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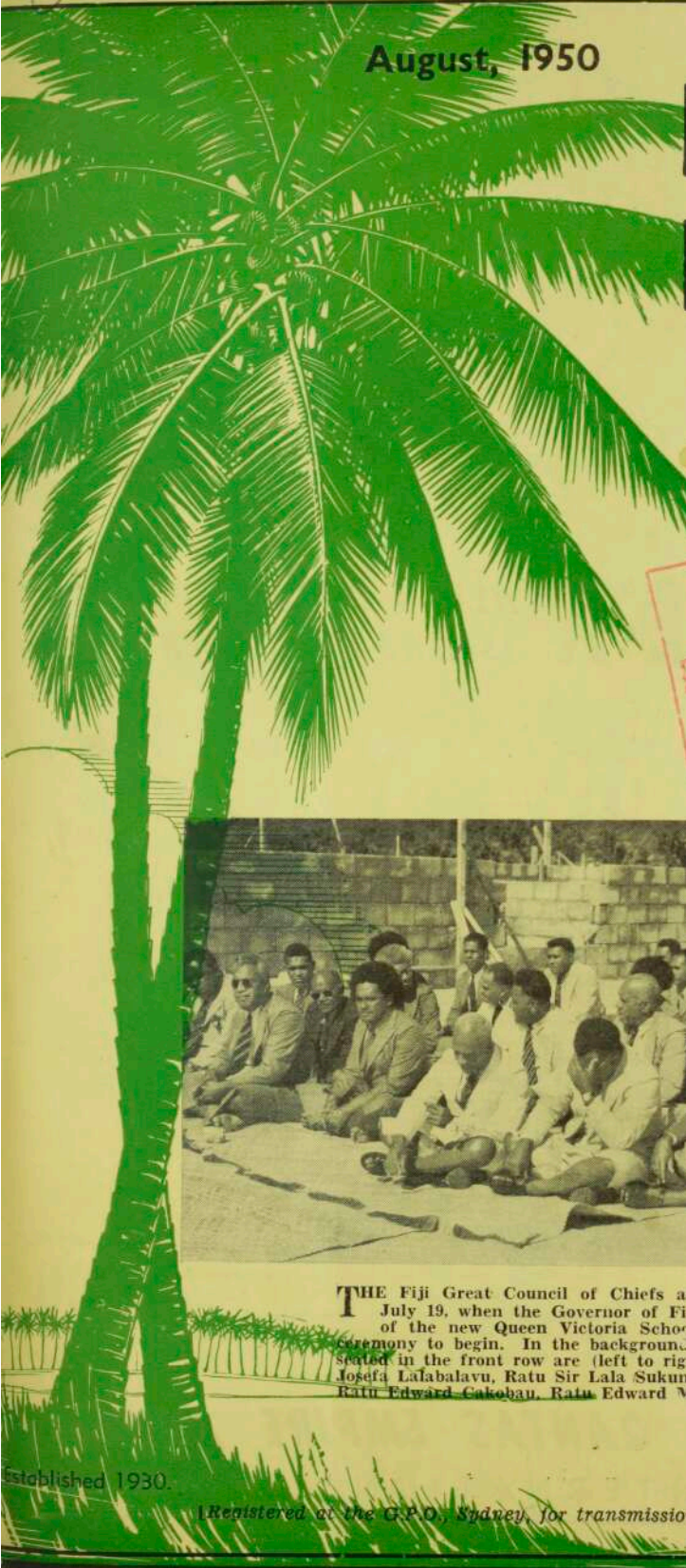
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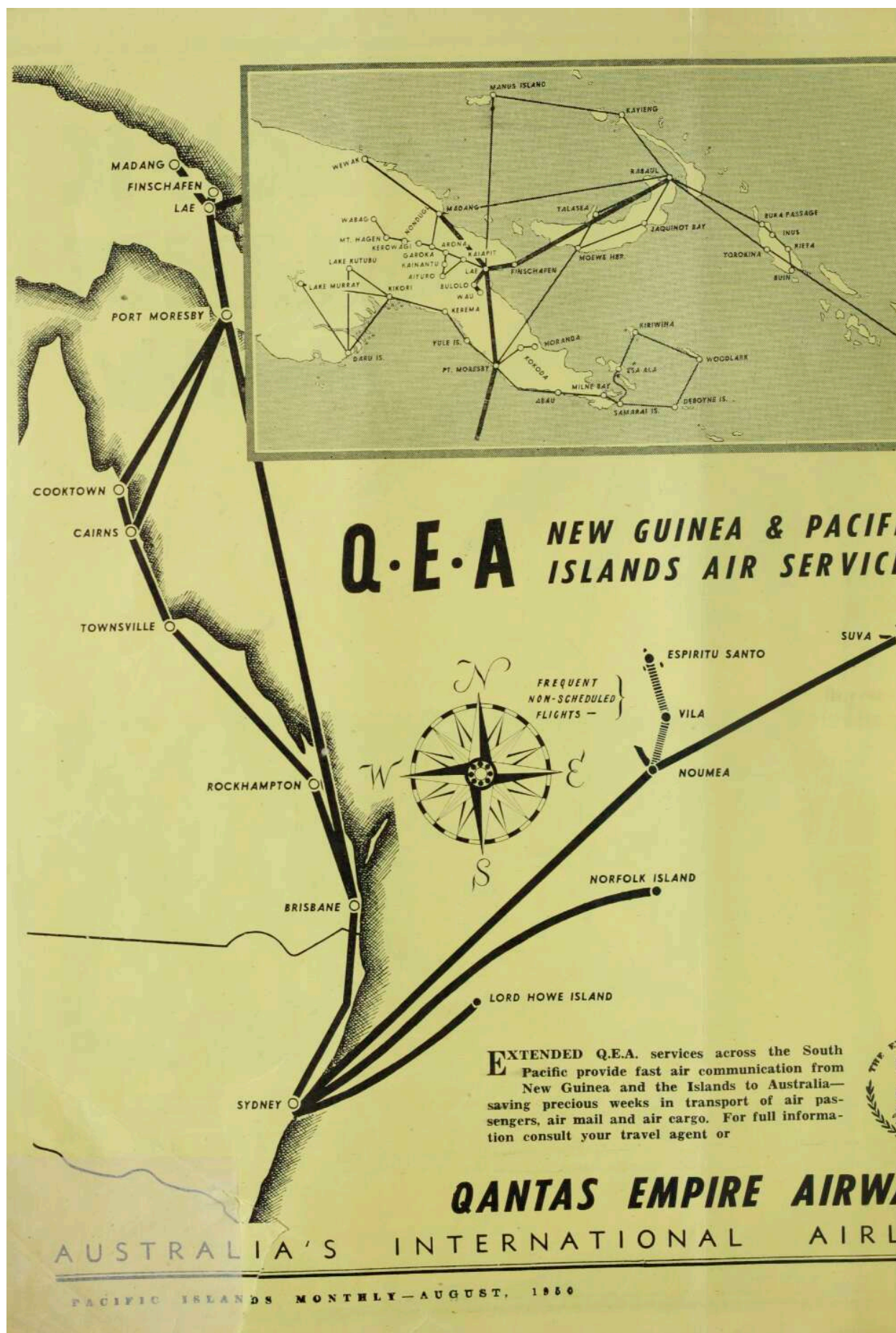


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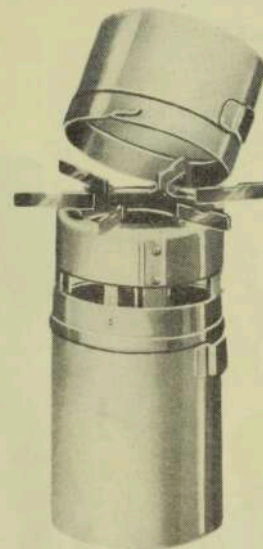
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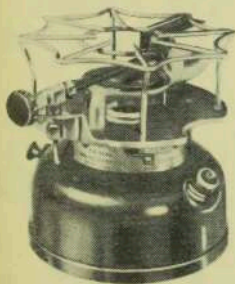


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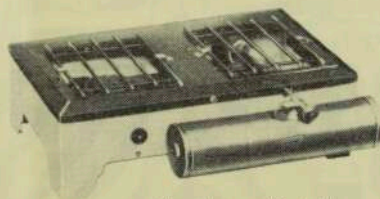
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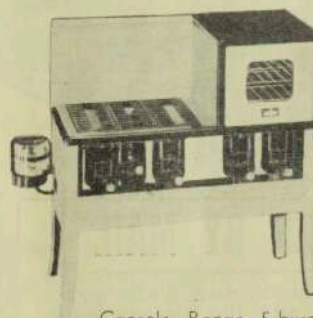
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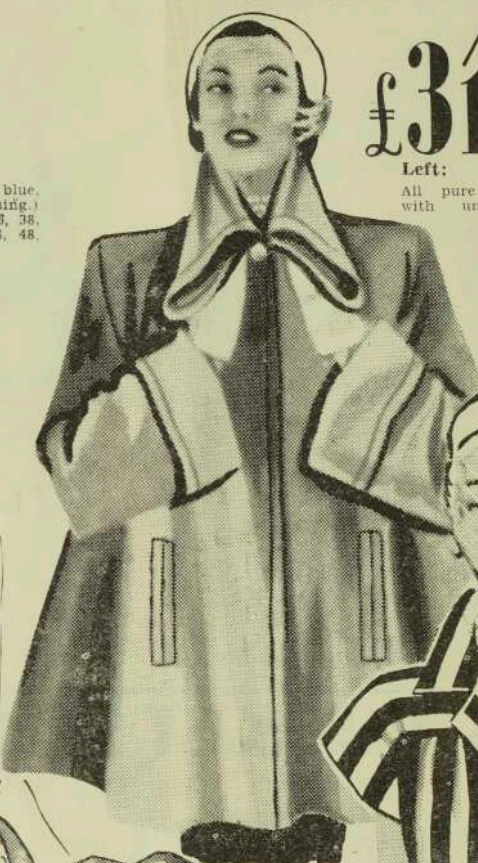
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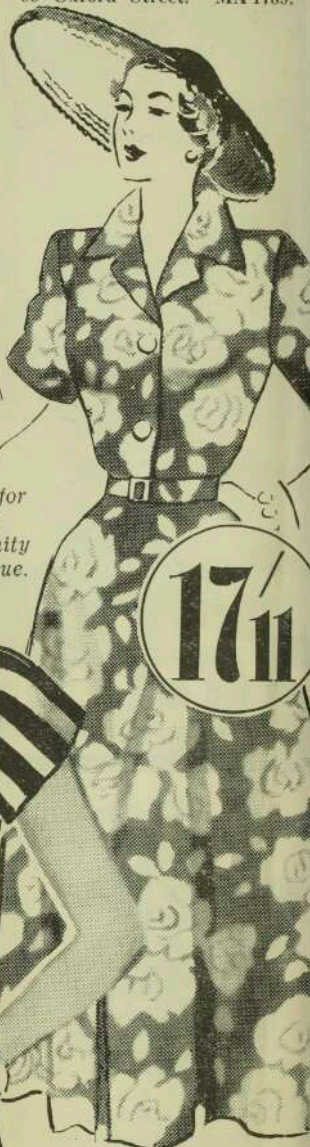


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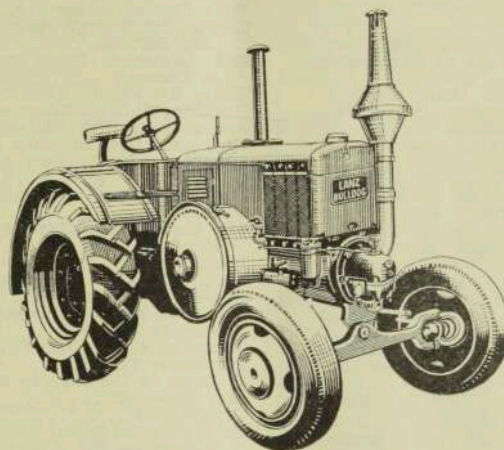
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There Are 1,720 Millions of People In Asia

THE white nations of the Pacific, and all those communities of Islanders who have accepted European standards of life, now are faced with a prospect literally terrifying. It is as certain as the sunset that, if the Muscovite conspiracy to seize world power is not broken, so that the world again may be policed, the countless, crowded millions of Asia and Indonesia will spill over into the Pacific countries, and exterminate all non-Asiatic peoples.

The actual issue in Korea does not matter twopence. What is fundamental and vital is that we have now challenged the aggressive power of Communism. If that power is not checked, the whole world will enter another Dark Age, from which it will not emerge without cruel suffering and sacrifice.

THIS thing began as an ideological struggle between Russia's peculiar brand of totalitarian Communism (which is based on the enslavement of the whole community by the State) and the loosely-knit democratic system of the Western Europeans (which is based on the belief that man's most precious privilege is his freedom to shape his own life). Between the end of World War II in 1945, and 1948, by means of the "cold war," Russia went a long way towards her goal—which is the overthrow of Western Democracy and the establishment of world-wide Communism, in its place.

Russia's global strategy changed suddenly about 1948 when China swung over to Communism; when Communist intrigues disrupted South-east Asia; and when India and Indonesian countries,

breaking away from European control, left themselves wide open to Communist penetration. The clever men of the Kremlin saw that, if they could manoeuvre the Western nations into a useless, exhausting fight with the Asiatic Reds—and especially with Communist China—they might achieve their objective of world domination without having to resort to World War III. The Western nations already are economically distracted and politically confused as the result of World War II. Obviously, if their confusion and distraction are added to by deep involvement in Asia they could fall easy victims to the Communists' internal intrigue and propaganda.

It may be expected that, sooner or later, Red China will strike at one of the non-Communist States on her frontiers—Formosa, Indo-China, Burma, Tibet—and then the United Nations will move to the defence of the threatened nation. That, presumably, will mean that we all go officially to war with Communist China; and that, again, is what Russia wants.

HOWEVER, the Westerners—even the bemused Socialists of Britain—can now see the trap that the Red planners have spread for them. They are rapidly re-arming. They surely know that the real enemy is the gang in power in the Kremlin, and that there can be no peace or security in the world until Russian power is contained, and democratic rule restored to her satellites. They will find some way, we hope, of maintaining control over the situation in Asia, while keeping both fists free for what seems to be the inevitable all-in fight with Russia.

Meanwhile, as a result of what was done by Japan prior to 1945, and by Communist Russia since, all Asia is astir, and nationally aggressive, and eager for a fight against the Europeans. It is not Communism that matters so much. All who know Asia know that the Asiatic races—Indo-Aryans, Arabs, Indonesians and Mongols—are essentially individualistic in character. For them, Communism is merely a phase.

What does matter is that so large a proportion of the human race, hitherto peaceful and comparatively harmless, is now becoming organised, armed and dangerous. Here is the world population, in round figures:—

	Millions
Europe	390
Asia	1,720
Africa	170
N. America	190
S. America	120
S. Pacific	9

Of the 1,720,000,000 people in Asia, 500 millions are in China and 370 millions in India. . . .

It does not require much imagination to see what "the awakening of Asia" means to the rest of the world—and especially to that section that lies in the Pacific south of the equator, where there are huge, fertile spaces, occupied by less than 10 millions of people. For us, more than for any other country in the world, what is happening to-day in Asia, and in international affairs, is vital.

Dr. R. Rabbett, of Belfast, has been appointed to the Medical Staff of the B.S.I.P. Government Hospital at Matankau, Guadalcanal, in place of Dr. D. E. Freeman, who resigned last year. Dr. Rabbett had been practising in Canada before taking up his present post. He arrived in Honiara towards the end of June.

E. G. THEODORE WAS HALF A MILLIONAIRE

THE estate of the late Mr. E. G. Theodore, head of the Emperor-Loloma gold companies, in Fiji, has been probated at £528,018. Australian death duties will take away £230,000 of this. The balance is mostly divided among members of his family. He made some special bequests, including £2,000 to his secretary, Miss A. M. Raine; £2,000 to Miss Cynthia Sutherland, of Suva; £300 to Mrs. Isabelle Corry, of Suva; and £300 to Miss Nellie Stuart, his housekeeper. The son of Rumanian parents, he began life in Australia as an unskilled labourer; achieved fame before he was 40 as "Red Ted," the Socialist Premier of Queensland; was Federal Treasurer and very nearly Prime Minister; and ended his life, at 65, as a great industrialist and one of the shrewdest politico-economists of his day.

AT THE NUKUALOFA CLUB, TONGA

A GROUP of well-known Central-Pacific identities "snapped" on the steps of the Nukualofa Club, Nukualofa, Tonga, in July. Left to right: Mr. Claude Israel (a director of Morris Hedstrom, Ltd., who recently retired



from the Sydney managership of M.H. Ltd.), Mr. Charles Sullivan (head of C. Sullivan Pty., Ltd., Islands merchants, of Sydney), Mr. J. B. Protheroe (manager at Nukualofa, Tonga, for Morris Hedstrom, Ltd.), Mr. Charlie Francis (Islands traveller for Gillespie Bros. Pty., Ltd.), Mr. Dougall Quensell (Nukualofa trader and storekeeper).

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LAE OPPOSES REMOVAL OF OTC

LAE, August 8. RESIDENTS are taking immediate steps to protest strongly against the decision of the Commonwealth authorities to close the Overseas Telecommunications station here and to provide, in its place, a relay system, under the control of the Administration, and operating through Port Moresby or Rabaul. They say the new plan will cause delay and inefficiency and be a retrograde step.

The general manager of OTC (Major General J. E. S. Stevens), and Coastal Services Superintendent (Mr. H. Moore) have just made an extensive tour of the Territories, and have visited the OTC radio stations at Port Moresby, Lae, Madang, Wewak, Kavieng and Rabaul.

The death occurred in Sydney on August 7 of Mr. Gordon Brodie, a brother of the well-known Mr. Malcolm Brodie, of Suva.

Editor of PIM to Visit SW Pacific Territories

A NUMBER of matters connected with the distribution of the Pacific Islands Monthly will be dealt with by Mr. R. W. Robson, publisher of the journal, during a visit to the South-west Pacific Territories in October. Mr. Robson's itinerary (subject to any alteration of Qantas timetables) is as follows:—

PORT MORESBY.—Wednesday, October 4—Saturday, October 7.

LAE.—Saturday, October 7—Tuesday, October 10, with visits to Wau, Bulolo and the Highlands.

RABAU.—Wednesday, October 11 (by plane from Lae to Rabaul, calling en route, at Madang and Wewak) until Monday, October 16.

HONIARA.—Monday, October 16—Friday, October 20.

NEW HEBRIDES and NEW CALEDONIA.—Brief visit, according to availability of transport, between October 20 and 27.

SHARP RISE IN OIL SEARCH SHARES

THERE was a sudden rush on the shares of Oil Search Ltd., on the Australian Stock Exchange at the end of July. Oil Search has about an 18 per cent. interest in the Australian Petroleum Co., which is conducting oil-boring operations in Papua.

AP is largely owned by Vacuum and Iranian Oil interests; and as the latter have already spent a huge sum in the search for oil in Papua, it is assumed that they will not abandon the effort while the slightest hope remains. For that reason shrewd investors think that Oil Search shares should be at least worth par (5/-) but in recent months they have drifted down to about 3/-—probably the result of constant disappointments reported from the bores in Papua.

The report got around in July that heavy orders for the purchase of Oil Search shares at 3/- or 4/- had been received from the men on the boring operations in Papua, and a buying boom ensued. The price jumped to par—and someone somewhere apparently made quite a pretty cleanup. Meanwhile, boring operations proceed steadily in Papua and there has been no sensational development.

Directors of Papuan Apinai Petroleum Co., Ltd., are seeking renewal of their permit, which expires on September 30. The permit covers a small area west of Port Moresby—really an island in the large area over which the Australian Petroleum Co. has boring rights. Apinai directors say they want another £600,000 to continue their boring programme; but in view of threatened wartime difficulties, their immediate plan is to spend about £8,500 (all their remaining funds) in keeping their leases in good order.

Mr. L. Costin, general sales manager of International Correspondence Schools (Asia) Pty., Ltd., arrived in Suva from Sydney by air on August 15 and is staying at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva, for four weeks. The purpose of his visit is to service existing ICS students and to enroll others; and also to confer with Fiji Government officials concerning the introduction of new forms of education by correspondence, under which selected students will be sponsored by the Government for enrolment in modern technical education courses.

RESENTED BY FRENCH OFFICIALS

Sydney Newspaper's Comments

STATEMENTS made in articles by the Sydney Morning Herald's special correspondent at the South Pacific Conference in April-May apparently gave offence to the representatives of France. In particular, the French resented the following statements:—

- That it was only for reasons of prestige that France was represented in the South Pacific Commission and offered facilities for establishing Headquarters in Noumea.

- That France had caused embarrassment by insisting upon the use of the French language in connection with Commission and Conference affairs.

- That the French Colonial system does not find favour with many natives, and that France "exploited" her Colonies.

The Senior Commissioner of France on the South Pacific Commission, Lassalle-Sere—who also represents French establishments in Oceania in the Senate of France—submitted to the Herald, in June, a very carefully prepared compilation, in which each of these major charges, and a number of minor accusations, were answered—and answered logically and effectively. The Herald could not publish any of this material—although it had given the widest possible publicity to the original articles.

Probably, the chief reason for the Herald's discourteous treatment of one of the principal officials of France in the Pacific area is that M. Lassalle-Sere's statement ran to about 2,500 words; and modern journalism refuses to give much space to anything, except sensational fiction or comic strips. It would not have been difficult to summarise Lassalle-Sere's points in a few hundred words—indeed, ordinary journalistic fairness seemed to demand this, at least—but the Herald chose to wholly ignore the Senator's reply.

IN his statement, M. Lassalle-Sere insisted that France is most loyal to the whole idea of the South Pacific Commission, to which she originally subscribed; that it was not for reasons of prestige that France sought the establishment of SPC headquarters in Noumea, but in order to encourage residents of the French Colonies to become interested and to support the ideals of the Commission; that the French have gone through much trouble and undertaken considerable expense in suitably housing the Commission and its staff in Noumea; and that, on the subject of language, the original Convention accepted French as an official language of the Commission on a level with English—and yet only a minute section of the Commission's documents have been translated into French.

M. Lassalle-Sere says: "The article which shocked me most is the one where your reporter claims that the French Colonial system does not find favour with many natives." The Senator quotes many facts and figures to show that the indigenous people of the French Territories are on the happiest possible terms with the French administrations, and that they enjoy a degree of ever-increasing political liberty, and freedom from exploitation which will compare favourably with conditions in any similar Territory in the world.

M. Lassalle-Sere made all these points effectively, and with commendable moderation of language.

TAX TO BE CHALLENGED

Territorians Resent an Australian Impost

STEPS are being taken to challenge, on the highest level, the decision of the Australian Commissioner of Taxation that Territorians must pay Income Tax on War Damage Compensation interest.

In very many cases, some time elapsed between the allocation of compensation and actual receipt of the money by the owner. The WD Commission paid interest on the sum during that period. Because the Fund was held in Australia, and interest was paid there, the Tax Commissioner demands a share of it.

Territorians point out that compensation took the place of their properties (which normally earned them a non-taxable income in Papua-New Guinea); that in most cases the compensation was reinvested in the Territories as soon as it was available; and that, pending reinvestment, they were entitled to regard its earnings (interest) as non-taxable income.

Some resentful Territorians appealed to Mr. Spender (Minister for Territories) and he in turn appealed to the Australian Treasurer (Mr. Fadden). Mr. Fadden has replied that, although he took the matter up with the Taxation Commissioner, the latter still insists that the payments are taxable; and he (Mr. Fadden) has now no power to intervene. He suggests that persons concerned should appeal direct to a Taxation Appeals Board.

It is considered that the case calls for the strongest possible action—probably an appeal both to the Australian Cabinet, and the Australian Courts. Persons who are prepared to join in such a protest are invited to get in touch with any one of the following, with a view to arranging a general meeting to appoint a committee to raise funds and take action without delay—

Mr. R. A. Laws, Robert Gillespie Pty., Ltd., 54a Pitt Street, Sydney (BW 4782).

Mr. Norman Nelson, Nelson & Robertson Ltd., 12 Spring Street, Sydney (BU 5461).

Mr. R. W. Robson, Pacific Publications Pty., Ltd., 247 George Street, Sydney (BW 5037).

MISSING VESSEL FOUND SAFE

TAHITI, August 4.

THE Tahitian Government-owned yacht, Nuhiwa, (yawl-rigged, of 15 tons, and formerly the American yacht, Mana Naha) has been found anchored in the lagoon of Bellinghausen Island (between Tahiti and the Northern Cooks). She left Papeete on May 10, for the Marquesas Islands, where she was to carry on a service, and has since been posted missing.

She is being towed from Bellinghausen to Uturoa, in Raiatea. All on board are well.

SCHOONER WRECKED

MESSRS. MERVIN BROTHERS were advised on July 19 that their 200-ton trading schooner, Benicia, had been wrecked in a gale on the reef north-east of the island of Rangiroa. No lives were lost.

Joeli Ravai, of Fiji, who has gone to the United Kingdom as a guest of the British Council, has reached London. He was met on arrival by Ratu Mara, who is at Oxford University, and by Mr. G. K. Roth, who is on leave in the United Kingdom.

Late News:

Under-Sec. and Planters In Profitable Meeting

RABAUL, Aug. 10.

BY singular good fortune, the visit of Mr. John Howse (Under-Secretary for Territories) coincided with the second annual meeting of the Planters' Association; and the Planters' president (Mr. Don Barrett) arranged a number of important and helpful talks.

Mr. Howse said that committees, on which planters would be represented, were being set up to deal with the price of copra and the Stabilisation Fund.

Mr. Barrett told the Under-Secretary that the Association, in view of the number of "controls" did not think it was practicable to abolish the PCB and immediately to hand copra sales and shipment over to private enterprise. Some body with over-all authority would have to function while the British copra contract operated.

Mr. Howse said that, although the Government wanted private enterprise to run the shipping, it recognised that the Directorate of Shipping must function until private enterprise provided something more efficient.

Mr. Howse promised to study a strong case presented by the Association against the proposed 18 months' contract for native labour. The planters urged a minimum period of two years.

The Association complained of serious pests affecting coconuts and cocoa in the Gazelle Peninsula area, and inefficiency on the part of Agriculture Department officials; and Mr. Howse undertook to examine the situation.

Mr. C. B. Bailey has been appointed a member of the Fiji Copra Board during the absence from the Colony of Mr. W. G. Johnson.

FIGHTING IN INDONESIA

Fate of Western New Guinea

THE Commission of three Dutchmen and three Indonesians, set up jointly by Holland and Indonesia to report on the future administration of Dutch New Guinea—the status of which must be decided before December 31—has submitted a report. Actually, there are two reports—one by the Dutch, insisting that Western New Guinea shall remain Dutch, and one by the Indonesians, demanding its transfer to Indonesia.

We are back precisely where we were before the Commission was set up. Western New Guinea remains under Dutch occupation; but the Indonesians continue with clamorous demands for its possession.

Meanwhile, the ambition of the power-drunk Javanese (the original "Republic") to dominate the whole of the Federation called "the Republic of the United States of Indonesia" is being resisted by some of the non-Javanese States. A bitter war is in progress in the Molucca archipelago between troops of the Javanese "Republic" and Eastern Indonesians (Macassar, etc.) who are apparently supported by the Dutch. Although these operations are in progress only a few hundred miles from New Guinea, little has been heard of them.

A coup d'etat in Western New Guinea by the Indonesians is thought to be quite likely. In that event, fighting will almost certainly start in Western New Guinea between Indonesians and Dutch—and, this time, it seems possible that Australia will go in on the side of the Dutch.

Mr. Adrian C. Mayer, Research Scholar of the Australian National University, accompanied by his wife, left Sydney in July for Fiji, where he will do a year's work. He is especially interested in the Indian problem in Fiji.

Gift to Fijian Education

THIS photograph of Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, with Sir Henry and Lady Scott, was taken on July 19 on the occasion of the foundation stone of the new Queen Victoria School being laid. The magnificent site of the new school, at Matavatu, Tailevu, 205 acres in all, was given by Sir Henry Scott. The building, which will cost £100,000, will be paid for from the Colonial Development Fund.

The school was founded in 1907, but the school buildings at Nasinu, near Suva, were taken over by US forces in 1942 and the school has been conducted in temporary premises ever since. There will be accommodation for 180 Fijian secondary schoolboys in the new building when it is completed.



ARTHUR BRANDER MURDERED Shocking Crime In Tahiti

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, July 20.
ONE of Tahiti's best known and most highly respected citizens, Mr. Arthur Brander, 87, was murdered on July 2, by Tahitian thieves.

Two young Tahitians, intent on theft, crept into his home at Hamuta, near Papeete. The old man challenged them, and was savagely attacked. He died in the Colonial Hospital, a few hours later, from knife wounds.

Prompt action by M. Pascault, chief of detectives, effected arrest of the miscreants. They were identified by a



Mr. Arthur Brander.

neighbour at whose house they had called on their way to the crime, and where they borrowed a kitchen knife. Knowing that their intended victim would be in possession of a sum of money that day, they broke into his home.

ARTHUR BRANDER, one of four brothers (John, Norman and Winnie were the other three), was born in Papeete in 1863. He was of British nationality through his father (who was born in Elgin, Scotland, in 1817) and his mother was Tetuanuireiaito Salmon, sister of Queen Marautaaora. He, therefore, was a nephew of Pomare V, last king of Tahiti.

At eight years of age, Arthur was sent in his father's sailing ship around the Horn, with two brothers, to England. He remained in Great Britain for 15 years, and was educated at St. Andrew's University, in Scotland. After that he travelled extensively in Europe, North and South America, and elsewhere. At one time he resided on Easter Island—his father owned large interests in the Easter Island sheep ranch. Later, he became secretary to Mr. Arundel, one of the pioneers of the phosphate industry on Makatea.

During the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh to Tahiti, many years ago, the Brander family entertained that distinguished Prince on so lavish a scale

that, in 1897, the Duke invited Arthur Brander to be present with him at the celebrations in London in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

In 1915, Mr. Brander visited Honolulu in the Valkyrie, and afterwards proceeded in the same vessel to Vladivostok, and journeyed thence overland to St. Petersburg, then in a state of revolution. He lived in Japan some years, and became so enamoured of that country that he resolved to spend his life there. But a longing for his native land finally took him back to Tahiti.

In Papeete, Mr. Brander established himself as a commission agent and exporter; and, in connection with that business, interests in San Francisco induced him to become an American citizen. During the last few years, although still active and enjoying good health, he gradually withdrew from affairs, and retired to the seclusion of his home in Hamuta. Here, in the environs of Papeete, visited by his many friends, he enjoyed, with his memories, the tranquillity and happiness that come to one who can survey in retrospect the eventful and pleasing vista of nearly ninety years. It was a cruel end to a happy and useful life.

Of Arthur Brander it may be said, in Chaucer's words: "In all his lyf, he was a varry parfit gentil knight."

ISRAEL AND SULLIVAN IN NEW FIJI CO.

THE firm of C. Sullivan (Pacific Islands) Ltd., general traders and agents for wholesale distributors, was registered in Fiji last month. The principals are Mr. Charles Sullivan, head of the well-known Sydney firm of C. Sullivan Limited, and Mr. Claude Israel, well-known Fiji merchant, who recently retired from the Sydney managership of Morris Hedstrom Ltd. The new company already has opened offices in the building of the Fiji Trading Co. Ltd., in Suva, with Mr. Israel as managing director.

Messrs. Sullivan and Israel are so well-known in the Australian-Pacific Islands trade that the new company should do very well. During July, both gentlemen visited Western Samoa and Tonga and renewed many old friendships.

TAXATION UNCERTAINTY IN PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

THE Pacific Islands Monthly has asked the Australian Department of Taxation if it will, for the guidance of persons resident or interested in Papua and New Guinea, give a ruling in respect of the following points:—

(1) A resident of Papua-New Guinea understood to be free from liability to pay Australian income tax. What is the definition of a "resident of Papua-New Guinea?" How much time may a person customarily residing in Papua-New Guinea, spend in Australia before losing his status as a resident of the Territories?

(2) From the Taxation Commissioner's viewpoint, is there any difference in the status of a resident of Papua (old Australian Territory) and New Guinea (Trust Territory)?

(3) Is a person permanently Australia liable to pay taxation on an income derived wholly from a property business owned by him in New Guinea or Papua?

(4) If a permanent resident of Papua or New Guinea sells his produce direct in Australia, is the part of his income thus derived from Australia liable to Australian income tax?

A good deal of uncertainty exists regarding Australian taxation generally, especially regarding questions (3) and (4).

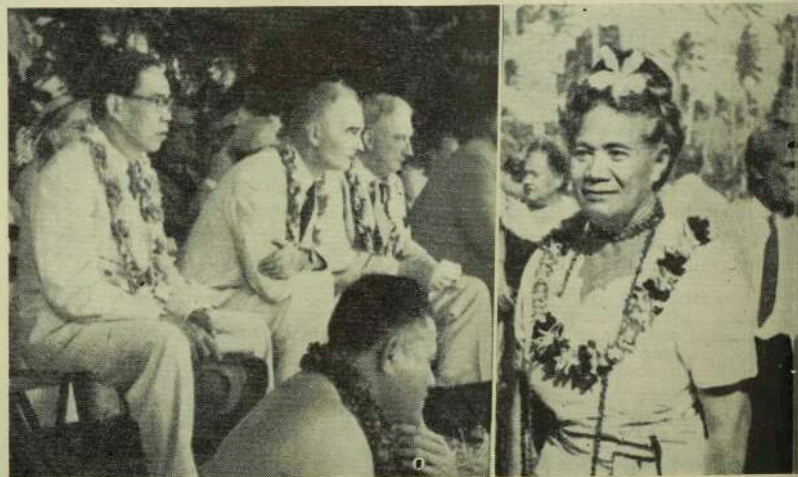
BULOLO DREDGING RETURNS

PRODUCTION of Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., in the 12 months ended March 31 last, compared with the previous year, was as follows:—

	1950	1949
Yardage Dredged	13,614,940	10,865,000
Oz., Fine Gold ..	71,395	73,700
At \$35 US per oz.	\$2,498,825	\$2,582,600
Value per yard ..	18.35c	23.7c

The first phase of the salvage of M. 5 dredge, that of laying the dredge on its side, was successful. Examination, so far, indicates that structural damage was not as extensive as expected.

UN TRUSTEESHIP MISSION IN SAMOA



The United Nations Trusteeship Council party visited Western Samoa in July. At left: Mr. V. J. Carpio, of the Philippines, the NZ High Commissioner, Mr. G. R. Powles, and Sir Alan Burns, of the UK, are shown at a function at Mulinu'u. At right: Mrs. Fa'amua Mataafa, mother of the present High Chief Mataafa, at a reception to the UN party.

VIRULENT POLIO IN EAST PAPUA

American Journalist Dies in Peculiar Circumstances

THE outbreak of severe Poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis), in Eastern Papua late in July, and the development of circumstances not yet explained, caused the death on Sunday, August 6, of Mr. Clifford Kruse, a young American journalist who was on a visit to the Trobriand Islands.

Mr. Kruse was about 30 years old. He had held the rank of captain in the air arm of the United States Marines during the war in the Pacific, and he was personal pilot to a high-ranking officer. He had flown extensively over most of the battlefields, from the Solomons to Japan. After the war, he adopted journalism and, as a casual writer, he wandered extensively in French Oceania, especially the Marquesas. He wrote a number of articles for the PIM—some are not yet published.

Mr. Kruse arrived in Sydney early in 1950, and visited many out-of-the-way parts of Australia. Then he decided, while en route to Indonesia, to have a look at the archipelagoes eastward of Papua.

On August 3 the PIM received the following radiogram from him, dated Losuia (Trobriands) on the 2nd:—

"I urgently need help. I am being detained here against my wishes because there is a polio quarantine in the Trobriand Islands.

"I departed from Samarai for Kitava (one of the Trobriand Islands) in a Government trawler before this quarantine was effected. En route, we anchored off the shore of Kiriwina (another of the Trobriand Islands). I was ordered to disembark by a . . . medical official. I was refused permission to remain aboard and return to Samarai by reason of the quarantine.

"I am being treated like a criminal. I am in perfect health and I am isolating myself from exposure to polio. Hotel accommodation and eating facilities are not available to transients here. I am subject to possible detention here for six months unless officially released.

"I am anticipating that I shall be recalled to active duty with the Marine Corps in Korea.

"Please contact the United States Consul, the Australian Minister, the New Guinea Administrator, the New Guinea Director of Health, and anyone else who can help, and urgently request permission for me to return to Sydney by first available Catalina or ship.—CLIFFORD KRUSE, LOSUIA."

The PIM immediately placed a copy of this message in the hands of the Minister for Australian Territories, Mr. Spender; and on August 4 we radio'd to Mr. Kruse that the Minister had taken the matter up with the Administrator, and with Mr. Halligan, secretary of the Department.

Next day, on August 5, Mr. Halligan was advised that Mr. Kruse was seriously ill. On Sunday, August 6, he was informed that Mr. Kruse died at Losuia at 1.40 a.m. on that day (Sunday).

The news caused consternation among Administration officials, who had already been making arrangements to take Mr. Kruse off the island. A medical man was sent immediately in a seaplane to try and ascertain exactly the cause of death. It is understood that an inquiry is being made into the circumstances under which Mr. Kruse was detained in Losuia.

22 CASES AND 4 NATIVE DEATHS REPORTED

THE flare-up of Poliomyelitis in the Trobriand Islands and in Misima was sudden and alarming. The Administrator reported early in August that there had been 22 cases reported among the natives (16 at Losuia), four of whom had

died. Three of the deaths were on Misima.

In a Gazette issued on July 31 both areas were proclaimed infected areas, and became subject to strict quarantine.

