying the customary tribal laws.

The question of stations not near the patrol officer was considered. It was felt that it was up to the station to report information and up to the patrol officer to decide whether or not he should interfere.

The question as to whether native personnel brought in from coastal areas could receive extra punishment in addition to the normal Government punishment in case of a crime (such as adultery) committed in the relevant areas was answered in a negative way (non bis in idem).

With no resolution but with expressed appreciation for the job the Government is doing with limited personnel in the way of administering justice the discussion on Item J was closed.

RESOLUTION NO. 7.-

A revised draft of the resolution on Item H was presented and adopted.

K. RECREATION .....

K. RECREATION POSSIBILITY FOR NATIVE POPULATION.--

Item K was next on the agenda. Recreational possibilities were discussed in light of the great need to fill in the vacuum left in Dani culture by the hoped cessation of wars. The already successful introduction of volley ball and soccer in highlands areas was noted and Mr Den Haan expressed the possibility that the Government might assist in supplying the needed equipment to further implement this very important recreation. Nearly a hundred balls would be needed for the stations in the Eastern Highlands.

Another suggested recreational possibility was a projector and slides to educate and entertain the natives. It was suggested that the Government should purchase a battery run slide projector rather than a movie projector because most stations already have a battery and because slides are better than movies in the first stages of opening a new area. The request was made for the use of any pictures that the Government might be able to provide.

Other suggested possibilities were frequent organization of popular amusements such as rope pulling and other games of this type as well as the introduction of simple musical instruments.

This was tabled for a draft resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 9.--

A draft resolution on Item K was presented and adopted.

PRESS COMMUNIQUE.--

A special committee consisting of Messrs Blokdijk, Catto, Schneider and Abell was appointed to phrase the press communique and present it to the Conference for approval.

L. OTHER BUSINESS.--

Item L was opened for discussion.

1. Introduction of English in the Highlands.--

- Mr Catto presented the matter of the introduction of English in the highlands, giving the following reasons:
- I English is an international language, already being used in the other half of the island, Australia, the Philippines, Salomon Islands, New Hebrides (partly) etc.
  - II English speaking missions operating here cannot contribute too much in the Dutch speaking program, but could help teach in this way.
  - III The possibility of the change of Government before Dutch is integrated.
  - IV Mr Luns' proposal that New Guinea become internationalized.
  - V The strong request by natives themselves to be taught English.

After lengthy discussion there was no unanimous decision regarding a resolution to begin the teaching of English on the village school level on an experimental

basis. Thus this .....

basis. Thus this was not put into form as a resolution but is to be brought up at the next Conference.

2. Introduction of Malay.--

The matter of Malay being used when Dutch has been specified as the language to be taught in the highlands and possible ways to stem this were discussed. However, it was felt that Malay was not being spread but rather spreading itself and thus it was a problem more or less out of hand.

3. Future financial aid.--

The need for a resolution regarding financial aid in future projects was discussed. This was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. van der Stoep, Blokdijk, Abell and Schneider.

4. Suggestions.--

The matter of possible railroads where roads are difficult was presented as a suggestion. The need for a "banker" at Wamena was discussed and the possibility of the local Nigimy representative acting in this capacity was suggested.

The possibility of cooperation on a linguistic level in the matter of Bible terms was also suggested.

5. Air transport.--

The very important need of improvement in the air transport system was unanimously agreed to with delay only for a draft resolution to be acted on.

6. Baliem Tribal Warfare.--

Father Peters presented the only working paper of the Conference after members had received copies. This was in regarding to Dani warfare and the problems involved in halting this. Mr Horne suggested the helpful solution used in TPNG where leaders in warfare had very successfully been made constables in the villages. Mr van der Sluys mentioned the possibility of busying the men in economic projects.

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The paper was accepted with appreciation (see encl. No. 1)

APPRECIATION.--

Mr. Horne, on behalf of the Missions, expressed deep appreciation to Mr. Den Haan and his staff as well as the Dutch Government for making possible this Conference to promote the welfare of the Eastern Highlands people, and expressed hope of future continued happy cooperation and the working out of the tasks and problems committed to the workers involved.

