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TRIBUTE TO MR. HASLUCK

A tribute to the work of the Minister for Territories, the Hon. Paul Hasluck, has been received by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies, from the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

The tribute came in the form of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Board early in October.

The text of the resolution, conveyed to Mr. Menzies read :-

"Having regard to the fact that this Board of Missions of the Methodist Church of Australasia is charged with the carrying out of policy which makes for the well-being of the people of the islands of the Pacific, the Board welcomes the general policy in this regard carried out by the present Government under its responsible Minister, the Hon. Paul Hasluck.

The Board records its appreciation of the service rendered to the Territories of Papua New Guinea by the Minister.

The Board believes that Mr. Hasluck has brought to his office a well-informed mind and a sympathetic appreciation of Australia's obligations to the peoples under its trust in the Northern Territory, Papua New Guinea and other areas under the Department of Territories.

The Board notes with gratification the co-operation which the Minister has at all times encouraged between the Administration and the work of the Board of Missions in the Territories."

CANBERRA.

26th October, 1959.