The Administrator said that the epidemic was being investigated by Dr. Smythe, and the Assistant Director of Health (Dr. May) was then in the area with the medical vessel, Hekeha, which was equipped with an artificial lung; and extra medical supplies were sent to Losuia by Catalina on July 30.

It was hoped, early in August, that the original explosive epidemic had burned out, for no new cases had been reported. All the usual precautions were being taken.

EASTER ISLAND AIR ROUTE

P. G. Taylor on a Survey Flight

IN another enterprise, calculated to establish another Trans-Pacific air-route, Captain P. J. Taylor will leave Sydney next month, for Fiji, Samoa, Cook Islands and Tahiti. He hopes to show that there is a practicable air-route across the South Pacific between Australia and Chile, South America.

The Australian Government will provide Captain Taylor with an RAAF Catalina, which he already has tested. His crew of six men has not yet been chosen. Captain Taylor plans to make use of Easter Island, between French Oceania and Chile, as a stopping place, but the rest of the route is subject to survey. There are no islands between Easter and the South American coast, a distance of 3,000 miles.

In 1945, in a flying-boat, Captain Taylor surveyed the Trans-Pacific route, Central America-Clipperton-Galapagos French Oceania, and thence westwards via Fiji. This time, he is seeking a more southerly track between the Americas and French Oceania.

Later, Captain Taylor surveyed the Trans-Indian Ocean route, via Cocos Island and Madagascar, between Australia and Africa, which would be used by Australia for communication with Europe, if Southwest Asia were closed against her.

"Bill" Taylor is held in high regard in Sydney, where he was a distinguished associate of Kingsford Smith. He is a director of Trans-Oceanic Airways.

40 MIGRANT DOCTORS AT WORK IN NEW GUINEA

THE administrator of Papua-New Guinea, Colonel J. K. Murray, who made a quick visit to Australia early in August, told a reporter that almost 40 of the Territory's 50 doctors were post-war refugees from Europe. Many had been famous surgeons and specialists in their own countries. The doctors had been selected from 120 who had applied for the positions.

They were settling down very well, and learned English rapidly.

Mr. Bruce Jones, of Honiara, BSI, was in Inverell, NSW, on leave in August.

Mr. Gatty Retires From Tuna Fishery

From Our Own Correspondent

MR. HAROLD GATTY has retired from the posts of chairman and managing-director of South Seas Marine Products, Ltd., and president of the associated company, Island Packers, Inc.

No announcement about the future of the large-scale fishery organisation, which Mr. Gatty has built up in Fiji since 1945, has been made, and when Mr. Gatty was presented with a farewell address by the employees it contained the statement that the testimonial was presented "with the knowledge that the future of every one of us is in the balance at this time."

Glit-printed on tapa, the address paid a tribute to Mr. Gatty's gift for organisation and his capacity for inspiring loyalty among his employees of various races, in Fiji. He would be remembered, it said, as a man who had successfully done his utmost to raise the wage-levels of Fijian and other workers in the Colony and who had established new standards of employer-employee relationships.

The address was presented with a gold-inscribed tortoiseshell cigarette case.

When acknowledging the presentation, Mr. Gatty indicated that he intended to make his home in Fiji permanently.

FIJI GOVERNOR ILL

THE Governor of Fiji, Sir Brian Freeston, was admitted to hospital, Suva, at the end of July, suffering from a mild form of diphtheria. He is responding well to treatment and will probably resume the administration of Fiji and the Western Pacific High Commission shortly.

The Colonial Secretary (Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart) was sworn in as Officer Administering the Government of Fiji.

Mr. P. H. Nightingale acted as Colonial Secretary in addition to acting as Financial Secretary.

QEA Survey Flights in Fiji

THE Qantas Empire Airways Catalina, which is to make survey flights in Fiji preparatory to the Company operating internal air services for a six months experimental period, arrived at Suva on July 24, and began the survey two days later.

The places included in the itinerary are Levuka, Kadavu, Nadi, Lautoka, Savu-savu, Labasa, Dreketi, Buca Bay, Taveuni, Lomaloma and Lakeba. Later it visited Tonga, Cook Is. and Tahiti.

Captain W. H. Crowther directed the survey, and Captain H. Birch commanded the aircraft.

Mr. Charles McPhee, of Western Samoa, who is steadily acquiring fame as a Pacific Islands painter, reports that Miss Johnny Frisbie, of Rarotonga, daughter of the late Robert Dean Frisbie, has now gone to reside in Honolulu. The American author, Mr. James Norman Hall, is helping Miss Frisbie in her ambition to follow her father's footsteps and develop as an author. Mr. McPhee, by the way, has succeeded lately in selling a number of his Samoan paintings at satisfactory prices. The New Zealand High Commissioner in Samoa (Mr. G. R. Powles) has taken a keen interest in Mr. McPhee's work.

THE MONTH IN MORESBY

From Our Own Correspondent

REVISED customs tariffs aimed at lowering living costs have come into force in Papua and New Guinea. Clothing and all foodstuffs are now duty free, and duty has been lifted from other items such as bedding, carpets and floor coverings.

In Papua the effect is that clothing prices will drop by about 11 per cent.; there will be a similar drop in prices of tinned fish, tinned milk and cream, pickles, dripping, etc., and butter, tea, coffee and cocoa will cost 2d. a lb. less. Toilet soap will be 10 per cent. cheaper. The only clothing now dutiable is silk goods on which the duty has risen from 10 to 15 per cent.

In compensation, increased duty on beer will raise the price by 3d. a bottle and spirits will cost 2/- a bottle more. Duty on cigarettes has jumped 100 per cent.—from 10/6 a lb. to 21/-—representing a price increase of 1/4 on a tin of 50. A 2 oz. tin of tobacco will now cost 10d. more. Duty on jewellery has risen 15 per cent. and machinery, formerly duty free, now carries a 10 per cent. duty—the least satisfactory tariff change as far as local firms are concerned.

Full effect of the new tariffs has not yet been felt as the tariffs have so far applied to only one shipment from Australia.

DESIGNING of a new residential area between the Four and Five Mile at Port Moresby is now under way. The area is on the right hand side of the road when travelling towards Rouna.

As well as residential sites, the plan provides for 10 or 12 shops, a school and a recreation ground. A contour survey of the area has been made but the blocks have yet to be sub-divided. The shortage of surveyors is delaying this work. Another project which the Administration is working on is the demolition of a number of native shacks at Koki. During his visit here Mr. Spender described the shacks as a blot on the landscape and ordered them to be removed. Shacks to be demolished are those that were built on Crown land. Buildings on native-owned land will not be touched. Natives whose homes are pulled down will be accommodated in houses built by the Administration on the salt pans near the golf course. The houses will be similar to those being erected at Hanuabada but, unlike the Hanuabadans, the Koki people will probably have to pay rent for their new homes.

It is estimated that 100 Koki natives will be affected. Twenty-five new houses will be built for them in the first stage of the project. Mr. Spender wants the project completed within a year.

MORESBY'S fire-fighting equipment must be modernised at an early date if the authorities wish to avert catastrophe, said the Coroner (Mr. B. W. Faithorn), in his report on the Kila Police Depot fire. Mr. Faithorn said there was an ever-increasing danger of a large-scale fire in Port Moresby. The fire brigade was doing a splendid job

but was hampered by the lack of modern equipment.

The Coroner found that the fire which destroyed a fuel storage shed at Kila on June 17 was caused by kerosene fumes coming into contact with a lighted hurricane lamp. Two native policemen were pouring kerosene into the lamp at the time. Mr. Faithorn said the fire revealed "a lamentable disregard of the elementary precautions to be taken for the safeguarding of life and property." The fuel store containing highly inflammable products, had been placed in the midst of a crowd of administration buildings. Open fuel drums were in the same shed as unopened supplies.

Portable stirrup pumps to fight fire had proved defective, suggesting that they had not been tested for a long time. "This neglect," said the Coroner, "the O.P. Kila Depot must accept a degree of blame."

Mr. Faithorn said that the fire brigade was equipped with one bush fire-fighting outfit, a water tank with a capacity of only 200 gallons, and hoses fitted with water sprays which were "entirely ineffective" when dealing with oil and petrol fires. The Coroner said that if possible the fire engine should be fitted with foam-making pipes so that either water or foam can be sprayed.

ROBERT CANN, of DCA, had behaved abnormally on the night before he disappeared, witnesses said at the inquest into Cann's death. (Cann's body was found floating in Port Moresby Harbour near Ibubada on June 23. He had been missing since the morning of June 19.) Assistant Sub-Inspectors Harbeck and Dutton told the Coroner (Mr. B. W. Faithorn) that the fire brigade was doing a splendid job

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South Pacific Conference Delegates



This group photograph, taken in an interval during the first South Pacific Conference, held in Suva at the end of April last, shows most of the delegates who attended. Names of delegates in the group are:—

Front row (left to right): Markus Kasiepo (Dutch New Guinea); Ratu Edward Cakobau (Fiji); Albert Henry (Cook Islands); Prince Tuipulehake (Tonga); Makea Nui Teremoana Ariki (Cook Islands); High Chief Malietoa (Western Samoa); Prince Tungi (Tonga); High Chief Tamasese (Western Samoa); High Chief Tufele (American Samoa); Joelle Ravai (Fiji); Waiau Ahnon (New Guinea); Hon. M. S. Buksh (Fiji); M. Lucien Vayssiere (French Oceania); M. Paul Berniere (French Oceania).

Middle row (left to right): Penitala Teo (Ellice Islands); Jacob Dagabwinaesi (Nauru); Raymond Gadabu (Nauru); Hon Vishnu Deo (Fiji); High Chief Tuitele (American Samoa); Faipule Anapu (Western Samoa); Hon. Tualalelei (Western Samoa); Willie Gavera (Papua); Robert Rex (Cook Islands); J. Lameko, BEM; Miria Gavera (Papua); Kamona Walo (New Guinea); Bondai Pita (Papua); Mr. I. G. Turbott (Gilbert Islands).

Back row (left to right): Gira (Solomon Islands); Belade (Solomon Islands); Petero (New Hebrides); John Kalsaka (New Hebrides); Aisa Gu'u (Papua); Rafael Bouanani (New Caledonia); Hill Talking Chief Tuilasopopo (American Samoa); George Kassi (New Guinea); Iosili Salin (New Guinea); M. Maou Djij (New Caledonia); Rongamatane Ari (Cook Islands); Ainoa Kalapu (Western Samoa).

SALARIES FIXED

Public Service Classification in Papua-New Guinea

THE long-awaited classification of the Public Service of Papua and New Guinea was published in the official Gazette in Port Moresby on July 14.

It covers 11 Departments, a number of which have branches. The Treasury, for example, has three branches—Stores and Transport, Printing, and Posts and Telecommunications. The Government Secretary has five branches—Central Administration, Administrator's Personal Staff, Public Service, Native Labour and Police and Prisons.

All amounts given hereunder are in Australian currency.

More than 350 positions have been classified. Salaries for heads of Departments range between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum, while heads of branches get from around £650 to £1,000. Specialists and professional men range between £600 and £1,000; clerks from about £350 to £600. District Officers range from £650 to £1,000; ADO's between £600 and £650; patrol officers from £300 to £600; medical assistants from £330 to £625.

In addition, all persons in this public service receive a Cost-of-Living allowance ranging from £68 p.a. for unmarried minors to £136 for married persons; and they also receive a Territorial allowance ranging from £150 p.a. for unmarried officers to £175 for married male officers. In other words, a sum of about £300 per annum is added to all salaries fixed for the classified positions. Were it not for that, the salaries could be described as niggardly. With the two allowances added, they are regarded as generally acceptable.

On Australian mainland standards, the total incomes may seem high; but it has to be remembered that the cost of living in the Territories is very high, and is increasing even more rapidly than on the mainland.

Working Hours May be Increased

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY Aug. 5.

THE working hours of Administration officers may be increased from the standard 34 a week to 36½. It is understood that the Public Service Commissioner (Mr. E. A. Head) has recommended this to the External Territories Department.

The increased hours may be embodied in the new Public Service regulations, now awaiting the Minister's final approval. The classification and accompanying regulations are aimed at bringing conditions in the Territory Public Service into line with the Commonwealth Public Service. In many ways this policy will benefit local public servants but a longer working week is one of the disadvantages which may result from the policy.

Those who support the increase point out that Commonwealth Departments in the Territory already work 36½ hours over a five-days week.

The Public Service Association, however, while in favour of a five-days week, strongly objects to longer hours. It says that Administration hours cannot be compared with those of Commonwealth Departments in Australia. Commonwealth employees usually came to the Territory for only two years, whereas Administration officers usually came for a lifetime of service. Administration officers, therefore, had to endure the strain of tropical conditions much longer; and, for medical reasons, it would be unwise for them to work more hours than at present.

The Public Service Association says it

NATIVE LABOUR IN NEW GUINEA

New Ordinance Drafted

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Aug. 5

MAIN details of a new Native Labour Ordinance have been worked out at a conference here between Administration officers and employers' representatives. The new Ordinance will embody the Minister's recent decisions on native labour, which included:—

Native Employees' Agreements to be introduced, abolishing the penal provisions in the present contracts and leaving only civil remedies;

The minimum fixed period of employment to be 18 months, with provision for a six-months extension;

Present employment conditions to apply until December 31, 1950; but contracts unfinished then to continue for the rest of the contract period.

Following the conference in Moresby, a draft Ordinance is being prepared and will be circulated among the bigger employers of native labour, with a view to getting their comments. Those who attended the conference were Mr. E. V. Crisp (Planters' Association of Papua), Mr. J. H. Allen (New Guinea Planters' Association), Mr. G. Bliss (Madang Planters' Association), Mr. J. Leslie (Bulolo Gold Dredging), Mr. A. Baldwin (Australian Petroleum Company), and Administration representatives.

SYDNEY FLOUR MAN SURVEYS HIS KINGDOM

THE two Australian exports best known throughout the Islands of the South Pacific are flour and beer.



The men who represent the Australian manufacturers of both lines become, in time, almost better known than the Territories' oldest inhabitants. Among them may be recalled the late Mr. J. A. G. D'Alpuget, Mr. E. P. Cohen, the late Mr. Vincent Smith, and Mr. "Billy" Candler, retired, but far from forgotten. Latest to join the ranks of the flour travellers is Mr. Colin ("Chips") Mansell, who has become the Islands representative of Mungo Scott Pty., Ltd., well-known Sydney millers. He has been among the flour-buyers of Fiji (this photograph was taken in July in Raki Raki, where there is neither store nor bakery, but some very attractive native life and scenery!), Samoa and Tonga; and he is now making plans to conquer Papua, New Guinea, Solomons and French Oceania.

will take no action on the new classification until it has been put into effect and the new regulations have been received.

A spokesman for the Association said yesterday that there appeared to be a number of anomalies in the classification but it was necessary to examine the regulations before the position became clear.

A quarterly news bulletin is now being issued by the Public Service Association to keep members fully informed on Public Service matters.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY

DID NOT FORGET

£7,000 Surprise for Borneo Natives

IN mid-July Major H. W. S. Jackson of the Australian Ordnance Corps left for Borneo with £7,000 which he will distribute to 100 natives of Borneo and Sandakan.

The natives will receive the money in accordance with the risk they took in helping and feeding Australian soldiers who fought in Borneo and who escaped from the Sandakan-Ranau death march.

Three years ago, Major Jackson made a survey in Borneo and Sandakan and on that trip gave about 185 natives an interim payment of £5. He said that it was clear then, however, that about 100 of these natives deserved a great deal more than £5 for what they had done and the risks they had taken.

The Australian government has spent months assessing what the risk that these men took was worth. By some means best known to themselves, they have arrived at the sum of £700 each, which will be riches to these natives.

Pacific Islanders in Water-colour



THIS is Captain Hilder, well-known skipper of Burns Philp's Islands ships who will hold a water colour exhibition in Anthony Hordern's art gallery, Sydney between September 12-24. The exhibition will be opened by Professor A. P. Elkin, of the Department of Anthropology, Sydney University at the gallery on September 12.

The pictures are studies of native inhabitants of the Pacific basin—Melanesians, Micronesians, Polynesians, Indonesians, Malays, Chinese, etc. Each picture is mounted in matting peculiar to the area from which the subject comes, and framed in teak—some of it from the wrecked BP motor-vessel Maedhui which was sunk by the Japs in Port Moresby harbour in 1942.

Credit for the execution and the idea of the matting mounts, which enhance the character of the studies, goes to Mrs. Hilder who has worked as hard for this exhibition as the artist himself.

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AIR FARES CUT

New Rates for Hebrides and Solomons

A SUBSTANTIAL cut in air-fares between Sydney and the New Hebrides and Solomon Islands was announced during the month by Trans Oceanic Airways, Ltd. The following table shows the nature of the reductions:

	New Fare	
	Return	Single
Sydney-Vila	£71 2 0	£39 10 0
Sydney-Santo	£76 10 0	£42 10 0
Sydney-Honiara-Tulagi	£99 0 0	£55 0 0
Noumea-Vila	£18 0 0	£10 0 0
Noumea-Santo	£27 0 0	£15 0 0

	Previous Fare	
	Return	Single
Sydney-Vila	£81 0 0	£45 0 0
Sydney-Santo	£90 0 0	£50 0 0
Sydney-Honiara-Tulagi	£117 0 0	£65 0 0
Noumea-Vila	£22 10 0	£12 10 0
Noumea-Santo	£33 15 0	£18 15 0

It is not anticipated that the Government-owned Company, Qantas Empire Airways, Ltd., will ignore this competition. TOA rates were already below those of Qantas; and the new cut means that TOA fare to Honiara is now £19 below that charged by Qantas, and only £10 above the shipping fare.

Naturally, the public always likes to see a little liveliness in these matters. But the big transportation companies—with apparent wisdom, in these extremely difficult times of rising costs and trade union lunacies—will do everything possible to avoid cut-throat competition.

SYDNEY JURIST FOR S. PACIFIC COMM'N

Appointment of Professor K. O. Shatwell

ON the eve of his departure for Europe and the United States, the Australian Minister for External Affairs and External Territories (Mr. Spender) announced that Professor K. O. Shatwell, Challis Professor of Law and Dean of the Faculty of Law at Sydney University, had been appointed a Commissioner to represent Australia on the South Pacific Commission.

He takes the place of the Rev. Dr. J. W. Burton, who resigned recently, and whom Mr. Spender thanked for valuable service given since the inception of the Commission.

The new appointment caused some surprise. Professor Shatwell, is distinguished in the academic world, but he does not appear to have any special knowledge of the administrative problems of the tropical territories of the Pacific. From 1934 until a couple of years ago, Professor Shatwell—who holds the degrees of BA and BCL of Oxford—was Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania; and then he became head of the Faculty of Law in Sydney.

Six nations each appoint two members of the South Pacific Commission; and all the other Commissioners have, or have had, some close connection with Pacific Islands affairs.

The Australian representation is important, because Australia—being responsible for so large a proportion of the South Pacific Islands' population and area—pays about one third of the cost of the organisation, and necessarily influences both policy and activities. Australia's other Commissioner is Mr. J. R. Halligan, Secretary of the Department of External Territories.

NEW GUINEA'S TIMBER

Australian Government's Plans

THE Australian Government is seeking Forestry Officers, at about £900 per annum, to train and control native staff in connection with the development of the timber resources of Papua and New Guinea.

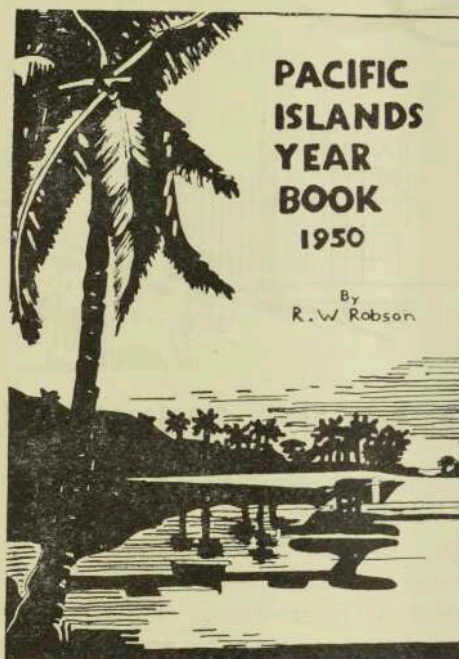
The timber resources of the Territories are being examined—including some mapping from the air—and activities in connection therewith will be controlled by a special section of the Department of External Territories. There will be a

skilled Director at £1,200 per annum. It is planned to introduce high-powered logging and sawmilling equipment. Experts are examining the timbers as to suitability for plywood and veneers.

There is no indication yet of whether actual development will be carried out by the Department or by private enterprise. The Australian Government favours the latter method. There is a plan afoot under which a company, jointly owned by Government and Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., will produce timber, plywood and veneer, in the Morobe district.

Forestry officials, after a recent survey, said there were, in the Bulolo Valley, about 200 million feet of hoop pine, klinki pine, cedar and secondary timbers.

It is proposed that local timber needs shall be met first, and that all surplus timber shall go to Australia.



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75 YEARS OLD

History of Union SS Co. of New Zealand

ON July 10, 1875—exactly 75 years ago—something happened in the inconspicuous little town of Dunedin, in southern New Zealand, which had a marked effect on South Pacific commercial development and history. On that day, the Union Steamship Co. Ltd., was born.

As a result of extensive gold discovered in its hinterland, Dunedin was booming, and its enterprising merchants were prospering. One outstanding young man, James Mills, in 1869, had established the Harbour Steam Company, to run little ships in Otago Harbour, between Port Chalmers and Dunedin. In 1875, he linked this with other shipping interests to form the Union Company, which he directed and controlled.

The expansion of this new "Union Steamship Company of New Zealand Ltd." was remarkable. Step by step, it acquired more and more ships and extended its services from the South to the North Island; thence to Australia; thence to Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, the Cook Islands and Tahiti; and, in the middle 'eighties, under contract with the Australian and New Zealand Governments, it began carrying the mails across the Pacific to San Francisco.

A service between New Zealand and India was begun in 1887. By 1891, as a result of acquiring the Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co., the Union SS Co. was in the Tasmanian trade. Ten years later, in 1901, it bought into the Canadian Australasian Line, and became even more deeply engaged with regular passenger and freighter lines across the Pacific.

The Union Co.'s presiding genius, Sir James Mills, having given notable service to his company and his country, died in the 'twenties, at an advanced age; but the fine organisation he had created had already taken its place among the great shipping companies of the world.

INTEREST IN AVIATION

IT is interesting to note, in the light of after-events, that as long ago as 1913 the directors of the Union Co., with characteristic foresight, altered their Articles to give them power to engage in air transport; and it was the Union Co. which formed the original Union Airways of NZ, and Cook Strait Airways, and had a close association with Tasman Empire Airways. The company was wiped out of those enterprises when the New Zealand Socialist Government made air transportation a State monopoly; but it has an interest still in Australian National Airways, a trans-Pacific pioneer.

In view of the last paragraph, the PIM made rather a faux pas in its June issue when, commenting on the lack of hotel accommodation for air travellers in Fiji, it said: "The Union Co. (which owns the Grand Pacific Hotel) might be responsive if most of the hoped-for tourist traffic were to be sea-borne. But the majority of the tourists probably would travel by planes, which a company interested in running ships cannot be expected to nurture."

Mr. D. A. Butler, Fiji manager of the Union Co., has made this mild comment: "The Union Co. has no desire whatever to impede the inevitable development of air travel for individuals, or tourist parties; and, indeed, it has all along regarded it as complementary to sea travel; each creates traffic for the other. And the Union Co. are booking agents for all the principal airlines."

August 26 is Fiji Election Day

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, July 31.

THE three Europeans and three Indian members of the Legislative Council of Fiji will be elected on August 26—except in certain islands of Lau and Lomaiviti, where voting will take place between August 21 and 28, the Government vessel, Viti II, calling to pick up the recorded votes.

When nominations closed on July 28, Mr. H. Maurice Scott was declared to be elected unopposed for the European North-Western Division seat, which he won in 1947.

In the Southern Division, which includes Suva, the sitting member is opposed by Mr. Alport Barker, the Mayor of Suva, who held the seat for 22 years before his defeat by Mr. A. A. Ragg in 1944. In 1947 Mr. Ragg retained the seat with a reduced majority. A third candidate is Mr. Robert Spowart, a Suva company-manager.

In the Eastern Division, Mr. F. G. Archibald, who won the seat in 1947, is opposed by the former holder, Mr. H. B. Gibson, chairman of the Labasa Town Board.

To date, there has been nothing to indicate any marked European interest in the election, but for weeks the Indian electorates have been in a state of feverish activity.

The Indian Southern Division seat is being contested by the holder, Mr. Vishnu Deo, and Mr. Hari Charan, a Suva barrister and solicitor.

In the North-Western Division, the holder, Mr. A. D. Patel, is opposed by Messrs. C. C. Singh and Tulsi Ram Sharma, and in the Eastern Division, Mr. J. Madhavan, who was elected in 1947, is defending the seat against Mr. Tularam.

In Perth, WA, on July 30, a memorial service was held in Wesley Church for the 11 European missionaries and 1,100 native Christians who lost their lives during the Pacific war.

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South Tasman Airservice Goes to TEA

THE projected airservice between Melbourne and Christchurch, which most observers believed would go to a private air-company, will be operated by Tasman Empire Airways Limited.

This was announced by the New Zealand Minister for Civil Aviation in July. While in Opposition, the present New Zealand government insisted that this new southern route be opened and that it be operated by private enterprise.

The Minister has stated that the "government found itself bound by the existing agreement . . . giving TEA exclusive rights to trans-Tasman services."

(Figures released in NZ about last November showed that the existing TEA service, without opposition, lost £170,000 stg. in the year ending March 31, 1949.)

Although Canada Pacific Airlines, Ltd., have been negotiating with the NZ government for permission to run their trans-Pacific service through NZ (instead of direct from Fiji) to Sydney at present, no announcement has been made as to when or if this will be permitted.

National Airways Corp. to be Sold

IT was announced in New Zealand in July that the present government wanted to sell the National Airways Corporation which was set up during the Labour government's era to run internal NZ airlines and certain Pacific regional services.

The NZ government now wants "sell out, lock, stock and barrel," and several Australian airline companies are said to be interested.

At the time that the announcement was made, the leader of the NZ Opposition (Mr. Fraser), apparently with the idea of deterring intending purchasers, said that his Party, when they got back into office, would immediately nationalise the airlines again. (In spite of this monopoly NAC services have been run at considerable loss.)

DEATH OF CYRIL LAMBERT OF NEW GUINEA

THE death occurred in hospital in Sydney on July 24 of Mr. Cyril William Lambert, formerly of New Guinea.

He was well-known in the Territory where he served in practically every district as a Medical Assistant between February, 1924, and his retirement last year with a break of about a year in the mid-twenties where he became victim of the then prevailing gold-fever and went prospecting on the Upper Waria, Morobe District. He had little luck as a gold miner and rejoined the medical service.

When the Pacific war broke out at the end of 1941 he was in the Sepik District and extricated himself from Japanese territory with some difficulty. On reaching Port Moresby he joined ANGAS.

After war service he went back to Civil Administration in 1946, and less than a month ago retired to a property he had at Spencer, on the Hawkesbury River, NSW.

He was 63 and a veteran of the two World Wars. He is survived by his wife.

About 8,000 tons of Ocean Island phosphate were discharged at Port Adelaide, SA, from the ship Saint Gregory in July. This is the first time for a year that Ocean Island phosphate has gone to Adelaide although shipments are received from Nauru.

SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

Research Council Meets At Sydney University

THE second meeting of the Research Council of the South Pacific Commission opened in the Senate Chamber, Sydney University, on August 7. (The first meeting was held at Noumea in April of last year).

The following members and part-time members attended:—

DR. L. G. M. BAAS-BECKING, Deputy Chairman of the Research Council.
DR. E. MASSALL, Member for Health.
DR. H. G. MacMILLAN, Member for Economic Development.
MR. H. E. MAUDE, Member for Social Development.
DR. J. M. CRUKSHANK, Inspector-General South Pacific Health Service, and Director of Medical Services, Fiji.
DR. J. A. C. GRAY, Captain (MC), USN Medical Corps.
DR. J. C. LOPDELL, Chief Medical Officer, Apia, Western Samoa.
DR. J. T. GUNTHER, Director of Public Health, Papua-New Guinea, Port Moresby, New Guinea.
DR. M. E. J. M. HECKENROTH, Major, Colonial Health Service, Colonial Hospital, Noumea.
DR. F. BUGNICOURT, Director, French Oceanic Institute, Noumea, New Caledonia.
MR. J. G. CRAWFORD, Secretary, Department of Commerce and Agriculture, Canberra.
MR. D. R. EDEN, General Manager, NZ Reparation Estates, Apia, Western Samoa.
MR. B. E. V. PARHAM, Senior Agricultural Officer, Suva, Fiji.
DEAN K. A. RYERSON, Dean, University of California, Davis, California.

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MR. J. V. DE BRUYN, Assistant Resident Commissioner, Biak, Netherlands New Guinea.
M. M. GRANGIE, Director of Education, Noumea, New Caledonia.
MR. W. C. GROVES, Director of Education, Papua-New Guinea, Port Moresby, New Guinea.

MR. F. J. GRATTAN, Secretary of Samoan Affairs, Apia, Western Samoa.
MR. H. HAYDEN, Director of Education, Fiji, and Educational Adviser Western Pacific High Commission Territories.

Representatives from various institutions and certain individual specialists were also included as observers. (In some cases, institutions and specialists advised that arrangements could not be made for attendance.)

The provisional list relating to observers included:—

Australian Department of Health.
New Zealand Medical Research Council.
Institut Pasteur de l'Indochine.
World Health Organisation.
Indo-Pacific Fisheries Council (Dr. Hardenberg).
Fisheries Division of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.
Mr. R. E. P. Dwyer, Department of Agriculture, Papua-New Guinea.
Mr. M. B. Baker, Director of Agriculture, Cook Islands.
Pacific Science Association (Professor Elkin, of Sydney University).
The School of Pacific Studies of the Australian National University (Professor W. R. Crocker).
Australian School of Pacific Administration, Sydney (Dr. Reid).

PROGRAMMES OF WORK

THE main business before the Council was the definition of the Work Programme for 1951, to be recommended to the Commission at its October Session. Statements were submitted by the Deputy Chairman, the Members for Health, Economic Develop-

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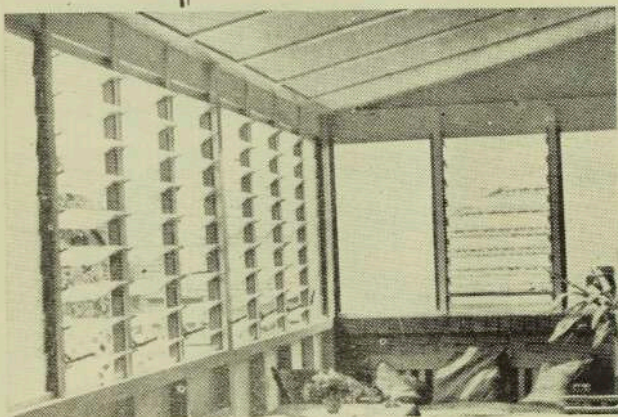
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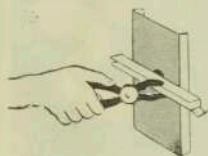
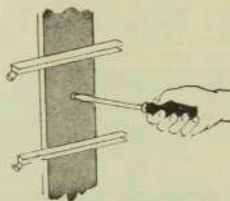
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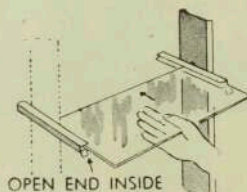
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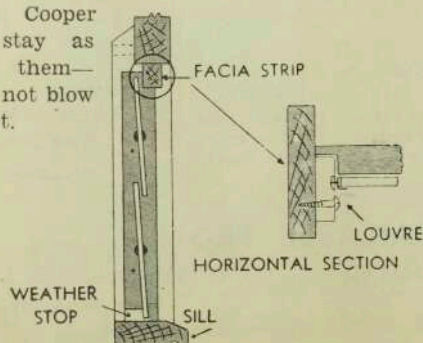


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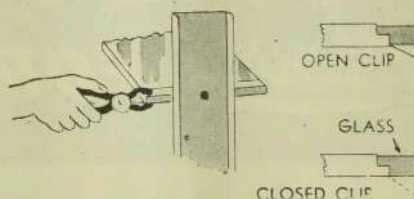


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ment and Social Development and the Secretary-General of the Commission.

Referred to the Council for consideration were many of the resolutions of the First South Pacific Conference (held at Nasinu, Fiji, in April-May) and some specific questions—for example, measures for preventing the transmission between territories of diseases of stock and plants, and the provision of simple reading matter for literate island peoples.

The Council had to consider also the means of obtaining technical personnel to carry out its projects.

It also had before it a draft of a limited programme of "Technical Assistance" for South Pacific territories.

Other matters included publications, the possibility of producing a bibliography of scientific and technical literature concerning South Pacific problems and the question of relationships between the Commission and specialised agencies—e.g., the World Health and Food and Agriculture Organisations, and UNESCO.

The Conference resolutions, which the Research Council has been asked to report upon to the Commission concern the following subjects: mosquito control, filariasis, public health propaganda, composting, disposal of sewage and refuse, fisheries (methods of marketing, fish-bond culture, deep-sea fishing), farming methods, crop diseases, economic development of coral atolls, and preservation of foodstuffs.

COMMISSION'S GENERAL ACTIVITIES

AT the conclusion of the South Pacific Conference in May, the Secretary-General (Mr. W. D. Forsyth) paid official visits to Western Samoa, Eastern Samoa, Rarotonga, Tonga and Australia in May and June.

The Executive Officer for Health, Dr. Emil Massal, visited Saigon, Geneva (WHO), Paris and Washington, in June

and July. Dr. Massal returned to Noumea on July 28.

The Executive Officer for Economic Development, Dr. MacMillan, visited Fiji in June, for discussions in connection with the economic development of low islands (Gilbert and Ellice)—Project E8.

The Executive Officer for Social Development, Mr. H. E. Maude, visited New Zealand on Commission business in May, on his return journey from the South Pacific Conference at Suva.

In Fiji, the Deputy Chairman of the Research Council, Dr. L. G. M. Baas Becking, made various visits and contacts in Fiji in April-May including the following: To Dr. Leslie Verrier, who has developed unique statistics of Fiji; to the leper colony at Makogai, where he was particularly interested in the local production of chaulmoogra oil and various Government gardens. With Mr. French-Mullen he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gatty, at the island of Katafanga, in the Lau group, which gave him a unique opportunity to examine a partly volcanic, partly limestone island. In a conference with the Financial Secretary of Fiji, statistical methods were discussed, with a view to possible application.

The Deputy Chairman completed a report on his visit to Tahiti, in March-April, part of which (on plants introduced into Tahiti) is available on request.

News was received from Rarotonga that the Albizzia moluccana has been found suitable for the preparation of fruit boxes. This, combined with the rapid reafforestation powers of this tree, might contribute to the welfare of Rarotonga.

Seeds of Hibiscus sabdariffa (the Java jute) have been distributed over the area, and the Director of Agriculture, Rarotonga, has notified that fibres pre-

pared from this plant will be submitted for examination.

Dr. N. Krauss, from the Department of Entomology, Hawaii, is studying the distribution of the fruit flies (Dacids) in the Southern Cooks, and is also collecting carnivorous snails in relation to projected measures against the Agate-snail (*Achatina fulica*).

At Headquarters

THE building of houses which will be available to members of the staff has begun in the Mt. Coffyn area of Noumea. Several houses are expected to be ready for occupation by the end of the year.

Work on the reconstruction of the Pentagon Building and the reconditioning of the grounds has continued. The formation of gardens has commenced, and further plans for the development and beautification of the grounds are being considered by a Grounds Committee comprised of members of the Commission staff.

Up to the last week of July contributions in respect of the Budget for 1950 were received as follows:

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(part payment)	
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Mr. R. Webb took charge of the Sydney office (c/o NZ Trade Commissioner, 14 Martin Place) in June. Mlle. Limage accepted appointment as Chief Interpreter and arrived in Sydney from Paris at the end of July. Mr. J. O'Hagen, of the staff of the Reserve Bank of NZ, accepted appointment as Research Assistant to the Executive Officer for Economic Development in July. Miss R. Oldfield rejoined the Commission staff as secretary to the Executive Officer for Economic Development.



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From 10th to 15th July a Retreat was held at Buma, Malaita, for all the priests of the South Solomons Vicariate. The Retreat Master was the Reverend Father E. Roe, late of Fiji. Father Roe, who is Provincial of Marist Missions in Oceania, was a chaplain in the R.A.F. during the War.

A recent Fiji Times advertisement,

seeking bows and arrows, has led to the discovery that an archery club was formed at Nadi Airport early this year. The president of the Fiji Archery Club is Mr. Ian M. Ogilvie, of the airport; and the founder and first life member, Mr. A. P. Alfinson, gained sixth place in a postal tournament conducted by the New Zealand Archery Association in connection with this year's British Empire Games.

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"Foreign Infiltration" Suggested

WITH international affairs apparently working to a crisis in Asia, some Australian newspapers have been getting jittery about "foreign infiltration" into New Guinea.

Some have reported the appearance in New Guinea of Chinese who are believed to have come directly from Red organisations in China, to join the Chinese community in the Trust Territory. Others have stated that Indonesians are sneaking into Australian New Guinea from the west.

So far, all the stories have the distinctive ear-marks of "furfphies." Nonetheless, it is plain that the existence of the Chinese community in New Guinea does provide a means by which Communist Fifth Columnists could get in from Asia, practically undetected.

