

## **Public Information Bulletin**

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## COMMISSIONER RETIRES



The Commissioner of Inland Revenue, Mr R. T. Phillips, will retire on 17 February 1982, after  $42\frac{1}{2}$  years service with the Department. Mr Phillips has been Commissioner for the past  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years.

Born and educated in Auckland, Mr Phillips came to Wellington to join the Department in 1939.

In 1942, he departed on military service with the N.Z. Army and spent over two years in overseas service, mainly in the North Africa and Italy campaigns.

After the war, he rejoined the Department in Auckland and subsequently gained his professional accountancy qualifications. Recently, he was made a Fellow of the N.Z. Society of Accountants.

Most of Mr Phillips's earlier service was spent in anti-evasion activities but he has since held the positions of District Commissioner, Auckland; Director (Policy & Research), Head Office; Regional Controller, Northern Region.

He has been deeply involved in the development and implementation of new legislation and has travelled overseas on a number of occasions studying other tax systems and negotiating agreements for the avoidance of double taxation.

Mr Phillips was appointed Deputy Commissioner in 1978 and became Commissioner in 1979. He will return to his home town, Auckland, on his retirement.

## NEW COMMISSIONER



The new Commissioner to succeed Mr Phillips will be Mr J. Simcock. Mr Simcock is at present Deputy Commissioner, Head Office.

## OBITUARY

We regret to record the recent death in Wellington of a former Commissioner, Mr Tom Hunt. He retired from his work in Inland Revenue in September 1979.