A BID by the Funafuti people to separate from the rest of Tuvalu, was rejected by Parliament at its last Budget Session. The issue was discussed following a motion by one of the two Funafuti MPs, Mr Elia Tavita, in support of a petition by the Funafuti people asking for separation.

The petition was presented by the former Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Toaripiti Lauti at the beginning of Parliament's second sitting on Thursday afternoon, 25 November.

The petition laid down three conditions should it be agreed, to grant the Funafuti people their wish. 1) Government to cede all leasehold and acquired lands back to Funafuti landowners, 2) all Government non-moveable assets to remain under Funafuti control and 3) Government to move its headquarters elsewhere but not on Funafuti.

Moving the motion, Mr Tavita claimed that the Funafuti people are perhaps the poorest among the people of Tuvalu in income per head and in natural resources. The future of the Funafuti people is very bleak indeed and would only improve if they were to be separated from the rest of Tuvalu and left alone. The problems the Funafuti people are facing result mainly from the actions of Government and the non-Funafuti population on the island. Between 50 and 70 percent of Funafuti's natural resources are being exploited by Government and that Government also occupies roughly a quarter of Funafuti's total land-area but the compensation is inequitable. Birds are getting scarce because the non-Funafuti people hunt them in scores.

"While these people are enjoying the privileges of which, they are depriving their Funafuti islanders, they retain better natural environment and resources on their home islands", he said.

Mr Tavita also challenged Government's impartiality in appointing people

MINISTER PREDICTS BALANCED BUDGET

THE MINISTER of Finance, the Hon. Henry Faati Naisali predicted in Parliament that by the end of 1983, Government would have a balance budget instead of a deficit budget even though there is a deficit in the 1983 Budget. He presented the budget to Parliament at the first sitting of the Budget Session held from 24-29 November. The Minister was making his prediction in response to criticisms from the Opposition members concerning the anticipation of a $50,000 deficit in the 1983 Budget, during the debate on the 1983 Appropriation Bill on the third sitting on Friday 26.

In his budget speech the Minister of Finance disclosed that the 1983 Budget would be the first time since 1976 for Tuvalu to have such a deficit budget. He explained that such arrangements have been a common practice in many of the world governments, and are being based from very good reasons.

The Minister also drew attention of the members to the international economic disorder saying that such has been the cause of the financial difficulties Tuvalu is presently facing. Recession and Inflation continue to be felt strongly. Demand has exceeded production, the value of trade between countries has declined, industries are going bankrupt causing great unemployment.
to the civil service claiming that nepotism is for ever present in Government circles, citing three government divisions as examples and sarcastically he asked how many Funafuti people work in these Divisions. He also claimed that Government has been inconsiderate and biased in its policies and dealings with the Funafuti people.

In spite of all these, he reminded Parliament, "history has established that Funafuti had been chiefly, if not prominent island in the group with special responsibilities and authority extending to Nukualaeae, Vaitupu and Nukufetau. In more recent times, he said Funafuti's position as - what he terms "first born of Tuvalu", was further consolidated and further signified by the wish of the people to establish the capital of Tuvalu here on separation from the old Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony.

Funafuti, according to Mr Tavita, has been dealt an "embarrassing and insulting blow to its historic pride and tradition". He asked why Tuvalu's welcoming functions for visiting VIPs are no longer held at the Tausoa Maneapa. Mr Tavita pointed out that Funafuti was deliberately excluded from taking part from these functions, and more importantly those for the Queen's visit, for short-sighted political reasons. He declared that Government has adopted a "I-don't-care-less" attitude towards Funafuti. "Why is Funafuti being made a prodigal son?", he challenged.

At the opening of the debate, the member for Nanumaga, Mr Ilaoa Imo moved an amendment without notice asking that Parliament resolve to refer the matter to all islands in Tuvalu for their opinion saying that the issue is of great seriousness and island communities cannot be committed by their Members of Parliament in this matter.

The Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Tomasi Puapua opposed the amendment saying that the matter has been raised to Parliament for a decision and Members should do their duty and express their opinion. In any case, "whatever decision Parliament makes there are always other alternatives to deal with the matter".

The mover of the motion, Mr Tavita also opposed the amendment saying that "Funafuti has suffered too much and that they would not tolerate further discussion but only need an answer to their humble plea". He said "Funafuti would not 'deviate' from their decision to separate so there is no use for further words".

The amendment was defeated and the Rt. Hon. Toaripi Lauti stood in support of their cause and requested Members to grant the Funafuti people their wish. He pointed out that "Funafuti people are being deprived of their future from their land and sea". In addition, he claimed, "income per family is minimal due to the limited number of Funafuti people employed in government services". He also pointed out the problem of over-population on Funafuti caused by the large numbers of other island communities. With regard to entertaining VIPs, Mr Lauti claimed that Government chose to "ignore" Funafuti thinking its the people's wish. He said Funafuti was "prevented" from taking part in these activities, as well as those for the Queen's visit.