The Australian Minister for the Army (Mr. Francis) announced early in August that immediate steps were to be taken to form a militia battalion in New Guinea, which could not only function in the event of trouble there, but could also give shape and direction to the native people, in relation to defence measures.

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Lae's Anglican Church Will Be A Memorial to the Fallen

From a Special Correspondent

AN Anglican parish church in the new township of Lae, New Guinea, is now being built. It is the gift of the Church in Australia, and a memorial to those who fell in the defence of the Territory.

Construction is in the hands of the Lae Building and Joinery Works. The church, of local hardwood and Bulolo pine, is 45 feet long and 31 feet wide.

Features are absence of conventional windows; the treatment of interior walls; the main west doors; and the interior height, which is 20 feet throughout. The doors, 14 feet high and 8 feet wide, are of adzed cedar planks with a cruciform design in relief.

Ventilation is provided by means of four six feet-square ceiling grids down the length of the nave.

The sanctuary, about 18 feet in depth, is the same width as the nave. A vestry on the north side opens into the sanctuary; and a porch at the south-west corner provides additional access to the nave.

The baroque altar ornaments, made by a well-known London firm, are wood and heavily gilded. The crucifix is about five feet in height. A heavy tapestry, predominantly dull rose colour, will hang behind the altar, and the sanctuary carpet is pale green. An old Venetian sanctuary lamp is being sent from England by friends and the parents of a Commander R.N., who is buried in the Lae War Graves Cemetery.

The altar, and all other furnishings are being made locally, of New Guinea timbers.

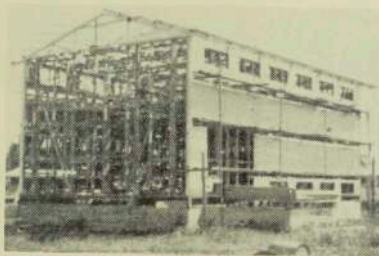
Lae parishoners and their friends are responsible for the complete furnishing of the church. In the past 2½ years they have collected and subscribed more than £700 for this purpose besides maintaining the mission priest, etc. A sum of £140 is still needed to ensure that the furnishing of the church will be free of debt at time of the dedication.

Among gifts which have been received for the church are the beaten copper inset basin for the font—the gift of the Dance family; bookcase and table for prayer and hymn books, the gift of the Melbourne-New Guinea Women's Association; sacred vessels given by Mr.

G. Whittaker and Miss Heaney in memory of their mothers; ciborium and cruets given by communicants in Lae. The Women's Guild is making vestments and other needlework required in the church.

Friends who would like to assist the parishoners in their objective may send contributions to the Bank of New South Wales, Lae, New Guinea, marked Lae Anglican Church Building Fund.

THE Church Council has throughout been greatly helped by the Bulolo Dredging Co.—already very helpful in rebuilding St. Augustines Church at Wau. Advice sought on technical matters, and points of design have been gladly given. In Sydney, the Ventura Trading Co. has been tireless in its ef-



The Church under Construction.

orts to make features of the design possible—no small task in these days. Lastly, in Mr. Forbes, the local Church Council has had a co-operative builder.

At a meeting of the congregation held on April 30 last, it was decided to ask the Diocesan Bishop to allow the dedication of the church to All Souls—a proposal originating with a former member of the Guild, Mrs. Rigby now of We-wak. The Bishop has granted the request.

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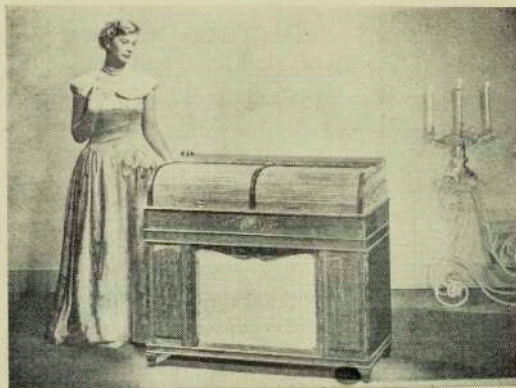
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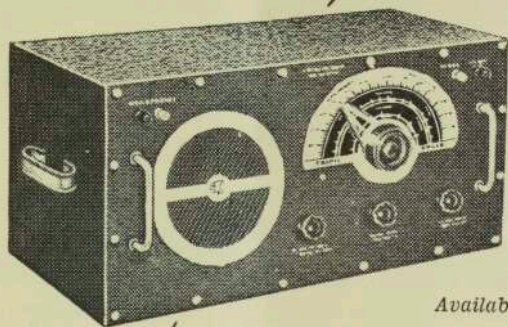
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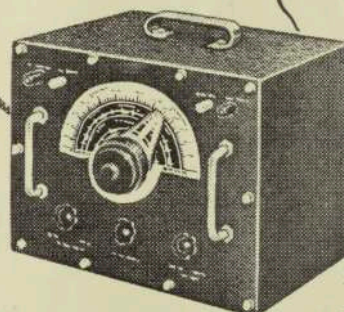
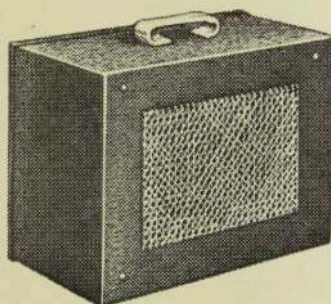
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Among passengers who arrived in Suva by the new Tasman Empire Airways service on July were (top left to lower right):—

Mr. Bruce Barnett, Public Relations Officer, Auckland, travelling to America to try to interest American tourists in deep-sea fishing in New Zealand and also in the Fiji tourist trade. Mrs. Vera Jacka, who returned to Suva after a three months' tour of New Zealand; she will rejoin the staff of Millers, Ltd. Mr. Hetherington, from the Bay of Plenty, New Zealand, has arrived in Fiji to join the Public Works Department, Suva, as Senior Building Foreman. Mr. F. Calmyre, auditor for the Colonial Sugar Refining Co., who will spend 10 weeks in Fiji. Mr. Jenkins, Mrs. Steadman, Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. Balle for three months' holiday at Singatoka.

Mr. Jack Clayton, a carpenter of Rotorua, NZ, will go to Honiara, BSI, in August, as a lay member of the Melanesian Mission.

Archdeacon S. R. M. Gill, of the Anglican Mission, Papua, is on his way to England on leave. He has spent 4½ years as a missionary.

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Circumstances of Misima Close-Down Explained

THE circumstances surrounding the return to Sydney of European staff from Cuthberts Misima goldmine (Eastern Papua) were referred to in the June issue of PIM. Newspaper reports published in Sydney made it appear that, after the directors decided upon voluntary liquidation, the staff at Misima had been harshly treated.

We now have received the following statement from Mr. H. G. Carter, former chairman of Cuthbert's Misima Goldmine, Ltd :—

I refer to the paragraph on Page 13 of your June issue regarding the circumstances surrounding the suspension of operations at Cuthbert's Misima Goldmine.

The directors have purposely refrained from entering into a newspaper controversy.

Before leaving Misima, every employee was paid four weeks' wages by the Liquidator, and their return steamer fares from Samarai to Sydney were prepaid by the Government on the Company's account, inclusive of all employees who had been with us for a few months only.

Sales of stores, etc., are being made by the Liquidator to provide funds to pay off creditors, including balances due to the employees for holiday leave, etc.

The Liquidator has advised that food was available, and that none of the Europeans concerned lived on the charity of the natives, or were compelled to eat native foods and roots. Furthermore, there was no "winch handle" incident, as was reported in other press statements; and, if reports from Samarai are to be believed, there was no indication of any shortage of money while they were awaiting the Malaita to take them South.

The decision made to suspend operations was a painful one, but was necessary when shareholders did not provide the additional capital to carry on operations. The property is still an excellent one and the failure to continue profitable operations was caused through the heavy post-war cost of rehabilitation, shortage of labour, and the limited finances to drive through to the pre-war class of ore. It can be regarded as another war tragedy in the Territory of Papua.

Every effort is being made to interest a mining group in the property, as the directors are all of the opinion that the mine is not finished yet.

Mystery of Lae Tunnel

THOUSANDS of people in Australia and New Guinea believe that the contents of the Japanese tunnel at Lae, N.G., were sold by the Disposals Commission for £2.

When the story was brought once more to Smith's this week, an attempt was made to track down its authenticity.

No official confirmation could be obtained, so that the origin of this reported CDC transaction goes to join the rest of the mystery associated with the Lae tunnel.

The Lae tunnel would have been a gamble for any purchaser, for it cannot be opened until about 15 years have passed. And while, doubtless, it contains valuable Japanese equipment, it also contains the bodies of hundreds of Japs who refused to surrender.

There are miles of tunnels in Castle

Hill, which is believed to have contained a full field hospital in addition to considerable stores of military equipment.

When the Japanese who had taken refuge in the tunnel refused repeated demands by the US commander to surrender, bulldozers were sent on to the hill and they pushed huge trees, stones and dirt into the entrances of the tunnel, completely blocking them.

So what is in there will not be known until the Commonwealth Health authorities give permission for it to be opened up.

—From Smith's Weekly of July 14.

Miss Theo Price, of Brisbane will be married to Mr. John McKennarley, Lae, New Guinea, at the church of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Mission at Lae on September 23. Miss Price, who will leave by plane for Lae on September 19, will wear a ballerina frock of white broderie Anglaise at the ceremony.

The fight between heavyweight Fijian boxer, Harry Bray, and New Zealander, Jack Boyd, which was to have taken place in Sydney in July, had to be called off when Bray left for USA sooner than scheduled. He is a member of the crew of the Lakemba.



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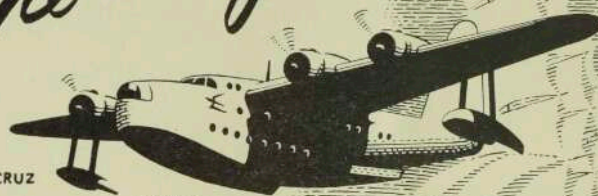
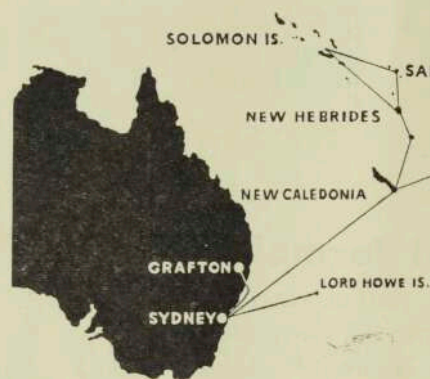
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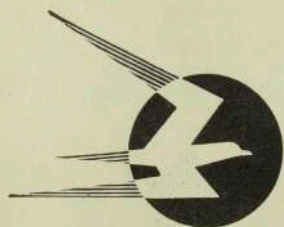
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HEBRIDEAN NEWS

By VERNON WHEATLEY

SANTO, July 17.

A FELLOW traveller on the Morinda was Major Fregard, who was scheduled to take up an Administrative appointment in the Solomons. While at sea, two hours out from Vila, he received news that he had been transferred to this Group and will ultimately take over from Mr. Maxwell, District Officer at Santo, early in 1951.

IT IS A VERY SMALL WORLD. When I went ashore at Lenakel, Tanna, the first person I met was Mr. George Forestier, who had been a neighbour of mine on Norfolk Island. He is well-known both in this group and in New Caledonia and his fame is assured on Tanna, as he walked out of the surf when the Ness was wrecked there, with all his possessions in a very portable form. Singlet and trousers.

BENEATH a coconut palm at Lenakel lies £28,000. That represents the value of the Ness, now just smashed timbers. Ness should be an example to all ship owners—never run a lighting system off the batteries used to start diesel engines. There was not enough power left in the batteries to start the motors when Ness got into difficulties.

MILLION DOLLAR POINT. Some people call it Billion Dollar Point. The hundred or so yards of road leading to the actual Point has surely the most expensive foundation in the world for it is formed of practically everything from teacups to bulldozers. To the right lies a large planer with its original packing case just starting to disintegrate. Like the rest of the ex-US war material, it is well past redemption, even if it were legal to salvage it.

At high water, sections of machinery protrude above the waves and at low water hundreds of articles can be seen lying on the bottom. Cruising backwards and forwards over an area covering perhaps an acre, one can see cranes, rollers and general machinery; desk telephones and massive propeller shafting, all of which represents a monument to man's stupidity.

Off-shore lies the President Coolidge, an American transport holed fore and aft by two mines used in the defence of the Second Canal. Local rumour says that a million dollars lie in the hull of the ship about two hundred feet below the surface. Hence the name of the Point.

INTERESTING VISITOR to Santo was the 10,000-ton diesel engine vessel, Mekong, operated by the French Government. On her maiden voyage, the ship loaded 3,000 tons of copra for France and she also carried a large quantity of Australian wool.

Ornate and comfortable accommodation is provided for both passengers and crew. I was told that one could travel on her from Santo to Marseilles for the sum of £30. It does not sound possible.

BASTILLE DAY was celebrated with a series of charming official and private functions conducted with customary French delicacy and friendliness.

SHIPWRECK. Messrs. BP's vessel, Koro, ripped out a portion of her hull on a reef and sank with her masts protruding above the water. She had a valuable cargo on board plus a fair amount of cash. Mr. Keith Solway, diver, of Santo, had planned to visit Vila. So his diving gear was shipped down to him in order that he might inspect Koro.

DEATH OF NOTED ENTOMOLOGIST

THE death occurred in the United Kingdom on May 14 of Mr. Frank Price Jepson, who, as Fiji Government Entomologist from 1909 to 1919, laid the foundation of the work which has given Fiji a world-wide reputation in the field of biological control of crop pests and aggressive weeds.

Mr. Jepson's most spectacular achievement in Fiji was to bring from Java the Histerid predator *Plaesus Javanus* which became known throughout Fiji as "Jepson's beetle," and which did much to control the weevil-borer which was causing a great deal of damage among bananas in the Colony.

Mr. Jepson made an effort to control

the weed *Lantana camara* by introducing from Hawaii the *Lantana* seed-fly *Agromyza lantanae*. The insect soon became established on the *Lantana camara* and although it did not give the results expected, experience with it opened up new avenues of exploration in the biological control of aggressive weeds.

The complete control in later years of Koster's Curse by Mr. H. W. Simmonds indicated that Mr. Jepson was thinking along progressive lines regarding weed control.

After leaving Fiji in 1919 Mr. Jepson became Entomologist to the Government of Ceylon, and was later Deputy Director of Agriculture in Ceylon.

Mr. S. N. Elliott, of Suva, Fiji, has been appointed Rehabilitation Officer in succession to the late Mr. C. H. Carne.

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AN Australian, Cecil Hall, appealed to the Supreme Court in Sydney, in July, against an income tax assessment. He was engaged during the war on the small ships in New Guinea waters and, while there, he earned £200. He claimed that, as he earned the money during five months in New Guinea, it was not taxable. The Department said that, although the Act provided that a person

resident in New Guinea should not be taxed, Hall was in New Guinea under an Australian contract, which was legally the source of his income, which therefore was Australian income, and taxable. The Supreme Court reserved judgment. The outcome will decide many similar appeals by ex-servicemen against taxation assessments.

Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, of London, senior partner in Oil Search Ltd., recently announced a profit of £38.7 million stg.

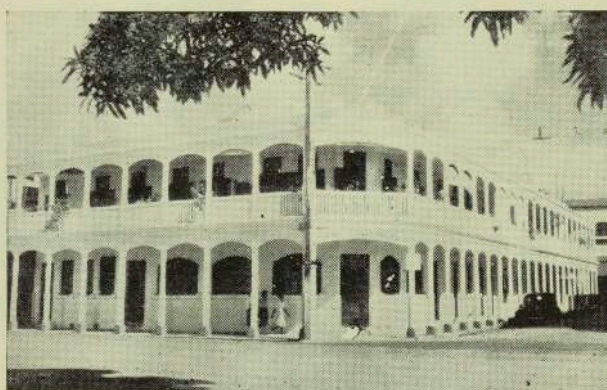
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LAWLESSNESS IN SAMOA

Vicious Assault on Plantation Manager

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, July 20.

MR. D. C. M. CAMPBELL, manager of the Vaitele Plantation was attacked on July 3 by a Samoan he found stealing coconuts on Vaitele Plantation, and seriously injured by knife wounds.

Lately, plantation thefts of cocoa, coconuts and bananas have become serious and so frequent that European planters are losing a large portion of their crops. The thieves are stealing from both Samoan and European plantations. Samoan chiefs are complaining that it is increasingly difficult to detect and apprehend the offenders.

About noon on July 3, Mr. Campbell, who is manager of the New Zealand Reparation Estates' Vaitele plantation, was on horseback inspecting workers on the plantation. Near the stone wall boundary with Retzlaff's plantation he found four Samoan youths, husking coconuts and packing same in large baskets, ready to be taken away. The four men tried to escape over the stone wall. Mr. Campbell pursued and tried to grab one. The Samoan turned and attacked Mr. Campbell with a large knife, viciously slashing at his head. When Mr. Campbell put up his left arm, his arm and hand were deeply cut. Mr. Campbell grappled with his assailant and managed, in spite of serious injuries, to wrench the knife away from him. The Samoan, who was unknown to Mr. Campbell, then escaped.

Suffering from loss of blood, Mr. Campbell dragged himself homewards for about half a mile, when he was found by a plantation labourer, whom he sent for police and a doctor. He was taken to Apia Hospital, where he was operated on and given a blood transfusion. He is recovering, but he may lose the use of his left arm.

Police Sergeant Thompson, investigating, suspected that the four Samoans came from the village of Tuamoa. He summoned the village chiefs, and showed them the knife. One of the chiefs, Pepe, at once recognised the knife as belonging to his 18-years-old son, Fa'asuaga. The latter was brought in, and at once admitted the offence, and named the other three men who had with him, stolen the coconuts. All four were arrested, and in Apia were given prison sentences for theft. A charge of assault was postponed until Mr. Campbell is sufficiently recovered to give evidence.

The Campbell case directs attention to conditions in Samoa, where lawlessness—particularly burglaries, thefts and crimes of violence—are on the increase. The younger Samoans seem to have lost respect for the law. Only a few days later, a Samoan from the village of Puapua, Savaii, was brought to Apia in a dying condition. He had had a fight about a boundary, and had been viciously slashed across the stomach with a bush knife.

Several organisations have taken up the case of Mr. Campbell and have passed resolutions expressing grave concern over the growing lawlessness of Samoans and the insufficient protection for lives and property of planters.

Mr. Leo Morel, of Wellington, NZ, who is known in some South Pacific Territories—especially in Cook Islands where he has an interest in a plantation—has been appointed to the United Nations International Panel of Photographers.

4,600 Mile Flight to Aid Sick Penrhyn Woman

THREE members of the Colonial War Memorial Hospital, Suva, undertook a 4,600 mile mercy flight in July in a RNZAF Catalina.

They were Dr. T. A. Doran, Theatre Sister M. T. O'Keefe, and Fijian AMP Tom Uluilakeba. They flew to Penrhyn, in the Northern Cooks, to attend to a young woman who had developed dangerous complications after difficult childbirth.

The call for help was sent by radio from Penrhyn to Rarotonga and then to Wellington. It was passed on to the Royal New Zealand Air Force at Laucala Bay, Fiji, and a Catalina flying-boat was made available. The need to seek help from Fiji arose from the recent closing of the United States Naval base at Pagopago, in Eastern Samoa.

Dr. Doran and his two assistants took with them full surgical equipment. Apia was reached the first day, Aitutaki on the following day and on the third day the aircraft flew the remaining 600 miles to Penrhyn.

They came down in the lagoon, about twelve miles from shore, and the medical party embarked in a launch with all their equipment. Half-way across the lagoon the engine failed and the rest of the journey was completed under sail.

The patient, a 26 years' old woman, was found to be very ill. She should have had an operation a week before, but had reached hospital too late for primary surgical attention. She had been skillfully attended by the Assistant Medical Practitioner on Penrhyn, a young Cook

Islander named Tere Snowball, who graduated from the Central Medical School in Suva early last year, and who has been at Penrhyn since December.

There were few facilities for major surgery on the island but a table was prepared by Sister O'Keefe and an operation was successfully carried out by Dr. Doran,

the anaesthetic being administered by AMP Uluilakeba.

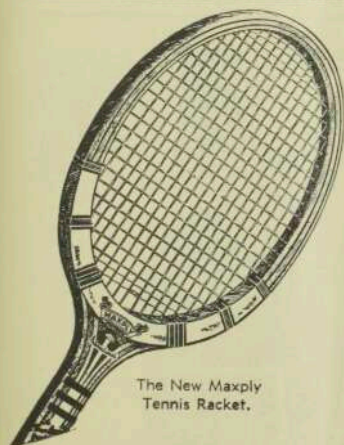
When the party left the island the patient was much better, and it has since been reported by the AMP by radio that her progress has been maintained.

Dr. M. Rose, who was Chief Medical Officer in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands for some time, recently ended a holiday in Europe by signing on as ship's surgeon on the liner New Australia. The ship, on her maiden voyage, is due in Sydney in September with 1,500 migrants.

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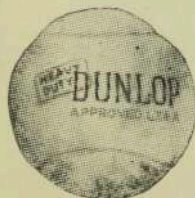
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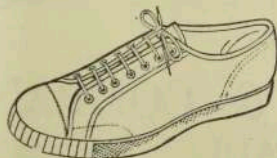
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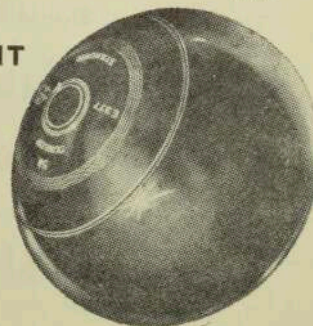


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NEW FRUIT INDUSTRIES IN FIJI

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, July 31.
YOUNG strawberry plants flown from New Zealand are reported to be doing well at the Pix plantations on the south coast of Viti Levu. If the experiment succeeds the fruit will be pulped and made into essence in New Zealand.

The Pix plantations specialise in pine-apples, but have branched out with the off-season production of fruit cordials. The product is being sold at 5d. or 6d. below the price of bottles of imported cordials of comparable quality.

Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Hollins, of Suva, Fiji, were in Melbourne, in July, en route to the United Kingdom where they will spend 12 months.

New Guinea Men Talking of Defence

From Our Own Correspondent

LAE, July 20.

ABOUT twelve months ago, the Territory was visited by senior officers of the Australian Defence Dept., ostensibly with a view to establishing a defence organisation which could function quickly in case of necessity. Plans may have been made, but we have heard nothing more about them.

At the last meeting of the Lae Sub-Branch of the Returned Servicemen's League, strong views were expressed concerning this apparent apathy. Attention was drawn to the position in the Far East, with the relative importance of New Guinea in the event of the war spreading.

One speaker, wholeheartedly supported by others—all of whom had lived in the Lae area, on the Nadzab Road, in pre-war days—was scathing in his comments on what had been done in those days. The Government had promised everything, but had provided little or nothing in the early days of the war. Many were compelled to use their own rifles and ammunition against the invaders.

The meeting urged that some early announcement should be made as to whether the NGVR, or some similar local unit, would be set up, if only as a precautionary measure. It was decided to ask the State Branch of the League to take the matter up as a "first priority" with the relevant Department.

Mr. Richard McLeod Randall, of the Bank of New South Wales staff, Suva, Fiji, was married in July to Miss Eunice Nita Ross, of Oberon, N.S.W.

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UN MISSION HAS A LOOK AT WEST SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, July 20.
THE 11-days visit of the Trusteeship Council Mission to Western Samoa is drawing to an end. The Mission (consisting of Sir Alan Burns (Chairman) representing United Kingdom, Governor Tallec (France), Mr. Chang (China), and Mr. Carpio (Philippines Republic), and a staff of six has had a full programme of consultation with Government bodies and officials, visits to outlying districts of Upolu and Savaii and to various plantations, hospitals and schools, and talks with a large and representative gathering of Europeans and Samoans at a reception at Government House, Vailima.

Meetings with Samoan authorities in the outside districts were generally of an informal and social character, though often local requirements and wishes were submitted to the Mission for the consideration of the Trusteeship Council.

Samoan leaders, expressing the views of the Hon. Fautua, the Samoan members of the Legislative Assembly and the Fono of Faipule, submitted the following six points to the Mission for the consideration of the Trusteeship Council:—

1.—Officials of the Government Service (Clerical Division).—That the hope and ultimate aim of giving higher duties to Samoans now employed in the Government Service, as recommended in the Report of the United Nations Mission in 1947, be further carried out.

2.—Matter concerning the Land and Titles Court.—It is requested that the membership of the Land and Titles Court be made up of the following officials: Chief Judge, Secretary of Samoan Affairs, Resident Commissioner of Savaii, three Samoan Judges and nine Samoan Assessors, as already submitted to the Minister of Island Territories, so that only the above officials should take part in the functions of the Land and Titles Court.

3.—Samoan Amendment Act, 1949 (No. 47).—It is requested that this law be amended by adding the words "Council of State" to the clauses where it appears to be necessary.

4.—Police Department.—As this Department is not affected by the law concerning the Public Service, it should also be under the care of the Council of State and not exclusively to the High Commissioner and the Minister in New Zealand.

5.—Samoan Currency.—It is requested that members of the Mission furnish some information which would be of help towards the adoption of an independent Samoan Pound.

6.—Fono of Faipule.—Because of the importance attached to the Fono of Faipule in its relationship with the people of Samoa as a whole, it is requested that any decisions made by it in any matters touching on the welfare of all sections of the community be made effective by law.

New Stamp Issue in Fiji

NEW 1/6 stamps were on sale at Post Offices in Fiji on August 1. Like the 8d. and 1/5 stamps they have in their design the Colony's coat-of-arms. They are coloured blue.

SUVA PRICES SOAR AFTER CONTROLS LIFTED

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, July 31.
FISH which were selling at 2/- and 2/6 at the Suva market when price control was removed on July 1 are now being sold at 4/-. Other local foodstuffs are soaring in price.

Result: A mounting clamour for reimposition of price control. As the Government promised to clamp down controls again if vendors (whether producers or middlemen) exploited the public unduly, the profiteers appear to be cutting their own throats.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Suva, Mr. and Mrs. Alport Barker, have returned to Fiji from Canada where Mr. Barker attended a conference of the Empire Press Union.

Months of wet weather in Sydney have caused a bank up of ships and long delays in loading and unloading. At one period in July, 95 ships were in port. Shipments of flour, and other essential foodstuffs for Fiji, Tonga and Tahiti were weeks behind schedule.

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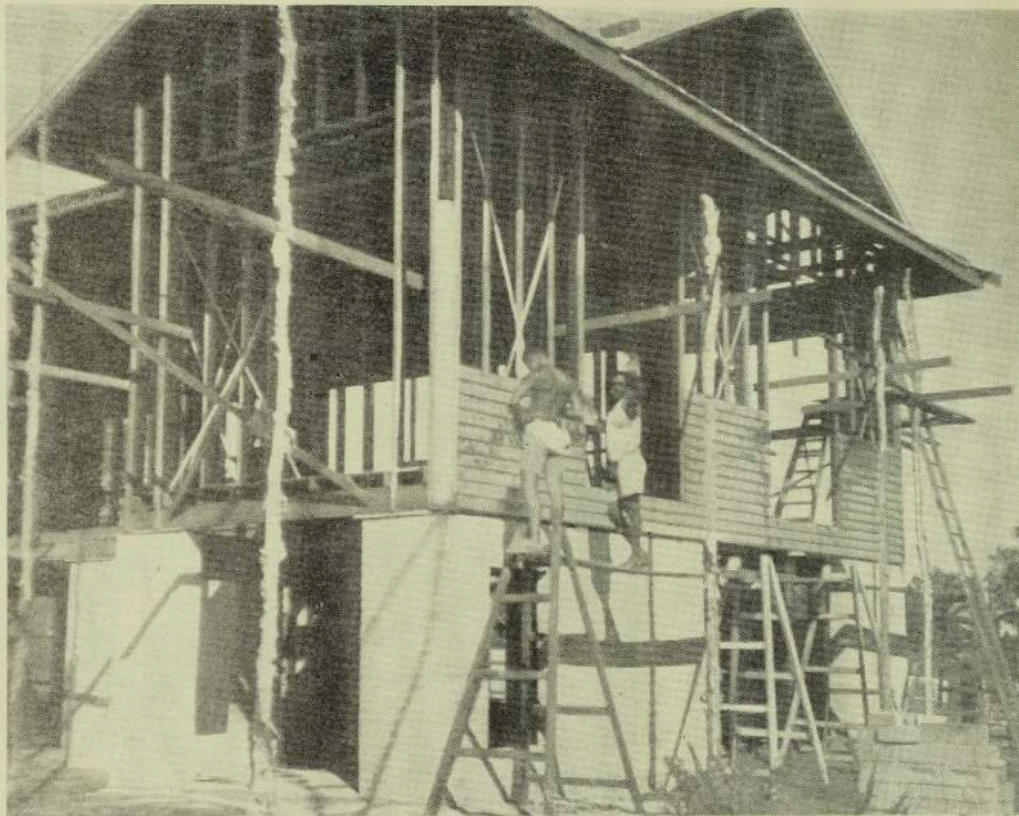
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Queensland Memorial Scholarship Fund

THE Queensland New Guinea Women's Association decided last year to work for a Memorial Scholarship similar to that available in Victoria. The Deeds of Trust have now been signed and trustees—Mrs. R. Kendall and Mr. Ernest Slee, both of Brisbane—appointed.

Scholarships are to be issued in Queensland under almost similar conditions as those attached to the Victorian Memorial Scholarship—that is, they are available, in the first instance, to children of former residents of New Guinea who lost their lives due to enemy action, such children having been attending a school in Queensland for the previous 12 months.

There is one clause, however, that is different: Provision is made for the disposal of the balance of the trust fund when candidates for the scholarship are no longer available in Queensland—they will be paid into the New Guinea Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund in Melbourne.

Donations to the New Guinea Memorial Scholarship Fund (Qld. Division) have been as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. W. Battis, Brisbane	5	0	0
Mrs. Mills, Brisbane	1	0	0
Mrs. Sinclair, Brisbane	1	0	0
Mrs. E. Slee, Brisbane	1	0	0
Mrs. Bruckshaw, Brisbane	1	0	0
Mrs. S. McCosker, Brisbane	1	0	0
Mrs. R. Kendall, Brisbane	5	0	0
New Guinea Women's Assn. (Qld.)	5	14	3
Mrs. Bert Murray, Brisbane	5	0	0
New Guinea Women's Assn. (Qld.)	7	0	0
Mrs. Chesterman, Brisbane	10	0	0
Mrs. McKenzie, Brisbane	10	0	0
Miss Jackson, Brisbane	8	6	
Mrs. T. Targett and Miss Burge, Brisbane	8	0	
New Guinea Women's Assn. (Qld.)	1	10	6

Mrs. Bruckshaw, Brisbane	1	2	0
E. P. Holmes, Port Moresby	2	2	6
Mrs. R. Kendall, Brisbane (collections made)	2	0	0
New Guinea Women's Assn. (Qld.)	2	14	6
New Guinea Women's Assn. (Sale of Jam)	5	0	
Mrs. S. McCosker, Brisbane	1	10	0
New Guinea Women's Assn. (Qld.)	19	9	
Melbourne New Guinea Women's Association	25	0	0
Collections made and donations received in Rabaul by Dorothy Stewart, and previously acknowledged in detail, under final lists acknowledged on behalf of Victorian Division of Scholarship, pending commencement of Queensland Division	44	7	6
Mrs. J. McGuigan, Kavieng	1	1	0
Ian S. Levy, Rabaul	2	2	0
Menzies Supporters, Rabaul	5	0	
Don. Williams, Rabaul	4	1	6
Pacific Territories Assn., Sydney	175	9	4
A. R. McAllister, Rabaul	1	1	0
Doug Ewing and Eric Hill, Rabaul	10	10	0
Dorothy Stewart, Rabaul	5	10	2
Total as at June 30, 1950	£300	0	0

AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE FOR SUVA

THE Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved a revised scheme, costing £170,000, for an automatic telephone exchange for Suva, Fiji, and orders will now be placed in the United Kingdom for the necessary equipment.

While he was in the United Kingdom recently on leave, the Government Architect, Mr. C. N. Nettleton, discussed plans for the new exchange building with experts in the automatic telephone field.

The Rev. F. A. Rowley, who has been in charge of the Melanesian Mission boys' school at Vunias, BSI, is at present in England on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Higgins left Sydney on July 24 for the North Borneo oilfields. Mr. Higgins, a leading oil companies' executive, was stationed in Papua when drilling commenced there in the 'thirties, and he has made various official visits to the Territory since drilling was resumed after the war.

Arrangements are being made for a representative of the United Kingdom firm of Wilton & Bell to go to Fiji shortly to advise on the schemes for the Lautoka wharf and an important shipway at Suva, which are included in the Colony's Development Plan.

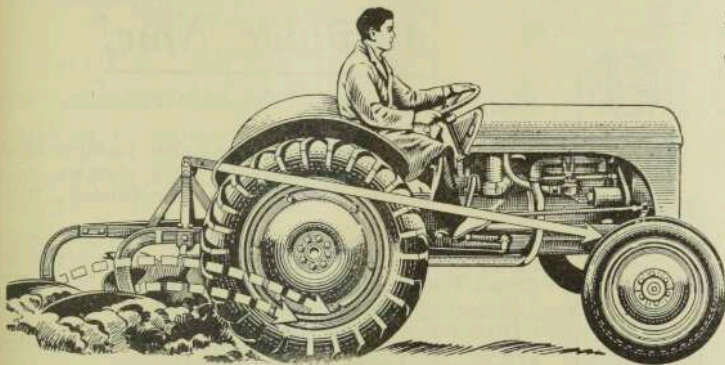
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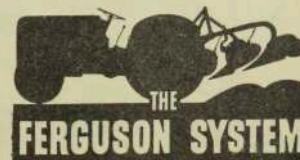
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From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, July 11.
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During June, 750 tons of copra were shipped to the United Kingdom, and 500 tons were shipped to Australia. Approximately 1,537 tons remained in the Group at June 30. Copra production for June is estimated at 1,100 tons.

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CARPENTER'S EXTEND FIJI SHIPPING SERVICES

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, July 10.
A NEW shipping service is to be maintained by the twin-screw motor vessel, *Tovata*, owned by Island Transport, Ltd. (a subsidiary of W. Carpenter and Co. (Fiji), Ltd.). The vessel is intended to keep a ten-day schedule linking the islands of Gau, Koro, Taveuni, Rabi and parts of Vanua Levu with Suva.

Completely overhauled, the *Tovata* sailed on her first new-schedule voyage on June 7. The owners have announced that she has been specially equipped "for the comfortable conveyance of Fijian passengers."

Old-timers, mostly commending the change, recall the spacious days when cargo was the first consideration, Fijians (and other) passengers being dumped in what space was left.

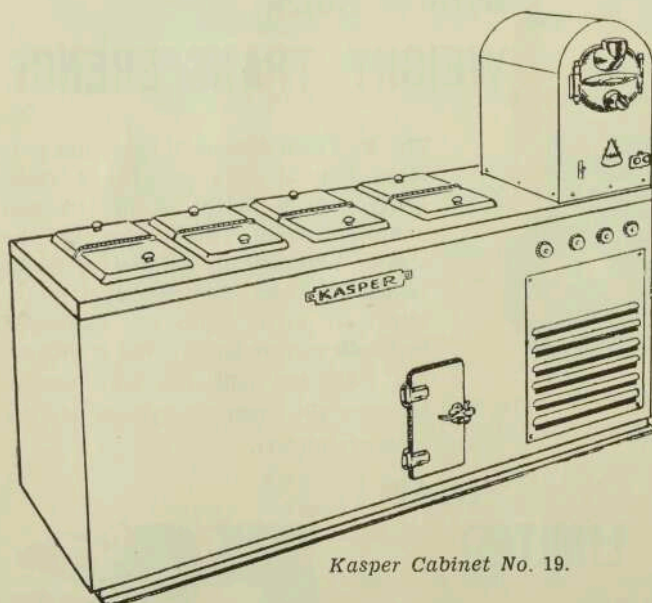
Island Transport, Ltd., is best known through the ship, *Komaiwai*, which spends a strenuous life running between points as far removed as the Lau and Yasawa Groups. To the public, however, the name has little more significance than that of Island Industries, Ltd., the maker of Fiji's very successful marjarine (with a "j"). Both enterprises are popularly known simply as "Carpenters."

Grapevine reports hint at the possibility of new Carpenter enterprises in Fiji. The firm, as usual when things are believed to be in the wind, remains inscrutably reticent when questioned.

The Rev. R. P. Garrity, has been appointed by the Melanesian Mission to Honiara, BSI. He will minister to both European and native communities there.

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BSI Labourers Fined For Breach of Contract

From Our Own Correspondent

A DECISION of some interest to BSIP residents was given recently by the Protectorate's Judicial Commissioner (Mr. W. T. Charles) in a civil action between the Commissioner of Works and 19 labourers for alleged breaches of written contracts of employment for six months.

At the end of May, thirteen of the defendants complained that they were not issued with soap and tobacco and refused to work. They were informed that they were entitled to and would be issued with soap, but that they were not entitled to tobacco. The thirteen defendants left work on the following day.

The Judicial Commissioner in his judgment said that if soap had not been issued to the men, the Government had committed a breach of contract with them, but he considered it was a minor one, soap forming only a small part of the men's remuneration. (The soap ration is one ounce per man per week.) He found that the thirteen men had repudiated their contracts.

Judgment was given against twelve of them for the sum of £1 each, and against the thirteenth, a boss boy, for £1/10/- The other six defendants had complained earlier in the month and had been told that the position would be rectified, but they had not received a soap ration. The action against these men therefore failed.

