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DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE
INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM IN TRUST TERRITORIES

Report of the Secretary-General

Introduction

1. By resolution 36 (III) of the Trusteeship Council, Administering Authorities of Trust Territories were invited to furnish the Secretary-General with the names and addresses of officials in Trust Territories to whom Council records and other suitable material concerning the United Nations might be sent for their information, and to suggest appropriate channels through which information concerning the aims and activities of the United Nations might be communicated to the general public in the Territories. The resolution also requested the Secretary-General and the Administering Authorities to co-operate in ensuring an adequate flow of suitable information in the Trust Territories and to inform the Council periodically of the steps taken.
2. Subsequently, by resolution 754 (VIII) of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General was requested to initiate, on the basis of suggestions from the Administering Authorities or of his own knowledge, or both, a direct flow of information material addressed to the general public in the Trust Territories, and to include in his periodic reports lists of the channels of dissemination which he had established.
3. The present report covers the period from 1 June 1961 to 31 May 1962. It includes items discussed at the United Nations Secretariat meetings with Special Representatives of New Guinea, Nauru and the Pacific Islands, which took place during the twenty-seventh session of the Trusteeship Council (1 June to 19 July 1961). It includes extracts from annual reports.

Distribution of Official Records

4. Distribution of Official Records to Tanganyika and the Cameroons under United Kingdom administration and to Western Samoa under New Zealand administration was discontinued when these Territories attained independence. At the request of the Administering Authority for Nauru, one more address has been added to the list of addresses to which Official Records are sent in that Territory and the number of copies sent increased to fifteen. Accordingly, during the period under review the distribution of Official Records^{1/} by the United Nations to addresses supplied by the Administering Authorities is as follows:

| <u>Territory</u> | <u>Number of Addresses</u> | | <u>Number of Copies</u> | |
|---|----------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|
| | 1961 | 1962 | 1961 | 1962 |
| Nauru | 4 | 5 | 5 | 15 |
| New Guinea | 51 | 51 | 118 | 111 |
| Ruanda-Urundi | 45 | 40 | 45 | 40 |
| Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands | 10 | 10 | 58 | 71 |

Dissemination of information in the Trust Territories

A. General

5. A total of 40,614 copies of publications consisting of twenty-two different titles in English, French, Marshallese, Palauan, Ponapean, Swahili, Trukese and Yapese was dispatched to the Territories. This total included materials specially intended for the observance of United Nations Day 1961. The number of paid subscriptions to the United Nations Review increased from 115 to 130, while the free distribution has been raised from 518 to 721 copies.

^{1/} Official Records of the Trusteeship Council (summary records of meetings annexes, and supplements, including resolutions of the Council and reports of the Visiting Missions), fascicles of summary records of the Fourth Committee, reports of the Trusteeship Council to the General Assembly, and resolutions adopted by the General Assembly on the reports of the Fourth Committee.

6. Approximately 2,400 copies of the pictorial wall sheet on the Trusteeship System have been distributed. Additionally, a total of 237 photographic display sets have been dispatched to the Trust Territories.
7. Since March 1961, some 400 prints of new film strips have been sent to the Territories. These are in addition to the 2,400 prints which were provided during the previous year and which remain in circulation.
8. In addition to the above quantities of material, texts of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples have been distributed in the Trust Territories in approximately 118,000 copies in the following languages: English, French, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Marshallese, Palauan, Ponapean, Swahili, Trukese and Yapese. Other language editions are in preparation.
9. In the Secretary-General's Report on the Dissemination of Information on the United Nations and the International Trusteeship System in Trust Territories to the Twenty-seventh Session of the Trusteeship Council (T/1563) reference was made (para. 7) to the first of a series of educational films, "The Charter of the United Nations", which had been made available for distribution in the Trust Territories. Two additional titles in this series, "The General Assembly", and "The Trusteeship Council and System", have now been produced and prints have been dispatched to the Territories.
10. In the field of radio, scripts and recordings of a series of radio talks specially prepared for the Trust Territories have been distributed. Special programmes were prepared for use in Tanganyika and Western Samoa on the occasion of the independence of these two Territories.
11. The messages by the President of the Trusteeship Council and by the President of the General Assembly on the occasion of United Nations Day 1961 in the form of press releases and in radio recordings were distributed to the Territories.

