

GOVERNMENT WORKERS

Lesson Fifty-Four

Objectives: This lesson continues your introduction to some aspects of the government in Kiribati. You'll learn about some of the areas of government influence, a little about the Co-Op, and something about taxes.

Activities: Study the dialogue and act it out with a partner. Prepare a set of questions to ask of your classmates.

**Translation
of Dialogue:**

Government Workers

Bob: Where do you work Joseph?

Joseph: I work in the government.

Bob: Are there many people working for the government?

Joseph: Yes, because it establishes everything, like the schools, hospitals, telecommunications, travel services and others.

Bob: How about the buses and hotels?

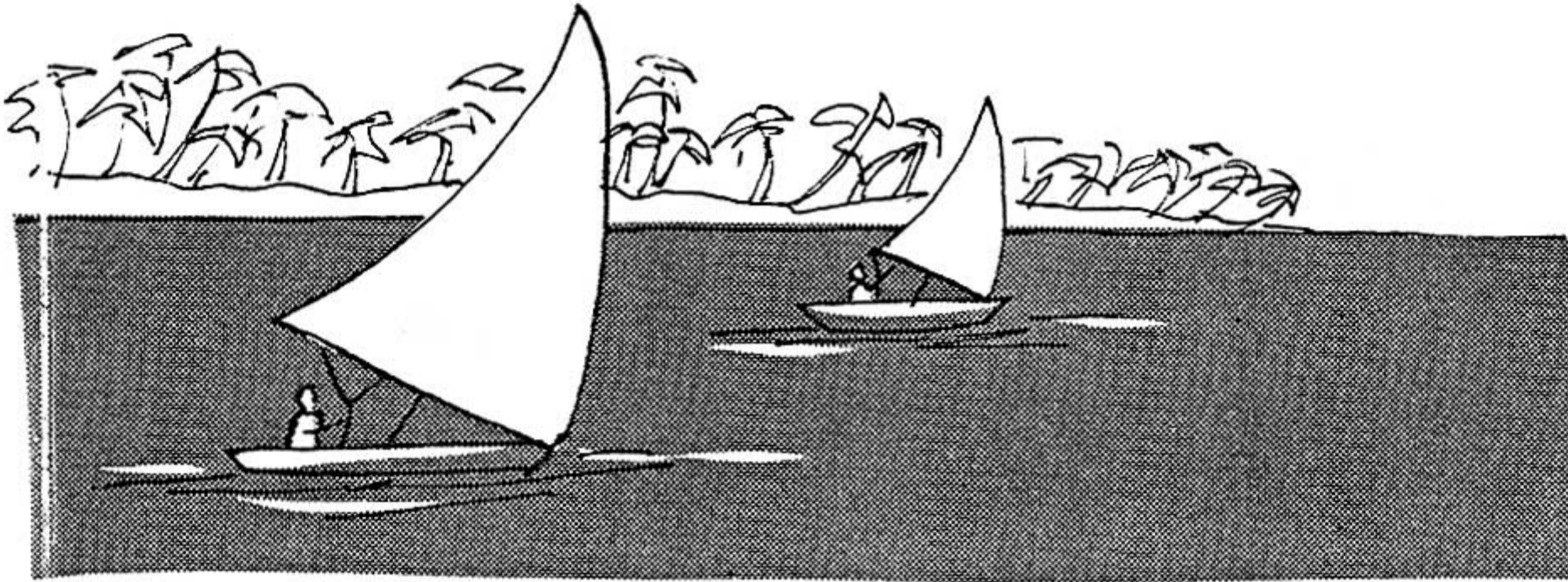
Joseph: Those are private things, like the stores too.

Bob: And the Cooperative Federation?

Joseph: The Cooperative Federation is the possession of all the co-ops like the co-ops in Kiribati, and it is head of the cooperatives which import all things from outside for all the Co-ops in Kiribati.

TAANI MM'AKURI N TE TAUTAeka

Reirei Nimabwi Ma Aua



Dialogue
for Study:

Taani Mm'akuri n te Tautaeaka

- Bob: Ko mm'akuri iaa loteba?
- loteba: I mm'akuri n te tautaeaka.
- Bob: A m'aiti aomata aika a mm'akuri n te tautaeaka?
- loteba: E eng, bukina b'a e katei b'aa ni kabane n aron te reirei, te oonaoraki, b'aa n taetae, te m'am'ananga ao tabeua riki.
- Bob: Ao taiani b'ati ma auti n iruwa?
- loteba: Akanne bon aia b'ai aomata n aron naba taian titooa.
- Bob: Ao Ikotaki ni Bobooti?
- loteba: Te ikotaki ni Bobooti bon aia b'ai ni bootaki bobooti n aron taiani Bobooti iaon Kiribati, ao boni ngaiia atun aia bootaki are e kaooi b'aa ni kabane mai tinaniku ibukiia Bobooti iaon abam'akoro ni Kiribati.

Additional
Activities:

Study the continuation of the dialogue, which tells something about taxes. Prepare a short talk on taxes in America, or in a city which you are familiar with. Be prepared to answer questions on your talk.