Speaking against the motion, the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Henry F. Naisali said he wish to clarify to Parliament that the accusation made by Funafuti against Government are, in most cases, "results of things not done by the present Government". He said "the present Government has not acquired any more land than those acquired and leased by the previous Government". Government, however, sympathises with the problem of land and has moved to introduce measures more equitable to landowners' demands. Certainly, Government cannot be blamed for trying to help the landowners.

As for the question of nepotism and favouritism, the Minister agreed that its a 'mal-practice' that's present...
in any government, however, old and new, all around the globe. And of the whole civil service salaries that Government expects to pay out this year, "$300,000 will have been paid by the end of the year to Funafuti civil servants which is quite a substantial amount of the budget for salaries".

The Minister declared to Parliament that the recent difficulties before and leading up to the Queen's visit are 'simple matters' that could have been resolved quite easily. Of the entertainment for VIPs, he told Parliament that all island communities on Funafuti, including Funafuti, were invited to take turns in providing entertainment. "Funafuti refused to participate", he said.

Mr Naisali explained to Parliament that Funafuti's non-participation in activities during the Queen's visit was a decision made by the island itself and not Government, though they were asked to take part. The reason for this reluctance, he said, result from a difference of opinion between the island and Government and recalled the incident leading up to this event.

In concluding his speech, Mr Naisali requested the Funafuti MPs to reconsider the matter and to think of the future of the Funafuti people. He warned that such a move is "not possible" financially and could mean "disastrous effect" to the life of people.

Other speakers offered compromises and asked for friendly reconciliation between Government and the Funafuti MPs. Some pointed out the expenses involved in not only maintaining an independent state but compensating government for its properties.

The vote resulted in 2 for, 6 against with 3 abstentions.

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BALANCE BUDGET
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and national governments' spending are gradually being reduced yearly. Tuvalu, as no exception, will continue to minimise expenditure especially its own money.

During the debate, the Opposition member, Mr Elia Tavita made a lot of comments on the 1983 Estimates especially on Expenditures. He claimed there were a lot of errors in the Estimates and he called them a 'pack of lies'. Mr Tavita was also very much concerned about the $50,000 deficit in the budget. The three other members of the Oppositions, the Rt. Hon. Toariipi Lauti, Mr Toomu Stone and Mr Maheu Naniseni also expressed concern about the deficit.

Replying to all the comments from the Oppositions, the Minister of Finance pointed out to the members that the answers to all of their comments are contained in the Estimates, and had they perused it they would have seen them. He said that the members are 'too weak' to understand the contents of the Estimates.

Referring to the deficit, Mr Naisali said this is 'Government's subsidy towards the maintenance of the external air-service' which is of vital importance to Tuvalu. He reminded the members that personal Emolument makes up nearly 50% of the budget which is 'very critical', and that Government needs an efficient and productive civil service. He claimed that employment would become a problem and it is likely that the civil service may be 'cut down' if the worse comes to the worse. He cited as an example the cases of Fiji and Papua New Guinea who have gone ahead to cut their civil services.

In conclusion, Mr Naisali predicted that at the end of the year, 1983, instead of an estimated deficit budget it will be a balance budget and he told members that they have nothing to worry about.

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PRICE INDEX CONTINUES TO ESCALATE
THE FUNAFUTI price index is continuing to escalate and according to trade statistics for the last quarter ending in November, the index was increased from 139.2 in the previous quarters ending in
August to 141.2 in November 1982 which was a rise of 1.4 per cent during the three months period. For the twelve months period from November 1981 to November 1982, the index rose by 9.3 per cent.

The index was based on prices recorded in the month of November, 1982.

The table below provides information on the movement of prices of major commodity groups between the third and fourth quarters.

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**All Items** 139.2 141.2 2.0 1.4

Throughout this year, the November quarter experienced the lowest increases in the overall price index.

The clothing group experienced a considerable sharp increase of 12.6 per cent during the three months period, associated with moderate increases in the Transport and Housing and Utilities groups followed by nominal increases in the Food and Drink and Tobacco groups. A fall, however, was recorded for the Miscellaneous group.

As for the clothing group, the increase was a result of the significant increases in the price of ladies' and children's clothes, tea towel and a skin of embroidery cotton.

The increase in Transport was caused primarily from price increases from items such as motor-cycle (100 and 50cc), and bicycle and motor-cycle tube.

The increase in the Housing and Utilities index was a result of an increase in the prices of aluminium roofing sheets.

For the Drink and Tobacco index, the increase was due to price increases for a packet of cigarettes and a small can of beer in the Funafuti Futi bar.