B. Tanganyika

12. A United Nations Information Centre was established at Dar-es-Salaam on 16 June 1961. A Tanganyikan national has been appointed as Information Assistant in the Centre. The Centre has been provided with a reference library as well as audio-visual materials for use in Tanganyika and the other areas it services. A weekly summary of United Nations news is being issued.

13. One of the initial undertakings of the Centre was the translation and printing in Swahili of 50,000 copies of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

14. Through the Centre, the Tanganyika Broadcasting Corporation receives regularly transcribed feature programmes prepared by United Nations radio. On the occasion of the independence of Tanganyika, the Centre arranged, in co-operation with the Tanganyika Broadcasting Corporation, for the transmission of statements by the President of the Trusteeship Council and by the President of the General Assembly. Additionally, a film on the appearance of Mr. Julius Nyerere before the summer 1961 session of the Trusteeship Council was shown in local cinemas and articles on the operation of the Trusteeship System were placed in local papers.

C. Ruanda-Urundi

15. A United Nations Information Centre was opened in Usumbura on 16 June 1961. Two Information Assistants, one from Burundi and one from Rwanda, are employed in the Centre which has been provided with a reference library and audio-visual materials. A weekly summary of United Nations News in French, Kinyarwanda and Kirundi is issued by the Centre. A course on the United Nations has been organized at the College du Saint-Esprit in Usumbura. Recorded radio programmes provided by the Centre on the work of the United Nations have been carried regularly by Radio Burundi. A special feature prepared by the Centre was broadcast on United Nations Day 1961. Both Radio Burundi and Radio Kigali carry news items on United Nations activities provided by the Centre.

16. The Centre has arranged for the translation, printing and distribution of 10,000 copies each of Kinyarwanda and Kirundi versions of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in addition to undertaking the distribution of 6,000 copies of the French edition. Two other basic pamphlets on the United Nations - "United Nations and Human Rights" and "The Trusteeship System - How the United Nations Works for the Peoples of Trust Territories" are being issued in Kinyarwanda and Kirundi versions (10,000 each) in addition to a distribution of the French versions.

17. In addition to its other duties, the Information Centre in Usumbura has assisted the United Nations Commissions for Ruanda-Urundi in public information matters.

D. Western Samoa

18. In addition to the regular supply of United Nations leaflets, pamphlets, posters, etc., as well as materials for the observance of United Nations Day 1961, 1,000 copies each of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and of the leaflet on "United Nations and Human Rights" were supplied to Western Samoa. Also supplied were 500 copies each of the photo sheets on the General Assembly and the Trusteeship System and fifty copies each of four recent film strips on the work of the United Nations. Four United Nations films were supplied through the National Film Library of New Zealand.

19. Various United Nations documentary and feature radio programmes were sent to Western Samoa on request. These included the "Perspectives '61" series, "Science and the UN" and "Year of the Whirlwind". A special programme on the "Future of Western Samoa" was provided in connexion with the independence celebrations.

E. New Guinea

20. An Information Centre to provide services to the Trust Territory was opened at Port Moresby on 24 April 1962. The Centre is being provided with a reference library and with a supply of audio-visual materials for use in New Guinea and in Papua, to which it also provides services. Mr. A.S. Dajani has been appointed Director ad interim and steps are being taken to recruit a local inhabitant to serve as an Information Assistant in the Centre.

21. Prior to the establishment of the Centre, material was regularly supplied from Headquarters and from the Sydney Centre to the Broadcasting Station at Rabaul, including the texts of the radio talks specially prepared for use in the Trust Territories. Additionally during the period under review, prints of four new films including the educational titles mentioned above, were obtained by the National Film Library in Canberra for showing in the Territory. Film footage of debates in the Trusteeship Council was provided to the Administering Authority for inclusion in a series of films being made on the Territory by the Australian Government.