Translation
of Continuation
of Dialogue:

Joseph: Maybe you understand now how most of the people work for the government.

Bob: How about taxes?

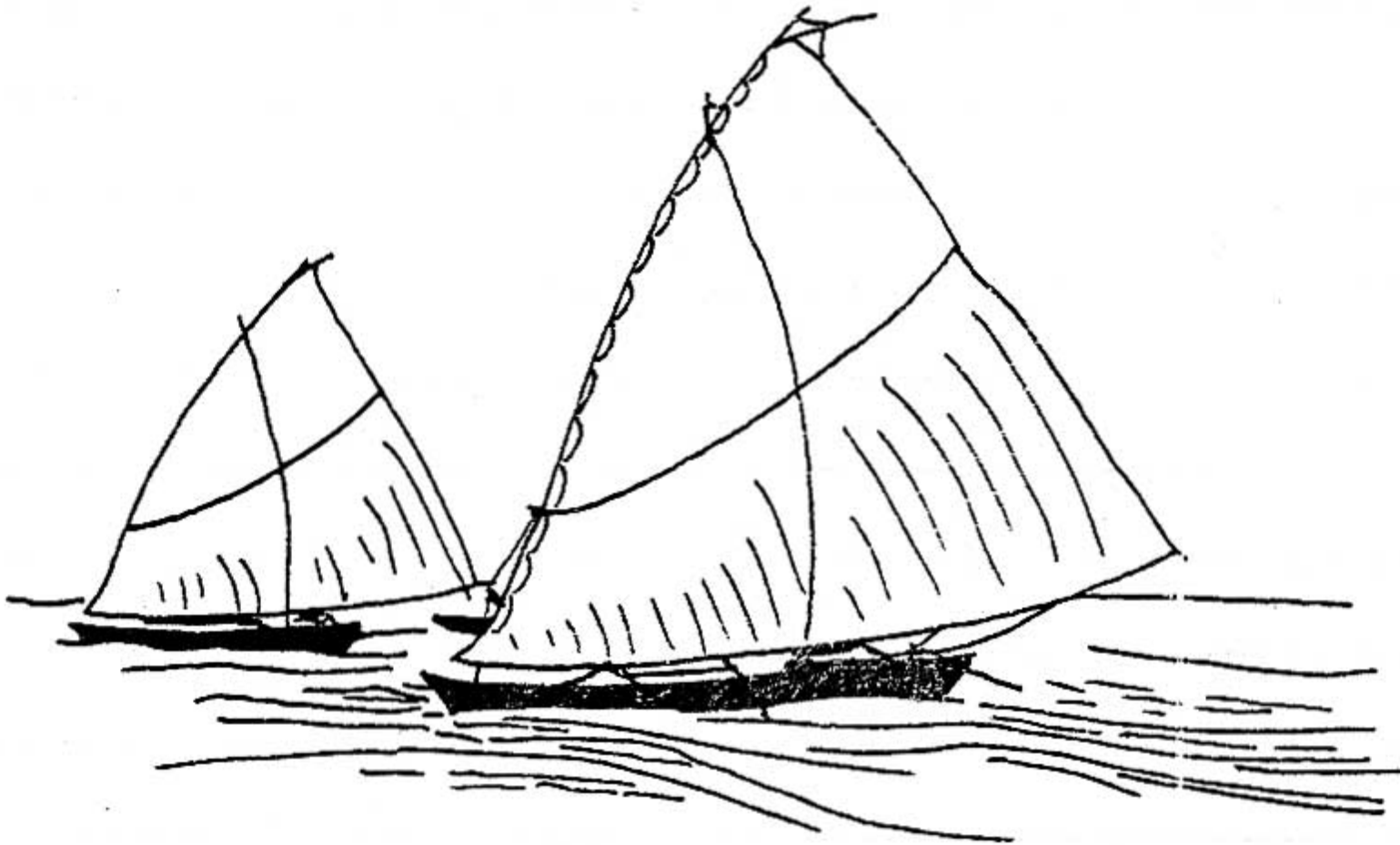
Joseph: There are many kinds of tax. There's a tax on your salary. There's income tax, and land tax.

Bob: Who builds the houses for the government workers?

Joseph: It's the government, but you still have to pay rent every month. They're cheaper though.

Outside
Activities:

Try to discover how many of the people you come into contact with work for the government. Are there many women working for the government? What kinds of jobs do they have? What is the rent like in government housing? How does that compare with what you're familiar with?



Continuation
of Dialogue
for Study:

Ioteba: Tao e a oota iroum b'a a mm'akuri angiaa aomata
ibukin te tautaeka.

Bob: Ao te angab'ai?

Ioteba: E bati te aeka n angab'ai. Iai te angab'ai ni
boom ni mm'akuri. Iai te angab'ai n rab'ata
ao te angab'ai n te aba naba.

Bob: Ao antai ae e katei aia auti aomata ake a mm'akuri
n te tautaeka?

Ioteba: Bon te tautaeka ma ko bae ni kab'akaa boona n
te nam'akaina koraki. Kaanga a beebete booiia.