The principal items showing price increases in the Food group were chicken, sausages, corned beef, tinned fish, condensed milk, baking powder, cabin biscuits, brown sugar, potatoes, peas, coffees, tea, soft drink, salt and marmite. There were, however, decreases in prices of rump steak, salt beef, butter, cordial, margarine, dripping, cooking oil and tomato sauce.

As for the fall in the Miscellaneous index, this was due to decreases in prices of toilet cleaner, small hook and a box of matches.

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**TUVALU INTRODUCES SALES TAX**

DURING THE last Budget Session of Parliament, the Sales Tax Bill 1982 was passed on its first and second readings thus becoming an Ordinance. It is to come into operation in the beginning of next year.

In introducing the Bill in Parliament, the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Henry Faati Naataani said that the Bill is intended to impose a new form of tax called 'sales tax' which is a tax on sales. The tax is not however, imposed at the time of sales but at the time of import of goods brought in from abroad and at the time of manufacture for goods made within Tuvalu. There are important exceptions as to the charge of sales tax, and most important of all are those items that are exempt from Customs duties, which are, goods imported by the Tuvalu Philatelic Bureau for use in the production or sale of stamps, rice, flour, ship's biscuits, bar soap, kerosene, all goods produced in Tuvalu where the value of the manufacturing processes carried out in Tuvalu by person producing those goods in the year of manufacture does not exceed $5,000 and goods within the definition of item 911.01 in the Tuvalu Customs and Import Duty Tariff (goods under $5 value).
It should be noted also that the Minister has the power, with the approval of Cabinet, to amend the Schedule and thereby change the rates of tax and the exemptions.

The Minister added that this system of taxation is being "practiced elsewhere overseas".

The Bill was supported by the Minister of Commerce and Natural Resources, the Hon. Lale Seluka and the member for Vaitupu, Mr Tuta Tonialu.

Speaking against the Bill were the four opposition members with the exception of the Rt. Hon. Toaripi Lauti. The members claimed that the introduction of the sales tax will no doubt make life 'unbearable' due to increases in prices of goods. Mr Sione (Niutao) wanted the Bill to be referred to the outer islands to find out the 'heart' of the rest of the Tuvalu people. If not then he will call this government a "dictatorship government". Mr Tavita (Funafuti) claimed that Tuvalu is not yet in a position to introduce so many kinds of taxation. He was on the opinion that industries should be encouraged first, in order to increase the economy. Realizing that the sales tax recovers the loss from the income tax revenue, Mr Tavita claimed that the revenue to be collected from sales tax will exceed the $78,000 (supposedly the loss in income tax revenue). He said people in Tuvalu will suffer from this sales tax.

In summing up the Bill, the Minister said that he is quite aware of the fact that people will suffer, but not very badly because the 5% charge is very small and the bulk of Tuvalu cargo are of those items in the schedule which have no charge.

The Prime Minister told Parliament that changes have taken place since Independence and many provisions of the Constitution have ceased to be applicable. He does not feel though that the rights of individuals should be a matter for discussion for change.

The Minister of Finance, supported the motion and said that certain provisions in the Constitution are making life "unbearable".

The Member for Niutao, Mr Toomu Sione was strongly in against of the idea of appointing a Parliament Select Committee, who, he inferred would be sitting in Funafuti formulating their own policies. He said the people of Tuvalu are capable enough of deciding changes to their Constitution, and called on Parliament to hold a Constitutional Convention which should include members of the public.

The Committee is comprised of the Hon. Speaker as chairman, Mr Vave Founuku, the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Henry F. Naitsali, the two MPs for Funafuti, the Rt. Hon. Toaripi Lauti and Mr Elia Tavita and the Attorney-General.

The terms of reference of the Select Committee would be to a) examine the manner in which the Constitution has operated since Independence with special reference to the extent that the provisions of the Constitution are appropriate or necessary for Tuvalu, b) identify any provisions of the Constitution that in the light of any conclusions in respect of item (a) require amendment, and c) to prepare for the consideration of Parliament, draft amendments to the Constitution, should any amendment be considered appropriate by the Committee.

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PARLIAMENT REVIEWS CONSTITUTION

AT ITS last session, Parliament appointed its Select Committee to review the Constitution of Tuvalu, following a call in a motion moved by the Prime Minister.

FIJI AIR OPERATES BEACH BARON

FIJI AIR is now operating a Beach Baron aircraft to replace the Norfolk Airline's King Air aircraft it leased for about two months since the break down of Fiji Air's King Air aircraft in early October.
this year, for the Suva/Funafuti route.

Fiji Air took over the service from Air Pacific as from the beginning of August this year operating a leased King Air aircraft from Hawker Pacific in Australia for 15 months, at the end of which the Government would review the services and renegotiate with the airline, if necessary.

