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FUNAFUTI SEEKS SEPARATION

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. Toaripi 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 unequitable. 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

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MINISTER PREDICTS BALANCE 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,

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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 Nukulaelae, 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-dont-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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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 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. Toaripi Lauti, Mr Toomu Sione 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 peruse 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 member 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.

***** 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.

Major Groups	Aug. Quarter	Nov. Quarter	Change	
			Point	Per.
Food	137.0	138.3	1.3	0.9
Drink and Tobacco	181.2	183.0	1.8	1.0
Clothing	108.6	122.3	13.7	12.6
Transport	133.1	136.1	3.0	2.3
Housing & Utilities	143.7	146.6	2.9	2.0
Miscellaneous	132.1	129.6	-2.5	-1.9
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 percent 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 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 Fusi bar.

The principal items showing price increases in the Food group were on 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.

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 Naisali said that the Bill is intended to impose a new form of tax called 'salaestax' 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 Iuta Tanielu.

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.

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.

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. Naisali, 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.

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 Air 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 Airline 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.

SYDNEY CROSS INVESTMENT

GOVERNMENT HAS received a total amount of \$AU92,885.87 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.

\$78,000 LOSS FROM INCOME TAX

THE MINISTER of Finance, the Hon. Henry Faati Naisali said that Government would lose 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 not 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 (i.e. personal allowance, wife allowance, child allowance, education allowance, passage allowance, dependant 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 Tomasi Puapua.

With the exception of Mr Ilaoa 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 Maheu Naniseni 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.

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 \$890,000 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.

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.

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.

SEAMAN DIES OVERSEAS

A TUVALUAN seamen 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 knifewound inflicted by an Australian 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 in Funafuti by the Labour Officer, Mr Simati Faeniu in a cable from the Seamen's Union in Tarawa, Kiribati.

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.

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. Metia 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.

BIO ATTENDS JOURNALISM TRAINING SEMINAR

THE BROADCASTING and Information Officer, Mr Pusinelli Lafai 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.

FUNAFUTI CTC OPENS

THE FUNAFUTI Community Training Centre was officially opened on Monday 29

November by the Minister of Social Services, the Hon. Falaile 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.

FUNAFUTI SALA KISE MAVAE

TE FAKATAGI 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 tokolua o sui ki te Palamene o Funafuti, Elia Tavita o lagoon 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 kamataga o te lua o aso o te nofoakiga o te Palamene i te tutonu o te Asofa, po 25 Novema.

I loto i te tusi ne ave i ei te fakatagi, e fakamoe i ei e tolu a fakanofoaga mafai e talia te manako o Funafuti. 1) Ko te Malo ke toe fakafoki katoa ana koga laukele kola ne lisi io me ne togiki tino Funafuti kola e o latou a manafa, 2) A mea totino katoa a te Malo kola ko se mafai o fakagasue ke pulegina e Funafuti kae 3) Ko te Malo ke ave fakatea tena laumua ki se koga aka kae se i Funafuti.

I te avakaga o te mataupu ke maua se ikuga, ne fakaasi aka ne Elia me i tino Funafuti kati ko toe tino mativa loa nei i tino i Tuvalu i tupe maua a te tino tokotasi ia pela foki mo te maumea o te laukele. Te olaga o tino Funafuti mo taimi mai mua nei ko oko loa i te fakalotoloto lua kae ka mafai fua o tai lei aka mafai e mavae latou mai Tuvalu, kae ke nofo loa ia tokotasi. Ko fakalavelave konei e feagai mo tino Funafuti ne mafua mai fua mai luga o faifaiga a te Malo

pela foki mo tino faka-alofa. Kaati e nofo mai te 50 ki te 70% o te maumea o te laukele o Funafuti ko palele ne puke ne te Malo, a ko te Malo foki e puke nei ne ia kati se kuata o te koga laukele o Funafuti kae e se taitai o tau a te tau. A manu foki ko seai i Funafuti aua me kai sale ne tino faka-alofa.

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

A Elia ne fai atu foki ki te Malo e uiga mo te fai mea fapito i te fakagaluegaga o tino i te Malo, tela i ana pati me i te fapito i kaiga mo fenua e fai katoa nei i koga o te Malo, tela ne fakamaina aka ne ia ki Matagaluega e tolu i te Malo, tela ne fai aka ma pati faka-sala me e tokofia tino Funafuti e galue i ei. I ana pati me i te Malo ko oko loa i te se fai fakalei kae fapito i ana fakanofoga mo faifaiga ki tino Funafuti.

