

46. The Legislature should consist of a single body, its title to be decided after consultations with the people, possibly the Assembly or Council.

47. The Mission believes that Samoan representation should have an absolute majority in the Legislature. Any arrangement short of that would be quite unacceptable to the Samoan people and would fall short of the objective of developing self-government.

48. The size of the Legislature is a matter for the administering authority to determine in consultation with the Samoan and European groups. The Mission feels, however, that it should be a larger body than the present Legislative Council, in order to give to a reasonable number of Samoans the opportunity to secure training in the responsibilities of legislative power. It believes, however, that the *Fono* proposed by the Samoan representatives is too large to do effective work, especially in the beginning. It was noted that there are fourteen traditional districts in Samoa, and this fact might suggest a suitable number for Samoan representation if election were to be by districts. For comparison it can be recorded that the Tongan Assembly consists of twenty-one members.

49. The Samoan members should be designated according to procedures developed in consultation with the Samoan people. Whether chosen by the *Fono* of *Faipule* as now, or by regional electoral districts, or by any other method, the electoral procedure should be given constitutional recognition.

50. It is felt in principle that the population of European status should not have special privileges in electoral matters. The original racial distinction is in process of disappearing, and ultimately all permanent residents should have identical rights. Should a City or Town of Apia be formed it might be possible to work out a special type of representation to the central Legislature, which would allow the inhabitants of this urban area, without racial distinctions, to elect members by individual vote. In the meantime, however, the present distinction between the European and Samoan electorates will have to be continued.

51. The Europeans should have a smaller but significant representation. In view of the great importance of Europeans in the economic and social life of the Territory, and their special knowledge of both European and Samoan cultures, they should be given for the present a somewhat larger representation than their numbers warrant proportionately. The system used at present in electing European members to the Legislative Council is probably satisfactory, but could be re-examined in public discussions with those concerned as one of the valuable opportunities for developing initiative in self-government.