In early October this year, the plane broke down after it crash landed on its belly at Naurosi airport. Since then, Fiji Air again leased a same type of aircraft from Norfolk Airlines until last Monday when the plane has to return.

Because of this aircraft's withdrawal from the service, Fiji Air now operates the service with a Beach Baron aircraft until such time the King Air aircraft is off the ground. A Beach Baron carries four passengers while the King Air carries ten passengers.

The Travel Officer, Mrs Aoga Kofe said, Fiji Air has made a schedule for flights this week, and that the first flight arrived yesterday. One flight arrives today, one tomorrow Friday and again on Saturday. There will also be a flight on Monday 13 November.

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SYDNEY CROSS INVESTMENT

GOVERNMENT has received a total amount of $4092,885.87 from the investment with Mr Sydney Cross in the United States. The Minister of Finance told Parliament that Government has no idea as to the nature of this payment which was received in October this year, however, Government has made an enquiry into the matter and is still waiting for a reply.

Government suspects that this must have been the payment of interests for the five quarters, from July 1981 to September 1982.

The Minister also reminded Parliament that Government's agreement with Mr Sydney Cross on the refund of the total investment, ends in February 1984.

Mr Cross has also informed Government that he would try to make the first payment of $100,000 before 31 December 1982.

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$78,000 LOSS FROM INCOME TAX

THE MINISTER of Finance, the Hon. Henry Faati Naisali said that Government would loose about $78,000 from income tax once the Income Tax Bill 1982 comes into operation next year. In introducing the Bill during Parliament's Budget session, the Minister said that the Bill contains a number of alterations to the Income Tax Ordinance.

The Bill passed its first and second readings and became an Ordinance. As in the Bill the provisions that impose a basic tax on all workers who are liable to a higher tax under other provisions are removed. All income receivers will (subject to the exemptions in the Bill) be taxed on the same basis.

All the provisions for allowances (ie. personal allowance, wife allowance, child allowance, education allowance, passage allowance, dependent relative allowance, and retirement benefit allowance are removed and no longer apply. Every taxpayer will under the new Bill, receive a single tax free allowance of $2500.

The different scales of rates of tax for different incomes is also removed and replaced by a single tax rate of 30% of all earnings over $2500.

Husband and wife are no longer taxed as one person. The wife has the same free tax allowance as any other taxpayer.

Pioneer relief which is intended to encourage development by giving tax concessions to new businesses is adapted so that it can be used for partnerships and business ventures rather than just for companies.
The provisions relating to the making of returns, the making of assessment and the provisions relating to appeals have been considerably shortened.

The income tax exemptions have been amended and in particular income arising from the sale of fish caught in Tuvalu waters and from the sale of copra are included as incomes to be exempt from tax.

Supporting the Bill were the Minister of Commerce and Natural Resources, the Hon. Lale Seluka and the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Dr Tomsisipuapua.

With the exception of Mr Ilacao Imo (Nanumaga) all the other four members of the Oppositions spoke against the Bill.

Mr Tavita attacked the Bill and pointed out that he could see some of the disadvantages in the Bill, one of which was the removal of allowances. He claimed that taxpayers do not have the same financial commitments as some parents have children in overseas education and some have more children than others. He also claimed that this would over-burdened taxpayers as an effect of Government's recovery of the $78,000 loss from income tax and that nobody would benefit from the Bill.

In supporting the Bill, the Prime Minister claimed that this loss is definitely a kind of relief to those taxpayers who have had years of hardship of paying tax under the present Income Tax Ordinance.

The other member for Funafuti, the Rt. Hon. Toaripi Lauti was dissatisfied if Government recovers this loss from income tax from the sales tax saying that it would be a 'heavy blow' to all, including unemployed.

The member for Nanumea, Mr Meheu Nanisenti wanted the Bill refer to civil servants on the outer islands to find out their opinion on the Bill.

In summing up the Bill, the Minister of Finance pointed out that the removal of allowances is what he calls "extreme individual case" but not an average case.

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GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIZES INTERNAL AIR SERVICE

GOVERNMENT will be subsidizing by $786,000 for the two year trial operation which ends on 31 August 1983 of the internal air-service which is being operated by Sea Bee Air Ltd. of Auckland.

In answer to one of the questions in Parliament, the Minister of Finance, the Hon. H. F. Naisali explained that Government estimates that the total operating cost, will be $850,000 and about $517,000 is expected to be collected from passenger fares, charter and freight revenues. The net subsidy will therefore be $373,000 and this will be paid by Government through the aid programme. In addition to the capital, the aircraft costs about $413,000 making a total subsidy of $786,000.

Mr Naisali also told members that figures for the first year of the trial operation are not available yet as they are being compiled.

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FISHING LICENSE NEGOTIATIONS

NEGOTIATIONS IS expected to take place in Fiji on Monday 13 December between a five-member team of Government high officials and the South Korean Fisheries Association on the renewal of the association's fishing licence in Tuvalu waters.