E pefea loa a mea konei, ne fakamasaua atu foki ne ia ki te Palamene me 'mai tala fakasolopito, a Funafuti ko ia te aliki, io me ko te fenua taua i te atufenua kae ko tena pulega e oko atu loa ki Nukulaelae, Vaitupu mo Nukufetau." I taimi konei ko oti ne fakamalosi kae fakatalitonugina te tulaga tenei o Funafuti tela i ana pati me ko te 'toekimua o Tuvalu' ne te manakoga o tino ke fakatu te laumua o Tuvalu i konei i te taimi o te vaemaiga mai te Kolone mua o Kilipati mo Elise.

A Funafuti, pela mo pati a Elia, "ko palele ne fakamaseigina tena tulaga tenei i tala fakasolopito mo tu mo faifaiga mua". Ne fesili atu a ia me kaia a faigamea fakatali malo a Tuvalu ko se fai ei i te Tausoa Maneapa. Ne fakaasi atu ne Elia me ia Funafuti ne liakina mai fua pela mai te se kau atu ki faigamea konei, kae maise loa faigamea mo te asiga a Tupu, ona fua ko tama faitu faka politikiki. I ana pati me ko palele ne fai ne te Malo sena faiga pela "se afaina fua" kia Funafuti". A ia ko fai ei a Funafuti pela me se tama fakaalofa? i tena fesili.

I te talaga o te mataupu ke fai
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ADVERTISEMENT

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

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 victualling 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, Amatuku to reach him not later than 17 December 1982. Candidates from outer islands should apply in the first instance by cable.

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 at 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. Alas, 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

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FUNAFUTI SALA KISE MAVAE

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manatu ki ei, te sui o Nanumaga, Ilaoa Imo ne avaka ne ia se fakamafuliga fakavave ki te mataupu o fakatagi atu ki te Palamene ke avatu te mataupu ki fenua i tua o Tuvalu me nea olotou mafauauga ki ei, me i te mataupu ko oko loa i te faitoga, a ko tino o fenua e se mafai fua o loto ki te ikuga a olotou sui ki te Palamene i te mataupu tenei.

Te Ulu o te Malo, Tena Malu Dr Tomasi Puapua ne teke ne ia te fakamafuliga tela i ana pati me i te mataupu ko palele ne avaka ki te Palamene ki sena ikuga, tela la ko sui e tau o fai olotou tiute o fakaasi olotou manatu. I sose faigamea "sose ikuga tela e fai ne te Palamene, e isi foki nisi auala aka e mafai o toe fai ki te mataupu.

Te sui tela ea ia te mataupu, Elia ne teke foki ki te fakamafuliga tela i ana pati me ia "Funafuti ko lasi tena pokotiaga, kae ko se toe manako ki ne faipatiga kae menako fua ki se tali ki te olotou fakatagi". I ana pati, "A Funafuti ka se foki mai tena ikuga ke mavae ia tela la e seai loa se aogaa o pati".

Te fakamafuliga ne seki talia, tela tena Malu Toaripi Lauti ne tu aka o ligo a te olotou mataupu, tela ne fakamolemole atu ki sui ke talia aka fua te olotou manakoga. Ne fakaasi aka foki ne ia me i "Tino Funafuti ko palele ne se amanaia mo eso mai mua mai te olotou laukele mo te tai". Faopopo atu ki ei, i ana pati foki me i "i tupe maua a te kaiga ko oko loa i te foliki ona ko te mutana o tino Funafuti e galue i te Malo. Ne fakaasi aka foki ne ia te fakalavelave ki luga i te to-tokouke o tino i Funafuti mai luga o te tokouke o tino faka-alofa. Pela mo taliga a malo, i pati a Toaripi me i te Malo ne filifili ke se amanaia ne latou a Funafuti tela i olotou mafaufauga me ko manakaga loa o tino. I ana pati me ia Funafuti ne "taofi" mailuga o te kau atu ki faigamea konei, pela foki mo faigamea mo te asiga a Tupu.

I te faipatiga o teke te mataupu, te Minisita o Tupe, Tena Malu Henry F. Naisali i ana pati me i te ia e manako o fakamaina ki te Palamene me i pati kola ne fai ki luga i te Malo ne Funafuti, te ukega o latou "ne tupu mai katoa mai mea kola ne seki fai ne te Malo nei". I ana pati me i te Malo nei e seki toe togi aka loa ne ia ne laukele ki laukele kola ne togi io me ne lisi ne te Malo mua". A te Malo, e pefea loa e fanoanoa e uiga mo te fakalavelave tenei i laukele tela ko palele ne gasue atu o fai ne mea kola e lei mo manakoga o tino fai manafa. Kaati e se mafai o ti ki te Malo i tena taumafai o fesoasoani ki tino fai manafa.

