GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMISSION ON CRIME  
1930-1931

Governor Lawrence M. Judd in a memorandum dated December 27, 1929, informed the Honorable Roy A. Vitousek of his desire to establish a crime commission for the purpose of studying delinquency and crime in the Territory by collecting and analyzing pertinent information and to devise and suggest new and better procedures to cope with the problem. The Commission held its first meeting on January 6, 1930, at which time the Governor formally formed this unofficial advisory committee and appointed Mr. Vitousek chairman. The members divided themselves into 4 sub-committees to handle various divisions of the main committee's investigation. They were: 1) Causes of Crime and Criminal Statistics; 2) Detection, Prosecution and Sentencing of Criminals; 3) Corrective and Penal Institutions; 4) Juvenile Delinquency. The Commission worked until January 1931 and its report was published on February, 1931.

The records consist of folders containing minutes of the weekly meetings, correspondence chronologically arranged, recommendations, reports, bibliographies, publications and newspaper articles pertinent to crime, and some miscellaneous items.

See Also: Governor Lawrence M. Judd's files (Territorial Departments - Crime Commission) which contains the original signed report filled with recommendations and statistical material.