Government's team will be led by the Secretary to Government Mr Ionatana Ionatana and includes the Attorney-General, Mr Neil Davidson, the Secretary for Commerce and Natural Resources, Mr Feue Tipu, the Planning Officer, Mr David Abbott and the Fisheries Extension Officer, Mr Michael Batty.

Mr Ionatana has already left last week for Hong Kong for other negotiations and the rest of the team expects to leave this week for Fiji.
Mr Ionatana will join the team on his return from Hong Kong.

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BANK MANAGER ATTENDS CONFERENCE

THE GENERAL Manager of the National Bank of Tuvalu, Mr Andrew Hope-Morley attended the Annual Pacific Barclays Conference held in Fiji.

Other attendants included Barclays Bank International Managers from Fiji, Vanuatu, Nauru, Australia and New Zealand.

Among subjects discussed were the detailed business development targets for 1983-1987 in each territory and a report and appraisal of Barclays involvement with the National Bank of Tuvalu.

While in Fiji, Mr Hope-Morley also visited Barclays Bank's Branch in Lautoka who has agreed to take on staff from the National Bank of Tuvalu next year for three to six months training periods.

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SEAMAN DIES OVERSEAS

A TUVALUAN seaman serving on one of the overseas ships was reported to have died recently in Sydney, Australia.

Mr Soseala Tinilau of Nukulaelae was reported to have suffered a knife wound inflicted by an Austrian Cook on board the mv Planet. He was admitted to a hospital in Sydney where he died.

The incident was reported to have happened on board the ship and no other information was available as to the cause of the incident.

These informations were received from Funafuti by the Labour Officer, Mr Simati Faaniu in a cable from the Seamen's Union in Tarawa, Kiribati.

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NO FISHING YET FOR TE TAUTAI

TE TAUTAI is still in port Suva since her departure for the new fishing season. This is due to adverse weather conditions.

According to the Secretary for the National Fishing Corporation of Tuvalu, Mr David Kirton, weather and bait fishing in Fiji is expected to improve during the next fortnight and it is hoped that the vessel will soon be able to resume fishing. The crew and vessel are on standby at the moment.

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LANDING RAMP FOR VAITUPU

A LANDING ramp for the seaplane is expected to be constructed at Vaitupu in the middle of this month.

The Minister of Works and Communications, the Hon. Matica Tealofi told the members of Parliament during the last Parliament session that funds have been made available for the construction of the ramp.

He said the people of Vaitupu has requested Government for a landing ramp as there is no good site in the lagoon for passengers to get off the plane and that passengers have to wade in order to get ashore.

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BIO ATTENDS JOURNALISM TRAINING SEMINAR

THE BROADCASTING and Information Officer, Mr Fusinelli Lafa'i attended a seminar on journalism training in the South Pacific held from 1-4 December in Singatoka, Fiji.

The seminar was to discuss general improvement and the methods for training of South Pacific journalists as well as the role of women in the media.

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FUNAFUTI CTC OPENS

THE FUNAFUTI Community Training Centre was officially opened on Monday 29
November by the Minister of Social Services, the Hon. Fakita Pilitati.

In his opening address, the Minister said that he hopes many good things would sprout out from this Centre.

The Funafuti Centre is the last Centre built in Tuvalu and is expected to come into operation in the new term next year.

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FUNAFUTI SALA KISE MAVAE

TE FAKATAUGA a Funafuti ke mavae mai ia mai nisi fenua aka o Tuvalu, ne seki talia ne te Palamene i tena fonotaga mo te Fakatauga Tupe tenei fakamuli nei.

Te mataupu ne faipatigina mai tua o te avakaga o te mataupu ke maua se ikuga ne te sui tokotasi o te tokolu o sui ki te Palamene o Funafuti, Aila Tavita o lago ki te fakatagi a tino Funafuti ko latou ke mavae fakatea.

Te fakatagi tenei ne avakagina ne te Ulu o te Malo mua, Tena Malu Toaripi Lauti i te kamataaga o te luo o aso o te nafakiga o te Palamene i te tutonu o te asofa, po 25 Novema.

I loto i te tusi ne ave i e i te fakatagi, e fakamoe i e i e tolu a faka-nofoga mafai e talia te manako o Funafuti. 1) Ko te Malo ke toke fakofoki katoa ana koga lauakele kola ne lisi io me ne togi ki tino Funafuti kola e o latou a manafa, 2) A mea totino katoa a te Halo kola ko se mafai o fakagasue ke pulegina e Funafuti kae 3) Ko te Malo ke ave fakatea tena laumua ki se koga kae kae se i Funafuti, pela foki mo tino faka-alofa. Kasti e nofo mai te 50 ki te 70% o te maumea o te lauakele o Funafuti ko palele na puke ne te Malo, a ko te Malo foki e puke nei ne ia kati se kuata o te koga lauakele o Funafuti ka e se taitai o tau a te tau. A manu foki ke seai i Funafuti aua me kai sale ne tino faka-alofa.