Pela mo te fesili ki luga i faigamea fapito i galuega mo te oso, ne talia ne te Minisita me se "faifaiga se" tela e fai ne sose Malo, malo mua mo malo fou, pela foki mo malo katoa i te lalolagi. Kae pela mo togi katoa o tino galue i te Malo, e fakatautau pela te Malo me kati ka togi atu ne ia ki tua i te fakapalelega o te tausaga nei se "\$300,000 ki tino galue Funafuti tela se aofaki lasi ki o te Fakatauga Tupe mo togi o tino.

Ne fakaasi tu foki ne te Minisita ki te Palamene me i fakalavelave konei fakamuli nei fua mai mus o te asiga a te Tupu ne mea 'faigofie fua' kola e mafai fua o fai fakavave. Pela mo fakataliga a malo, ne fakaasi atu ne ia ki te Palamene me i fenua katoa i Funafuti ne kami atuke kau i te faigamea tenei, ke fakasolosolo latou i te faiga o fakafiafiaga. "Funafuti ne seki talia neia ke kau atu ia 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 Tupu se ikuga fua ne fai ne te fenua, kae se ko te Maloo, e pefea loa ne fakatagi atu te Maloo ke fakatasi mai foki latou. Ko te pogai o te se loto tenei ona loa ko te kesekeke o mafaufauga i te vaa o te fenua mo te Malo tela ne toe fakamatala aka foki ne ia te mea ne tupu tela ne pogai mai i ei te mea tenei.

I te fakaotiga o tena lauga, a Faati ne fakamolemole atu ki sui o Funafuti ke toe mafaufau ki te faitu tenei kae ke mafaufau foki ki te olaga mai mua nei o tino Funafuti. Ne fai atu ne ia me i te mea a Funafuti tenei "e se mafai" i faitu tau tupe kae e mafai o "tupu fakalavelave" ki olaga o tino.

Ko nisi sui ne faipati fakalei atu foki kae fai atu ki se fakaleiga o te vaa o te Maloo mo sui ki te Palamene o Funafuti. Nisi ne fakaasi aka ne latou te tupe fakamaumau tela ka aofia i loto, se fai fua pela i te fakagaluegaga o se fenua tu-tokotasi, kae 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 Fakatauga Tupe, te Tulafono Fakatautau mo Lafoga o Mea Togi 1982 ne talia i tena faitauga muamua mo te lua tela ne fai ei mo fai se Tulafono Lasi.

I te avakaga o te Tulafono Fakatautau i te Palamene, te Minisita o te Tupe, Tena Malu Henry F. Naisali ne fai ana pati me i te Tulafono Fakatautau ne fai mo fai mo tae se vaega lafoga fou tela e fakaigoa "lafoga o mea togi" tela se lafoga o mea togi. A te lafoga e se fai pela me fai i te taimi tela e fakatautau atu i ei, kae e fai i te taimi tela ko oko mai i ei a kako mai tua pela foki mo te taimi tela ko faite i ei a mea konei togi i loto i te Tuvalu nei. E isi ne mea taua kola e seai ne lafoga ki ei, kae maise loa a mea kola e seai foki ne olotou tiute i te Kasitamu, ko mea kola e aumai ne te Matagaluega o failoga mo fakaoga i te faitega io me i te togiatuga ki tua o failoga, laisi, falaoa, masi, sopu makeke ta gatu, kalasini mea katoa kola e faite i Tuvalu tela te aofaki o te togi o mea kona e faite ne se tino i Tuvalu e se silia atu i te \$5,000 mo mea ei kola e mailalo o te fakasologa o mea i te napa 911.01 i te tusi o faiga o tiute o kasitamu (ko mea kola mailalo o te \$5 te olotou togi.)

Ke iloa foki me i te Minisita e isi sena malosi, mo te taliaga a te Kapineta, o fakafou a te fakasologa o mea konei tela ko fuli ei a tiute o mea ia pela foki mo mea kola e se tiute.

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

Te Tulafono Fakatautau ne lagogina ne te Minisita o Maumea mo Pisinisi, Tena Malu Lale Seluka mo te sui o Vaitupu, Iuta Tanielu.