Interest for BSIP residents lies in the fact that by the Labour Regulations an employer must give a month's notice to an employee unless he has committed some very serious fault, whereas labour can, and does, walk out without any notice at all, confident that no action will be taken against them. This is the first time that the position has been tested in the Court.

PAPUA ARTIFACTS

BY D. H. OSBORNE, OF ROSSEL IS.

WHEN I read the February issue of the PIM, I was reminded that disc stone clubs were common among the Orikiyas, on the Mambare and Kumusi Rivers, in NE Papua, 50 years ago.

The disc clubs were from eight to 12 inches in diameter and were made of blue diorite, with a hole drilled in the centre. "Pineapple" clubs were rare. They were made of blue diorite, about the size and shape of a Mills bomb. When I first handled a Mills bomb, I thought of the Orikiyas.

After Sir William MacGregor and Mr. Monckton put an end to skull-cracking, clubs went out of fashion.

On the Kumusi, I have seen large trees that had been hacked down with stone implements. Fire was used a good deal in clearing gardens. Gardens were much larger, and native food more plentiful than to-day.

In the early days, on the Yodda gold-field, about 1900, Jimmy Judge dug up a stone battle-axe. Bill Ivory bought it for £5 and presented it to Mr. Monckton, who sent it to a museum in London.

Jack Murphy dug up a stone lizard, with wings, carved out of stone—it was 15 feet under the surface. Murphy sold it for £30 and it was sent to a London museum.

On the Ikora there is a large "monster," cut out of stone. Monckton tried to move it to the coast, but it was too heavy.

Davy James dug up a pestle on the Lakekamu—it may be the same one as shown in the picture in February PIM.

All those relics were dug up in parts that are no-man's-land to-day. Judging from the depth those artifacts were buried, the inhabitants concerned must have lived a long time ago.

That are no-man's-land to-day. Judging was a pineapple club made of pure gold, held by a tribe inland from Tufi (or Cape Nelson). He led a party of three miners (Ned Driscoll, Owen Mitchell, and Jim Gallagher) in search of the reef the gold was taken from. After a short time, Monckton returned to the station. The miners remained in the bush until their rations were finished, but without locating reef or club. They did not express any kind regards for Mr. Monckton on their return from the bush.

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New Guinea Club Meets to Review Year's Work

THE New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney, which was a wartime baby, has survived the post-war transition period and is still a vigorous organisation. In the past year, new members, country members, and increased attendances at the regular Thursday morning meetings have given great encouragement to those stalwart women who are responsible for running it. The club, they say, is "stronger than ever"—and through it they are able to keep in touch with old friends coming from or going to New Guinea.

The annual meeting was held in the clubrooms, Sydney, on July 20. Points from the report of the president, Mrs. M. L. Foxcroft, follow:

IN September, 1949, communications were received from Miss D. Stewart (Secretary, Melbourne Scholarship Fund) at Rabaul, suggesting we begin a scholarship Memorial Fund for NS Wales. All members were circularised and an extraordinary meeting was held on October 28 when the matter was fully discussed by members. Their decision was: "It is now too late to start such a fund and it would be very difficult to raise sufficient monies for such a purpose."

It was agreed to continue as we have in the past by using what finances we have in assisting widows who need help in cases of sickness, or with children who need help. By so doing, the Club feels we are doing our share as a memorial, and that our men would be well pleased. We are indebted to Miss Stewart for

her kindly action in having made arrangements, on behalf of the Club, to have floral tributes placed at the memorial services held in Rabaul during the year.

As we have been unable to obtain a list of persons eligible to share in the Rabaul Prisoner of War Fund monies which we hold, we sought legal advice from Mr. Cahill of Phillip Street last October. He advised us that it was in order to wind up the fund, but that, before doing so, to insert a notice in a leading paper of each State calling for applications from persons eligible to participate. This was done on February 23 and applications were open until May 31, 1950.

We advertised also in Reville, and Pacific Islands Monthly, and had notices placed on notice-boards of Rabaul Hotel and Rabaul Returned Soldiers Committee Rooms.

A special Committee Meeting was held in June and applications were considered. It was decided that the fund be wound up and all monies be equally divided between the applicants eligible. The books of this fund are in Mr. Costello's hands for auditing purposes, prior to payments being made.

In early December, 1949, we had word that the sum of £75 would be granted by the Government for furniture for widows with children under 16 years of age in 1946, who were still in need of it. We are grateful for this grant, but feel that it should have been dated back to 1942 when our men were of-

ficially reported lost. When the new Government went into office, Senator Cooper requested anyone who was dissatisfied with pensions, etc., to communicate with him. A letter was sent with the following requests:

- 1.—That widows' pensions be reviewed;
- 2.—Furniture Grant be dated back to 1942;

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3.—Pensions for non-government widows to date back to 1942.
4.—All monies taken from Government officials' accrued leave, etc., be paid back.

A reply from Senator Cooper, in which he stated that our comments were noted and would be looked into, was received. Later, we received word that the matter came under External Territories Department and would be dealt with by them. In due course, we had word from Mr. Halligan, but the only thing he

promised us was a review of the furniture grant. Nothing further has been heard.

OUR Christmas festivities were, as usual, a great credit to the working committee who organised them. Our children, whose numbers are getting less each year, had a wonderful party and our thanks go to all who gave donations and made it possible.

About 120 adults gathered on December 23 for a party—one of the best Christmas gatherings we have had.

FINANCES

THE Club's balance sheet to June 30, shows that there is a credit of £325 in the general fund, and a credit of £340 in the Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees' Fund.

Tofua for Pacific Next Year

PROVIDING that the hot war does not spread any further, a new 5,300 ton passenger-cargo ship should be on the Auckland-Polynesia run in just a year from now.

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Tofua will be welcome in the Pacific trade—doubly so because the tendency in these post-war years has been for shipowners to curtail or abandon their well-established services in the face of economic and industrial difficulties.

Two young Californians, on a world tour, Mr. Tom Steele and Miss Joyce Johnson, recently arrived in Brisbane in a 31-foot ketch. They sailed via Honolulu, Christmas Island, Pago Pago and Suva. After their marriage in Brisbane they will call at Port Moresby and New Guinea ports on their return home.

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PALUDRINE

And Its Effect On Malaria

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, July 12.

MEDICAL opinion in the British Solomon Islands disagrees with the article regarding Paludrine, in the May issue of the PIM. It was said that the drug's effectiveness as an anti-malarial drug was said to be decreasing.

Medical officers here consider that the immunity which the malaria parasite can develop to paludrine is relative; the parasite may be able to resist small doses of Paludrine, but cannot easily survive the prophylactic dose of one tablet per day which is prescribed at present.

Sir Henry Covell, a word-wide authority on malaria, states that on a routine of one tablet per day, Malignant Tertian Malaria (which is the killer) cannot break through.

BSIP medical opinion is that, if heavy infection takes place, through the bites of large numbers of infected mosquitoes, Benign Tertian Malaria can on occasions pierce the Paludrine defences.

Paludrine, however, is still considered the best anti-malarial drug available; being a true prophylactic against Malignant Tertian Malaria and usually an efficient suppressive against Benign Tertian.

Aralen is New Anti-Malaria Drug

AFTER reading the article "Paludrine Under a Cloud" (PIM, May, 1950), I was curious to know whether or not Aralen (pronounced Airalen) is used to any extent in the Territory. I believe it is an American drug as my first contact with it came in a US Army Hospital.

While I was visiting a close friend in the heart ward, one of the doctors making his rounds became interested in my blue finger-nails. I also told him I had a blue palate, too. When he couldn't guess the reason, I told him that it was caused from using Atebrin for 6½ years. The doctor then began to tell me about Aralen and said that, so far as had been notified since its introduction in 1946, there had been no known recurrences of malaria. This was July, 1949.

I was anxious to obtain Aralen, but was told that I must first get malaria. So I stopped my daily Atebrin and four months later I entered the hospital with a nice case of malaria. The fever recurred every other day and it was some time before a positive smear could be obtained. When it did I was asked to have just one more please, so as to check as to whether mine was a single or mixed type.

Then came the day for the Aralen. It was in an in-between day, and it so upset the wog that the fever came on a day ahead of schedule. The treatment, all total, was but ten tablets over a period of three days, and the fever went, but promptly. It has not come back, to date.

Checking with my family doctor here in USA we found that as a prophylactic but two tablets are taken each week. I have since heard from my friend, the Rev. Hans Wagner, of the Lutheran Mission Station, Ulap, NG, who wrote that they are using Aralen with good results.

Incidentally my malaria came on when my resistance was nearly to the breaking point, due to an unknown lot of hookworms which the hospital discovered. Nevertheless, I still long for New Guinea.

I believe the "chloro"—something, mentioned in the article, was the drug Chloroquine which I too have not heard any reports on.—SUMIT.

FIJI COST OF LIVING

Index Figure Lower (But Not Very Much)

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, July 14.

THE usual revision of the index of the cost of living of Indian workmen was made at the end of June. The index figure on June 30 was one point lower for both Suva and the country districts of Viti Levu than the figure at the end of the previous quarter.

The new index numbers are 211 for Suva and 240 for the rest of Viti Levu. The index is based on the number 100 for August 1, 1939.

Rehabilitated after retirement, the famous New Zealand schooner, Huia, arrived at Suva on July 4 with a general cargo. She had left Auckland on June 24. The vessel has been put into the New Zealand-Islands service by a new co-operative concern (the Huia Trading Co.) similar to that which is now operating the former RCS Viti in the trans-Tasman trade.

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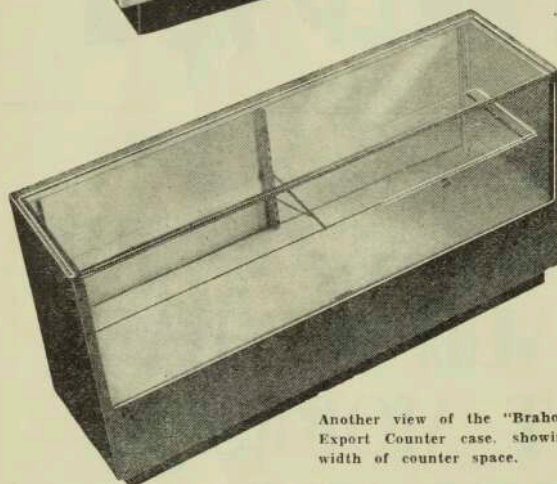
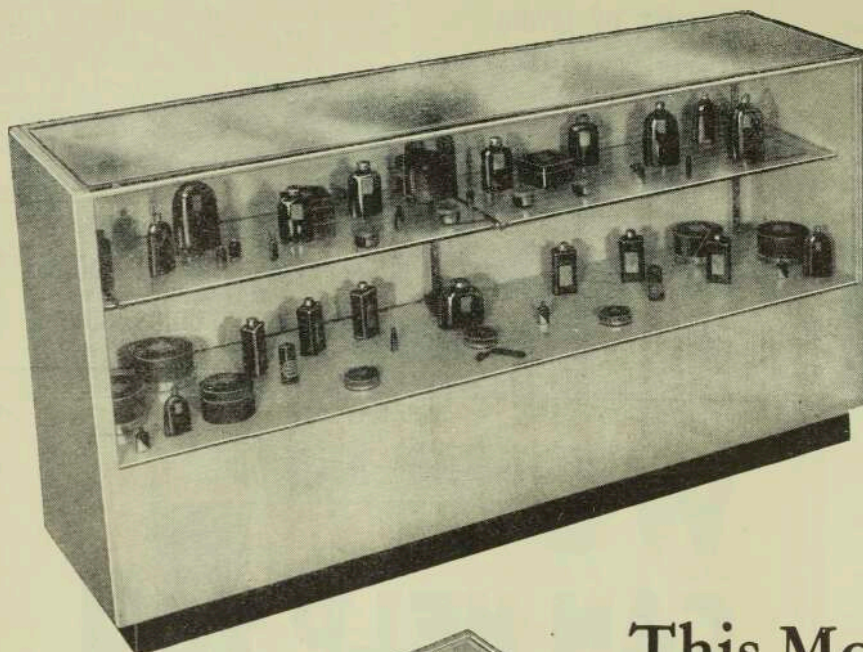
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EXPLOITING N. BRITAIN'S SULPHUR

From A Special Correspondent

IN the course of his search for sulphur, as a commercial proposition, Mr. Ian MacDougall, a young Sydney scientist, has climbed every volcano on the island of New Britain. If Mr. MacDougall can discover sulphur in sufficient quantities, he will save the Australian Commonwealth Government thousands of dollars. One volcano, Welcker (3,625 ft.) on Wilhelm's Peninsula, has been climbed only once before, he believes, by another European, in 1934. He was intrigued to find, at two to three thousand feet, coconuts growing among the rain forests.

The oldest natives in this area say they remember a race of big men, who wore no clothes, once living there before they were all wiped out by a disease.

Father Schweiger, of the local Catholic Mission, showed the young scientist a strange cooking pot, which he had discovered. It was exactly similar to that used by the stone-age men of Europe.

Welcker is visible 80 miles away, from the sea, and has sulphur glistening on its slopes. Inside Mr. MacDougall reports, it is a mass of sulphur fumeroles, and bubbling mud geysers.

Having climbed every volcano on the island, he stated that although still active, most show signs of a gradual cooling off. This process, of course, may take countless years to complete.

(It was suggested in April by a NG reader of PIM that Australia exploit the many sulphur deposits in New Britain instead of importing £2,650,000 worth from Italy. In May, Tolala reminded us that

assays had shown that sulphur from Tavurvur (Matupi), Rabaul, and from Lolabau Is. off New Britain coast was of excellent quality. He said that he remembered at least two pre-war companies that were floated to work it.)

MARCHING RULE LEADERS OUT OF GAOL

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, July 11.

THE nine Marching Rule leaders from Malaita, BSI, who were sentenced early in 1948 to long terms of imprisonment have recently been released on licence and allowed to return to their homes.

The licences contain certain conditions regarding their conduct after release. These prisoners have expressed their desire now to co-operate with the Government, and their release is part of the wider programme of counter-Marching Rule measures which the Government proposes to undertake.

So far, the ex-prisoners have shown no signs of backsliding, and it is hoped that they may pave the way towards a better understanding between the Government and the Malaita people.

Labour is offering fairly freely on Malaita at present, in marked contrast to the almost complete absence of Malaita labourers at the time of the Marching Rule heyday in 1947-1948.

The Rev. H. W. Whyte of the London Missionary Society who has retired from Western Samoa after 12 years in the Territory, is now in Brisbane where he recently addressed the Rotary Club at a weekly luncheon.

Mr. James McAllister, BA, and Mrs. McAllister will leave Niue in October for NZ. Mr. McAllister is Niue Education Officer and Mrs. McAllister, infant work supervisor. Both have become very popular with the native people and on their departure will be given a typical Niuean farewell with much dancing and feasting.

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The Making of a Bishop in New Guinea

BY THE REV. JAMES BENSON IN THE CHURCH STANDARD

BISHOPS, of course, are the same all the world over, and we in New Guinea are perhaps too familiar with the "extraordinary" in a land in which the word "unique" is an overworked word.

Nevertheless, the consecration of the Ven. Geoffrey David Hand to the office and work of a bishop on St. Peter's Day, 1950, was a unique event in almost every way. It was the first time a bishop had been made in New Guinea.

Bishop David at 32 is the youngest bishop in the world. His own father, Canon W. T. Hand, of Tatterford, England, preached the sermon. Surely never before has a father preached at his son's consecration.

Bishop David was consecrated in the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, Dogura, a cathedral with which there is neither road nor rail communication—could that be said of any other cathedral than Dogura? So that the Archbishop of Brisbane and Bishops of Grafton, Adelaide and Rockhampton who, with the Bishop of New Guinea, were co-consecrators, had to come by air and to land on the tiny air strip half a mile away down below the Dogura plateau on the banks of the Wamira River. Indeed, Grafton and Rockhampton could not manage that, but they got to Samarai by seaplane and travelled thence by night on the very Vigil of St. Peter, in the mission ship Maclaren King, by the way the pioneers came—along the coast the 86 miles to Dogura in Bartle Bay, arriving at midnight on the very day of the consecration itself.

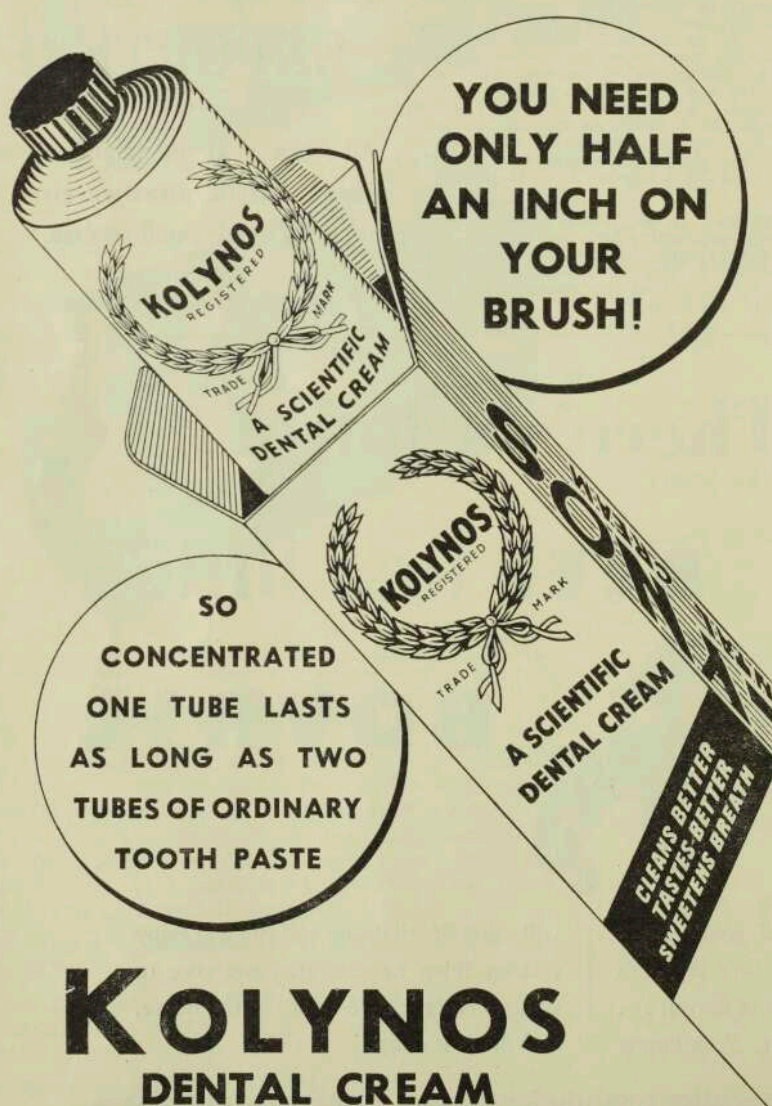
SO were the bishops assembled for the great event which opened a new chapter in the life of the Church in Papua-New Guinea.

His Honour, the Administrator (Colonel J. K. Murray), representing His Majesty the King, was first escorted to his seat on the north side of the chancel by the bishop and the sub-dean designate (the Rev. Harold Palmer). The clergy of the diocese—white and brown—followed in the order of their seniority; and all were present save the Archdeacon of Samarai (the Ven. A. J. Thompson) and the rector of Lae (the Rev. W. E. Moren). There came the processions of the bishops with His Grace, the Metropolitan (the Most Rev. Reginald Halse, Archbishop of Brisbane), preceded by the Metropolitan's Cross of Queensland, in the position of honour.

The copes and mitres of five bishops each exceeding magnificent, with attendant deacons of honour, in dalmatic proper; Mr. Justice Gore, chancellor of the diocese, in his scarlet robes and hood of his degree; with Mr. Notary Public Crombie of Port Moresby, also in his legal wig and robes proper; the visiting priests who were also in the chancel—the Rev. O. V. Abram, representing the Primate, the Rev. John Hope, of Christ Church, St. Laurence, Sydney, who attended the archbishop; the Rev. E. A. Leaver and the Rev. E. Hawkey, ABM secretaries respectively of Victoria and Queensland, the Rev. E. R. Gribble, of Clermont, Queensland; and the Rev. B. W. Roberts, headmaster of the Slade School, Warwick, Queensland—these all with the copes of the cathedral chapter and other masses of colour in flowers, vestments, and hangings, all taper-lit against the pale grey walls of the cathedral, made a picture of unutterable beauty.

But even more beautiful was the sea of brown which filled the great nave overflowing—2,000 and more Papuan Christians: local folk of the Wedau, and Wamira, Boainai, Taupota and the Mourain tribes; and delegates from 300

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The high moment, of course, was the act of consecration itself. I do not intend to attempt a description—newsreel records of the whole proceedings were made, and it will be your privilege to see and hear it all in Australia very shortly.

The final act of the great drama was also unique, and I am sure that we older members of the New Guinea Mission felt it to be the very highlight of all—when the new bishop stood at the chancel steps and unfalteringly blessed the vast congregation (both brown and white) first in the Wedau language, then in Ubir (the language of Wanigela), then in Korafi (of Sefoa), then in Notu (the language of Gona, Eroro), then in Ora-kaivan (the hill language), and finally in English.

It only remains to say that the beauty and dignity and happiness of this great occasion were largely due to our own Bishop, who had thought of every detail.

Building Material for NG

THE Admiral Chase left Brisbane in mid-July for Papua-New Guinea with about 1,400 tons of building material.

It has been ordered by the Department of Works and Housing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tattle, of Norfolk Island, are on their way to the United Kingdom and Europe for a year's holiday. Mrs. Tattle is a prominent member of the Norfolk Island Country Women's Association.

Problem: What To Do With £29,000

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, July 24.
BSIP Copra Board met on July 19 to discuss various matters, including the use to be made of a balance of £29,704/19/8, standing to the credit of the Board at December 31, 1949.

It is not the Board's policy to make profits. Last year's surplus arose partly from the uncertainty of the price to be paid for copra shipped to Australia—which led to the BSIP price not being increased till late in 1949—and partly from the shrinkage on copra shipped overseas being less than the 3 per cent. which had been allowed for in fixing the BSIP prices.

Majority of Copra Board members considered it would be impossible to distribute the £29,704 fairly among all 1949 producers, including native producers.

After energetic discussion it was decided that £3,000 should be used in employing an entomologist to investigate

pests and diseases in coconut palms, and that the rest of the surplus be retained for the present and the matter raised again at the end of the year.

The Chairman estimated that a minimum of 20 per cent. of production per year was lost through nutfall, Brontispa Froggatti and other plant diseases.

Last year's production having been about 10,000 tons, at the Ministry of Food's price of £60/12/6 per ton the Protectorate as a whole lost £151,562 because these diseases could not be controlled.

A Dutch botanist, Dr. C. G. van Stennis, has gone to Australia to enlist the aid of fellow botanists in compiling the first authoritative work on the flora of Malaya, Philippines, Indonesia and New Guinea. He expects that the task will take 30 years.

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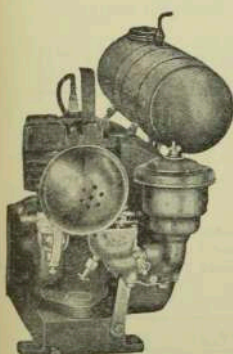
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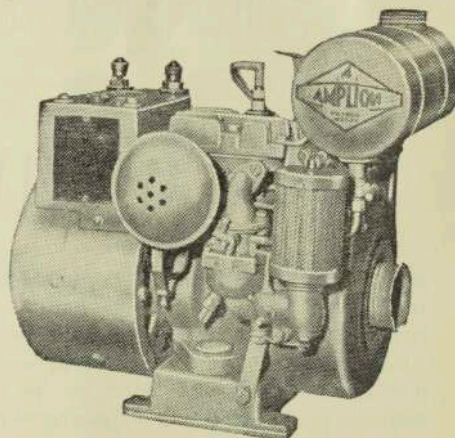
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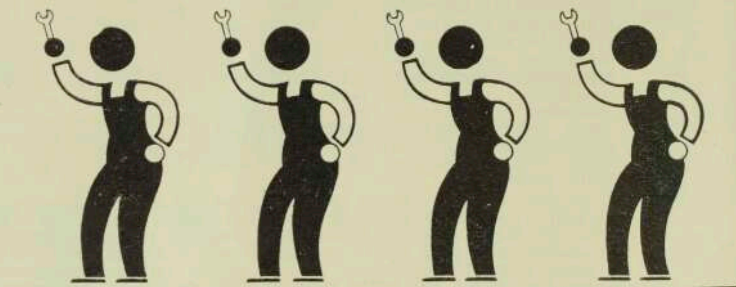
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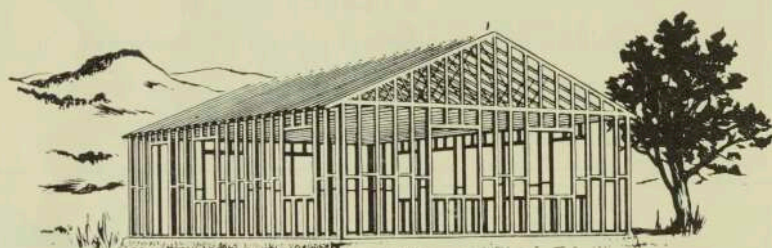
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PACIFIC SCIENCE Organisational Plan

THE permanent Secretariat of the Pacific Science Association has now been established in Honolulu, with offices in Bishop Museum. The Secretariat was authorised at the Seventh Pacific Science Congress, held in New Zealand in 1949. It functions in the following capacities:—

- To assist Governments, institutions and individuals as well as Standing Committees of the Pacific Science Association, in the implementation of resolutions and recommendations adopted by Pacific Science Congresses.

- To serve as a central office for the Pacific Science Council, especially during the intervening period between Congresses.

- To serve as an information dissemination centre in Pacific science matters.

- To assist in maintaining a continuity in the relationship between the Pacific Science Association and such international agencies as the specialised agencies of United Nations, and South Pacific Commission.

International in scope, the Pacific Science Association includes Representative Institutions from countries in the Pacific, or interested therein, as well as those about the rim. Carrying out the international concept the Secretariat officers are Loring G. Hudson, Executive Secretary, from Honolulu, and Miss Brenda Bishop, Assistant Secretary, from New Zealand.

Continuity between Congresses is further maintained through the following Standing Committees for Pacific research.

The title, in each case, refers to the Pacific area:—

VOLCANOLOGY.—Mr. J. Healy, NZ Geological Survey, Rotorua, NZ.

GEOLOGICAL HISTORY.—Professor R. S. Allan, Department of Geology, Canterbury University College, Christchurch, NZ.

SEISMOLOGY.—Dr. C. F. Richter, Seismological Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif., USA.

METEOROLOGY.—Dean A. F. Spilhaus, Institute of Technology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA.

OCEANOGRAPHY.—Dr. Thomas G. Thompson, Director, Oceanographic Laboratories, University of Washington, Seattle, USA.

SYSTEMATIC ZOOLOGY.—Professor Dr. H. Boschma, Director, Royal Museum of Natural History, Leiden, Holland.

PACIFIC ENTOMOLOGY.—Dean L. B. Uichanco, College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines, Laguna, Philippines.

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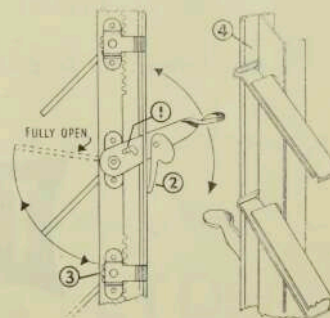
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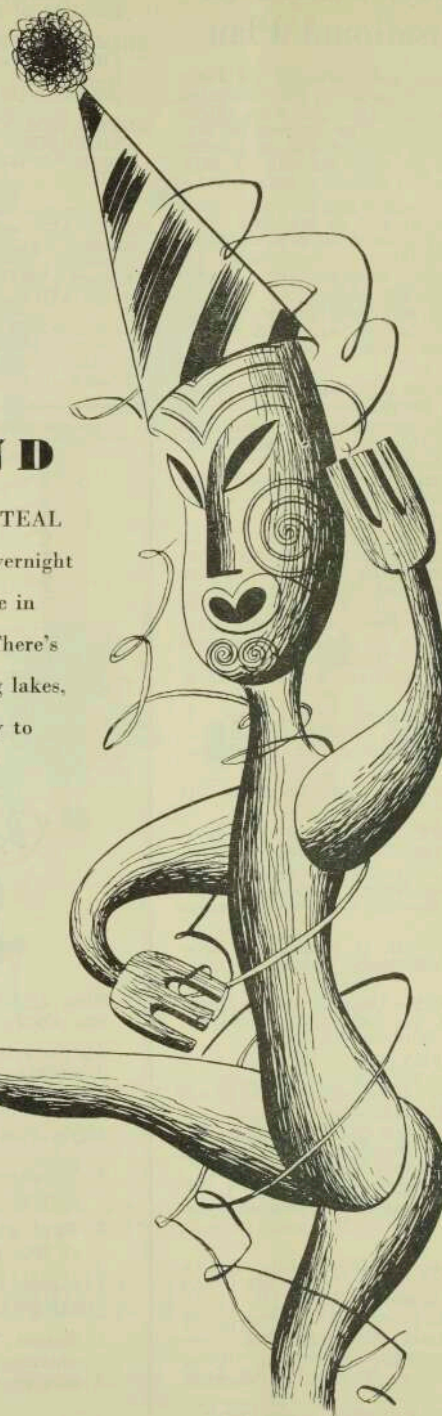
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USSR.—(unrepresented).

United Kingdom.—Professor G. W. Robinson.

United States.—Dean Knowles A. Ryerson.

Dr. and Mrs. John Akerman, of Wewak, New Guinea, with their three children, were planning, in July, to leave for a trip to Perth by boat. It is unlikely that the Akermans will return to New Guinea.

NIUE'S NEW STAMP ISSUE

ABOUT 8,000 first day covers were put through the Niue post office on July 3 the day the new issue was placed on sale.

The cost per set is 3/1½ and is the first set of stamps which are confined entirely to Niue. This should increase their value from the collectors' point of view as previously this island has been included in the Cook Islands stamp issue.

The demand for mint specimens is already brisk.

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pictorial, printed in colour, depicting activities, or scenes, or landmarks. The ½d. stamp is a coloured map of Niue.

Dr. A. A. Aaronson, recently appointed to the South Pacific Health Service, arrived in Niue by the Matua on her June trip. Dr. and Mrs. Aaronson were made welcome to the island, but within a few weeks after his arrival the doctor became ill and later reports indicate that he still had not recovered fully.

GIANT SNAIL SHELLS FROM NEW GUINEA

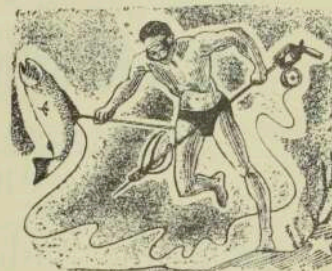


The Giant or Madagascar Snails, released in New Guinea by the Japanese as an article of food, during the war, have not caused the destruction that was feared; but they are, nonetheless, a great and growing pest in three districts—New Ireland, eastern New Britain, and Northern New Guinea.

The photograph shows a collection of

snail-shells from northern New Guinea, placed beside a 15 in. measure. The largest shell is more than 6 inches long. The creatures, however, do not seem to be attaining the size of those first noted in 1946.

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PERMIT NEEDED TO VISIT MATUA

From a Special Correspondent

NIUE IS. July 18.
THE Niue Island Administration recently instituted a permit system to apply to white residents (only four families outside the Government staff) and non-authorised staff members who wished to visit the USS Co.'s Matua.

All the residents duly applied for their

permits to visit the long awaited ship. However, they neglected to place an English-speaking policeman at the wharf to examine the permits. Mr. Kilkenny, Matua's purser, came ashore to adjust claims, and when he tried to get a lighter back to the ship was refused passage on the grounds of not having a permit. Mr. Kilkenny, when last seen was looking for the Resident Commissioner. One hopes that he found the RC and either got a permit or an interpreter.

COOK ISLANDS' "BLUE SPOT" BABIES

From Our Own Correspondent

MANGAIA, CI.

THE native people of these islands have always been of ethnological interest to visiting scientists, by reason of the well-known fact that in the Cooks is to be seen probably the purest Polynesian strain in the Pacific.

Native customs prevail to-day as they did when Cook called, only the undesirable or violent ones having been done away with. Midwifery is still exclusively Polynesian in practice; but this does not account for a peculiarity, seen in newborn native infants, that has often puzzled doctors and ethnologists. Every baby shows from birth up to about its second year, a curious blue area at the base of the spine, like a bruise or ink-stain, that seems to be characteristic of the Cook Islands. No explanation has been found for the condition, which is universal; it is not caused by injury or disease, and vanishes by the time the child is able to move about. A similar "blue spot," it would seem, is visible among the infants of certain Indonesian tribes in the Arafura Sea, where natives have a decided resemblance to Polynesian and Maori types.

It has been suggested that there is an ethnological connection between the two peoples.

Robert Rex who represented Niue at the South Pacific Conference in Suva, in May, arrived home in June, and has been busy going from village to village explaining to the people the meaning of the issues discussed at the Conference and enlisting their support to implement the resolutions passed.

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WHEN THE TREE FELL

BY D. H. OSBORNE

WHEN I read Judy Tudor's tale of her life under the uncertain trees in New Guinea, I was reminded of an incident of long ago, in the shadow of the Owen Stanley Range, in North-east Papua.

Seeking for gold, I had reached a miners' field, and I began to build a camp. An Italian, Peter Bosi, came along, and looked around.

"Look," he said. "That big tree over there—if it fell, the branches would reach here."

I moved to another spot, 150 yards further up the creek, where all trees had been felled.

Some time later, Jack Horan arrived, and began to clear away the rubbish from the spot I first had chosen. I pointed out the danger.

But he sneered at me. "That tree has stood there for scores of years. Why should it fall on me?" He built his camp.

He was not a good neighbour. He loved his liquor; and, when he got drunk, he wanted to fight everyone. There is no more objectionable type of man in a camp.

One day, Charlie Priddle came in, a newcomer to the field. He had just returned from the Boer War, so you can guess how long ago that was. He decided that, for that night, he would camp with me, and he sent his carriers to make camp a little distance away. Over on the opposite bank of Clunas Creek was Lee Joubert's camp.

In that area, in under the Owen Stanleys, it was a common thing to hear trees falling, just before dawn. Priddle and I were asleep when, without warning, there was a crash of a tree followed by shrieks and yells.

"Red Creek natives are attacking my carriers," cried Priddle.

"No," I said. "I think that tree has fallen on Horan's camp."

We were frightened and confused. I found matches, but they were so damp that they would not strike. I could not find my boots. Priddle and I fell over each other.

Finally, we got a hurricane lantern going. I sent a messenger for Joubert, and we grabbed axes and scrub knives and stumbled through the darkness to Horan's camp.

Two natives were out in the clear. One, fatally injured, was lying moaning on the ground. The other, beside him, was unscathed.

Piled high over Horan's camp were the branches of the huge tree. The hut was completely flattened. From beneath the pile came Horan's voice, calling wildly, "O I'm done, I'm done for!"

Priddle shouted, "Be quiet man—reserve your strength" and we began to hack at the great branches.

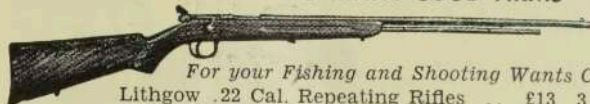
We were still cutting at the branches at daybreak. Horan was saved by the staunchness of the hut. It was made of thatched palm leaves, fastened to strong beams with split vines as tough as wire. We had to be most careful not to cut the vines, and thus let the full weight down upon Horan, who was protected by some of the beams. He had heard the tree crack and begin to fall, and had thrown himself down beside his bunk. He had a big branch on each side of him, and his clothes were torn off, but when at last we got him out we found he was not seriously injured. Les Joubert gave him whisky and hot tea.

Horan suffered more from shock than broken bones. He wanted to get away South. The miners chipped in and paid his passage to Cooktown, and Joubert nursed him until the boat came in. We were not sorry to see him go. He was not a good neighbour.

The Bishop of Melanesia, the Rt. Rev. S. G. Caulton, arrived in the New Hebrides at the end of April on the Southern Cross. In May and June he visited villages in the Hebrides and Banks Groups in the Mission launch Pattenon. He expected to continue this tour (including the Torres Is.) in July and August, rejoining the Southern Cross for BSI in September. He was accompanied by Archdeacon A. E. Teall.

The period of secondment of Mr. Colin Marshall to Fiji as Conservator of Forests, will end shortly and he will return to Malaya after a period of leave. During his leave he will visit Western Samoa and American Trust Territories in the Pacific to advise on forestry. Until a new Conservator is appointed, Mr. W. L. Bygrave, Senior Surveyor and Valuer in the Lands Department, Fiji, will act as Conservator of Forests.

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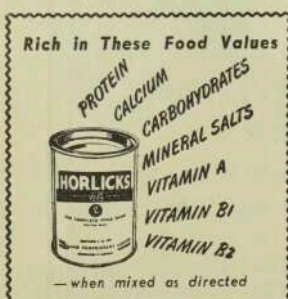
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SOME NOTES ON PAPAIN PRODUCTION

BY C. LLADDIS

THE pawpaw tree (*Carica papaya*) is common to many parts of the tropics. It is a native of Central America and was introduced by the early navigators to the East Indies and the Philippines.

The profitable production of the papaya will ordinarily depend upon the utilisation, by processing, of sizes and grades of its fruit not suited to fresh markets, and upon the use of the ripened fruit cultivated for the production of papain.

Papain, the name given to the dried powder derived from the latex of the green fruit, is chiefly exported from Ceylon and the Philippines. In recent years, Tanganyika has become a large producer also. The enzymes contained in papain are required in the manufacture of various digestive preparations, for the making of chewing gum and special foods, and when the digestion of protein is required—e.g., in reducing shrinkage of wool, etc.