"E pefea lalo tino konei e ola fiafia i mea kola ko se maugina ne tino Funafuti, a mea i luga i olotou fenua totoni, ko toe", i ana pati.

A Elia ne fai, atu foki ki te Malo e uiga mo te fai me fapito i te fakagalugaga o tino i te Malo, tela i ana pati me i te fapito i kaiga mo fenua e fai katoa nei o koga o te Malo, tela ne fakamaina aka ne ia ki Matagalugaga e tolu i te Malo, tela ne fai aka ma pati fakesala me e tokofia tino Funafuti e galue i e, i ana pati me i te Malo ko oko loa i te se fai fakaile kae fapito i ana fakanofoaga mo faifaiaga ki tino Funafuti.

E pefea loa a mea konei, ne fakamausa atu foki ne ia ki te Palamene me 'mai pela fakasolopito, a Funafuti ko ia te ali, io me ko te fenua taua i te atufenua kee ko tena pulega e oko atu loa ki Nukulaelau, Vaitupu mo Nukufetau."

I taimi konei ko oti na fakamalosui ka fakatalitonugina te tulaga tenei o Funafuti tela e ana pati me ko te 'toekimu o Tuvalu' ne te manakoga o tino ko fakatu te laumua o Tuvalu i konei i te taimi o te vaemaga mai te Kolone mua o Kilapiti mo Elia.

A Funafuti, pela mo pati a Elia, "ko palele ne fakamausagina tena tulaga tenei i tala fakasolopito mo tu mo faifaiaga mua". Ne fesili atu ati a ia me kaia a faigmae faikatali Malo a Tuvalu ko se fai e i e te Tausoa Maneapa. Ne fakasii atu ne Elia me ia Funafuti ne liakinai mai fua pela mai te se kau atu ki faigmae konei, kaia maise loa faigmae mo te vaiga a Tupu, ona fua ko lama feitu faka politiki. I ana pati me ko palele ne fai ne te Malo sana faiga pela "se afaina fua" kia Funafuti".

A ia ko fai e i a Funafuti pela me se tema fakaelofa? i tena fesili.

I te talaga o te mataupu ke fai (Cont'd on page 10)
ADVERTISEMET

VACANCY: Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the post of Catering Officer in the Tuvalu Maritime School, Matuku.

The post carries salary scale 7, i.e. $3132 x 132 pa to $4260 x 204 pa.

Qualifications: Qualified Steward Certificate and appropriate subsequent experience plus a Cook Certificate issued by a recognised institution. Additional qualifications or experience in the field of catering would be an advantage.

Duties: To supervise the training of catering trainees and upgrade courses for stewards, to be responsible for victualing of all TMS trainees, and to assist with the routine, discipline and welfare of trainees in general.

Letters of application, should be forwarded to the Captain Superintendent, TMS, Matuku to reach him not later than 17 December 1982. Candidates from outer islands should apply in the first instance by cable.

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A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

29 Oct. 1982

Dear Sir, - Once again I was bitterly disappointed to find that the mail for Vaitupu was not on today's plane. The excuse this time was that as Thursday 28th was a public holiday, the mail that came in from Fiji that day was not sorted. Reasonable enough, we do not expect the Post Office to miss a public holiday as we do not Motufoua; but what happened to the mail from last Monday, and Thursday the 21st and the local mail? Is it all being saved for us so that when at last someone remembers to put it on the Vaitupu plane we will have a nice big heap?

I do realize that the regular sea plane service has only been in operation for 30 months, hardly long enough for an efficient mail service to have been evolved. However, because the regular Monday flight to Vaitupu is such a surprise to the Post Office that they miss it more often than not, we went to the trouble (and expense) of sending an exceedingly polite telegram to the Postmaster requesting that the mail be put on Tuesday 26th's plane. Also, no use, we were not remembered in all the excitement of the Royal visit to Funafuti.

This letter is born of despair, what can we Vaitupu residents do to simply get a weekly delivery of mail? Swim over and get it ourselves? We owe much to Norm who goes far beyond his duties for us, without his efforts things would be even worse.