Ko sui ne faipati o teke ki te Tulafono Fakatautau tenei ko te tokofa sui o te kau teke vagana ko Tena Malu Toaripi Lauti. Ne fakasasi aka ne sui me i te fakagaluegaga o te faiga o te lafoga tenei, ka "fakafaigata" ne ia te olaga ona ko te masiki aka o togi o mea. A

Toomu (Niutao) ne manako ko te Tulafono Fakatautau tenei ke nvatu ki fenua i tua ke sala atu ki te "loto" o tino Tuvalu. Kafai ia e se talia, ka fakai goa ne ia te malo tenei ki te vaega malo tela e "pule ne tino tokotasi". A Elia (Funafuti) 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 mafaufau pela me e tau o fai muamua ne fale koloa (industries) ko te mea ke tui fakalasiaka ne ia te maumea i tupe i Tuvalu. I te iloaga me i te Tulafono Fakatautau tenei mo Lafoga o Mea Togi, ka puke mai foki i ei 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 faipatiga fakeotioti e uiga mo te Tulafono Fakatautau, ne fai a pati a te Minisita me e iloa foki ne ia me i tino ka logofio, kae 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 lasiga foki o te kako o Tuvalu ko mea kola e seai ne olotou lafoga ka togi.

TEUGA TUPE IA SYDNEY CROSS

KO PALELE ne maua ne te Malo se aofaki e tusa mo te \$AU92,885.87 mai te teuga tupe mo Sydney Cross i Amelika. Te Minisita o te Tupe ne fakasi 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 maiga o te tupe tenei tela ne maua ia Oketopa i te tausaga nei, kae e pefea loa a te Malo ko palele ne tusi atu ki ei e uiga mo te mea tenei, kae tenei loa koi fakatali atu ki se tali.

E isi se fakatauga a te Malo pela me kati ko te togi o te pasene mo kuata e lima, mai ia Iulai 1981 kia Setema 1982.

Te Minisita ne fakamasaua aka foki ne ia ki te Palamene me i te feagaiga a te Malo mo Sydney Cross e uiga mo te toe
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RADIO TIMESMondays to Saturdays (morning)

- 6.25am Tuning call/sign on trailers etc
- 6.30 Morning devotions
- 6.35 Good morning Tuvalu (Tuvalu songs)
- 7.00 World News (R.A)
- 7.10 Tuvalu News (Tuvalu/English)
- 7.15 Good morning Tuvalu con't
(mixed entertainment)
- 7.30 Sign off

Mondays

- 5.55pm Sign on trailers/news preview
- 6.00 Manako
- 6.30 Mataupu o te aso
- 6.40 Music (pop/western etc)
- 7.00 World News (R.A)
- 7.10 Tuvalu news, announcements,
weather and shipping
Pese Tuvalu
- 7.30 Tala o Tuvalu/Atupaipai
Fakapulaga, ala o vaka, tau
o te aso
- 7.45 Kete Tala a Tuvalu
- 8.15 Pese/Songs
- 8.30 Sign off

Tuesdays

- 5.55pm Tuning call/sign on trailers
News preview
- 6.00 Manako
- 6.30 Focus programme
- 6.40 Music (English)
- 7.00 World News (R.A)
- 7.10 Tuvalu news etc music (Tuvalu)
- 7.30 Tala o Tuvalu etc
- 7.45 Tali mo fesili
- 8.15 Pese/songs
- 8.30 Sign off

Wednesdays

- 5.55pm Tuning call/sign on trailers
News preview
- 6.00 Manako
- 6.30 Focus programme
- 6.40 Music (english)
- 7.00 World News (R.A)
- 7.10 Tuvalu news etc (music Tuvalu)
- 7.30 Tala o Tuvalu etc
- 7.45 Taku galuega
- 8.15 Pese/songs
- 8.30 sign off

Thursdays

- 5.55pm Tuning call/sign on etc
News preview
- 6.00 Manako
- 6.30 Focus programme
- 6.40 Music (English)
- 7.00 World News (R.A)
- 7.10 Tuvalu news etc (music Tuvalu)
- 7.30 Tala o Tuvalu etc
- 7.45 Tala mo Tamaliki
- 8.15 Pese/songs
- 8.30 Sign off

Fridays

- 5.55pm Tuning call/sign on etc
News preview
- 6.00 Manako
- 6.30 Focus programme
- 6.40 Music (english)
- 7.00 World News (R.A)
- 7.10 Tuvalu news, announcements
weather, shipping etc music Tuvalu
- 7.30 Tala o Tuvalu etc
- 7.45 Lalolagi mo ana tala
- 8.15 Mix entertainment & requests
- 9.00 Sign off