Although the tender, growing tips of the leaves of the papaya are sometimes consumed as greens, after boiling in water, the stem and leaves contain an alkaloid, carpain, which is used medicinally as a heart stimulant.

As it is easily the cheapest proteolytic enzyme to produce, the demand should steadily increase. But overproduction could easily exceed the demand, resulting in poor prices.

America's imports of papain before the war were worth about £16,000 being supplied mainly from the Philippines. Britain's requirements came mainly from Ceylon, with Tanganyika's production going mainly to the Continent.

THE best soil is a light friable loam. However, as with the climatic conditions, a considerable latitude is allowed, and experience in regard to local varieties will be a guide.

Trees, when planted out, should be approximately 16 ft. by 16 ft. apart, with one male tree to every 20 female trees. When making nursery plantings, care must be taken to allow for poor germination, and for failure of male trees, after planting out. The sex of the tree cannot be determined until flowering, nor can the sex be changed by severe lopping. Experiments have shown that the ratio of female seeds in the fruit, to the male seeds, does not decrease from top to bottom of the fruit—and 20 per cent. of all seedlings are male. Seeds from trees with small fruits, or those with an abundance of abnormal papayas, are generally avoided, as they may be poor producers.

At 6 in. to 9 in., the seedlings are planted out. For best results, the ground should be ploughed and harrowed in both directions, and holes prepared some two months prior to setting out—i.e., at the beginning of the wet season.

It is advisable to keep the plantation free from weeds, care being taken not to injure the shallow roots of the tree. It has been noted that, if it is proposed to plant on "kuna" ground, it is advisable to first grow *Tephrosia candida* on it, at least for one year.

Once the sex of the tree has been determined, the unwanted male trees can be removed. Two methods have been suggested. The whole tree can be discarded and another seedling planted (thus allowing for the chance of another male tree) or the tree can be grafted over to a female tree. The conventional cleft graft is used, with a banana leaf wrapping over the graft and binding.

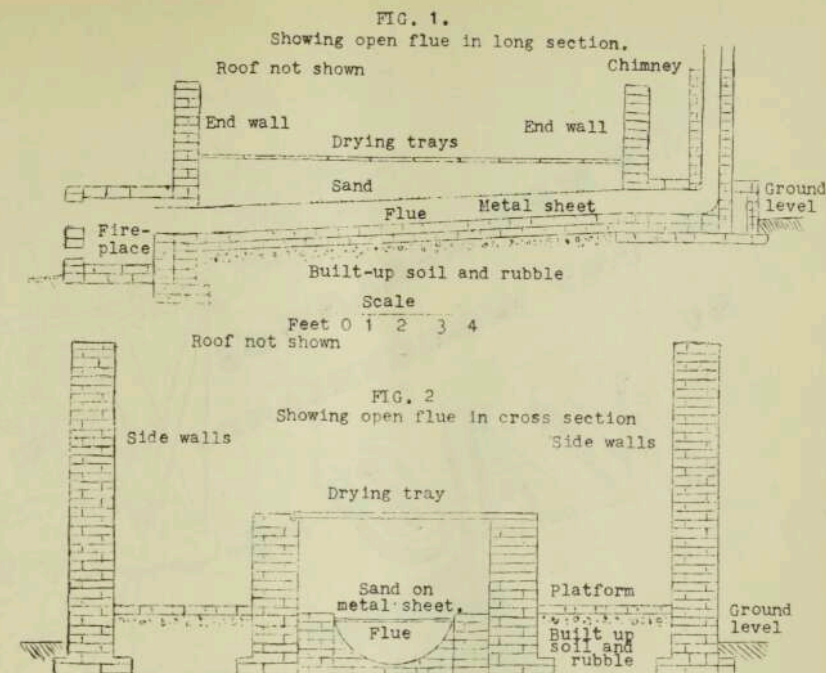
MAXIMUM life of the plantation is five years, in good areas. Trees are at their highest production when two years old, when 80-100 lb. of papain per acre may be expected. After this, the yield drops rapidly. Total papain production for the five years is between 200 and 250 lb. per acre. Prior to the war, the price of papain was anywhere from 5/- to 30/- per pound. The present prices paid by the USA, and maintained since the war, have been around 15/- per lb. Approximately 5 to 7 lb. of fresh latex makes 1 lb. of dry papain.

Tapping is usually done in the early morning, with a knife of stainless steel, bone or similar composition—as any contact with base metals results in an inferior product. The knife or blade is set in cork or rubber, projecting 1/16 in. and tied to a stick for easier handling. Tapping usually begins when the fruit has reached about 4 in. in diameter, when the tree is 9-12 months old, and may continue at intervals of seven days throughout the year. More frequent tapings result in a lowered total yield.

Several methods of collection are used, the most popular being a cotton cloth fixed to a frame, so that the "saucer" or "umbrella" may be clamped to the tree just below the fruit. The latex is immediately collected and scraped into a wooden box fitted with a sliding lid. With two such "saucers," a worker is able to attend to two trees at a time; when the latex has ceased to flow from the first, the "saucer" is clamped to the third tree, and so on.

Four or five longitudinal cuts are made in the fruit, spaced equally apart. The next tapping of this tree should be up to 1 in. from the previous cuts. When the collecting box is full it is taken to the drier.

At no time should the latex come in contact with base metals or the human



Diagram, prepared by Papua-New Guinea Department of Agriculture, showing lay-out of a shed, etc., for drying Papain.

skin as it has a strong corrosive action. If the latex must be held for some time prior to drying, it has been found that a solution of 1 per cent. formalin prevents

the total putrefaction of the latex, although it slightly lowers the quality of the finished papain.

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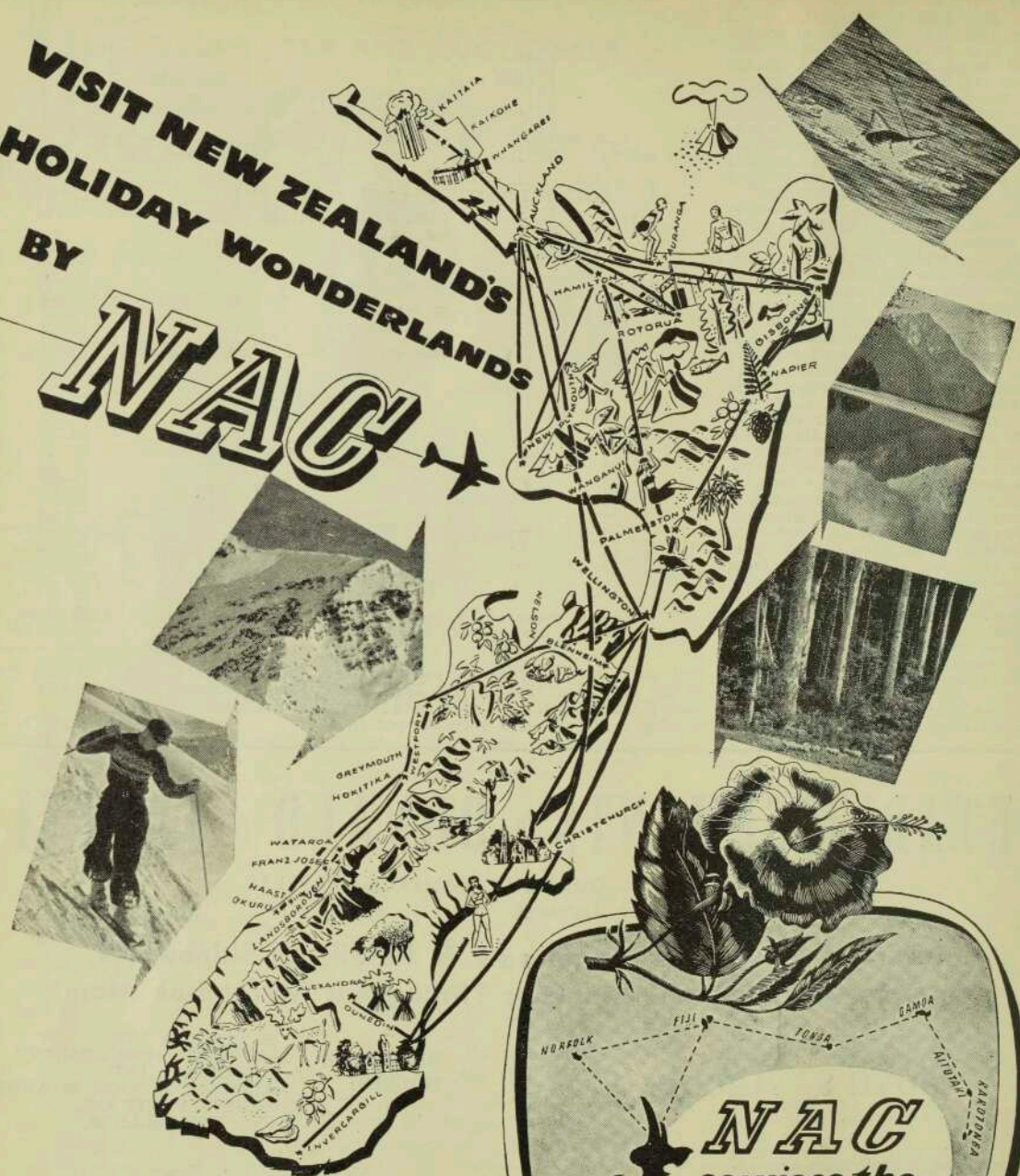
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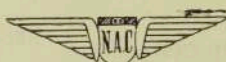
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Territories Talk-Talk

By "Tolala"

NOW that some encouragement is being given to private enterprise in NG, I see that two South Australians—one no other than the Editor of "Hoofs and Horns"—have plans for a tea plantation in the highlands. It's about time we realised that NG can grow all our tropical requirements, and put that knowledge into practice. Sydney's retail prices for pepper and coffee, for instance are respectively 3/3 an ounce, and 7/8 a pound. New Guinea growers should be able to do something with those lines and show a reasonable profit, at half the price.

Queen Emma, 40 years ago, carried out successful experiments in growing this kind of product on Matanatar plantation in the Kokopo district. But no one preserved them because the old coconut was so easy to grow and required no trained labour to turn it into copra.

By-the-way, the modest kaukau (sweet potato) is selling in Sydney at 1/3 a pound!

INvariably there are arguments about income taxation assessments. One recently came before the Supreme Court in Sydney involving a man who was with the Yank Small Ships in NG for a while, and appealed against his earnings while there being taxed. Apparently there are other similar cases pending and the judgment was reserved.

I hear many complaints from pre-war NG residents who received war damage compensation and have been taxed on the interest, which accumulated during the period between the loss and payment of the claim. Had there been a branch of the War Damage Commission established in NG after the war (whence most of the claims came) then surely the position could never have arisen, but there wasn't and all claims had to go through Sydney. Somehow it doesn't seem to add up rightly to me.

HAVE you ever tried to locate a pal who has come down to Sydney from NG, but you have no idea where he is staying? It might be imagined that it would be something akin to the proverbial needle in the hay-stack. But not so. In the old days—before folk hopped down by plane—you could invariably track them down through the shipping department at BP's; but in these days of modern transport it is not quite so easy. I was seeking a Bill Jones the other day. Enquiries at the PIM office drew a blank, even Bert Rawnsley in BP's didn't know where he was, neither did Merle at the Plaza; but a call at Madge's bar at Usher's brought to light a veritable directory of Territorian visitors with their Sydney addresses. A flick of the leaves of the indexed address book by Madge gave me all the information I required, and further queries told me that most Territorians register in Madge's book as soon as they arrive.

THERE always have been favourite Sydney spotting spots for NG folk on leave—and probably always will be. In the early '20's it used to be Belfields, where Papuan, NG and Solomon Islands residents foregathered; then, in the '30's, it changed to Usher's where the famous Ethel could give you more information about NG personnel than the Government Secretary himself;

then they gravitated to the Australia for a while, and afterwards returned to Usher's where they congregate now, with a fair proportion patronising the Plaza.

It is not hard to track down the Territorians if you really want to find them providing they do not shun the spotting spots.

BIRDS of paradise are either becoming more hardy, or their homes in captivity more to their liking. It used to be a common saying in the Islands that you could not keep a BOP in captivity—even in NG. Many attempts were made, but in vain. Now I read of a female blue bird in the Chicago Zoo being joined by a mate, which was flown over from Frisco, after a sea voyage from Sydney. The next thing we'll hear will be some enterprising Yank starting a BOP farm for trimming milady's Fifth Avenue hats.

FROM what one hears about the reclassification of the P-NG Public Service it has certainly caused a lot of disappointment—and that's putting it very mildly. Senior officers appear to have come off quite well, while the lower grades are left moaning. This is unfortunate and if there are not many vacancies in the ranks of the Public Service in a short while I shall be much surprised. Unless, of course, some of the classifications are amended. Papua and New Guinea are not as attractive as they used to be in pre-war days. Perhaps a little less attention to UNO and more to government employees might be advantageous, all round.

THE reassurance of the Special Correspondent (PIM, July, p9) of "Let there be No Panic" in Rabaul over imminent volcanic eruptions is very timely, and he is quoting much of what Dr. Norman Fisher stated over ten years ago. The Australian government has always had the wind-up over Rabaul since 1937, and Civil Servants in residents there in pre-war days encouraged this fear to a great extent, for they had no personal stake in the town (they were not allowed to have one) and one location was as good as another to them in which to perform their public service duties. The government was naturally concerned over the safety of the residents, but another contributing factor for concern was the possibility of claims for compensation in the event of a major seismic upheaval. In these years "Compo" has become a big factor in na-

THE MEKE

All Pacific Islanders have their own forms of dancing. In Fiji they are called Mekes. This one performed by the girls here and in which wreaths of cream frangipanni blossoms and scarlet hibiscus play their part, is said to have a Polynesia origin.

tional life and that, in my opinion, is one of the main reasons why the government is still toying with the idea of "moving Rabaul." Dr. Fisher's views may succeed in allaying government fears, and I hope they do. But the installation of an A1 vulcanological observatory is essential, without delay.

WHY is it the present is always so niggardly in passing credit on to the past?

Minister Spender is reported in the middle of last month as saying that "with promulgation of the Native Village Councils Regulations the native peoples would for the first time have an opportunity for a measure of self-government."

And yet in the TNG Administration Report to the League of Nations for 1936-37 one reads of the establishment of 14 groups of villages where Native Councils had been established and translations of some of the records were forwarded to the Permanent Mandates Commission for examination... Fair go!

BITS AND PIECES: Rabaul will miss the Perrimans, who left recently for Europe, via the USA. Bert has seen a few changes in old Rabaul. It is 30 years since he used to tootle round in an old T Ford. Then the WRC staff in Rabaul consisted of a man named Tatham as manager, and Bert as clerk and everything else. Their office was in a bungalow opposite Proclamation Square and later occupied by Johnny Walstab. The WRC firm has gone a long way since then. Present Territorial annual copra production is said to be about 55,000 tons. In pre-war times native trade copra was estimated at 10,000 tons. It would be interesting to know what it totals now, as an indication of native industry. A Sydney firm is offering boys a bonus of £100 to sign apprenticeship articles for a period of five years. Indentured labour system?

Captain F. S. Melton, master of the Melanesian Mission ship Southern Cross, has been in Sydney on furlough.



—Photo by Lex Halliday.

20 Years in the Neck-Tie Business

By ERIC RAMSDEN

JUST how Bill Wilson, of Fiji, got into what he called "the neck-tie business" is a story in itself. In using that expression one does not wish to give an impression of facetiousness. For 20 long years Bill took his job (which, you will agree, was one of life and death), very seriously. That he gave satisfaction to all parties is obvious; the Fijian Government has employed him for so long as the Colony's official hangman.

In 1928 there was a particularly brutal murder at Tuvimula, on Vanua Levu. The motive was the not unusual one—jealousy and man-woman trouble. In consequence, three men were sentenced to be hanged, likewise the lady in the case. But as the latter was found to be pregnant, her sentence was committed to life imprisonment.

The circumstances of the case were so horrifying that Bill was heard to observe: "I would not mind stringing up those So-and-Sos' myself!"

That chance remark reached the ears of the Governor of Suva's gaol. At that time the Colony required the services of a hangman. So this proposition was put to Bill—a retaining fee of £25 annually, £10 for the initial execution, and £5 for any others that took place at the same time. "Oh, yes," he remarked quite casually, "it is possible to swing three at the same time. I have had as many as seven or eight, though I usually did them in twos and threes."

The incident at Tuvimula, apart from the retainer, meant a cash transaction of £20. Bill is rather proud of the fact that he was the first of his trade to receive a retainer. The profit motive, however, did not influence him unduly. For, if at the last moment a Governor exercised his prerogative of mercy, Bill was paid just the same.

After explaining such business details, he confided: "People, you know, are apt to look down on a hangman. But he performs a most necessary and useful service for the community. If there were no hangman, there would be many more murders." He believes in capital punishment as a deterrent, especially in a colony such as Fiji where Asiatics are in the majority. Bill, whose Fijian mother came from Levuka, says that sex and robbery are almost invariably the motives for the crimes of Fiji-Indians.

During the period in which he was hangman, until his retirement in 1948, there were no Europeans executed, and only two Chinese. The guilty Indians, he explained, wasted much time and money in useless appeals—only, of course, to face Mr. Wilson and his "neck-tie" on the final day of reckoning. "Far better to get it over quickly," commented my informant. "Why waste so much money on lawyers? But that is the Indian way. One can never cure them of litigation!"

Bill was full of facts and figures as to his experiences. Even if one could not always accept the facts without question, some of his memories were certainly vivid. There was, for example, the case at Rakiraki, in Ra province. Bill was a little hazy as to the date, but he recalled the circumstances:—

AN Indian and his wife and their seven children were at home one evening. It was pouring with rain. Suddenly, there was a knock at the door. A ragged man asked for shelter. The wife cooked some more roti, and gave him what remained of the curry. The husband even provided the visitor with fresh clothing.

"Next day the husband said to the wife: 'I think I could employ this man. Of course, we can give him no wages, but when the crop is harvested, there will be a share for him.'"

"The arrangement worked quite satisfactorily for three months. Then, the stranger began to cast eyes in the direction of his hostess. If he ever again made such a proposition, replied the latter, she would tell her husband. The visitor was penitent for a time, and then renewed his attentions. The wife told him that she would certainly inform her lord and master."

"That night, fearing the disclosure, the man murdered the husband and wife, and killed all the children with the exception of one girl who escaped through a window and the baby. Indians go mad when they see blood; they just chop and chop. Then he set fire to the house, and it was proved later that the baby died in the fire."

Bill had no compunction in "stringing up" the man who had bitten the hand that fed him.

While the majority of condemned people are docile in confinement, he recalled how one Punjabi had rushed him in the cell on the morning of execution. "But, of course, I had two warders with me, and he never had a chance."

"After he had the harness on him, when en route to the scaffold, he addressed the Indian prisoners, saying: 'Never commit crime! See what has happened to me! Now I am going to pay for it!'"

Then there was the case of a father and son, who had murdered an old couple to obtain £500. One blamed the other, though neither would confess. Even as they stood on the scaffold they would not speak to each other.

During the recent war a party of eight Indians who had been celebrating in Suva called on an old couple in the country. After they had been received kindly, and a chicken killed in their honour, the young men revealed their real intention. The old folk were known to be wealthy. Like many Indians, it was believed they had their money buried somewhere around the home.

One of the party who subsequently turned King's evidence, told how first one of the old man's eyes had been gouged out, and then the other. Then the old woman was subjected to such treatment that it could not be described in print. Finally, she told where £90 was hidden. But that was not enough. The hoodlams wanted the lot.

The old man was killed. His wife was left in such a condition that she died soon after from her injuries.

Bill was rather annoyed when, in that particular instance, the Governor exercised his prerogative, believing perhaps that it might relieve the tense political situation that then existed. "But if it was designed to assist recruiting," he remarked, "then it had no such effect."

These was at least one instance where the prisoner, after being sentenced to death, was found to be suffering from leprosy. Whereupon he was transferred to Makogai. That certainly presented a problem for the person most concerned. If he recovered, to quote the ex-hangman: "He would be the principal guest at a 'neck-tie' party."

What was preferable, he asked—to be hanged or to die from leprosy?

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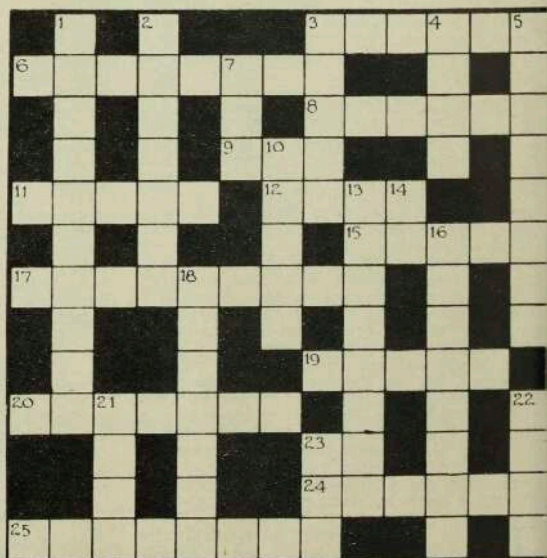
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ACROSS

- 3.—What crustacean is coloured by boiling?
- 6.—What is Canada's national sport?
- 8.—Who said "I fear the Greeks even when bearing gifts"?
- 9.—What animal has teeth of the same number and form as a man?
- 11.—Which was a celebrated family of violin makers?
- 12.—In arithmetic, what is the least whole number?
- 15.—What could be a seat or an aviation menace?
- 17.—What is the act of increasing through normal growth?
- 19.—Hair-net?
- 20.—Another name for beche-de-mer?
- 23.—The symbol for copper?
- 24.—Which adjective pertains to lofty peaks?
- 25.—Who was captain of H.M.S. Pinafore?

DOWN

- 1.—What creature was once believed to live and delight in fire?
- 2.—What was Benjamin Franklin before he became President of the USA?
- 3.—How many watches are there aboard ship?
- 4.—Who was the villain in "Othello"?
- 5.—What Bible has the text printed side by side in different languages?
- 7.—What is the Caspian?
- 10.—Which soup has no solids?
- 13.—In ancient times it was Byzantium. What is it now?
- 14.—Tease?
- 16.—What part of an aircraft gives lift in a moving current of air?
- 18.—What strong grass is used in basket-making, cordage, etc.?
- 21.—Large jug with a wide spout?
- 22.—During which war did Baden-Powell gain prominence?
- 23.—What container is repeated for a dance title?



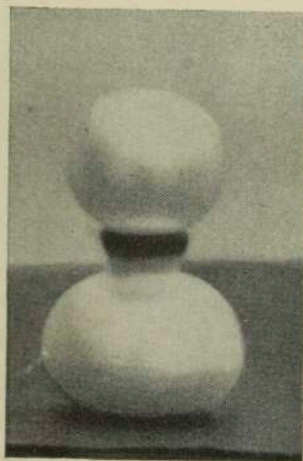
Tropicalities

TWO stories about Missionaries from the Newcastle Herald:—

Embarrassment in glorious technicolour was recorded at the expense of the Secretary of the London Missionary Society in Australasia (Rev. N. Cocks), who gave an address at the Brown Street Congregational Church. Mr. Cocks showed a film which took in one of his visits to Papua. As he left, he was carried to the waiting launch by two native boys, sedan-chair fashion. The scene was all dignity and tropical splendour till one of the boys stumbled, knocked against his mate, and the trio floundered in the sea. Mr. Cocks was shown being hauled, dripping, into the launch.

THE Rev. D. E. Ure, 20 years a missionary in Papua, was another speaker. He was telling a questioner in the audience about natives in the highlands where the Australian sheep-breeding experiments are going on. "The natives have little clothing, but in the cold weather they smear themselves with pig fat for warmth," he said. "You can imagine what a Sunday congregation smells like." Mr. Ure also told of native deacons who protested about the admission of a certain native woman to the church. They could find no fault—she attended church regularly, knew her catechism, lived a good life, and her husband belonged to the church. "Then what is your objection?" Mr. Ure asked. "Her husband hasn't finished paying for her yet," they said.

THESE pearls which were found by a Torres Strait Islander last season are now in the safe keeping of the Queensland Native Affairs Director, and details of them have been sent to Prime Minister Menzies (now in the United States) who has been asked to help sell them in America or Europe for the benefit of the native owner.



We described these freak "flask" pearls in April PIM. They were found together in the one shell. The lower pearl has a jet black band round the top forming a cup into which the six carat "stopper" fits. Both are valuable but would be more valuable still if sold in combination.

TEA in Australia is now 3/4 per pound—it went up 7d. recently when rationing was removed. It still is about the cheapest tea in the world, however, and residents of the New Guinea territories pay between seven and eight shillings per pound for the same brands.

In order to beat the rise, two men in the Government service in Melbourne, have patented a method of tea-brewing that uses, they say, only a quarter the normal amount of tea. This may be of interest to readers who are paying a much higher price than are the inventors.

The process is simple. The tea is placed in a small metal container inside an ordinary domestic pressure-cooker, and infused under pressure. The water in a pressure-cooker reaches 250 deg., releasing oils which remain in the leaf when it is in contact with ordinary boiling water. A further gain is made in volatile compounds usually lost in steam. Excellent results have been obtained with an ounce of tea to a gallon of water.

Tea tasters of the Department of Trade and Customs report that the brew made under pressure is darker in colour, higher in its percentage of solids, stronger in flavour, and generally at least equal in quality to tea conventionally prepared.

The inventors hope to work out a tea concentrate which will keep for weeks. Devotees of the pressure-cooker will be sorry that a few more precise details are not given for brewing just one ordinary pot of tea. But a few experiments should show how long to cook, and how much tea to use.

EX-FIJI residents living in Australia might be interested to know that they can now buy a recording of that perennial favourite, Isa Lei, in Australia. This is sung by Fijians—the well-known choir of the Methodist Jubilee Church in Suva—and is not the "hot" Australian version of this famous island melody.

On the reverse side of the disc the choir sings Mo ni totaka na kalon.

Records are 10/- each in Australia; postage extra. Inquiries should be made from State secretaries of the Methodist Overseas Mission or at head office 139 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

A WOMAN civil servant employed by the British Solomon Islands Government recently returned from an evening party to find that her sitting-room had been taken possession of by a turtle, which had knocked glasses and a wireless set off a small table and broken them, and had then apparently charged about the room, knocking down and breaking some light furniture.

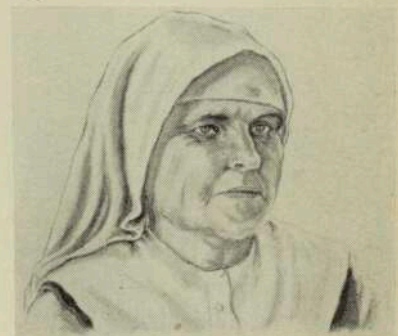
Boys were sent for and after a chase lasting some time they polished it off with an axe. The turtle had apparently come up from the sea, 30 yards away, looking for a sand beach to lay eggs in, and finding a stretch of coral debris but no sand, had walked into the house on its way to a further search. It was found to be full of eggs when it was killed.

Turtle soup and turtle steaks next day went some way towards consoling the householder for the damage done.—KSP.

WHEN Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna was gazetted in May as honorary colonel of the Fiji Infantry Regiment, the appointment was followed by delvings into his military career, which started in 1914. While a student at Oxford, young Ratu Sukuna found himself—unbelievable as it seems in these days—unacceptable to the British Army. He went to France, joined the Foreign Legion, and was in the firing line in the Champagne only four months after the outbreak of the First World War.

After the attack by No. 1 Company of the Legion's First Battalion at Fort Navarin on September 26, 1915, Ratu Sukuna, badly wounded, was one of the 35 men who survived out of 2500 men in the battalion.

He was awarded the Medaille Militaire—the highest honour which France can give to any soldier. Because of official muddles somewhere, the insignia was not presented to him until November 2, 1932, when, as Ratu J. L. V. Sukuna, he was District Commissioner, Lau.—J.S.



MOTHER MARGARET has been known as head of the school for girls at Torgil, the "Valley of the Virgins," Aoba, New Hebrides. This school has reverted to lay control in the Melanesian Mission, while Mother Margaret has returned to the Solomons with her five white Sisters and five native ones. For some years this little Order has been moving along the road to Rome, and they now expect to sever their association with the Church of England and the Melanesian Mission, and to come under the authority of the Roman Catholic Church during this present month of July. They are to retain the identity of their Order and its habit, and will conduct a school on Guadalcanal.—BRETT HILDER.

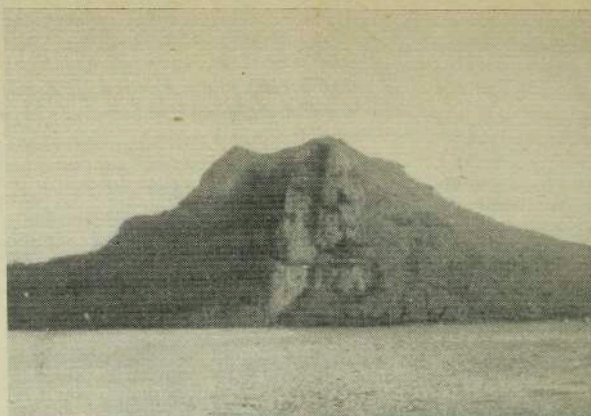
THAT seductive amber fluid, called by the village youth of the Cook Islands kava, and by white toppers "bush beer" (made illegally out of fermented orange-juice) is exactly 100 years old as an Island institution. According to a missionary-historian, some "rascals from Hawaii" arriving here per trading barque, brought with them the know-how of transforming innocent juice into a 100-octane intoxicant—after which our natives got busy with a few improvements.

Christianity was then still in its struggling first phase, and the missionaries had no little worry to deal, in 1850, with the damage done to Saved Souls by Demon Drink. Triumphant, their mission-records say that the evil was in short time put down, and legislation drafted to make its indulgence a non-paying business.

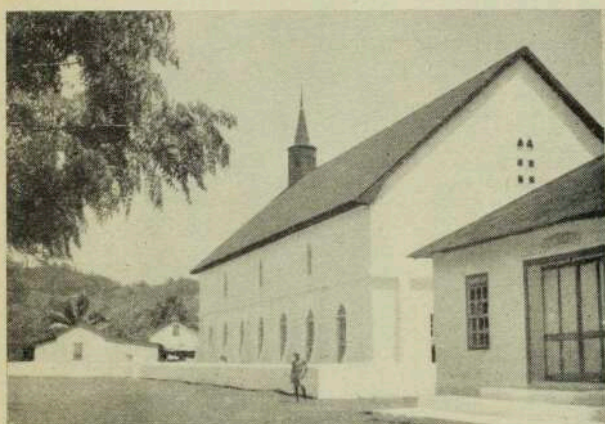
It is to be feared that this boast was overly optimistic; the white missionaries of early days are gone the way of all flesh, but bush beer is still a feature of the CI scene.—ETI, Mangaia, CI.



Rapa Co-operative Store.



Approaching Island of Rapa.



Betseda Church, Rurutu.



Landing at Ahurei, Rapa.

To the fabled Island of Rapa

WITH CLIFFORD KRUSE*

I HAD spent several hours hanging on the ratlines and clinging to the yard-arm on the mainmast hoping that I'd be the first aboard the Terehau to sight the island. Then I could scream with the best of Jack London's and Joseph Conrad's characters, "Land ho!"

An hour before our 89-foot schooner was due at Rapa (1,000 miles south-east of Tahiti, little known and seldom-visited), a squall line began to form, cutting visibility almost to zero. We had had to slacken speed in case we ran right onto the hidden island. And then, all of a sudden, the clouds lifted, as some curvaceous performer at a burlesque show slowly, teasingly lifts her skirts above her knees. The island of Rapa lay just a mile beyond, its jade green dress sparkling with sunshine. No Hollywood producer could have manufactured a more dramatic opening scene.

Nor could any Hollywood producer improve on the story or the scenery as it unfolded for me during my stay on this mystic bit of an island, so completely detached from the world. Here there were none of the hindrances of modern civilisation—no movie houses, no radios, no automobiles (nor even a horse to ride!), no roads, no white men and, with the exception of an occasional schooner, no communication with the outside world.

The Terehau was the first commercial schooner to go to Rapa in over two years.

In America, where the complexities of civilisation and the strict codes of society weigh heavily on a man, one of the most popular escape stories is "the Rapa story." This tale, basically true, varies from teller to teller in the amount of fiction it contains, but one thing about it is always constant: the point about the unbalanced ratio of men to women. While in Rapa I was determined to find out what truth it might contain. I went to the Tahitian male nurse who attends to the islanders' aches and pains, and who has the only complete census of the island. He checked his records and told me that there were, at that time, 305 inhabitants on the island and only 64 of them were men. About four women for every man.

Asked how this came about, the nurse said that most of the young Rapa men left the island to become sailors on schooners and only returned, if they ever did, when they were old men. He introduced me to three men, all natives in their late forties, I would judge, who had been for many years in America. They had stowed away, when they were in their early twenties, on a vessel bound for Tahiti. In Papeete they stowed away

again on a steamer that took them to America. In San Francisco they jumped ship and, despite their lack of passports or credentials of any sort, were able to find work in the vineyards around Stockton, California, where they lived comfortably and without detection for 11 years. Finally American immigration authorities caught up with them and they were deported to their native Rapa.

Because of this disproportion of men to women in the population, the men find themselves having to do very little of the work. Apart from building the whaleboats and fishing in the open sea, everything is done by the women. The men seem quite content to idle away their whole existence just sitting and meditating. Just what they find to meditate upon that can occupy an entire lifetime, I didn't find out.

THERE are a number of horses on Rapa, but none of these have been domesticated. The horses, which were imported from Rimatara in the Australs during the past century, roam wild on the headlands that form such

*This story was in type before we learned that Clifford Kruse had died on Kiriwina Is., Eastern Papua, on August 6. See elsewhere in this issue.

a large percentage of the island's area. Since all of the population lives in the swampy flatland around the Bay of Ahurei, there really isn't any place for the natives to want to go. This probably accounts for their not catching and breaking the horses to ride. I tried to hire a horse to ride up to some of the ancient fortifications that ring the valley of Ahurei, but was told that there was not one horse on the island that had ever been ridden.

Herds of goats roam as much as the horses do. Despite the fact that the natives are fond of goat meat, not a single goat was kept in captivity. When the urge for meat gets too strong to suppress any longer, a band of teenagers takes to the hills and captures dozens of them in a goat drive. Armed with sticks and stones they drive a grazing herd of the sure-footed animals toward a bluff which fronts onto the sea. This manoeuvre leaves the goats with the alternative of capture or having to jump into the sea. The goats, not inclined to be swimmers, usually submit to being captured by the horns and led back to the open spits where they are killed and roasted.

RAPA, most of it rising steep from the sea with perimeter roughly 20 miles, is unimportant to the outside world. Its only agricultural crop for export is coffee, which was our chief reason for calling there. All the coffee raised (it runs to 25 tons a year) is picked, a bean at a time, by the women. It goes into the island co-operative, which bears the name, "Taite Rapa." A grade of Moccha, the price paid to Rapa growers is usually about half what it brings in the market at Papeete. The supercargo on our vessel offered 19 francs a kilo (about 15 cents US a pound) but the natives insisted on 22 francs per kilo. The Rapans, whose economy is not based on money, would not meet the supercargo's price and consequently we left without the coffee. Their need for the money that the coffee crop would bring was so unimportant that they would rather wait (maybe for months, maybe years) until another trading schooner stopped by the isolated rock. The independence of their nature and their refusal to submit to the trader's price impressed me.

Rapa sits outside what is generally regarded as the tropics and consequently the fruits usually associated with tropical islands are not found in abundance there. There are almost no coconuts, and breadfruit and mangoes are scarce. However, potatoes and grapes do, in a way, take the place of the other missing fruits and vegetables. The natives prepare the pasty, rubbery taro and tarua by pounding it on a flat rock until the grey mass looks much more unpalatable than it first did. This mess is called popoi. It is eaten in this style in preference to boiling and slicing as is done in many of the other islands of French Oceania. The Rapans do not care much for potatoes, although some are still raised. At one time the French government initiated a scheme whereby Rapans were to grow all the potatoes they could on their few acres of tillable soil. These the government was to buy and transport. However, the scheme fell through on the government's part and met with about the same success as the East African peanut plan.

Fish are plentiful and the native women are expert catchers of the octopus. Frames for the drying of the octopus can be seen around the village. The natives also like the meat of the Kea, a sea bird that nests in the rocky shores along the bay. There are quite a few domestic fowls roaming at large and an occasional pig.

RAPA, like the Marquesas, apparently supported a much larger population years ago than it does now. The three English-speaking Rapans told me that at one time there were 5,000 inhabitants, according to information that had come to them by word-of-mouth from their forefathers. Now there are just over 300. Diseases from the white man, liquor, and slave traders were the reasons for the decline. Now the population is growing slowly again although many of the younger men still leave the island.

When I was there, there were three lepers living in an isolated hut in the valley. They had been segregated from the other natives and will probably go to Tahiti's Orofara leper colony eventually. Other than this, there appeared to be little disease on the island. There was no noticeable elephantiasis and the venereal disease rate is not high, according to the native nurse. Rheumatism and malaria ought to be prevalent in such a moist climate but I was unable to find out about these things.

In 1938 the French colonial administration at Tahiti passed a law barring white visitors from going to Rapa. The same law also applied to other islands in the Austral group. A French Canadian and a new Zealander who had lived for a number of years on Rapa have left. Now,

no white man makes his home there and few ever visit the island. This is part of the colonial administration's attempt to save at least part of Oceania for the native. It is good in theory, and should prove whether or not native populations who have lived for 100 or more years with the gimcracks, foods and gadgets of the white man can make their own civilisation again support them. Only time, generations of it, will reveal the outcome of the ban—whether it be wisdom or folly.