Finally let me misquote from the speech of the late Augustus P. Gardner on 16th. October 1916, "WAKE UP FUNAFUTI" Yours in anguish,

Lorna Evans
Motufoua
Vaitupu

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FUNAFUTI SALA KISE M. VAE

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manatu ki ei, te sui o Nenumaga, Ilaao
Imo ne avaka ne ia se fakafuliga fakavave ki te mataupu o fakatangi atu ki te
Palamene ke avatu te mataupu ki fenua i
 tua o Tuvalu me nei olo toto o eto faka
Funafuti Sala Kise M. Vae

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Pala mo te fusili ki luga i faigamea fapito i galuega mo te oso, ne talia ne te Minisita me se "faifaisa se" tela e fa i noso Malo, mua mo molo fou, pela foki mo malo katoa i te laolioagi. Kae pela mo togi katoa o tino galue i te Malo, e fakatauapela te Malo mo kati ka togi atu ne ia ki tua i te fakapalelega o te tauaega nei se "$300,000 tino galue Funafuti tela se sofaki lasi ki o te Fakatauga Tupo mo togi o tino.

Ne fakaasi tu foki ne te Minisita ki te Palamene me i fakalavelave konei fakamuli nei fua mai mua o te asiga a Te Tupo nu mea 'faigofie fua' kola e mafai fua o fa'i fakavave. Pela mo fakataliga a malo, ne fakaasi atu ne ia ki te Palamene me i fenua katoa i Funafuti me te kati atu i te liga o te fakalavelave, ki fakasolo solo laotou i te fega o fakafiaflaga. "Funafuti ne seki talea nei ke kau atu i ki loto" i ana pati.

Ne fakamaina atu foki ne Faati ki te Palamene me i te se kau o Funafuti ki faigamea mo te asiga a Te Tupo se ikuga fua ne fai ne te fenua, kae se ko te Maloo, e pefa loa ne fakataagi atu te Maloo ke fakatausi o fa'i funafua i te vaa o te fenua mo te Malo tela ne toe fakamatako a foki ne ia ne te mua te tupe tela ne pogai mai i ete te mea tenei.

I te fakotiga o tana leuga, a Faati ne fakamole polu atu ki sui o Funafuti ke toe mafaupu ki te feitu tenei kao ke mafafausi foki ki te olaega mai mau nei o tino Funafuti. Ne fai atu ne ia me.i te mea a Funafutitenei "e se mafai" i feitu tau tupe kae e mafai o "tupu fakalavelave" ki olaega o tino.

Ko nisi sui, ne faipati faikalei atu foki kao fai atu ki se fakalayega o te vaa o te Maloo mo sui ki te Palamene o Funafuti. Nisi ne fakaasi ake ne latou te tupe fakamamaupu tela ka sofia i loto, se fai fua pela i te fakalavelave o se fenua tu-tokotasi, kao ko te tauiga foki o mea totino o te Maloo.

Te ikuga o te palota, e tokolua e loto, toko ono ne teke kae tokotolu seki palota.
TUVALU
KAMATA LAFOGA 'MEA... TOGI'

I TE fonotaga a te palamene mo te Faka-
tauga Tupe, te Tufafono Fakatautau mo
Lafoga o 'Mea Togi' 1982 ne tela i
tena fai tusa muamua mo te lua tela ne
fai ei mo fai te Tufafono Lasi.

I te avakaga o te Tufafono Faka-
tautau i te Palamene, te Minisita o
Te Tupe, Tena Malu Henry F. Naisali ne
fai ana pati me i te Tupe, Tufafono Fakatautau
ne fai mo fai mo tae se vaega lafoga fou
tela e fakaiga "lafoga o mea togi" tela
se lafoga o mea togi. A te lafoga e se
fai pela me fai i te taimi tela e faka-
tau atu e i, ka e fai i te taimi tela
ko oko mai i i e i kako mai tua pela foki
mo te taimi tela ko faite i e i a mea
koneli togi i loto i te Tuvalu nei. E isi
ne mea taula kola e seai ne lafoga ki ei,
eaipaeio a mea kola e seai foki ei
se o lotou tiute i te Kasitamu, ko mea 'kola
e atoai na te Matagologa o faiologia mo
fakaagi i te faiologia i o me i te togiatuga
ko sela o faiologia, laisi, falaoga, maas,
sopu makeke te gatu, kaisiini mea katoa
kola e faite i Tuvalu tela te foafaki o
tele togi o mea kona e faite nei te sino i
Tuvalu e se silia atu i te $5,000 mo mea
ei kola e mailalo o te fakasologa o mea
i te na pa 911.01 i te tusi o faiga o
tiute o kasitamu (ko mea kola mailalo o te
$5 te o lotou togi.)

Ke lioa foki me i te Minisita e isi
senia malosi, mo te taliaga a te Kineta,
o fakaou a te fakasologa o mea koneloi
tela ko fuli e i sute o mea ia pela
foki mo mea kola e se tiute.

Ne foopopo mai ne te Minisita me i
ta vaega faidaiga tenei o lafoga, e "fai
sale loa i nisi koga aka".

Te Tufafono Fakatautau ne lagogina
ne te Minisita o Maumea mo Pisinisi, Tena
Malu Lale Seluka mo te su i Vaitupu,
Iuta Tanielu.