Saturdays

- 5.55pm Tuning call/sign on etc
News preview
- 6.00 Polokalame a Lotu
- 6.15 Manako
- 6.30 Focus programme
- 6.40 Music (English)
- 7.00 World News (R.A)
- 7.10 Music (Tuvalu)
- 7.30 Tala o Tuvalu etc
- 7.45 Te Lagi a Tuvalu (fatele)
- 8.15 Mixed entertainment & requests
- 9.00 Sign off

Sundays

- 5.55pm Tuning call/sign on etc
- 6.00 Pese Lotu
- 6.15 Lotu o te Aso Saa
- 6.45 Sunday music (English)
- 7.00 World News (R.A)
- 7.10 Tuvalu News etc/Pese Lotu Tuvalu
- 7.45 Polokalame a te Fakaimasaki/
Te Lima Ola
- 8.00 Sign off

TIDE TABLE

	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HIGH TIDE</u>	<u>LOW TIDE</u>
Thursday	9 Dec	0032 1.63 1323 1.64	0657 0.56 1927 0.66
Friday	10 Dec	0138 1.64 1414 1.73	0752 0.53 2023 0.57
Saturday	11 Dec	0231 1.66 1455 1.81	0838 0.50 2110 0.49
Sunday	12 Dec	0314 1.68 1532 1.88	0917 0.47 2150 0.41
Monday	13 Dec	0353 1.70 1605 1.92	0952 0.45 2226 0.36
Tuesday	14 Dec	0428 1.70 1637 1.94	1024 0.45 2259 0.33
Wednesday	15 Dec	0502 1.69 1708 1.95	1054 0.47 2331 0.33
Thursday	16 Dec	0534 1.67 1738 1.93	1123 0.49 0002 0.35
Friday	17 Dec	0606 1.64 1809 1.89	1152 0.53 0033 0.40
Saturday	18 Dec	0638 1.60 1840 1.84	1223 0.59 0106 0.46
Sunday	19 Dec	0712 1.56 1914 1.77	1256 0.65 0142 0.53
Monday	20 Dec	0750 1.51 1952 1.69	1335 0.73 0223 0.61
Tuesday	21 Dec	0836 1.47 2038 1.61	1423 0.81 0314 0.68
Wednesday	22 Dec	0934 1.44 2139 1.54	1526 0.87 0417 0.72
Thursday	23 Dec	1050 1.46 2257 1.50	1646 0.90 0527 0.72
Friday	24 Dec	1206 1.53	1811 0.85
Saturday	25 Dec	0016 1.52 1307 1.65	0633 0.66 1921 0.73
Sunday	26 Dec	0121 1.58 1356 1.80	0730 0.58 2017 0.58

TEUGA TUPE IA SYDNEY CROSS
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togi maiga o te tupe tenei, e gata ia Fepuali 1984. Ko palele foki ne fakasi mai ne Mr Cross ki te Malo, me i te ia ka taumafai o togi mai ta vaega muamua tela e \$100,000 mai mua o te po 31 o Tesema.

KAUVAKA MATE I TUA

E ISI se kauvaka Tuvalu e galue i se vaka e tasi i vaka i tua ne lipoti mai me ko palele ne mate fakamuli nei funa i Sini, Ausitalia.

Soseala Tinilau, se tagata Nukulae-lae ne lipoti mai me ne pekia tena tinai i te naifi i te tagata kuka Austria i luga i te vaka ko te mv Planet. A ia ne faulu atu ki te fakaimasaki i Sini tela ne mate i ei.

Ne lipoti mai foki pela me ne tupu te fakalavelave tenei i luga i te vaka kae seai aka foki se tala kai iloa atu e uiga mo te mafuaga o te fakalavelave.

Ko tala konei ne maua i Funafuti ne te Ofisa o Leipa, Simati Faaniu i se ualesi mai te Fakapotopotoga o Kauvaka i Tarawa, Kiribati.

MINISITA TALA CTC

TE AKOGA Fakamasani o Funafuti ne tala i te Asogafua po 29 o Novema ne te Minisita o Akoakoga, Fakaimasaki mo Tuu mo Aganuu, Tena Malu Falaile Pilitati.

I tena lauga i te talaga, ne fai a pati a te Minisita me i te ia e fakamoemoe pela ke uke a mea lei ka maua mai mai te Akoga tenei.

Te Akoga tenei i Funafuti ko te akoga fakaoti loa ke fakatu, kae fakatautau pela me ka fakagalue i te vaituaga fou i te sua tausaga.
