

This agreement established a South Pacific Board of Health, with a Chief Administrative Officer, known as the Inspector-General, South Pacific Health Service, and headquarters at Suva.

The functions of the Board are to advise the participating Administrations on health matters, to assist generally in the more effective control of disease and promotion of health in the territories under their control, and to co-operate in the provision of professional staff.

South Pacific Commission

1946: Agreement establishing the South Pacific Commission, the functions of which are, broadly speaking, to advise and assist the participating Governments on measures designed to promote the economic and social rights and welfare of the inhabitants of the territories within its scope. The Governments of Australia, France, Netherlands, New Zealand, United Kingdom, and United States of America are parties to this agreement. In due course a South Pacific Conference will be held at which non-self governing territories will be directly represented.

No arrangements have so far been made to associate or federate the Territory with other territories for Customs, fiscal, or administrative purposes.

No obligations with respect to the Territory have been undertaken by the New Zealand Government towards the Security Council.

D. MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER

The Territory is, in general, orderly by Western standards, and major crimes are rare. The principal offences brought before the Courts are petty theft, assault, disorderly conduct, affrays, trespass, and (in North Upolu) traffic violations. For the year ended 31st March, 1948, a total of 1,928 cases were brought before the Courts, resulting in 1,676 convictions.

The Department of Police and Prisons is responsible for maintaining law and order. It is headed by a European Inspector who is in charge of both the Police Force and the Prisons, the total staff of the Department being 78, made up as follows:—

	European.	Part-European.	Samoa.	Total.
Inspector	1	..	..	1
Sub-Inspector	1	..	..	1
Gaoler	1	..	..	1
Senior Sergeants	1	2	..	3
Traffic Inspector	1	..	..	1
Sergeants	..	..	4	4
Corporals	..	..	5	5
Constables	..	3	34	37
Warders—				
Male	..	..	12	12
Female	..	..	2	2
Messengers	..	..	8	8
Clerks (civilian)	1	1	1	3
	6	6	66	78

An amount of £17,515 was placed on the Administration's estimates for the financial year ended 31st March, 1948, to cover the cost of maintaining the Department.