22. Supplies of leaflets on the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and peoples, on the United Nations and Human Rights and on the Trusteeship System - How the United Nations Works for Peoples of Trust Territories were supplied to New Guinea through the Sydney Information Centre.
23. Provision is made in the social studies syllabus for instruction on subjects connected with the United Nations, describing its work and that of the specialized agencies and of the International Trusteeship System. Text books are prescribed, and the book "United Nations for the Classroom" is used in the senior classes in indigenous schools. Information on current activities in the United Nations is conveyed to the public through broadcasting and newspaper facilities, and special days sponsored by the United Nations are marked by celebrations, Children's Day being the most important. Filmstrips and pamphlets produced by the United Nations are distributed to the schools.

F. Nauru

24. Nauru has received through the United Nations Information Centre in Sydney supplies of the leaflets specially designed for use in the Trust Territories - The Declaration on the Independence of Colonial Countries and Peoples, United Nations and Human Rights and the Trusteeship System - How the United Nations Works for the Peoples of the Trust Territories.
25. The United Nations Visiting Mission to the Territory in the spring of 1962 was provided with a kit of sample Office of Public Information publications and posters and was requested to obtain comments from the local authorities regarding the use which is being made of this material and the further quantities which may be required.
26. The local authorities stated that the majority of the items listed had been previously supplied, and that those were considered to be the most useful. Arrangements have been made for seven subscriptions to the "United Nations Review".
27. There is only one newspaper, owned and issued by the Administration. The weekly news summaries would be of no value on account of the remoteness of the Island and the absence of an air-mail service, and photographs could not be used.
28. Wall sheets and photographic display sets, especially flag charts, charts showing the United Nations, and world maps showing Trust and ex-Trust Territories, are used in Administration schools as teaching aids. Replacement sets of these in quantities similar to the 1961 distribution would be useful.

29. The British Phosphate Commissioners conduct local film screenings. No facilities exist for recording the size of, or the reactions of, the audience. There are no facilities for using filmstrips in Administration schools, and no broadcasting facilities in Nauru. No local educational and information publications exist.

30. Official documents and other publications containing information concerning the activities of the United Nations and of the Trusteeship Council are received regularly by the Administration and made available to the Nauruan people through their Councillors and at the Domaneab. The weekly news-sheet of the Administration is also used for this purpose.

G. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

31. Following a meeting with the Special Representative, material, including leaflets, film strips and posters suitable for use in teaching about the United Nations were shipped to the Director of Education at Agana, Guam. The Director of Education has also undertaken to distribute material on the United Nations to public libraries in the Trust Territory.

32. Scripts and tape recordings of the seven radio talks on the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies have been provided to the Administering Authority for use by the radio stations in the Territory.

33. Approximately 5,000 pieces of literature, including 2,000 leaflets, 1,750 posters and 140 photographic display sets were provided to the Trust Territory for use in connexion with the observance of United Nations Day 1961.

34. The Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples has been issued in the following local languages of the Trust Territory (3,000 copies each) Marshallese, Palauan, Ponapean, Trukese, and Yapese. An edition in Chamorro is in preparation. Additionally, the Administering Authority has been provided with 7,500 copies of the English edition for distribution. The leaflet on the Trusteeship System - How the United Nations Works for People of the Trust Territories has been printed and distributed in Yapese, Ponapean and Trukese. Arrangements are being made for its production in Marshallese, Palauan and Chamorro during the coming months. A third leaflet, United Nations and Human Rights has thus far been distributed in the Trust Territory in an English edition (6,000 copies). Arrangements are presently in hand for translating and printing it in the six principal local languages of the Trust Territory.

55. Teaching on the work of the United Nations and of the Trusteeship System is included in the programmes of all the schools, and United Nations information is distributed in all districts. Study of the work of the United Nations is included as a subject in the social studies syllabus of the intermediate schools and of the Pacific Islands Central School. United Nations Day is an official holiday, celebrated annually throughout the Territory.