ADJOURNMENT.--

The meeting was adjourned until after the showing of the movies.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

The Conference reconvened and a draft resolution

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concerning financial aid was distributed. After discussion this was adopted as amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 11.-

The draft resolution on air transportation was distributed and approved.

COMPLETE DRAFT OF RESOLUTIONS.-

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A complete draft of resolutions thus far, with the exception of the two just adopted, was distributed and approved. (See enclosure No. 2)

PRESS COMMUNIQUE.-

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The draft press communique as attached was distributed and approved with the inclusion of news regarding the social events of the Conference. (See enclosure No. 3)

NEXT MEETING.-

It was decided that the next Conference would convene in one year, also at Wamena.

APPRECIATION.-

Dr. Kamma expressed his appreciation at being invited to the Conference and his desire to visit the various stations that he might better represent each one at the New Guinea Council.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT.-

Mr Den Haan formally closed the Conference with an expression of gratitude to all delegates for the spirit in which the discussions were carried on, even in matters that might have created antagonism.

He especially appreciated the apparent desire to cooperate for the benefit of the peoples of the Eastern Highlands. He expressed hope that in the year to come there might be much accomplished in the development of the Eastern Highlands.

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Hollandia, October 26th, 1961.-



SPEECH OF FATHER PETERS REGARDING BALIEM TRIBAL WARFARE OF  
WAMENA CONFERENCE

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People who have worked in the Baliem Valley for a long time and who are trying to get an insight into the life of the people among whom and for whom they are working, warfare presents itself as a frequently occurring and apparently important phenomenon in the life culture pattern of the Dani. One does not have to be an anthropologist to find this out.

However, anthropological research has been carried out as to the place and function of war in the Dani community, and this research work, in which connection special mention should be made of Messrs Bromley and Broeckhuysen, reveal that war is one of the most essential aspects of the Dani culture pattern. War has even been regarded as the heart of the Dani culture.

If war should be banned from the culture as it is now, many activities in Dani life would become completely meaningless, as such activities are connected with and derive their importance from warfare. The introduction and education of boys into the cultural life pattern of the Dani community are for the greater part directed towards warfare. The "Kain" figure should be seen as being a function of warfare. The importance of the periodical pig feasts is probably attributable to their being connected with war. Taken as a whole, they would mean a renewal of the magic strength of the group, strength especially in warfare.

There are several magic ceremonies, dances and songs, whose importance is due solely to their being connected with warfare. The notion "Social prestige" is regarded as having a war function. Perhaps, we might say that the whole range of values is measured by their connections with warfare. Both the Government and the religious Missions have to deal in their work with this cultural life pattern, which is so strange and at the same time unacceptable to us. Both the work of the Government, namely pacification in the broadest sense, the bringing of peace and order, and the phase of new right in which only development in the socio-economic field is possible, as well as the work of the religious Missions, namely Christianisation, will inevitably clash with this culture.

It is generally agreed that it is necessary to put an end to mutual warfare. However, if war occupies such a central position in this culture, while several other aspects of the culture are connected with war, from which they also derive their importance, it is obvious that where such warfare is simply banned, Dani culture will be completely disrupted. This may not happen, as it would mean gross injustice to the Dani, because it would imply removing one of the major aspects of their sphere of life.

At the same time as war is banned from Dani life, thereby creating a vacuum in the spiritual, material and social spheres, it would be necessary to give the Dani something positive in return which should gradually gain importance in the Dani culture in order to fill up the cultural vacuum resulting from the removal of warfare. This

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allows for joint action on the part of the Government and the religious Missions.

The necessary pacification will have to be carried out at the same time as the at least equally necessary spiritual and socio-economic uplift of the population. This is a long-term process, in which connection co-operation among all persons working here is of major importance.

It is important that in discussing problems and making plans we should always keep in mind the cultural environment in which such problems present themselves and the plans have to be realised.

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Wamena, October 3rd 1961.