WHILE Rapa is the most interesting of the Austral Islands, as well as the most isolated, there is much to be seen in the other islands of the group—Tubuai, Rurutu, Rimatara and Raivavae.

Tubuai, with its white-sand beaches, its bordering reef, blue lagoon waters, abrupt green peaks and omnipresent coconut trees, is the most beautiful island I have seen anywhere in the Pacific. Even often-praised Ulithi in the Carolines does not hold a candle to it. It is a clean island and its natives are the same amiable, ever-laughing folk as their Polynesian neighbours in Tahiti, 400 miles northwards. There is a horse-road around most of Tubuai's 18 mile coastline. Over this grass-covered road runs the only automobile in the entire

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How Alphonse Met A Wicked Serpent

By Roberta M. Rhodes

THIS is the true story of Alphonse, a tropical Cat.

When interviewing him to-day on the near-loss of one of his nine lives, in the jaws of a python, Alphonse himself remarked that, although constantly reading of the difficulties of life south of Latitude 12 deg. South, he was sure no Sydneyside cat had to contend with such disadvantages as he met, in living in the tropics.

For instance, he said, on the night in question, he had taken up his usual and favourite sleeping position, in the Haus-cook. He was lying dreamily in a pleasant relaxed state, halfway between reality and a catty Eldorado, teeming with mice, milk, and voluptuously amenable maiden cats. Suddenly one of those fierce tropical storms arose, to which he is accustomed, and he hardly stirred from his dreaming.

But, under cover of the storm's barrage, an Enemy was secretly advancing.

And then one of those things occurred, he said, which are so annoying to the dweller in the Tropics. He was seized, without warning, and from behind, by a great, clumsy python.

At this point in his story the poor fellow broke down at the horrible recollection, and was unable to continue.

However, his master appeared, and finished the tale. He told me that on the night of the storm he heard a faint cry for help. Rushing to the Haus-cook a fearful sight met his eyes.

In the dim light of his torch (it is always dim, he complained, because the Missus forgets to buy new batteries) he saw only two green eyes, which appeared to be standing forth from their sockets and indulging in a secret life of their own. After a stunned period of cogitation, he recognised the orbs of his favourite cat, Alphonse.

Further investigation revealed that the hind portion of Alphonse was in trouble.

He was now encircled, as lovingly as ever old Omar embraced a brewer's daughter by a python. Round his neck he wore, like a coral jewel, a cruel band of gleaming needle-teeth. The snake was in the very act of preparing to swallow the cat.

THE good kind Mastah, unheeding any danger to his own person, then tore the snake from the body of the cat.

With infinite caution, he placed it in a filing cabinet, which hitherto had found no suitable purpose in life, and later despatched it to a friend, who, in a foolish moment of abandon, had once professed an affinity with snakes. This one, he later told us, measured a bare 14 feet.

However, let us return to our muttons. The Master looked again upon his cat. Alphonse was undoubtedly in a mess. Lying on the floor, released from the python's embrace, a large pool of blood was spreading round his head. This, allied to the fact that his limbs were rapidly growing colder, led us to entertain little hope for his ultimate recovery.

But then, having filed away the snake, and whilst reviving himself with rum, the Master was astonished to see Alphonse being feebly animated by signs of returning life. Soon he was sitting up, looking distraught, it is true, but alive.

And here I was pleased to observe that he had recovered sufficiently to interject:

"Do you know," he remarked urbanely, "what I consider really did the trick, and shot me right back to the good old status quo? It was that Rum and Milk the Missus gave me!"

"Yes, curse the foul-favoured woman," I heard Alphonse's Master mutter darkly, as I wandered away with my notes, "and now you're so big-headed you won't drink your milk straight!"

TO THE ISLAND OF RAPA

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Austral group. It is a Ford station-wagon owned by Guy Raoul, Tahitian-born Frenchman, who operates two copra-and-provision stores several miles apart. There are perhaps half-a-dozen Frenchmen living on the island now and one American, Harry Kline, the Yankee from California, has been on the island for 14 years. The other white men, including Pierre Pennomen, the administrator, have gone there since the war. Tubuai is probably the best suited of all the islands of the Pacific for beachcombing. However, the French discourage those with such inclinations.

There are plenty of fish in the lagoon and plenty of seafood on the reef. All of the tropical fruits—oranges, bananas, pineapples, mangoes, avocados, **Tapu-tapu**, guavas, and coconuts—abound. The **taro** patches are favourite nesting places for a species of wild duck. Pigs, cows, chickens and turkeys grow well on the natural herbage. There is more than enough to support the present population of 1,204. The chief settlement is at Mataura, which means "red face."

ABOUT 100 miles to the west lies the home of the most industrious native people in the entire Pacific area. The Rurutians have to work much harder than their Tubuai neighbours because Mother Nature has not handed them quite as much on her silver platter. The fringing reef at Rurutu is in most places, so close to the shoreline that no lagoon exists at all, and the outer edge of the reef drops off so abruptly into the sea that there are almost no fish available on the island. The fertility of the land, too, is less than that on Tubuai and the natives must exert greater efforts at cultivation to ensure good crops.

But these handicaps have made Rurutu people one of the most able and advanced native groups in the Pacific. They work their crops and their copra plantations from early in the morning until just before sundown and have accustomed themselves to eating only two meals a day—one before they go to work in the morning and one after returning in the evening. Their homes are, for the most part, made of stone and cemented with lime that they obtain by burning coral heads. This bright white coating on all of the houses and the fact that both the villages, Avera on the west and Moerai, on the northwest, are laid out in very orderly fashion, gives the settlements a distinctive European flavour. The Betelseda church at Moerai, also fashioned out of stone and lime, is one of the largest in Oceania. Almost 100 per cent. of the natives are Protestants.

Pepe hats and mats woven out of the narrow, slit leaves of the **paore** plant form quite an industry on Rurutu. The hats and mats, done in native designs, take one woman about a day to make. Finished, they sell at the factory for as little as 10 francs (16 cents) each. In Papeete the same products go for four times the price. All the work is done by women in their homes.

The 100-ft. Tumuhau, one of the most famous schooners in the Eastern Pacific, is the property of the natives of Rurutu. It was built by them on the beach at Avera and dragged into the sea. It is used primarily in the Tuamotu island trade. For many years these prosperous, energetic folk have done their own trading among the Australs and occasionally venture all the way to Rapa.

There are two other islands in the Austral group which have natives residing on them, and two that are uninhabited. The inhabited islands Rai-vavae and Rimatara, have less than 500 people who exist on the profits of cop-

"All-round Tourists"

By A. M. Eaton

SHORTLY before the visiting steamer comes shuffling into our Island port, a regrettable change in the behaviour of the locals is noticed.

Definite signs of strain are manifested by a slight twitching of the eyelids, a tendency to speak in throaty Pidgin is observed, while our efforts to cultivate an "uncivilised" expression, and a strong desire to drape ourselves "sarong wise" in the most gaudy material we can find, is a sure indication that we are not ourselves.

Do not be alarmed—we are merely preparing for our roles as "island curios" and "white savages," which have been forced upon us by the All-Round Tourists, for whose benefit we now enact them.

Many a heartfelt groan has been uttered by the Islanders at having to face another batch of these creatures who mostly are on a gay little jaunt to view the strange whites inhabiting the Outposts of Empire. But now we have decided to make all the world our stage and play our parts so successfully that the ART's really do have something to talk about back in "civilisation."

OUR verbal bouts with Tourists usually take place in the dining saloon and commence quite amiably (on our part), working up to a crescendo of mutual dislike, until the Tourist retires hastily beyond range of contamination, muttering darkly about "those peculiar Island types."

Here are accounts of three meetings with typical ART's, in the happy days when we were unsuspecting and natural.

When we first viewed Miss A (the Lady from the Library) she was draped languidly over the steamer rail, patting her permanent and gazing with rapidly disintegrating interest at the natives unloading copra on the wharf. As our battered jeep trundled up to the gangway, she recoiled visibly and retired behind a ventilator to watch unobserved our progress to the cabin of the Captain, who is a friend of ours.

We next saw her when we sallied into the saloon for lunch, where she was already seated, sandwiched stiffly in between the Captain and me. For the next half-hour, Miss A effortlessly conveyed the impression that she had already had the islands and everybody in them, and was very upset at being in such close proximity with, and having to speak to, such peculiar people as we seemed to be.

To my mother's pleasant query as to whether she was enjoying her trip, Miss A balanced a potato belligerently on her fork, glared at the ceiling and murmured in a voice of pained surprise, "Of course."

Having delivered herself of this agreeable reply, she lowered her eyes to the left until they encountered those of the Captain, with an expression that indicated her astonishment and disgust at having to answer such questions.

fee and copra. Both islands are very small and are visited only occasionally.

With the exception of the Gambier group, which sits way out at the eastern end of the Tuamotu chain, the Australs are the most isolated of the island groups in French Oceania. Schooners here average one call in two months. In the Marquesas there are two schooners operating on six-week schedules, while the Tuamotus are crisscrossed by schooner tracks and there is always a schooner coming or going. The Iles Sous Le Vent, frequently get two schooners a week.

I then threw myself into the breach. "I understand you work in a library, Miss A," I said, chattily. "I think that must be very interesting."

Heaving a weary sigh, Miss A. focussed her eyes on my plate and informed me that I was quite mistaken but—here she regarded me with acute distaste—no doubt I should just adore working in a library.

So absorbed was I in working out the logic of this crack, that I only vaguely heard the next few gems, which fell wearily from Miss A's twisted lips. These included a few highly personal broadsides directed at the behaviour of a dear old lady opposite who was inoffensively sipping a glass of beer; and, in reply to my mother's remark—to the Captain—that we had recently received a gramophone, a loudly expressed opinion that, no doubt we played our records to complete rags for lack of something better to do.

She finally arose, after kindly explaining to the whole table that she would leave us to talk to the Captain, as she could always talk to him to-morrow!

So much for Miss A! May she flourish long and happily in the environment in which such wit is appreciated—if there is such a one.

WE fell into the large laps of Mr. and Mrs. B when we visited the following steamer—to find them ensconced in the Captain's cabin, quaffing beer and waiting to meet Islands types.

It appeared they had emerged from the dim depths of a chemist shop to swell the dubious ranks of the ART's, and as their conversation was conducted in tones of continual rapture, well peppered with endearments, they seemed to be a most charming couple.

"Darlings!" they howled in unison as we sidled bashfully round the door, "come and tell us all about The Life Up Here."

This we did, to their apparent delight—although we were a little taken aback at Mrs. B's habit of staring raptuously at each of in turn and then demanding of Mr. B, "Aren't they too marvellous?" (We are relieved to be able to record that he seemed to agree.)

Our suggestion that we take them to our house for a quick supper was received with hysterical joy ("How divine to see a genuine Island Home, darling!"); and it was during this hilarious meal that Mrs. B offered to send us some Shampoos and a Nailbrush from The Shop—these being rather urgent necessities at the time.

To my mother's remark that we would give them a cheque for the things there was an immediate howl of protest. "Angel," yoooped Mrs. B, through a mouthful of soup, "not another word! We wouldn't dream of taking money after all your kindness. You can have thousands of Shampoos and Nailbrushes, you poor pets!"

In spite of our protests, this was the amiable note on which we parted at the wharf.

"Expect the parcel by next steamer, dears!" yelled Mrs. B, gesticulating from the gangway; and, as the ship drew away into the darkness, a faint screech was wafted back on the breeze: "Good-bye, darlings, it was Palmolive, wasn't it?" That was six months ago, and the Shampoos and Nailbrush have not yet materialised out of the scented mists of the chemist shop, and we rather doubt, now, that they will.

A charming couple, but a little forgetful!

OUR encounter with Mr. and Mrs. C was short and snappy (short on our part and snappy on theirs) but I feel it is worth recording, being typical of ART's.

My mother, who had not yet benefited from her many rebuffs, finding herself seated next to Mr. C at lunch, inquired if they were doing the Round Trip.

Mr. C laid down his knife and fork, regarded the ceiling (a favourite spot) and snapped—"Yaas, we are Round Tourists!"

In the ensuing silence we breathlessly awaited the inevitable, "So what!"; but somewhat to our surprise Mr. C merely sneered into his plate and recommenced feeding operations.

My mother made no further attempt at conversation, but being an old-fashioned and polite woman, she later on inquired of Mrs. C if she objected to her smoking.

Permission was timidly granted; whereupon Mr. C, who was then wallowing in custard, heaved three loud sighs, flung his napkin onto his plate, drummed his fingers angrily on the table and glared at his unfortunate wife with an expression that consigned all Islanders to the very depths of hell. However, he made no remark; and was soon blown from the table by the angry cigarette fumes of my mother who, like all of us, was by now thoroughly annoyed.

I can only assume that Mr. C was either in severe pain, or was merely presenting a perfect example of the manners displayed by the ordinary All-Round Tourist!

No, an Islander's impression of a tourist is not a happy one. It is associated mainly with vilely-cut slacks, expensive cameras, sneers thinly veiled in cigarette smoke, and "clever" remarks—like that lovely one made by the suave sophisticate who, when asked (by my poor mother) the age of her little girl, drawled affectedly, "I really couldn't say. I've been on this ship so long I've forgotten whether she's six or seven!" And so on.

A little less sneering in the future and the ART's will find that beneath our tattered stockings there beats a heart of gold!



Study of a Polynesian girl by Superflash Studios.

A PICNIC ON SAVO

BY K. S. POOLE

WE started early from Point Cruz (Honiara, BSI) in the little Raumat, to go to Savo Island for a picnic—twenty miles at about five knots. None of the four of us had seen Savo.

It was all blue and sunny and sparkling at Point Cruz, with a windy sky. Raumat liked it, too—more and more when the long swell smacked her on the beam as we left the shelter of the bay. In fact, before long she felt as merry and frolicsome as a young mare in Spring.

The swell had little white crests on it here and there. Presently, up the coast, against the blue-green shore line, came white specks flying northwards—frigate birds making up the coast, 40 and more of them—sure sign of a blow.

By the time we were an hour out, it was blowing nicely. Two hours out and the swell was more than somewhat, and the smell of dieselene from the exhaust had increased. We were still smoking cigarettes, but not so often and with less confidence.

Raumat pranced and playfully rolled her decking almost under, again and again. The waves seemed to leap up now like dogs snapping at the launch's side. And we were over Iron Bottom Bay, where the ships lie so peacefully on the deep-sea floor.

The launch's movement strangely detached mind from body, so that, while the body sat a little wearily on slatted hardwood, the mind coasted free and clear, making wartime pictures of flame and smoke and noise, and the blind excitement of death against the sparkle of the bright empty sea.

"Half over, half over to Aberdour, It's fifty fathoms deep, And there lies gude Sir Patrick Spens" . . .

Canberra, Lexington, how many others, down below us under the swell, under the bottom of the little, white, dancing launch?

"And there they wait and whiten peaceably,

Those conquerors, those poets, those so fair . . ."

In a way, their wives and sweethearts are below under the waves, too. They died with their men and grew a new self to look out of their eyes and go about the day's work.

And, if the officers and men who saw death coming over this blue sea rose and marched over the water now? More than battalion strength, white, brown and yellow—more than a division maybe. Nobody will ever know. They seemed very near, those men, in their unsounded depths, their peace too deep for any waves to reach them.

THE boat's crew landed us by dinghy near Sesiapa before noon, and we arranged to be picked up at 1.30.

It was decided to walk first, and have lunch on board later, to avoid the comedy of four hours' rough trip there, four hours' rough trip back, and 1½ hours mostly taken up in unpacking and eating lunch.

That's Savo—that was! I saw it for 10 minutes!

The rain came, good, honest-to-God tropical rain. The greenish tinge we had all worn afloat had warmed to pink again; but to spend the next 1½ hours standing under a leaky tree seemed hardly a dream picnic of tropical glamour. Faces fell visibly. Was Savo to be only rain, flies, sand in the shoes and a faint smell of copra—no hot springs, no megapodes' eggs hatching in the ground?

Through the rain came a cheerful person in a very striped lap-lap. In five minutes, with unassuming politeness, he had organised the party into the shelter of a mission teacher's leaf house, 50 yards away behind the trees. Lunch, and the party's odds and ends of belongings, were carried to the verandah.

No, he was not a teacher himself, he said. A policeman on leave: "Vaisuni—Lance-Corporal." He squared his shoulders with responsible pride.

The picnic party had lunch. Their host, the teacher (Gaspari), and his friends, accepted some tins and a suggestion to eat too, and had a quiet party inside the house. Outside, the visitors lunched and watched the downpour, the usual leggy chickens, and the plantain leaves, and heard the waves beginning to roar ominously against the beach.

THE launch could not come in at 1.30. Vaisuni explained. The sea was too wavy, it would be dangerous. But, round on the other side, altogether knew it would be calm. The launch would be there, and we could walk along the beach to it, a long mile away.

The long mile over—in soft brown sand, accompanied by altogether, each politely carrying a shoe, or a haversack, or some other item of the picnic's belongings—there was still no ship.

Suddenly, the rear party, keeping an eye on the former anchorage, saw three Solomon Islanders tumbling out of the sandhills at the double. The boat's crew had cut across country to explain, and to show us the way.

Then began a rather charming half-hour. The inland track, green-bordered and well kept, wandered smoothly through a neat little village. Nobody there had expected strangers; visitors are rare on Savo.

The men looked up, noncommittal but friendly, from their talking. The women, in clean bright calicoes, peered out shyly from doorways, whispering. There was a smell of damp earth and ferns and copra and woodsmoke. A dozen or so children came out and stared after the first half of the party, to run like rabbits when the second half took them in the rear.

Coconuts and greenness, and tidy little gardens; leaf and bamboo houses with highpitched roofs; peaceful little villages and quiet faces. There is a kind of magic in their peace and isolation and simplicity that our world lost centuries ago.

The track curved, ran straight, curved again to another neat, quiet village, then on again to the sea. And there was the launch, in smooth water, with the dinghy just nosing up on to the sandbeach.

The way home was down the more sheltered side of Savo; then turning between the end of Savo, on the port side, and Cape Esperance, at the beginning of the long Guadalcanal coastline, to starboard.

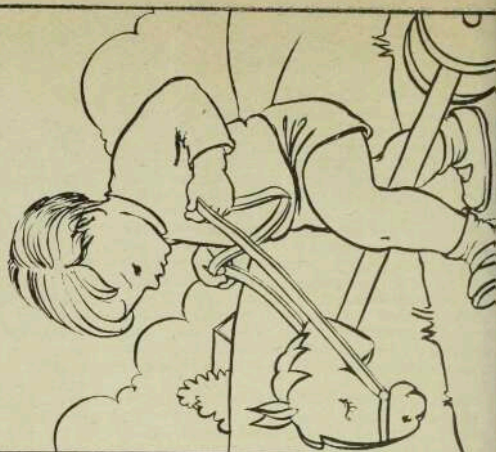
All down this long coast, at intervals, the rusty wrecks of Japanese ships are angled grotesquely on the beach, a reminder of days when life was no picnic. The sight of them brought silence, till the wind freshened again, cold on shirts wet from rain and spray, calling for a drop of Nelson's Blood and some tinned cheese.

The party was singing quietly, with an odd satisfactory mixed feeling of having enjoyed the day, and of knowing the worst was over, both at once, as the launch came into sheltered water again, fiery with phosphorescence, and neared the green beacon on the end of Point Cruz a little after sunset.

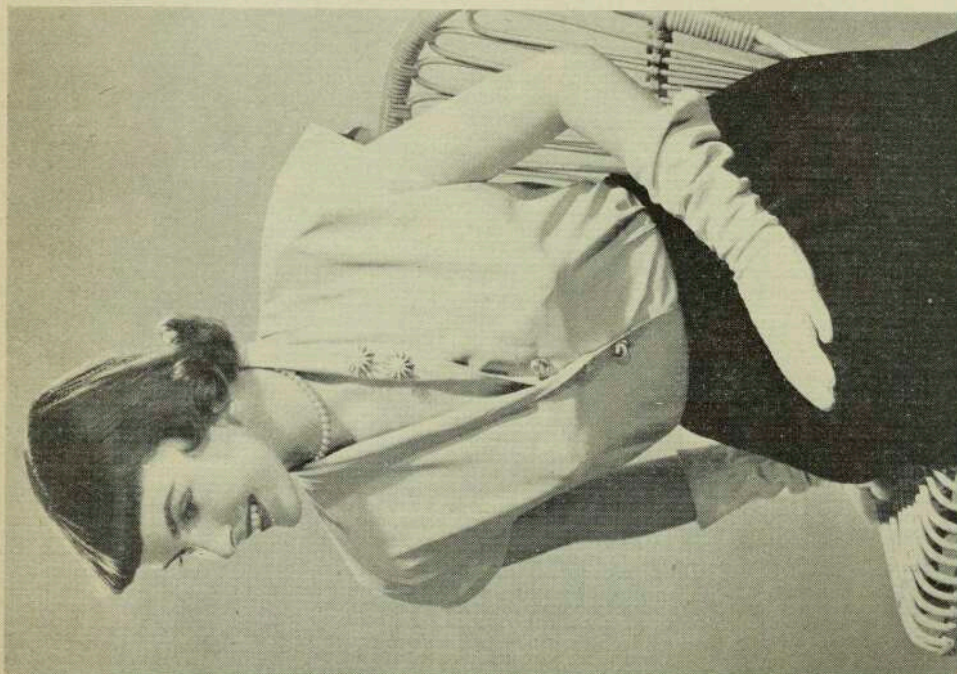
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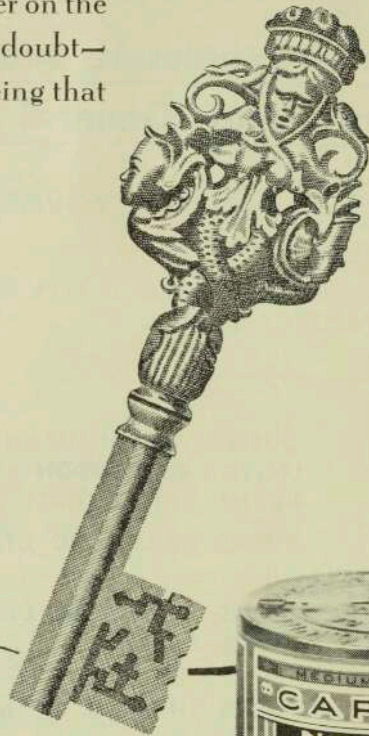
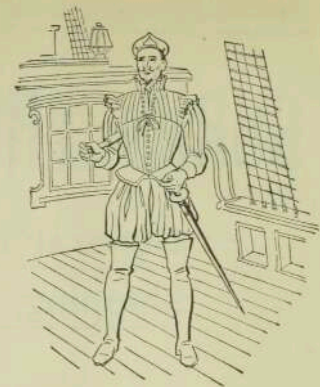
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NOTES ON PAPAIN PRODUCTION

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At the kiln, the latex is strained through muslin to remove any extraneous matter. Sun-dried, being darker, is of lower value than the kiln-dried product. The best and highest grade papain is creamy-white and crumbly.

The kiln may be a closed or open type. The former gives the highest quality; but the cost of construction is higher, as adequate ventilation must be provided to keep down humidity. Kilns are operated at 90 deg-100 deg. Fahr., and drying takes five-seven hours. With a tray 30 ft. x 6 ft., about 60 lb. of prepared papain is a day's production. At first, the latex must be stirred with a wooden paddle. Over-heating will result in darkening, and is a risk with the closed kiln.

Immediately, the dried latex—now papain—is sealed in new 4-gallon kerosene tins, the insides of which have been coated with paraffin wax, evacuated and sealed. Papain is graded by its colour, and the prepared papain must not on any account be pulverised prior to packing. As papain deteriorates rapidly, it is essential that it be packed quickly.

THE Bureau of Agriculture and Industrial Chemistry, Agricultural Research Administration, US Department of Agriculture, in 1944, made several experiments with the papaya. The products include canned and bottled papaya nectars and soft drinks, conserves, chutney, pickles, and butter. Other items were marmalade, sweet pickle, spiced sweet pickle, crystallised fruit and dehydrated papaya slices and pulp.

The dehydrated papaya slices were of interest as it is a good source of vitamins A and C and could readily be eaten as is. Further, having a low acid and high

sugar content, combined with the candy-like taste and texture, it is suitable for incorporation in concentrated food rations, as well as confections.

The candied papaya, resembling candied citron peel in appearance and flavour, was tested in fruit-cake mix and in mince meat. Storage tests were carried out for over a year without apparent deterioration of the candied samples. Those stored over three years gradually developed a stale odour and flavour. The preservative used was sodium bisulfite, equivalent of 50 parts per million of sulphur dioxide.

Further information can be obtained by those interested from the following sources: Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries, Port Moresby, Papua; the Queensland Department of Agriculture; Florida Agriculture Experiment Station, USA; US Fruit and Vegetable Products Laboratory, Welsco, Texas; the Bureau of Agriculture and Industrial Chemistry, Agricultural Research Administration, US Department of Agriculture.

NG NATIVES FOR RAN SERVICE

TRAINING of the first group of about 100 Papua-New Guinea natives for the RAN is expected to begin at Manus Naval base about October.

Lieutenant Nicholls, RAN, is at present making a survey of likely recruits between 18 and 22, with seagoing experience.

The natives will be trained as seamen and will enlist for three years. As well as the usual Navy instruction for seamen they will be taught English.

They will wear a navy blue, white-bordered lava-lava for everyday wear and a white, blue bordered lava-lava for ceremonial occasions. They will not wear caps.

Eventually they will form part of the crews of RAN ships stationed in New Guinea.

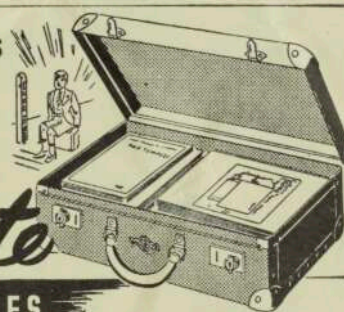
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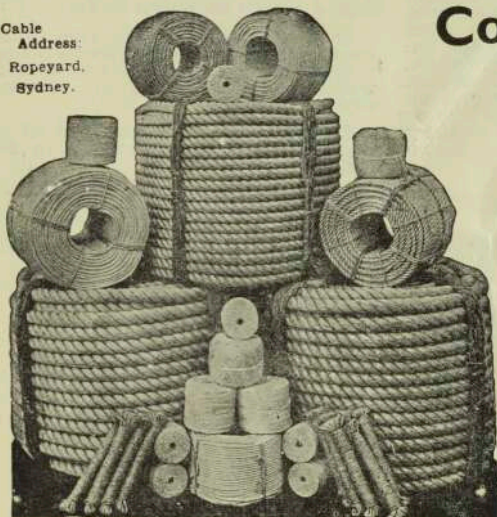
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AS I arrived in the darkness at Lili-na-Kaia Plantation, New Britain, there seemed to be something unusual going on.

In the doorway of a copra store there was a slim young woman, clothed in an eau-de-nil silk evening dress and high-heeled shoes. She actively wielded a No. 6 copra shovel, and kept a stream of copra flowing out into the night.

Then there arrived a highly excited gang of Highland labourers. She dropped her shovel, and directed the boys in clearing bags of copra, cocoa, tools, etc., out of the store. Then under her direction, they began quickly dismantling the building itself. She left hurriedly as falling embers set fire to her shoes.

Presently, the situation sorted itself out. It appeared that the copra driers had taken fire; and, while all the men of the establishment were fighting the outbreak, their resourceful lady assistant—19-year-old Judith Solomons, of Mittagong and Kings Cross, NSW— took it on herself to help them by clearing the adjacent copra store.

Miss Solomons says she has fallen in love with the Islands since the plane set her down in Rabaul. While carrying on her job, she is also developing her art, and expects to have a collection of Islands paintings in a year or two. She also is studying and gaining experience for her master's ticket, so that she can run a coastal vessel. She says there isn't a dull moment in plantation life!—AHC.

At a recent meeting in Western Samoa of the Apia Chamber of Commerce, Mr. A. G. Smyth was elected president for the ensuing year, Mr. G. S. Chisholm vice-president and Mr. P. W. Glover, secretary.

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It Is Rich River Mud That Produces First Class Jute

IN view of the fact that jute growing has been suggested for Papua-New Guinea, the following article should be of interest. It is from a recent issue of the New Zealand Journal of Agriculture.

The nearest New Guinea approach to the conditions for jute growing described here, appears to be on the Sepik River with its 5-months period of "high water." Or perhaps in the muddy delta country between the mouths of the Fly and Kikori, in Papua.

EASTERN Pakistan produces about two-thirds of the total jute crop and India about a third, and the partition of India has raised problems, as the jute mills are in West Bengal (India). India must purchase raw fibre for her mills and Pakistan must sell fibre to buy food for the jute cultivators. The devaluation of sterling and the Indian rupee has brought further problems. Indian mills are refusing to buy raw jute, as they claim that the price on the new basis of exchange is uneconomic.

The rich soil of the Ganges delta and the humid weather, heavy monsoon rains, and annual low-rising inundation lasting five months experienced there form an ideal environment for growing first-class jute. Jute can be, and is, grown on dry land where there is a humid climate and very heavy rainfall, but the quality of the fibre is inferior.

Thousands of acres of jute are put down in February. The land is reduced to a fine tilth by being ploughed and cross-ploughed five times with age-old wooden ploughs drawn by cattle. Bamboo tine harrows are used to break down the lumps that are soft, but the big, hard ones are pulverised by a man with a type of wooden mallet, who follows the plough and smashes the lumps one by one.

Though primitive, this method of cultivation is effective and is feasible where labour is so plentiful and so cheap.

The crop, which is hardy and a vigorous grower, makes rapid headway. It is weeded and thinned by hand, the operators using a type of trowel. By June the long, thin stalks (one to each plant) are 3 ft. to 4 ft. high. Thinnings are often used as a vegetable. In June the water rises and when this occurs no more weeding or cultivation is done. The plant grows ahead of the water rise and thrives in water.

In early August a very light cutting is made and, as the cutting must be at ground level, the cutter often has to reach down under the water as he works. By the end of the month the main cutting is in full swing. The cut jute is tied in bundles and built into rafts, which are floated to quiet and safe water and sunk there under green weeds or sods. It remains retting in the water for three weeks, after which it is taken up on to the nearest high land, usually a road, and the long fibre stripped from the central pith, which is kept for fire-wood and for use as house walls.

Men, women, and children help with the stripping, with which is associated a stench from the decayed vegetable matter and muddy water that pervades the countryside.

After stripping, the fibre, which is as long as the plant (6 ft. to 12 ft.), is washed by being swirled rapidly from side to side in water. Its white nature then begins to show and after it has been dried in the sun a good fibre shows white and clean and looks like a flax

fibre, though it is much softer and more easily worked.

By mid-September the higher fields from which jute has been cut have been "ploughed" again, which means that the knee-deep mud is stirred, and young rice plants are sown by hand. Rice, which is harvested from these fields in December and January, is a subsidiary crop to the main crop sown earlier.

SO much jute is grown in East Bengal that rice must be imported or there would be wide-scale starvation. The main wealth of eastern Pakistan comes from the sale of jute fibre. Because of the situation which has arisen jute producers are already hard hit.



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LMS SECONDARY SCHOOL AT NIUE

From a Special Correspondent

NIUE, July 18.
LONDON Missionary Society now has a small boarding school on this island which is offering post-primary education to a limited number of boys and girls over the age of 15 years. The school opened last March under the principalship of the Rev. M. G. Check, MA, LTh, who undertakes most of the teaching in academic subjects. Pope Talagi is the full-time assistant. Pope was trained at the LMS Training School for Pastors and teachers at Malua, Western Samoa. Mrs. Check is acting as handicraft teacher and other teachers are brought in to teach special subjects.

The roll is 34 and it is hoped that this institution will make a difference to the educational standard of the island.

Two Universities to Specialise in Pacific Studies

THE University of Hawaii is going to make a bid for the lead in Pacific studies and is in a favourable position to do so.

The Department of Anthropology and Sociology is strong. The staff headed by Dr. Leonard Mason, includes Dr. Emory of the Bishop Museum, and Dr. Katherine Inomala, noted for her work in Polynesian Folklore.

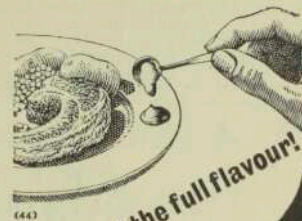
This Department will commence this year, a Pacific Islands Area Programme which will include a close study of the sociological problems of the South Pacific.

DR. RALPH PIDDINGTON, MA, is to leave Edinburgh in September for Auckland where he is to be Professor of Anthropology. The new Professor took his MA at Sydney University and has held the Readership in Social Anthropology at Edinburgh University. Auckland intends to offer a course in Anthropology to the MA level and will be placing special emphasis on the Pacific, particularly Polynesia.

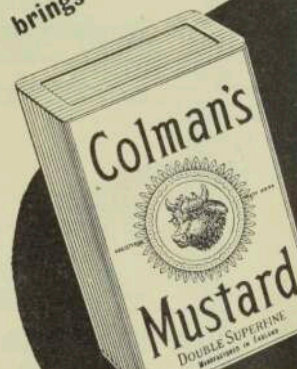
The youngest and the oldest passengers on the Air France Skymaster which landed at Eagle Farm (Brisbane) on July 6, were six-year-old Rhoda McLean and her 76-year-old grandmother. Rhoda is the daughter of Mr. H. McLean, who, until recently, was with Burns Philp (NH), Ltd. He has resigned his position because of ill health. Grandmother is Mrs. A. Nicholls, who returned to Queensland after 46 years in the New Hebrides.

Mr. E. V. O'Brien, of Mililat Plantation, Madang, returned home recently after a visit to Sydney.

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DEATH OF MR. HARRY BENTLEY

MR. HARRY BENTLEY, head machinist and sawyer of Fiji Public Works Department, Walu Bay boatshed, died in Suva on July 7. He was 56.

Mr. Bentley was born in Levuka, where he learned his trade. He later became interested in marine engines and for some years sailed as Master and engineer on coastal and river launches of the Fiji Shipping Company.

In 1921 he went to Makogai as station engineer at the Central Leper Hospital and five years later he joined Morris Hedstrom, Ltd., at Rotuma.

He returned to Suva in 1936 and has since worked at the Walu Bay boatshed.

Mr. Bentley is survived by his wife, five children and six grand-children.

Miss E. M. Kennedy, of the Medical Department, Fiji, has accepted a transfer to Malaya as Health Sister.

Melanesian Mission Staff Join RC Church

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, July 24.

THE whole of the Melanesian Mission's staff at Bunana, a small island Mission Station near Tulagi in the British Solomon Islands, has asked for instruction to be admitted into the Roman Catholic Church. Eleven of them left Bunana towards the end of July for the Roman Catholic Mission Station at Visale, on the Guadalcanal Coast, where they will receive a course of instruction.

Two Europeans will remain at Bunana until the Anglican Bishop, the Rt. Rev. S. G. Caulton, returns to the Protectorate so that they can carry out whatever directions he may give regarding the disposition of the school for native girls which has been maintained at Bunana. After Bishop Caulton's return, these two remaining teachers will join the rest of the staff at Visale.

Bunana Mission staff includes Mother Margaret and Sister Gwen of the Cross, both of whom have worked in the Solomons for many years and are well known there. Their loss will be a considerable blow to the Melanesian Mission in the Solomons.

Editorial Note: It was reported from the New Hebrides last month that the staff of the Melanesian Mission Torgill girls' school, on Aoba, of which Mother Margaret was said to be head, had left there for BSI with the intention of entering the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Francis, with their two daughters, are now living in Townsville. Previously they were in Port Moresby.

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MADANG NEWSLETTER

From Our Own Correspondent

MADANG, July 30.

NATIVES of Gragad Island (Kranket) are rehabilitating themselves on the island. This island has had an interesting history since German occupation of the district, about 1885.

In the early days, the Germans adopted the island language as a business language for the district while gradually introducing pidgin English. In 1901, the German Lutheran Mission established a house there but ill luck dogged the occupants as the first one returned to Germany ill, and two others died there.

In 1904 the islanders revolted against the Germans but at its conclusion, several islanders were baptised. The main revolution in this area took place in 1911 when, among others, Gragad Islanders were deported to various parts of the district.

Under a more humane British and Australian treatment the natives were returned to their island but much of their property was lost. During the residence of the American Lutheran Mission two houses were erected and a temporary store later replaced by the partially standing cement store in Madang. These missionaries, during Japanese occupation were imprisoned on the island, while the natives moved, or were removed, to the Mainland near the present site of Beliau Village.

Now once more returned to their island homes they have "townplanned" their village and established a small bakery and a woodcutting business. As well, they are building a copra dryer with the aim of producing copra for industry. Several shipwrecks, a huge bomb crater and old Radar equipment are significant reminders of war on the island.

ABOUT 80 Europeans and 6,000 natives of this district attended the opening and dedication of the American Lutheran Mission Hospital in the Amele Mission Area, on July 23.

Construction on the hospital started nearly three years ago when the first attempts were made to ferry materials across the Gum River by rafts and on to the station up a tortuous road by lorries.

Funds were raised by the American Women's Mission Federation and the Australian Lutheran Mission. Work on the buildings was done by volunteer contingents of young men from the church in America and Australia. Planned in America, the hospital comprises a series of units connected by breezeways. Included are X-Ray equipment; eye, ear, nose and throat ward; a medical library; dispensary; operating theatres with observation sections for doctor boys; dental rooms, residences for the staff, delivery rooms; and wards.

