

At the request of Mr Sayre, the Secretariat later engaged the services of Mr Felix Keesing, Professor of Anthropology at Stanford University (California), to be attached to the Mission in the capacity of an expert consultant.

Finally, the Secretary-General of the United Nations designated the following members of the Secretariat to accompany the Mission :

1. Mr Peter M. Anker, Assistant Director of the Trusteeship Division (Secretary of the Mission).
2. Mr Jean de la Roche, Chief of the Visits Section of the Trusteeship Division (Assistant Secretary of the Mission).
3. Mr Cleantho de Paiva Leite, Political Affairs Officer of the Trusteeship Division (Assistant).
4. Miss Regina Respler (Stenographer).

In a letter dated 16 May, 1947, the Secretary-General of the United Nations informed the New Zealand Government of the action taken by the Trusteeship Council and of the plans projected with regard to the visiting Mission. In a letter of acknowledgment dated 3 June, 1947, the Secretary of External Affairs of New Zealand informed the Secretary-General that the New Zealand Government would "be glad to give every assistance possible to the visiting Mission."

In the beginning of June, Mr de la Roche proceeded to New Zealand and Western Samoa three weeks ahead of the Mission to make the necessary preliminary contacts with the New Zealand authorities and the practical arrangements with regard to the installation of the Mission in Apia.

One member of the Mission, Mr Sayre, as well as the members of the Secretariat, travelled from New York via San Francisco and arrived in Auckland on 23 June, where they were received by representatives of the New Zealand Government. The following day Mr Ryckmans, travelling from Belgium via India, also arrived in Auckland, where preliminary organizational meetings were held on 24 and 25 June. Mr Sayre was elected Chairman of the Mission.

The Mission then proceeded to Wellington on 26 June, and the following days were spent in making official and unofficial contacts with members and officials of the New Zealand Government. The Prime Minister, the Right Honourable P. Fraser, received the Mission on 28 June, and stated his views on the problems involved.

Amongst the persons heard in Wellington were C. G. R. McKay, former Secretary of Native Affairs in Western Samoa ; Professor J. W. Davidson, lecturer on Colonial Administration at Cambridge University, England, who had recently carried out a thorough study of conditions in Samoa ; Professor Ernest Beaglehole, Professor of Anthropology at Victoria College, Wellington, ; Dr Beeby, Director of Education in New Zealand ; and Mr Parsonage, Officer in Charge of Education in the Department of Island Territories, Wellington.