Ko su i faipati o teke ki te
Tufafono Fakatautau tenei ko te tokofa
sui o te kau teke vaga ko Tena Malu
Toaripi Lauti. Ne fakaasi aka ne suii me
i te fakagalogaga o te faiga o te lafoga
tenei, ka "fakaigaeta" ne ia te ola-
one ko te masiki aka o togi o mea. A

Toomu (Miutao) ne manako ko te Tufafono
Fakatautau tenei ke avatu ki fenua i
tua ke sala atu ki te "loto" o tino
Tuvalu, Kafai la e se tali, ka faka-
logo ne ia te malo tenei ki te vaega
malo tela e "pule te tino tokotasi".
A Elia (Puna futi) ne fakasi aka ne ia
me i Tuvalu e "seki nofo nei i te tulaga
tela ko tau o fai ne vaega lafoga e uke".A
ia e mafau sulo me e tau o fai mu-
mua ni 'fale koloa (industries) ko te mea
ko te falekasi aka ne ia te maumei
i tupe i Tuvalu. I te iloga me i te
Tufafono Fakatautau tenei mo Lafoga o
Mea Togi, ka puke mai foki e i e te
Tupe galo mai lafoga o tupe maua a tino,
ne fakasi aka ne Elia me i te "tupe maua
mai lafoga o mea togi ka silia masei i te
$78,000 (tela e fai pela me ko te tupe
ka galo mai luga o lafoga o tupe maua
a tino). I ana pati me i tino Tuvalu
ka logofio mai luga o te lafoga tenei.

I te fai paticagi fakosotiti e uliga
mo te Tufafono Fakatautau, ne fai a
pati a te Minisita me i lioa foki ne ia
me i tino ka logofio, ke se logofio
masei aua me i te 5% tela ka tuku ne
latou ki luga, i togi o mea e foliki ki,
a ko te lasi nga foki o te kako o Tuvalu
mo mea kola e seai ne o lotou lafoga
ka togi.

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TEUGA TUPE IA SYDNEY CROSS

KO PALAILE ne mua ne te Malo se sofaki
e tusa mo te $892.885.87 mai te teu-
ta mo Sydney Cross i amelika. Te
Minisita o te Tupe ne fakaasi atu ne ia
ki te Palamene me e seai loa se mea a
te Malo e iloa e uiga mo te ala o te
togi maliga o te tupe tenei tela ne mua
ia Oke toto i te tawsaga nei, ka e
pefa loa o te Malo ko palele ne tusi
atu ki ei e uiga mo te mea tenei, kae
loai ko fakatali atu ki se tali.

E isi su fakatauga a te Malo pela
me kati ko te togi o te pasene mo kuata
e lime, mai ia Iulai 1981 kiia Sotema
1982.

Te Minisita ne fakamasea eka foki
ne ia ki te Palamene me i te feaiga a
i te Malo mo Sydney Cross e uiga mo te toe
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TEUGA TUPE IA SYDNEY CROSS

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togi maiga o te tupe tenei, e gATA ia Fapua li 1984. Ko palele foki ne fakase mai ne Mr Cross ki te Malo, me i te ia ka taumafai o togi mai te vaaga muamua tela e $100,000 mai mua o te po 31 o Tesema.

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KAUVAKA MATE I TUA

E LoI se kauvaka Tuvalu e galue i se vaka e tasi i vaka i tua ne lipoti mai me ko palele ne mate fakamulii mai funi i Sini, Ausitalia.

Soseal Tuinilau, se tagata Nukulaela ne lipoti mai me ne peka tena time i te naifia i te tagata kuka Austria i luga i te vaka te moy Planet. A ia ne faulu atu ki te fakaimasaki i Sini te la ne mate i e i.

Ne lipoti mai foki pela me ne tupe te fakalavelave tenei i luga i te vaka kae sealaka foki se tala kaliloa atu e uiga mo te mafuaga o te fakalavelave.

Ko tala konei ne mua i Funafuti ne te Ofisa o Leipa, Jimati Fanniu i se uaelasi mai te Fakapotopotoga o Kauvaka i Tarawa, Kiribati.

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MINISITA TALA CTC

TE AKOQA Fakamasani o Funafuti ne tala i te asefaua po 29 o Novemua ne te Minisita o akoakoga, Fakamasaki mo Tuu mo Aganuu, Tena Malu Falele Pilitati.

I tene lauga i te talaga, ne fal a pati a te Minisita me i te ia e fakamoe mo pela ke uke a ma', lei ka maua mai mai te akoga tenei.

Te Akoga tenei i Funafuti ko te akoga fakasoti loa ke fakatu, kae faka-tautau pela me ka fakasalue i te vaituaga fou i te sua tavaaga.

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