Set on a hill about 1,000 feet above sea level the hospital commands a glorious panorama of jungle foreground with a backcloth of mountain ranges along the Rai Coast and Astrolabe Bay.

MR. AND MRS. G. BAILEY, with four-year-old daughter, Sandra, went South from Madang in the last Malaita. Mr. Bailey has just completed three years as Chief Clerk, Goroka, Central Highlands. He and Mr. Bailey spoke glowingly of Goroka and the beautiful Bulolo type house they occupied.

SOME vegetables and rhubarb from the Highlands have been coming down to Madang recently. All residents appreciate these things very much.

RECENT visitors to the town included artist William Dobell. He has been for some time in the Territory pre-



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MR. PETER LAWRENCE spoke at the Madang Forum on July 11. He has spent several months in the valleys of the Ramu and its tributaries, among primitive natives. He will return to London with some valuable information for his MA thesis.

At a representative meeting arranged for the Director of Health, Dr. Gunther, emphatic speeches were made by Mr. Ben Hall and Mr. E. Wauchope against combining native and Europeans in one hospital. However, Dr. Gunther cleared away any misapprehensions by explaining that, while the one X-Ray plant and pathological section would serve the two races, the wards would be housed in separate buildings and at a suitable distance from each other.

An attempt is being made by the pathologist in conjunction with the RSSAILA to form a blood bank in the town. This is a very urgent need now as the European population is approximately 300. Recently a baby's life was lost because there was no such unit from which to draw.

MR. GEOFF BLISS, manager New Guinea Estates, represented Madang at the recent Native Labour Conference in Moresby.

MR. AND MRS. HAL EVANS had their son christened in the American Lutheran Mission during the month. Godmother, Mrs. Colin Carpenter, and godfather, ADO Allen Gow.

MISS BARBARA McLAUGHLIN of the Women's Section of the Department of Education has been

in town for a fortnight. She has visited Sek Mission, various branches of the Lutheran Mission, the European School and the native school at Tusbab. Miss McLaughlin represented the Department at an educational conference in India last year. She was formerly lecturer in Method at the Teachers' Training College in Sydney.

On July 22 an enjoyable evening was spent at the Club conducted by the RSSAILA. A fancy dress party, it attracted a sizeable crowd. Prizes were won by Mr. K. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. S. Baker and Mrs. D. Rees.

MR. R. LIDDELL, of the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, has returned to Australia.

The new salary range was not received with very much enthusiasm by Madang Administration officials. In some cases the salaries will not cover even the necessities of life.

Two mothers in the town are performing a worthwhile service in providing religious instruction for children.

On Thursdays, Mrs. Jack Sherry drives a small group of children to the Catholic Mission at Alexishaven; while Mrs. Hal Evans has a small group of Protestant children at her home for scripture reading and hymns, on Saturday mornings.

CONCERN was felt here for Mr. Les Ingles and Mr. Matt. Fawcner, when no news of them was heard for a few days. Later it was learned that their ship, MV Kulau, was held up in the Ramu River with engine trouble.

MRS. PITT has been having a busy time at the Guest House and has several times had to put up makeshift beds for people who have omitted to book ahead.

Mr. David Bardwell, of NSW, has been appointed Methodist Mission engineer, at Salamo, Papua.

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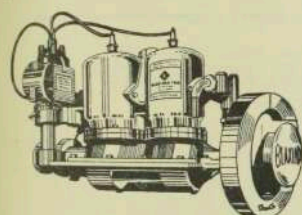
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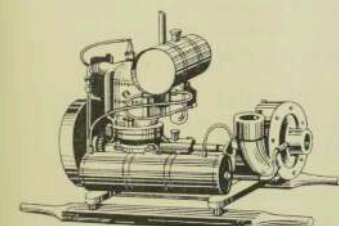
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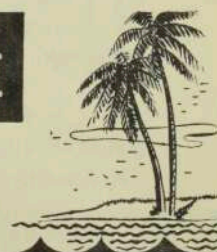
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50 YEARS OF FIRST AID EXAMS IN FIJI

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, July 10.
IT had been said that St. John work started in Fiji in 1929 but the Rev. A. R. Tippet later pointed out that First Aid certificates were awarded in Fiji nearly 50 years ago and added that three Fijians were the first "non-white" people of any race to be awarded certificates.

The highest marks in that historic examination were secured by Willisoni Lagi, who in 1905 entered training as a Native Medical Practitioner, was later Fiji's first medical missionary in Papua, and is now spending his old age in retirement in Fiji.

Mr. Tippet said that the movement may have been interrupted in subsequent years, but adds that it was in operation in 1904-5 and owed its inception to a "Hygienic Mission" started by the then Governor in 1898.

MORE than 100 first aid and home nursing certificates have been awarded in Fiji in the last 20 years, and to-day the Association's work is making steady progress, said Dr. J. M. Cruikshank, Director of Medical Services and Assistant Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Association, at the recent annual presentation ceremony at which the awards were presented by Lady Freeston, Lady District Superintendent in Fiji.

ANOTHER US YACHT IN PAPUA

STILL another American yacht has taken to roaming the islands of the southwest Pacific. It is one of more than half-a-dozen now known to be beating down the wind among the islands.

The vessel, a well-rigged ketch, bears the name Sari Marais I. It sailed from Brisbane the end of June for the Torres Strait Islands. From the Straits the ketch will head for Cocos Island in the Indian Ocean and then will point her nose for Capetown. From there across the South Atlantic to the West Indies, and via the Panama Canal, up the west coast of the United States where their world cruise will end.

Skipper and owner of the yacht is Ed. Sanderson, a 48-year-old American engineer. Aboard also is Otto Radtke of Chicago, as mate. Sanderson's wife, an Australian girl from Brisbane, and well-known Australian yachtsman, Keith Dorg, complete the crew. The skipper is an ex-merchant mariner.

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A MATTER OF CREDIT Samoan Trader Goes to Gaol

From a Special Correspondent

A CASE, heard by the High Court of Western Samoa on June 23, gave an interesting glimpse of life in this pleasant archipelago. One of our Big Firms took proceedings against one of its traders, a native Samoan.

The Firm was represented by our only lawyer and the Samoan trader was able to secure the services of a local Bush Lawyer of no mean ability. The latter a few years ago, single-handed fought a case in the High Court against the Police Prosecutor and two lawyers—a case that lasted seven days and was won by the Bush Lawyer—a notable feat as the Bush Lawyer had no witnesses of his own, but made use of the five witnesses of the opposition.

This time, the Bush Lawyer was handicapped. He was not permitted to speak in the Court, but had to advise the trader in whispers or writing—which was not easy, as the Bush Lawyer could not speak sufficient Samoan, and the trader could not speak enough English.

The trader was sued by the Firm for shortage in stock and cash, to the tune of £278, for a period of 15 months. The trader claimed that the station is at the outermost northerly end of Savaii, in a village with only 300 people, and with three stores of opposition firms; that no business was possible from adjoining villages, as they are too far away and have stores of their own; that in order to get trade he had to give out credit; that he was left in charge of this village with over £1,100 worth of goods and stock, and over £100 in cash, to do his best. His return was £5 per month in wages and commission. He claimed that although he had signed an agreement in Apia not to give out credit, the stock-taker gave him verbal permission to give out credit when installing him at the station.

Anyhow, the first stocktaking disclosed £105 short and the second stock-taking £169, and the final stock-taking showed £278 short. Then the trader was dismissed.

THE first stock-taker said he had not given the trader permission to give out credit; that the shortage was the trader's own fault, through extravagant living. After that, the trader and the stock-takers accused each other freely across the Court.

It came out that after every stock-taking the trader and the stock-takers divested themselves of the more cumbersome garments, such as coats and trousers, and put on lavalavas, and sat down with local villagers to a game of poker that lasted all night. If either trader or stocktakers went broke during the game, they refinanced themselves from the station's safe. They accused each other as to who made the most trips to the safe.

The stock-takers also claimed that the trader's regular, permanent wife came over from Apia on one occasion and re-outfitted herself from the station stock—including an expensive lamp—and then left for Upolu; that the trader changed wives so often that every time they went to take stock he had a new wife; that when he went to Apia, he left the store in charge of the wife in residence at the time.

The stock-takers stressed this point because they said that no Samoan wife—especially a transient one—will look after things properly. She is bound to give out debts, especially to relatives, and to even give things away to relations. The stock-takers claimed that the trader was away for a week or more at a time.

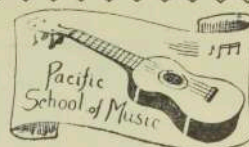
As the stock sheets and trading accounts were gone through in the Court, it was seen that the trader had only made £13 and £14 per month, as it was a poor location for a station. £14 per month is hardly a living wage, even for a quiet living man.

As the trader had claimed he had given out the £278 on credit, His Honour asked for a list of debtors.

The trader had told the Bush Lawyer that he had a complete list of debtors but to the Bush Lawyer's surprise and disgust the trader handed over to the Judge a small sheet of paper on which only four lines had been written: Taulealea, so and so much; Tamaitai, so and so much; Ali'i and Faipule, so and so much; Total £278—written freshly on a new sheet of paper.

On seeing this small piece of paper, His Honour's face showed stern, and he said: "I would have given your case consideration if you had produced a pro-

per list of debtors, but this—and he waved the scrap of paper—you made out only yesterday to try and deceive the



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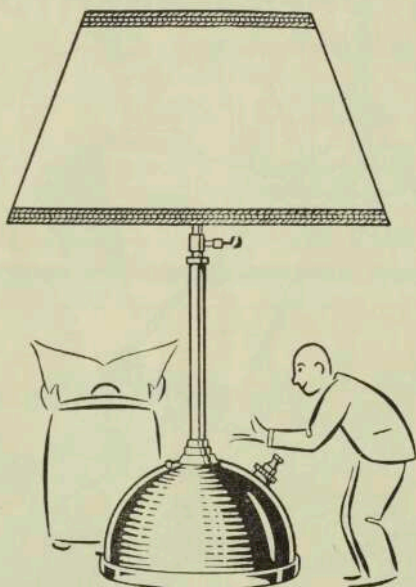
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Court. I can not let you get away with that."

"But"—and as His Honour looked on the many-wived, poker-playing, defaulting trader, his face softened again. "Oh well, the penalty for unaccountable shortages is nine months, but I'll let you off with four months."

After this, everybody was satisfied, except the Bush Lawyer. He saw his client marched off to gaol—and he had not collected his fee in advance.

DEATH OF "GREATEST POLYNESIAN"

THE man who has been called, by Sir Peter Buck, "the greatest Polynesian of all time" died in New Zealand in July. He was Sir Apirana Ngata, leader of the Maori people and New Zealand statesman.

He was 76 and had been in ill health for some time.

He was educated at Te Aute College and Canterbury University College where he took his BA degree in 1893. He then studied law and was admitted as a barrister and solicitor. He entered politics in 1905 and retained his seat in the New Zealand Parliament until his retirement in 1943.

He was noted for his contributions to the culture of the Maoris for he preserved their art and their traditions. He was a gifted writer on ethnological and historical subjects.

Russian-born, Mischa Abehouse, of Sydney, went to Noumea, New Caledonia, to tune the piano of French soprano, Madame Ninon Vallin. He stayed eight months and tuned 120 pianos. He was back in Sydney in July—but only to obtain parts for the large pipe organ for the Catholic Cathedral in Noumea.

JAMAICA COMPARED WITH SOUTH PACIFIC

THE following interesting comparison between conditions in the West Indies (Jamaica) and the South Pacific, occurs in a recent letter from Mr. J. S. Phillips:—

For the last few weeks I have been travelling around Jamaica to see what are the prospects for agriculture.

In theory, they should be more favourable than in the Pacific, as the West Indies are much closer to world markets, shipping is more plentiful, and services are more frequent. Moreover, there is a much greater diversity of crops—sugar, bananas, citrus, coconuts, coffee, pigments, etc.

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Labour seems more inefficient than in the Pacific, and far more troublesome. The cost of living is very high here, and political conditions somewhat chaotic.

As regards natural beauty, Jamaica cannot compare with the Pacific Islands, nor is the climate as pleasant.

It seems a fairly healthy island, though

there are malarious areas around the coast. Diseases such as leprosy and filariasis seem less widespread than in Polynesia.

Kingston itself is a hot and rather ramshackle town, with a big slum area. There is serious unemployment there, which is bound to lead to trouble in the not-too-distant future. No energetic action seems likely.

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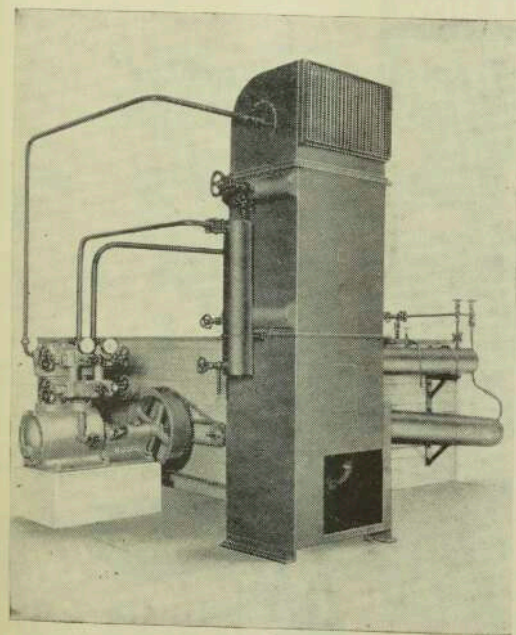
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Mr. Ward, a graduate of the University of South Carolina where he took his Master's degree and LL.B., was a war cor-

respondent during the Pacific war and a High School teacher for one year in American Samoa. He is now stationed at Honolulu in the Government department in charge of the Carolines, Marshall and Mariana Islands. He intends to return and settle in Samoa at a later date.

About 400 guests spent a very enjoyable evening at a reception at the Catholic Club.

RETIREMENT OF MAJOR S. G. MASTERMAN

HONIARA, July 11. MAJOR S. G. MASTERMAN has left for the United Kingdom on pre-retirement leave, after nearly thirty years' service with the BSIP Government.

Major Masterman served in the RFF during the First World War. After the 1918 peace, he went to Australia to buy and breed horses. The piece of scrub country which he was able to obtain in Northern New South Wales, and conditions generally, were not what he had expected, and he decided to go to New Guinea. By a chance, and he believed for the only time, Burns Philp's old Mirindini went to New Guinea by way of the Solomons. Major Masterman was promptly offered a job with the Protectorate Government. After spending a few months in a trading vessel operating in the Western Solomons, he decided to stay in the Protectorate and accept the Government job, and has made his life in the BSIP ever since, except for the years of the last war, when he took part in almost every one of the major operations on the other side of the world including Dunkirk and Normandy.

In 1927 he did much to restore order at Sinerango, Malaita, immediately after the murder of Bell and Lillies, and since then has held various Government posts, his last appointment being as District Commissioner, Malaita.

Mr. Basil Hicks, with 25 years' service has now taken over as the Government servant with the longest record. Mr. J. Shearwin and Mr. M. J. Bernhardt are fairly close behind him.

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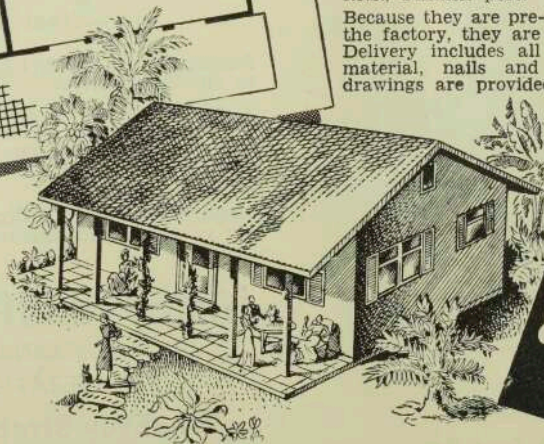
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THE MARCHING RULE DELUSION

IN a recent broadcast in New Zealand, the Bishop of Melanesia, the Rt. Rev. S. G. Caulton, had this to say about the Marching Rule movement in the Solomon Islands:—

A GOOD deal of publicity has been given in recent years to the political movement that goes by the name of "Marching Rule." This movement is a local agitation against the British Administration in the Solomons. It shows in somewhat different forms in different areas—sometimes it is a desire for independence and a return to the days before the white man came; sometimes it embodies a firm belief in the return of the Americans, whom the natives consider would make far better rulers than the British. But in every case there is a desire to be rid of the present administration.

It is not easy to get at the root causes for the movement is, to a large extent, a sort of secret society, and outsiders know little of what is going on, but there can be no doubt that the seeds of dissension were sown by individuals among the overseas troops during the war. It is possible that the agitation in the Solomons is linked up with similar and more serious disorders in other parts of the Pacific and the Far East. That is not easy to prove, but Marching Rule is certainly symptomatic of the world-wide unrest of the present day.

The lavish spending and comparatively luxurious living of the United States troops in the Pacific no doubt of itself made a great impression on the natives, apart from any deliberate propaganda, and it is not difficult to see how they have come to look upon the Americans as more desirable rulers than the British—a really good time would be had by all.

The Melanesian is a very impressionable person, and it only needed someone to start the idea and the movement spread like wildfire. In an astonishingly short time the people created an organisation. They appointed their own leaders and councils; they built fences round their villages and erected watch-towers, presumably to signify their resistance against the official administration; and they ostracised any of their own folk who would not join them.

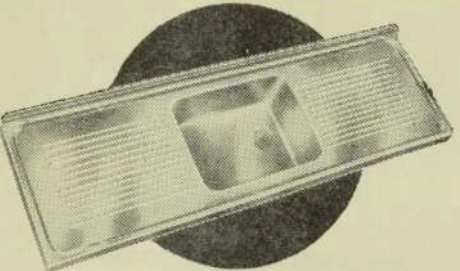
In the early days of the movement these defences were taken seriously, but of late, many village fences have fallen into disrepair and sentries have become weary of keeping their watch, so that walls and towers are now more symbolic than actual means of resistance. Their belief in the return of the Americans is, of course, fanciful, though no doubt someone gave them the idea in the first place. It is pathetic to see how they persist in clinging to this illusion; pathetic, because it is the tenacity of ignorance; and their leaders resort to the most childish methods in order to keep alive this hope—and it always works.

The other day I visited an island which was passing through a sort of revivalist period when enthusiasm for the movement was being fanned by the leaders. Among other things, these leaders had gone by night and drawn crude imitations of horses' hoofmarks (horses, if you please!) in the sand, and lit fires in the bush, and then next day had shown them to the people and said "See! The Americans have come! Here are the marks of their horses and the remains of their fires!"

The pitiful thing is that such crude methods convince the people, for they are only too ready to be persuaded of what they want to believe. And it is extraordinarily difficult to argue them out of such foolishness. I have many times tried to show the Melanesians how mistaken they are in thinking they can be left to govern themselves, and how they would only come under the sway of some other Power if the present Government were to leave, but though they express

agreement with me, I am sure they remain unconvinced.

THE movement presents a problem of no little difficulty and delicacy to the Government. A wrong step in the situation would almost certainly precipitate a clash, but fortunately the people have adopted only passive measures. There has been no violence, and one is hopeful that with sympathetic handling they will come to see



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that they have been the victims of foolish suggestions, and that loyalty to the present administration is the best security for their future development.

The Government has always shown itself ready to grant the people as much control of their affairs as they can profitably use. Native councils to administer local government have been in operation since before the war, but their record only shows that the Melanesian generally has much to learn in the right use of authority. It is, however, a lesson they must learn if they are to develop at all, and they can only learn by their mistakes. But they will need the guidance of external government for many years to come.

P. T. K. Richmond Killed by Native Arrow

Extraordinary Case in Kenya

MR. PHILLIP T. K. RICHMOND, well-known in Fiji where he was a Customs official, met an extraordinary death in Kenya on July 26. He was fatally wounded by an arrow shot by a native Bowman, as he left his hotel at Nakuru in the Kenya Highlands for an afternoon stroll.

Mr. Richmond, an official of the Colonial Service, was transferred from Fiji to Berbera, British Somaliland. Recently, with his wife and children, he went to the Kenya Highlands for three months leave.

The bushman fired the arrow at Richmond without warning. There was no apparent motive beyond a growing anti-European campaign in Africa.

Mr. Richmond joined the Colonial Service in Fiji in 1929. He is survived by his wife—formerly Miss Norah Waddingham of Suva—his two children, Dawn and Morris, and his father, Mr. G. K. Richmond, now of Sydney, but formerly a cable station official in Fiji.

IMPROVING FIJI'S COPRA Penalty for Excessive Moisture

THE Fiji Copra Board has given notice that from October 15, 1950, a reduced price will be paid for copra containing more than 10 per cent. of moisture. A total of 25/- a ton (15/- for moisture and 10/- penalty) will be deducted from the amount paid for copra with a moisture content of over 10 per cent. and up to 12½ per cent. A total of 57/6 a ton (47/6 for moisture and 10/- penalty) will be deducted from the amount paid for copra with a moisture content of over 12½ per cent. and up to 15 per cent.

The Board will not buy copra containing over 15 per cent. of moisture.

This statement of policy by the Board recalls that it was decided at a meeting in September, 1949, that in the interests of the copra industry some control be exercised over the excessive water content of copra offered to the Board for purchase. It was agreed, however, that before bringing these proposals into force, the moisture meters which are installed at Suva and Levuka should be thoroughly tested in order to decide if their recordings were reliable.

During the past nine months these meters have been under the close observation of officers of the Board and the Senior Chemist of the Department of Agriculture and have proved satisfactory. From October 15 they will be used to determine the moisture in all copra parcels.

The Board believes that a figure of 10 per cent. moisture content can be attained by any producer who takes care in the preparation of copra.

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SCARING THE THUNDER

By "SOUTH SEAS"

I was still new to the Island hospital. My patients were all copper-coloured and my nurses were native girls. On a night of howling wind and thunder that shook the hospital walls, Pulevaka was brought in with a septic foot. He was a young albino, neither white nor brown, but an uneven mixture of

both. He spoke little English, but he made up for it with smiles.

When he had been made comfortable I went off to bed to huddle under the sheet, listening to the tumult around us. Suddenly, there came a flash of lightning that lit up the whole Island, followed closely by a terrific crash of thunder, and an agonised yelling from the direction of the wards.

The hospital must have been struck!

Falling out of bed, I fought my way through the smothering folds of mosquito net, grabbed a gown, and made a dash through pelting rain to the main building.

No shattered walls, no maimed patients, only Pulevaka sitting up in bed, all smiles and looking in the dim light more like an animated corpse than a living creature.

He gibbered at me anxiously, but I knew even fewer native words than he knew English. We stared at one another helplessly, and listened to the deluge outside.

Three native nurses came tumbling in wet as drowned cats, and laughing so much that they could hardly speak.

"Did you hear that screaming, Matron?" gasped Fane, when she could get her breath.

"Yes!" I answered her, "and someone must be hurt. Hurry and find out who it is."

At this, they all went off into hysterical laughter, and I felt like knocking at a few woolly heads together.

"That was Pulevaka," said Fane at last, "Pulevaka shouting to the thunder to go away that no one might be harmed. He tried to explain to you, but he says you don't know much yet."

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GIFT TO CHINESE TRADERS IN THE SOLOMONS

Abolition of Copra Zoning May Have Bad Reaction On Administrative Conditions

From a Special Correspondent

A DECISION to wipe out the "copra zones," made recently by the new Resident Commissioner, Mr. Gregory Smith, has been received by planters and traders in the Solomon Islands with resentment and criticism.

A former Resident Commissioner, Colonel Noel, introduced the system, as a means of stopping undesirable cut-throat competition among traders who wanted to buy native-produced copra. He divided the archipelago into zones, and one or two traders were given the sole right to deal in native copra in those zones, provided they complied with certain rules laid down by the Administration. The zones, and the persons licensed to buy native copra, were about as follows:—

Shortlands—Mr. J. Hammett.

Choiseul—Mr. C. W. Seton.

Vella Lavella—Mr. Gill and Fairymead Co.

Munda—Mr. W. T. Wong.

Ysabel—Messrs. Laycock (now deceased) and Symes and Fairymead Co.

Marovo Lagoon—Mr. Symes.

Ngela—Messrs. Carpenter and Mr. Andresen.

Guadalcanal—Mr. Symes, Fairymead Co., and Solomon Islands Trading Co.

Malaita—Government Trade Scheme and a Chinese firm.

San Christoval—Mr. F. M. Campbell.

The Government Trade Scheme could buy in practically all zones.

The system worked quite satisfactorily. The only people who did not like it were the Chinese traders. That was to be expected. The fundamental purpose of the plan was to keep control over the relations between the natives (who are generally sullen and unfriendly to the Europeans) and the Chinese, who might quite easily become a channel for Red propaganda to the natives.

However, one of the first acts of the new Resident Commissioner was to wipe out this zoning system, as from September 1. Thenceforward, as far as is known, it will be "an open go" in the matter of purchasing native copra.

The advantages, of course, will be all with the Chinese traders, of whom there are many operating in the Group. They are in a position to offer prices to the natives with which the European buyers cannot compete. That, of course, will bring joy to the hearts of the Colonial Office gentlemen who growingly insist that the European's only interest in the native is to exploit him; but people—like Colonel Noel—who take the broader and longer view see a very grave danger in giving such privileges to the Chinese.

EDITORIAL NOTE

SINCE China officially became a Communist satellite of the Soviet system, there is a threat to our Western system in every Chinese community in the Pacific.

Generally, Chinese are law-abiding citizens; but it is as yet too soon to say that all these isolated Chinese communities, if they think Red China is on the winning side, will not become active Communist "cells," ready to use Fifth Column tactics against us. Until the outlook becomes clearer, every Chinese community in the Pacific should be treated with care, and kept under surveillance.

The action of the Solomon Islands Ad-

ministration appears, in the circumstances, to be hasty and shortsighted. By its decision, every Chinese trader in BSI becomes a potential danger.

That would be true in ordinary circumstances. In the peculiar conditions

which rule in the Solomons to-day, the new arrangement can be described as foolhardy. The BSI natives adhering to "Marching Rule" were finally brought under stern discipline by the former RC, and made to understand that the British Government is not to be cheaply regarded; but they have remained sullen and non-co-operative, and their "Marching Rule" movement is by no means dead.

This now is most favourable ground to be worked over by any pro-Communist anti-British Chinese who has been given the privileges of a copra-buyer.

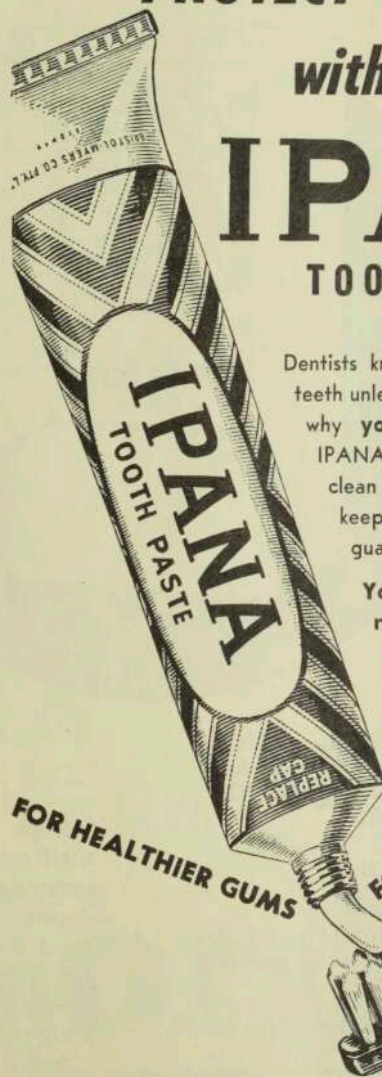
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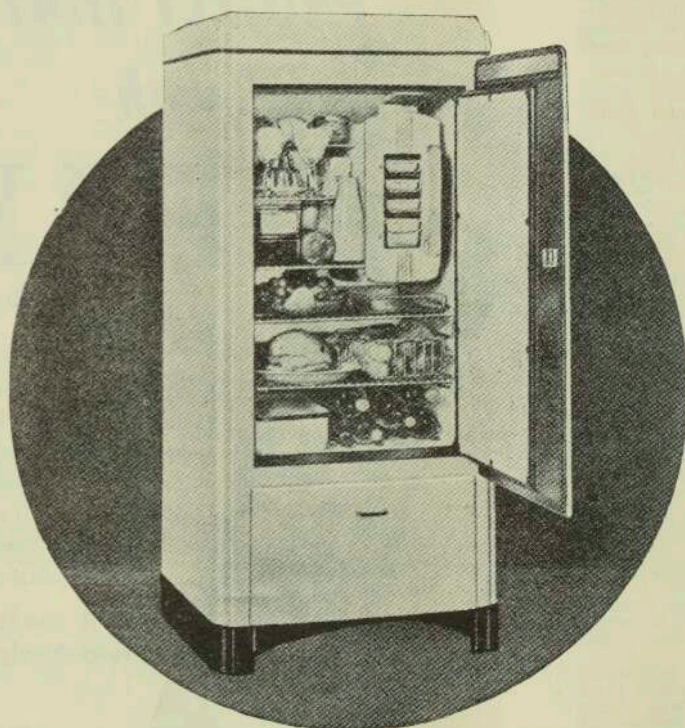
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NEGRO AGITATORS SUSPECTED

THE persistence of the anti-European feeling among the natives of the Solomons has given rise to some extraordinary suspicions. Some people believe that American negroes, who deserted from some of the various black American battalions which went through the Solomons during the war, have settled down among the islanders and are carrying on propaganda there. Such men would be hard to detect by newcomers to the Solomons—even the "old hands" would have to be alert, to sort them out from the darker types of natives.

Suspicion was aroused by the receipt, by officials, of letters on native affairs, written in good English. No Solomons native has yet mastered English to the extent indicated by these letters. But they could have been produced by American negroes, educated in America.

There is need, throughout all these Melanesian islands, for stern and strict administration, as distinct from the Dr. Evatt type of namby-pambyism, which has been characteristic of the Socialist countries' Islands administrations in recent years.

It was United Nations namby-pambyism which created the present indescribable muddle in Indonesia; it was Wardist namby-pambyism which caused so much confusion in Papua-New Guinea administration; and now it looks as if British Colonial Office namby-pambyism is going to contribute something undesirable to the history of the Solomon Islands.

Abdul Lateef, described by a Hobart (Tas.) newspaper as a "smiling 27-year-old Fijian" is studying law at Hobart University. He said that neither he, nor the "three other Fijian students" in Hobart would be able to study in Australia if it were not for the help of the YMCA.

Fijian Swimmers Have No Place to Swim

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, July 31.

THE first Fijian title-winner at the British Empire Games, Mataika Tuicakau (putting the shot) and Luke Tunabuna, who did well in the javelin event, are among the 25 international athletes invited by the New Zealand Amateur Athletic Association to compete at the Canterbury Centennial Games at Christchurch in December.

This has produced a new crop of queries from New Zealand about the absence of Fijian swimmers as competitors in international events.

The reason for this is that there is no Fijian amateur swimming organisation of any kind. A self-appointed Suva committee of three (two Fijians, one European) investigated the situation in March and April, found that the possibilities were unlimited and that support of all kinds was available, and then was stalled by the fact that in the Suva area there is not a single swimming pool of any description available to Fijians.

The Suva sea baths are nominally one of the few all-European amenities in the capital. But, it is a question how long the situation can be justified, especially in view of the fact that a limited number of Chinese apparently use the European baths with impunity.

In the meantime organised Fijian swimming is hanging fire.

Suva, overcrowded to the point of bursting at the seams, and with hopelessly inadequate playing-fields and similar amenities, has not been equipped by Nature with the bathing-beaches and deep freshwater swimming-pools that

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SUVA HAS A "DROUGHT"

From Our Own Correspondent

AFTER an all-time record rainfall in 1949 and the early part of 1950, something approaching a drought descended on the wet zone of Viti Levu and lasted until mid-July, when the Suva water supply was so low that drastic rationing was threatened unless consumption was reduced.

SUVA, July 31.

Heavy rain towards the end of the month has lessened the emergency but has not removed it.

Mr. R. G. Garrett, OBE, who has been in the Gilbert & Ellice Islands Colony for 13 years, mostly at Fanning Island, with Fanning Island Plantations Ltd., passed through Sydney in late July on his way to New Guinea. He will take up a position with Burns Philp (New Guinea) Ltd., at Rabaul.

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SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE IN RETROSPECT

COMMENT by an American who was an observer of the South Pacific Conference in Suva in May:—

"I cannot see a great deal of benefit except as advertising for the Commission; and it seems to me that the Commission itself is growing weighty with ideas that are too vague and nebulous for a working programme.

"Most of all, I think it is folly to hold the Polynesians down to the level of the Melanesian races, who have had so little in educational and cultural advantages.

"I am wondering why you have no comment to make regarding that Indian who was appointed on the Fijian delegation after considerable wrangling. Delegates were to be drawn from among 'indigenous residents' of Islands groups, and it was insisted that the Indians were indigenous to Fiji. The wording evidently will have to be changed to 'indigenous races.'"

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Opportunities for Tea Planters In New Guinea

Letter to the Editor

THINGS seem to go on in New Guinea, particularly in the Highland area, of which we know nothing until they are fait accompli.

It has always been a mystery to me why the ordinary citizen of the Territory has been forbidden to enter the Highlands while Mr. Hallstrom, worthy though he is, no doubt, who had no former connection with New Guinea whatsoever, can establish a sheep station at Nondugl, and go there as often as he likes, with as many guests as he likes. Mr. Hallstrom, of course, is doing it for the benefit of the natives. But if it is right for Mr. Hallstrom to make a hobby of a Highland sheep farm, and Highland natives, surely it is equally right for the residents of Madang and Lae, etc., to be given facilities for making holiday homes there where they can make a hobby of gardening, or maybe raising chickens.

But the reason for this letter is an effusion which appeared recently in Adelaide newspapers concerning two South Australians who expect to be producing tea from the New Guinea highlands "and selling it in Australia within a year." One is Mr. R. M. Williams, editor of a magazine called *Horns and Hoofs* and the other is a Mr. C. V. Thompson. They have recently spent a week or so in New Guinea and according to the newspaper report have planted up an area which they have obtained near a place called Altona. I am not a mainland Territorian and I have never heard of Altona—but what I would like to know is whether the Highlands have now been thrown open for anyone to have a go at planting tea—or any other commercial crop? Or is this a privilege reserved for Australian businessmen with no previous experience in the Territory?

I have read quite a lot in the PIM in recent months about the difficulty of getting tea seeds and how the late G. H. Murray managed to start a plantation in the Aiyura district somewhere, and how those trees are now in bearing.

Presumably Mr. Williams and his partner did not get their seeds or cuttings in South Australia; therefore it seems to me that the time is opportune for the Papua-New Guinea Department of Agriculture to issue a pamphlet on just how one sets about becoming a tea planter in New Guinea and the facilities available to intending planters from the Department.

I am, etc.,

OLD TERRITORIAN.

Adelaide,
July 21.

(Editorial Note: No one on PIM staff has heard of Altona, either. Newspaper reports cannot be relied on to any great extent and it is likely that Altona is not in the Central Highlands proper, at all, but in some other mountain area where, as Old Territorian puts it, anyone can have a go at planting tea, or anything else.)

Mr. R. A. Derrick, Superintendent of Technical Services in Fiji, has returned to the Colony after a month in Papua-New Guinea. He has been making a survey into facilities for technical and professional training on behalf of the South Pacific Commission. He has also visited Tonga, Western and Eastern Samoa, Gilbert and Ellice Islands and New Caledonia in this connection.

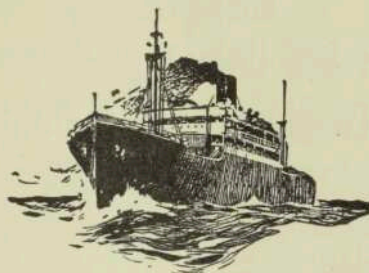
NEW GOVERNMENT FOR EASTERN SAMOA

From a Special Correspondent

THE Korean war has made no change in the plans for a new government in American Samoa—although Governor Darden thinks it will be the last of August before he gets away, marking the final change-over from naval to civil control.

There is no more PBV at the beck and call of anyone and everyone in Samoa... no more courtesy flights to Apia, no more emergency flights to Manu'a, no more flights to Canton to pick up the mail from commercial planes Honolulu-to-Suva, and no scheduled flights of Navy planes from Honolulu.

It is reported that arrangements are being made for a monthly service to Pago Pago by ship, whether Matson or not one does not know. The Matson offices say they have no knowledge of any service except the unscheduled and infrequent sailings of their cargo ships.



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Fijian Members of Legislative Council

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matically become members of the Fijian Affairs Board.

Ten names are usually submitted, but as there was a tie for tenth place, the number has been increased by one this year.

Those elected were Ratu George Tuisawau, Ravuama Vunivalu, Ratu George Toganivalu, Ratu Edward Cakobau, Joeli Ravai, Ratu Tiale Vuyiasawa, Ratu George Cakobau, Ratu Panaia Ganilau, P. Vula Daunibau, Ratu Mara and Ratu Etuate Mataitini.

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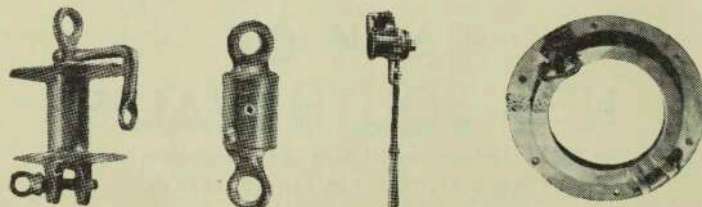
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The establishment of this theatre was a great event in the lives of the Rotumans. In his own words, Josey Tora, of the Meteorological Section at Rotuma, describes how they feel about it.

