It will be noted that by an amendment to the Samoa Legislative Council (Elective Membership) Order, the number of European representatives has been reduced from three to two, and two representatives of the Samoan race were appointed to the Council under powers already existing. On this occasion no attempt was made to have these representatives elected or chosen by the Samoans, the seats on the Council being allotted to the two Fautuas, Malietoa and Mata'afa. These appointments are regarded, however, as temporary only, and it is the intention of the Government, as soon as conditions in the Territory permit, to arrange for the Samoans themselves to select in some practicable manner their own representatives on the Legislative Council.

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The Government do not feel that representation on the Legislative Council of the Territory can be regarded as an adequate means of enabling the Samoans to share in their own government, and they have contemplated either the reinstitution of the Fono of Faipules when conditions allow or the substitution of some equally suitable means of associating the Samoans in their government. As the result of a meeting between the Administrator and a generally representative gathering of Natives from all districts which took place after the date covered by this report, it seems clear that the Samoans still desire the Fono of Faipules as their representative body, and the Administrator is now formulating a scheme for the revival of this body on lines that will allow of the representation of all sections of the Native race. It is hoped to have the scheme in operation by the end of this year.

Copies of this report have been forwarded direct to each member of the Permanent Mandates Commission, and 120 additional copies have been despatched to you under separate cover.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

GEO. W. FORBES, Prime Minister.

The Secretary-General, League of Nations, Geneva.

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