

In addition to these functions, the Commission has arranged for a conference of the indigenous peoples of the area to be held in Fiji in April, 1950. It is proposed that at this conference problems affecting the peoples of the whole area will be discussed, and the proposed agenda includes the following items: Public health, social development, and economic development. Representatives to the conference will be selected by the Samoans.

No activities are carried out in the Territory by non-governmental bodies of an international character, unless the activities of the various Christian missions can be included under this heading.

There is no proposal for the association or federation of the Territory with other territories for Customs, fiscal, or administrative purposes.

D. INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY: MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER

INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

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

MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER

Major crime is rare in Samoa. There were during the year 2 convictions for murder, but none of attempted murder or manslaughter. The only prevalent offence against the person was common assault, of which there were 110 convictions (99 against Samoans and 11 against Europeans). The commonest of all offences was theft, of which there were 284 convictions. Traffic offences, such as overloading of vehicles, and obstruction (principally "sitting on the road") are also common, but are decreasing. Traffic officers have been able to affect considerable improvements in the manner in which motor-vehicles are operated; and the work of the police, in conjunction with the increasing volume of traffic, has made road-sitting less popular than it was.

The maintenance of law and order is entrusted to the Department of Police and Prisons, under the administrative control of the Inspector of Police. The Department also performs certain subsidiary functions, including the control of immigration and emigration and the issue of passports and travel permits, the registration of vehicles, the issue of drivers' licences, and the registration and control of firearms, ammunition, and explosives. The Inspector of Police is in charge of the fire brigade. The personnel of the Department at the end of the year was as follows:—

	Europeans.	Samoans.	Total.
Inspector	1	..	1
Sub-Inspector	1	..	1
Gaoler	1	..	1
Senior Sergeants	3	..	3
Sergeants	..	3	3
Corporals	..	4	4
Constables	2	34	36
Warders (male)	..	12	12
Warders (female)	..	2	2
Messengers	..	8	8
Clerks	2	1	3
Traffic Inspectors	2	1	3
Totals	12	65	77