IT was a long time before the people of Rotuma saw a picture that moved and talked. They only heard stories about the progress that was being made in moving pictures in Fiji. A few people visited the island with pictures but that was away back—maybe 1910 or 1920. I remember a friend told me about visitors to our island who had a picture show. The first was brought by a Methodist missionary, Mr. Lelean. That was a picture that did not move.

The second was brought by Mr. Gram, a well-known Indian in Fiji. His show differed from the one brought previously. And this time it moved.

Rotumans thought that picture show surely are improving little by little—maybe, some day there will be one that moves and talks coming to the island.

During 1949 an Indian named Mr. Sharma brought his picture show to the island. And this time it moved and talked. People from every district hired trucks and some of them rode bicycles to go to see the show. Night after night the hall was packed with men, women and children just to see the picture move and talk. They were very sorry that Mr. Sharma did not stay long. After only two months he went back to Fiji.

But soon after his departure Mr. Harold Gibson, an estate owner on Rotuma, went to Fiji and brought back with him a precious movie machine similar to those used in other parts of the Pacific. He quickly built a hall with thatched roof similar to the one owned by Mr. Parr of Savusavu (there was a picture of it in PIM).

The hall is situated between two well-populated districts, Malhaha and Itutiti. The main entrance faces the government road and the other end overlooks the sea where you can hear the waves beating on the reef. It is very beautiful at night, especially on a moonlight night.

The hall is 72 feet long and 27 feet wide. The seats are well cushioned and comfortable and prices range from one shilling to three shillings. The hall holds 200.

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The 16 mm films come from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Republic and British Films by ship every three months. They are screened every night except Sundays and on Saturday afternoon.

We are very proud of this theatre. We are grateful to Mr. Gibson for bringing such good entertainment to the people of Rotuma.

The Resident Commissioner of the BSIP, Mr. H. G. Gregory Smith; the Treasurer of the Protectorate, Mr. R. H. Rankin, and the acting Director of Education, Mr. H. W. Gaudin, left Honiara for Suva via Sydney on July 25 by air. They will confer with other WPHC officials of Protectorate Administration.

Small Australian Ships for Islands Work

GRADUALLY, the number of small ships required for use in the Pacific Islands is being increased by suitable types, either built in Australia or reconditioned in Australian ports, and delivered to destinations thousands of miles away.

Last year the Sydney firm of islands brokers, William E. Reed, which specialises in the supply and delivery of these

vessels, delivered the 60 ft. Queensland-built schooner, Capricorn, to the Marist Mission at Honiara, Guadalcanal.

Last April, under the aegis of the same firm, the 68 ft., 70-ton vessel, Halgard, was sent from Sydney on a 3,200-miles journey, via Noumea and Suva, to the Gilbert Islands.

The Halgard is an ex-Royal Navy type cable-laying craft, with a beam of 18 feet, equipped with a diesel, giving her nine knots, and another diesel for lighting, etc. She was acquired and refitted at Sydney, for use by the Sacred Heart Mission, as a stores carrier around

the Gilbert Group. She carried 50 tons of Mission cargo when she cleared Sydney Heads in a brisk southerly breeze.

Acting as first mate was Father Klipfel, and he took delivery of Halgard at Suva from Skipper George O'Brien, and now commands the vessel in her inter-island work. In addition to the Chief Engineer, and the Assistant Engineer, Martin Riaua, a Gilbertese, the Halgard carried four Missionary Fathers who acted as deckhands on the trip, and three Missionary Sisters who were proceeding to the Gilberts on their first Mission



Group taken aboard Halgard just before sailing. Standing (left to right): George O'Brien, Father Kinn, Don Reed, Father Klipfel, Sisters Catherine Merry, Mary Gerarda, May Thomas. Seated: Father Micheraud, Father Kerouanton.

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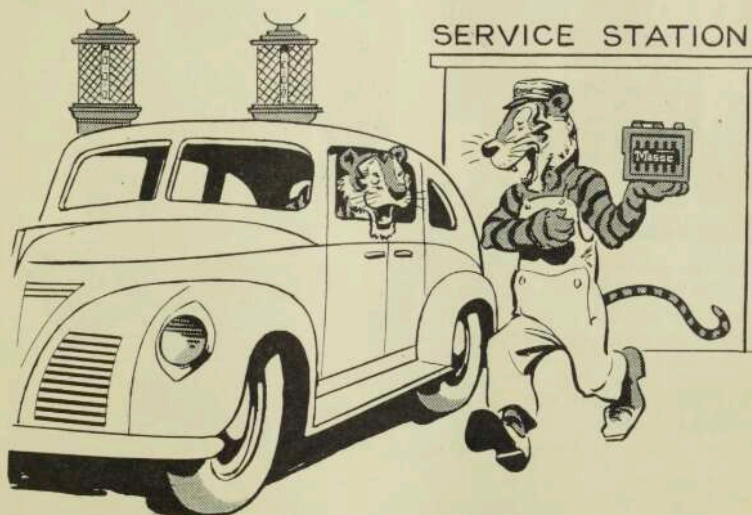
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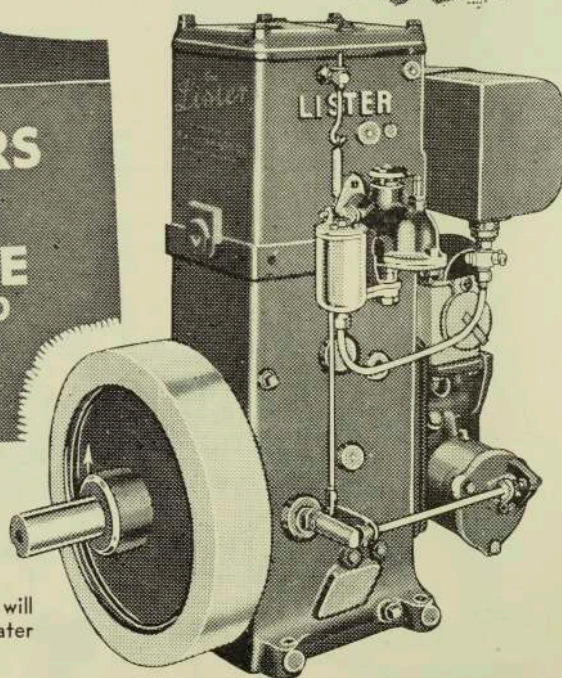
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appointment. One of the Sisters is a trained nurse. Accompanying the ship as far as Suva, Mr. Don Reed, who holds a first class wireless certificate, acted as radio operator.

The voyage occupied six days from Sydney to Noumea, and another four days to Suva. Halgard is now in service in the Gilberts.

40-FOOTER FOR SOLOMONS

CAPTAIN C. H. V. HODGESS, of Vella Lavella, Solomon Islands, will soon take delivery of a 40-ft. work-boat which will replace Rob Roy, a vessel well-known in the Solomons pre-war and which was destroyed by the Japanese. The new vessel now undergoing final fitting out at Gladstone, Queensland, is called Rob Roy II. She was constructed by Capricorn Charters to the order of Willreed Agencies Pty., Ltd., an associate of William E. Reed, and will be skipped on her long journey to the Solomons by George Wyeth, who delivered the Capricorn to the Solomons last year.

Rob Roy has a beam of 12½ ft., draft of 4½ ft., and is powered with a 30 H.P. Diesel. She has cargo capacity of 10 tons, and can undertake voyages of up to 200 miles. She is ketch-rigged for auxiliary sail.

Captain Hodgess, the owner of Rob Roy II, was decorated for distinguished services with the Americans in 1942-44.

NG Popular With Federal Parliamentarians

AT least eight members of the Australian Federal Parliament visited Papua-New Guinea during the current winter recess. Some went by air, others travelled on the Bulolo.

They were: Parliamentary Under-secretary Howse (External Territories), whose visit was official; Malcolm McCollm, MHR (Qld.); F. M. Osborne, MHR (NSW); T. F. Timson, MHR (Vic.); D. H. Drummond, MHR (NSW); Senator O'Bryne (Tas.); F. M. Daly, MHR (NSW); L. G. Failes, MHR (NSW).

The last two gentlemen, said a Tasmanian paper, were going to visit the "farm of Mr. J. D. Hallstrom, in Port Moresby."

It probably is a good thing, on the whole, that politicians see something of present-day Papua and New Guinea. Unfortunately, the progress of VIPs through the Territory is usually made unnaturally smooth—officials in their besuited and tuckered, whose only thought is to please, no red tape, no delay, transport to command, and thousands of smiling, happy fuzzy-wuzzy angels going through their paces. It bears little resemblance to the existence lived by the great majority. However, it is unlikely that any politician could find the time to spend six months on an isolated plantation; or run a small schooner, or make a patrol, on foot, into uncontrolled country; or even to experience the ordinary frustrations and delays of life in a small township.

A number of the travelling parliamentarians, interviewed before they left Australia (a) made it quite clear that they were paying their own fares; (b) said they would be away for only two or three weeks; (c) said they intended to "study, at first hand, what conditions were like in Papua-New Guinea."

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Stubbs, of Tulagi, B.S.I., at the Central Hospital, Honiara, on June 23.

WATSON-ANDERSON WEDDING



This wedding group, taken after the recent marriage of Miss Winsome Virginia Watson, of Sydney, to Dr. T. W. Anderson, at St. Anne's Shrine, Bondi, is of interest to three Pacific Island territories. In it are four grandchildren of the late Captain and Mrs. A. Saffings, of Apia, Western Samoa, as well as residents of Tonga and New Guinea.

The photograph shows (left to right): Mr. Bernard Schober, of Tonga, groomsmen and cousin of the bride; Mr. N. B. Blood, of Nondugl, NG, groomsmen; Dr. Peter Anderson, best man; groom, Dr. T. W. Anderson; the bride, younger daughter of Mrs. F. M. Watson, of Bondi (grand-daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Saffings); Miss Margaret Schober, bridesmaid and cousin of the bride, from Tonga; Mrs. N. B. Blood, Matron-of-Honour, sister of bride, of Nondugl, NG; Miss Mary Anderson, sister of the groom.

UNTIMELY DEATH OF MRS. NEVILLE SNELL

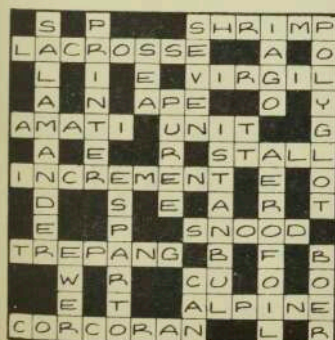
THE Fiji community learned with deep regret on July 24 that the death had occurred, at the early age of 43, of Mrs. Neville Snell, wife of the well-known managing director of Morris Hedstrom, Mr. H. E. Snell, and herself one of Fiji's best-known women. She had been a sufferer from asthma since her experiences in England in 1940, and her health was not good after the birth of her baby in April last; but her death was not expected.

The daughter of Sir Henry and Lady Milne Scott, Neville spent most of her youth and young womanhood in Suva, where her good looks, cleverness and high spirits made her a conspicuous as well as a very popular figure. She married Mr. J. E. Windrum, of the British Colonial Service; but the marriage was dissolved, and, when the war came to Europe in 1939, she enlisted in the Women's Trans-

port Service. She gained a high place in that famous Corps, by examination and good service, and her record in the Battle of Britain was outstanding. She suffered some harsh experiences during the successive blitzes, and it was then she contracted the asthma which finally caused her death.

She was married only last year to Mr. Snell and a wide circle of friends will sympathise with him in this very untimely death. Sir Henry Milne Scott left Fiji by air for Australia on Sunday, July 23, only to be met, on his arrival in Sydney, by the shocking news that his daughter had died a few hours after he departed. He returned to Suva, to be with Lady Milne Scott in this time of tragedy.

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	RMS "Aorangi"		
Honolulu	Sept. 7	Nov. 9	Jan. 11
Suva	Sept. 16	Nov. 18	Jan. 20
Auckland	Sept. 19-21	Nov. 21-23	Jan. 23-25
Sydney, arr.	Sept. 25	Nov. 27	Jan. 29*
Sydney, dep.	Aug. 3	Dec. 7	—
Auckland	Aug. 7-8	Dec. 11-12	—
Suva	Aug. 11	Dec. 15	—
Honolulu	Aug. 18	Dec. 22	—
Vancouver	Aug. 25-31	Dec. 29-Jan. 4	—

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The plane that reaches Lae from Sydney on Thursday flies on to Rabaul on Friday, via Finschhafen, returning to Lae the same afternoon.

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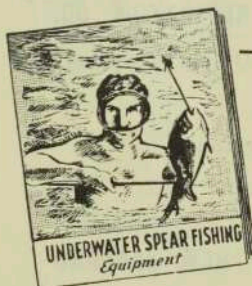
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A Douglas DC3 leaves Lae, New Guinea, every Thursday, and flies to Rabaul, and Kavieng, and returns to Lae; but every alternate Thursday the plane goes on from Kavieng to Manus, and returns via Kavieng to Rabaul (overnight) and returns to Lae on the Friday morning.

Every Wednesday a plane flies from Lae to Madang and Wewak, and thence, via Madang to Rabaul. It returns from Rabaul to Lae on Thursday. This service is primarily for the carriage of native labour to and from Wewak, and Europeans travelling on this service are always advised of the fact.

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Every alternate Monday, a Qantas Catalina leaves Port Moresby for Rabaul, via Moewe Harbour, and Talasea (New Britain); next morning (Tuesday) it flies to Buka, Kieta and Buin (Bougainville) and returns to Rabaul; next morning (Wednesday) it flies to Talasea, Moewe Harbour and Jacquinot Bay, and returns to Rabaul; and next morning (Thursday) it returns from Rabaul direct to Port Moresby. (Optional calls are made at Inus and Lendenhafen.)

Every alternate Monday a Qantas Douglas flies from Lae to Rabaul, and continues on to Honiara (British Solomon Islands), via Torokina; remains overnight at Honiara; and returns to Lae the following day (Tuesday), via Torokina and Rabaul. This service calls at Vellalavella and Renard each alternate trip.

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The aircraft departs from Rarotonga on the return journey on alternate Saturdays (August 12, 26, etc.), at 8 a.m. for Aitutaki (arr. 9.15 a.m., dep. 10 a.m.), Faleolo, W. Samoa (arr. 3.15 p.m., dep. 8 a.m. Sunday), *Tonga (arr. 10.55 a.m. Monday, dep. 11.50 a.m.), Nausori (arr. 2.40 p.m., dep. 3.40 p.m.), Nadi (arr. 4.25 p.m., dep. 5 a.m. Tuesday), Norfolk Is. (arr. 10.55 a.m., dep. 12 noon), Whenuapai, Auckland (arr. 4.50 p.m.).

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AUCKLAND-NORFOLK ISLAND: A "Douglas" airliner leaves Whenuapai, Auckland, every Sunday at 8.15 a.m. for Norfolk Island (arr. 12.100 p.m.), and departs on the return flight at 1.100 p.m., arriving at Whenuapai at 6 p.m.

FARES, single (in NZ currency): Auckland to Norfolk, £14; to Fiji, £31; to Tonga, £31; to Samoa, £34; to Aitutaki, £39; to Rarotonga, £39/10/-; Norfolk to Fiji, £19; Fiji to Tonga, £8/15/-; to Samoa, £13; to Aitutaki, £29/15/-; to Rarotonga, £31; Samoa to Rarotonga, £17/15/-; to Aitutaki, £16/10/-; Return fares, less 10 per cent.

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SYDNEY-SOLOMON ISLANDS: A regular monthly service from Sydney, via New Caledonia and New Hebrides to Tulagi and Honiara, Solomon Islands. This service is frequently extended to Lingatou, in the Russell Islands, and calls are sometimes made at Vanikoro, in the Santa Cruz Group. Fares: Sydney-Tulagi-Honiara, £55 S; £99 R. Free baggage allowance, 60 lb.; excess baggage and freight, 3/6 per lb.

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Suva	dep. 6 a.m. alt. Fri.
Noumea	arr. 11.05 a.m. alt. Fri.
Noumea	dep. 12.10 a.m. alt. Fri.
Sydney	arr. 8 p.m. alt. Fri.

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dep. Lambasa	noon Tuesday
arr. Suva	1.00 p.m. Tuesday
dep. Suva	7.00 a.m. Wednesday
arr. Auckland	1.30 p.m. Wednesday

Fares (Single): Auckland-Suva, £31 (NZ), £34/9/- (Fijian), £39/15/- (Aust.); (Return): £55/16/- (NZ), £61/19/- (Fijian), £69/15/- (Aust.).

Suva-Lambasa (Single): £4/10/- (NZ), £5 (Fijian), £5/12/6 (Aust.); (Return): £8/2/- (NZ), £9 (Fijian), £10/2/6 (Aust.).

Reservations may be made through TEAL (New Zealand), Qantas or TAA (Australia), NZNAC (Suva) or any leading travel agents.

Papua-NG Local Services

MANDATED Airlines, Ltd., of Lae, New Guinea, and other private operators, run air services between Lae and the New Guinea mainland centres of Wau, Bulolo, Madang, Wewak, Aitape, Mt. Hagen, Finschhafen, Moresby, Kokoda—in fact anywhere in Papua or New Guinea where there is an air-strip. These planes carry passengers, mails and cargo on regular schedules or charter flights.

**SAMOA SEEKS ANOTHER
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Letter to the Editor

FOR years we have had a shortage of medical officers in Western Samoa. Now, happily, conditions have improved and we have a total of five doctors at the Government Hospital.

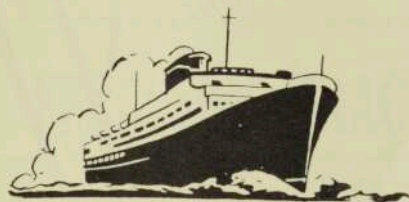
For a long time, however, the need for at least one additional lawyer has been felt here. There has been for years only one practising solicitor in Apia; but, before that, there were always two or three in practice. The present legal practitioner is very fully occupied with the growing business; and, as he is retained by most of the large business concerns, he cannot be expected to look

after the interests of many who need legal advice. And, of course, it is awkward when a civil dispute comes before a court, and only one side can be properly represented. With the expansion of business and industry in Samoa and the steadily growing population, there really is need—and soon—for a second lawyer here.

I am, etc.,

VERITAS.

A son (Keith Edward) was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jameson, of Rabaul, New Guinea, at King George V. Memorial Hospital, Sydney, on July 20. Mr. Jameson, who is Burns Philp (New Guinea), Ltd.'s engineer at Rabaul, will return to New Britain with his wife and baby, at the end of August.

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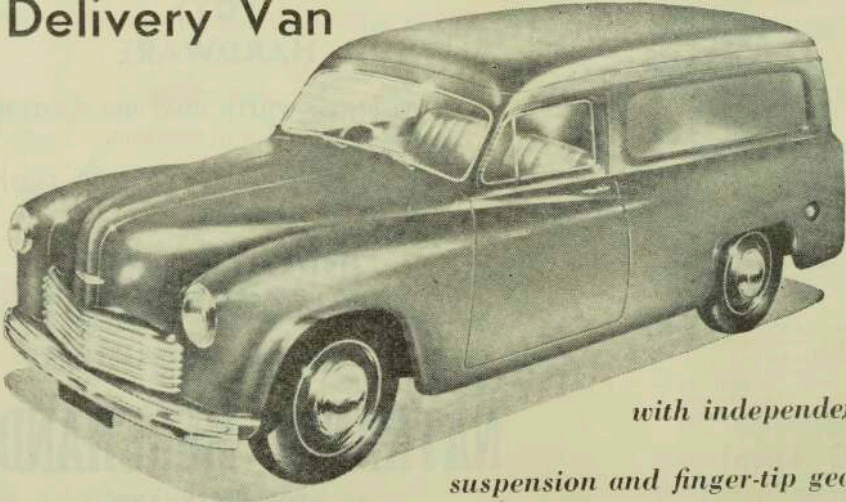
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DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTRALIAN TERRITORIES

Progress Report by Minister

FOLLOWING his announcement in June of policy covering the Territories of Papua and New Guinea, the Australian Minister for External Territories, Mr. Spender, late in July, reviewed administrative activities in the Territories, up to date.

The Minister said that Australia must hold those Territories, and she can only justify her hold by developing their resources as rapidly as possible. He made the following comments:—

TREATMENT OF NATIVES

With the recent promulgation of Native Village Councils Regulations, the native peoples will for the first time have an opportunity for a measure of self-government.

The Regulations provide machinery for the functioning of Native Village Councils which will be charged with the maintenance of peace, order and good government among the natives of the areas in which they are set up. Each Council is empowered to collect fees and taxes to be paid into a village treasury fund which is available for expenditure for the well-being of the local people.

The native labour indenture system is to be abolished by the end of the present year and will be replaced by a system of written agreements to be known as "Native Employees' Agreements" under which the native may be employed up to a maximum of two years. The Agreement will be entirely a civil contract and the native will not, as he was under the indenture system, be liable to penal sanctions for failure to carry out his contract.

In order to work out the details of the scheme for the use of the "Native Employees' Agreements" a conference met in July in Port Moresby, representative of the Administration and the employers.

The revised scheme in relation to the payment of War Damage (under which the native is not to be paid in cash directly, but the assessed compensation is to be paid into a bank account upon which the native may operate with the authority of the District Officer) is in operation. It will ensure that the compensation is not frittered away.

£7,000,000 FOR HEALTH

An expanded health service with base and other hospitals and ancillary establishments is needed and proposals were made to the Government which involved an estimated expenditure of £7,000,000, to provide the buildings for those establishments.

In order that the Government might have the best technical advice, a committee comprising Dr. J. T. Gunther (Director of Public Health in the Territory), Dr. W. Kirkland (of the School of Tropical Medicine) and Dr. E. T. Brennan (a former Director of Public Health in New Guinea) was appointed to review requirements, and is expected to complete its investigation in August. The Public Health services have been augmented by the appointment of 38 medical officers from the New Australians.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Consultations are in progress with the Commonwealth Bank, seeking extension of bank and credit facilities to private enterprise. "It is pleasing to note that since this Government announced its intention to foster private enterprise for the development of the Territory, inquiries already have been received

regarding the possibility of extensive production of cocoa, manila hemp, jute and mangrove bark in the Territory."

Uniform customs tariffs for Papua and New Guinea were brought into operation on July 1, 1950, with the object of relieving basic costs of living and general industrial costs and to encourage further development. Previously, the separate tariffs differed materially. The new tariffs provide for duty-free treatment for necessary food and clothing items. This reframing of the tariffs is designed to reduce cost of living and stimulate economic activity.

CONTROL OF COPRA INDUSTRY

Responsibility for marketing copra will be transferred from the Australian New Guinea Production Control Board to private enterprise. Until that transfer is completed producers will be given representation on the Board by the appointment of Mr. T. Nevitt (Port Moresby) and Mr. D. Barrett (Rabaul).

Companies and individuals who were formerly interested in the marketing of copra, or who might now be interested, have been approached in the matter of the transfer. The sale of copra from the Territory is covered by a nine years' contract with the United Kingdom Ministry of Food and for that reason certain conditions must be complied with by any person engaged in the export of copra from the Territory. The acceptance of these necessary conditions is still being considered by them.

"Other aspects of the copra industry in

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the Territory require to be adjusted. They are the question of the price paid by Australia for copra from Papua and New Guinea, and the details of the Stabilisation scheme for the industry in the Territory. Since 1946, a levy has been imposed upon the copra exported from the Territory, and the amount of accumulated funds is at present £830,000.

"The industry is being asked to nominate representatives for committees which are to advise the Government in regard to these two important questions."

RELUCTANT SHIPOWNERS

Since the war, the Government has established and operated the coastal and inter-Island services; but it is the desire of the Government that these services should be controlled by private enterprise.

"Extensive inquiries have been made both in Australia and overseas to ascertain the extent to which private shipping organisations would be interested in taking over these services. This action, except in one case, has not produced a practicable proposition. The matter is, however, being further pursued."

"Coastal shipping has already benefited as the result of the lifting by the Government of restrictions previously operating on private enterprise."

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land in the Territory belongs to the native inhabitants and development by non-native interests will be dependent upon the extent to which land can be made available without detriment to the natives' welfare. "It has been determined that the present procedure for obtaining land will be overhauled and for this purpose a committee has been appointed in the Territory and is examining the matter."

One cause of considerable delays and difficulties is the absence of surveyors to carry out the very extensive survey work required. Efforts to secure surveyors in Australia have not been successful. It is now hoped that it may be possible to obtain suitable qualified surveyors from the ranks of the New Australians, to be appointed to carry out survey work in the Territory.

FISHERIES

Although the Territories' fisheries resources are believed to be of great importance, it is only recently that any action has been taken towards development. The MV Fairwind, a vessel specially equipped for the purpose, the tragic loss of which occurred only recently, had completed an extensive fisheries survey of Territory waters under the direction of CS&IRO, whose report on prospects is now under consideration.

An investigation by a specialist on fish farming emphasised the possibilities of the industry as an important means of improving the diet of the native people.

NEW PUBLIC WORKS

Port Moresby, as capital of the two Territories, is planned to be much larger than the former Port Moresby. Owing to the nature of the area, this development has presented a number of engineering and other difficulties. These are being overcome and the plan for the town is now before the residents, for any suggestions they may wish to make.

Plans for other major township areas are in course of development.

All wharves require re-building. Wharves at Lae, Samarai, and Madang are either in course of construction or the subject of accepted tenders.

TIMBER

Increased technical staff is being sought by the Department of Forests. A policy of enabling timber to be won for Territory purposes is being given effect to. The valuable pine stand in the Bulolo Valley is to be dealt with soon.

THE MONTH IN MORESBY

(Continued from Page 10.)

W. Faithorn) that when they answered a call to DCA mess about 4 am on June 19 they found Cann pacing up and down. Asked what the trouble was, Cann said, "I suffer from loss of memory and they're ganging up on me." Then he said, "We are being watched," and "I've got Bill Blunt on my mind." (Blunt, another DCA man, was killed in a fall at Rouna). Dutton said he believed Cann was suffering from the effects of heavy drinking.

The Coroner's verdict was death by drowning. There was no evidence of foul play.

A PAPUA-NEW GUINEA Division of the Ex-Navalmen's Association has been formed. Moresby is the head branch and sub-branches are to be formed in other parts of the Territory. Twenty-two attended the inaugural meeting at Moresby and membership has already reached 35. The branch hopes to get land for a clubhouse and members of the Naval Reserve are planning to continue their training here. Officers of the branch are: Mr. N. Plant (President), H. A. Triggs and W. R. Frame (Vice-Presidents), J. H. Gillman (secretary), Miss S. M. Webb (assistant secretary), C. McEachern, F. C. Hill and J. P. Walton (committeemen).

THERE is no reason to believe that any epidemic disease has been conveyed by Moresby's water supply but, as a safety measure, water for drinking should always be boiled. Director of Health, Dr. Gunther, said this at a recent Advisory Council meeting. Dr. Gunther said the water supply is safe for human consumption while bottled chlorine is available, but, due to shipping difficulties, the chlorine is not always available.

ASSISTANT Director of Native Labour, Mr. John McKenna, appeared in the Moresby Court of Petty Sessions recently, charged with assaulting a native. He was convicted but Magistrate B. W. Faithorn discharged him without imposing a penalty. McKenna was alleged to have hit a native labourer, Mai

Sarufa, on the main wharf on June 19. According to police, Mai Sarufa was talking to another native when McKenna approached, and, without speaking, punched Mai on the face. McKenna pleaded guilty but said he only hit Mai with his open hand. He told Mai to get on with his work and Mai had sworn at

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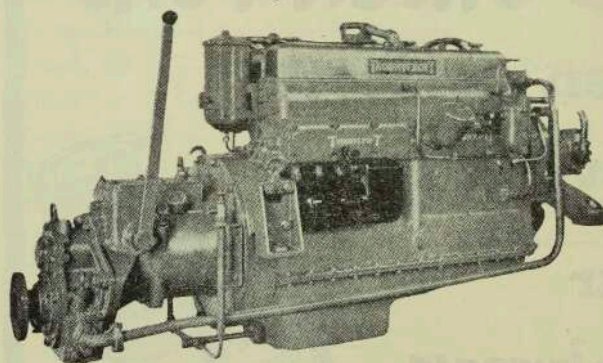
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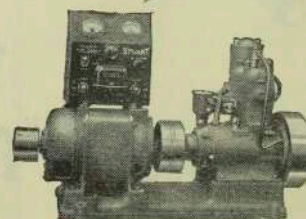
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him. Mr. McKenna has now been transferred to the Government Secretary's Department.)

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A NATIVE, Ipai-Ako, of Kikori, was sentenced to eight years hard labour in the Supreme Court at Moresby for indecently assaulting a European woman. The offence occurred in Moresby on June 27. Mr. Justice Gore heard the case.

MORESBY'S long-awaited power improvement arrived on July 17 when, after 11 months idleness, the main engine again took its share of the load. There will still be small power cuts while other engines are being overhauled.

PACIFIC ISLANDS SOCIETY Membership Now 179

It was reported, at the annual meeting of the Pacific Islands Society, held in Sydney in July, that the membership had now reached 179, and there was a satisfactory bank balance.

For this good condition, members gave credit to the work as president of Major C. A. Swinbourne, whose interest in the organisation had never flagged. Members learned with regret that Major Swinbourne would not be able to continue in office, owing to ill-health. He had undergone a painful operation and, although making a satisfactory recovery, he was still under medical care.

A resolution was carried, expressing the Society's warm thanks to Major Swinbourne for his help and interest.

The following office-bearers were elected:—

President: Mr. R. W. Robson. Council: Mrs. M. K. Beasley, Mrs. E. Marie Irvine, Messrs. N. B. Casey, T. R. Dale, H. E. Maude, Hubert Sabben, A. E. Sturt. Hon. secretary: C. Price Conigrave. Assistant hon. secretary: Mr. Lionel Haynes.

The Society, on August 18, will entertain the members of the South Pacific Research Council, and other persons officially connected with the Council's sessions in Sydney, at a cocktail party in History House.

The Society's September meeting will be held in History House on the evening of September 27, when Mr. Hubert Sabben will give an illustrated talk on "Reminiscences of Fiji." Mr. Sabben spent a large part of his life in the public service of Fiji, and his memories of developments and events in that country should be very interesting.

VISITORS WELCOME

ANY Pacific Islands resident, or any traveller from abroad who is interested in Islands affairs, is cordially welcomed at the monthly meeting of the Society. Visitors should get in touch with the secretary, Mr. Price Conigrave, at History House (BU 1160) or with the president, Mr. Robson (BW 5037).

THIRTY-FOUR children have now been enrolled for Wau High School in 1951. Construction of the school has not yet begun. Designs of school uniforms and samples of school colours have been sent to parents.

MISS BETTINA WRIGHT and Mr. Oliver de Coulon were married at St. John's Church of England, Port Moresby, recently. Miss Olive Featherstone was bridesmaid, and the bride's brother, Mr. Bill Wright, was best man. Miss Betty Henderson, of APC, Moresby, has returned to Sydney. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Treadgold at Moresby recently. Miss Pat Anderson and Mr. Bill Floren-

tine, both of the Treasury Department, were married in Moresby recently.

On July 27, Sister Jean Pringle, of the European Hospital, married Assistant Sub-Inspector Jim Dutton in the Ela Protestant Church, Moresby. Sister Pat Lumley and Sister Brenda Allen were bridesmaids. The honeymoon is being spent on a round trip to Rabaul on the Bulolo.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jefford, of Moresby, returned from leave on the last Bulolo.

Mr. Jack Pettifer, of Post and Telegraphs, returned from leave recently. He married while on leave, and his wife will come up later.

A son, Stephen Andrew, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nigel Moon, of Moresby.



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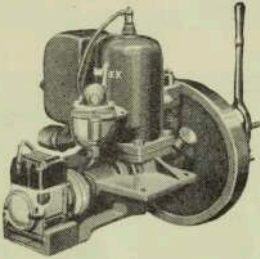
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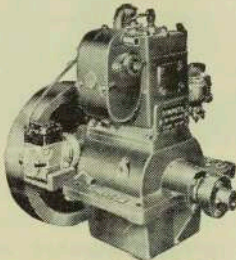
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New Ireland Notes

From Our Own Correspondent

KAVIENG, July 31.
BIGGEST barracouta ever hooked in the Territory was landed at the Kavieng wharf on July 27 by Mr. S. G. Martinson, visiting telephone line man from Rabaul. He caught it with a nylon handline and the monster ran with the line for 100 yards before the fisherman could turn it. It took about 20 minutes to drag it exhausted to the wharfside, where it was speared. Measurement was 4 ft. 5½ in., and weight 22 lb. Breaking strain of line was 1 lb.

Popular District Officer, W. J. Reas will be returning to Kavieng early in October after a long holiday at Dandakong, Vic. He has recently been promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Commandant (Sp.), RANVR, and indications are that should emergency arise, he would hold a big naval job in New Guinea.

Unless the New Ireland natives plant crops instead of buying food from trade stores and native foods from planters they will find themselves in a dilemma if supplies should be restricted or cut off. Not so the Chinese community. These industrious Orientals need only a few seeds and some fertile ground and they could live comfortably should occasion arise. During the Japanese invasion of New Ireland a handful of Chinese kept the entire Japanese occupation Army in native foods.

The Chinese could also quite easily grow their own rice. They say that, needs be, the whole island could be self supporting—if people only worked.

A Chinese chauffeur to the leading Japanese military officer at the time of the Rabaul invasion said the Japs. left secret papers on the car seat and could not find them—the Chinese had read them and then burnt them. They revealed that Rabaul was taken by 2,500 Japs., 1,000 of whom were killed; the remaining 1,500 held Rabaul alone for considerable time.

Kavieng Flying Club has opened up. A few ex-RAF and RAAF members intend flying a Moth for pleasure purposes. Among them is an expert mechanic and also a pilot with 600 wartime flying hours.

Judging by the following paragraph in the Lagasai (New Ireland's Pidgin newspaper), Europeans and Chinese are not the only "exploiters" of our poor natives.

"Samfela neitivs igat plandi kokoni oli mekem arafela man i wok long long helpim. Samfela man i wok o no save kesim inaf pei long wok o mekim long arafela man. I moa betti oli mas kesim gud pei long wok bilong ol."

We shall miss A/Sub.-Inspector Fred Towner, who is being transferred to Kokopo, but he is jubilant—he likes the Rabaul area.

An agricultural instructor from Fiji has joined the staff of the Methodist Mission at Buin, South Bougainville. He is **Ovini Baleidaveta**, a graduate of Navuso Agricultural College in Fiji. Since his appointment he has received further specialist training in Fiji to fit him for his task of encouraging greater food production in the mission area. Ovini is to take charge of the mission's agricultural training scheme in South Bougainville and will work under the guidance of the Rev. A. H. Voyce, veteran Methodist missionary of the area.

RABAUL ROUNDABOUT

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, August 7.
THE secretary of the Rabaul sub-branch of the RSL reports that after a month of hard and exacting work by the RAAF Searcher Unit, in conjunction with the Imperial War Graves Commission, a funeral was held on July 18 when 15 airmen executed by the Japanese between the latter part of 1942 and the end of the war, were buried with Air Force Honours.

The ceremony began at 7 a.m. with an undenominational service at the Recreation Grounds, conducted by the RAAF chaplain.

At the same time solemn High Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Catholic Church by the Rev. Father Copas. The Panegyric was preached by Bishop Wade, of Torokina.

Two hearses, preceded by a truck loaded with wreaths, then left Rabaul for the long journey to Kokopo and the Imperial War Graves Cemetery at Bitapaka.

THE airmen buried were portion of a group comprising Americans and Australians, whose graves were located near Matupit Volcano as a result of information collected from Japanese sources. The area of approximately ten acres was covered with kunai. All trace of graves had been obliterated by bulldozing but by the time the search party had finished, most of the area had been uncovered and sifted by hand to a depth of seven to eight feet.

The airmen were crews of four aircraft shot down at intervals between May, 1942, and December, 1943, at locations separated as far as the Coral Sea and New Ireland.

The discovery of the bodies was due to the tenacity of Squadron-Leader Rundle and Sergeant Henderson of the RAAF Searcher Unit and Colonel Houghton of the Imperial War Graves Commission.

AMERICAN War Graves Officials, led by Major Abel (US Army) recently arrived in Rabaul per service aircraft in connection with the 15 American airmen's bodies discovered by the Australian Searcher Unit.

These bodies were flown to America via Australia.

ON July 31, the following Parliamentarians and officials visited Rabaul for the purpose of gaining first-hand information of the territories and their problems: Mr. J. B. Howse, MHR, Under Secretary for External Territories; Mr. Osborne, MHR; Mr. McCollm, MHR; Mr. Timson, MHR; Mr. Willoughby, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Research, Department of External Territories; and Mr. J. H. Jones, Secretary, Planning and Development, P-NG Administration.

Later, Senator J. O'Byrne and Mr. F. Daly, MHR, arrived.

The Party intended staying in the Rabaul area for 12 days, during which they will visit Kavieng, Manus and other outstations.

During the first week of their visit, Mr. Howse granted interviews to any interested organisations or persons.

DURING late July, Drs. Brennan, Kirkland and Gunther visited Rabaul at the request of Mr. Spender, in connection with the improvement of hospitals and medical facilities in the Territory. The party had a full programme and flying visits were made to various centres.

Dr. Gunther is, of course, Director of P-NG Health Department; Dr. Brennan is well-known to all old Rabaulites as prewar CMO of the district. He lost no time in renewing old acquaintances.

Dr. Kirkland is well-known in the Northern Territory, and is now with the Department of Tropical Medicine at Sydney University.

THE annual general meeting of the New Guinea Club was held on July 28. Although much foundation work had been carried out in re-building and appointments, the meeting expressed con-

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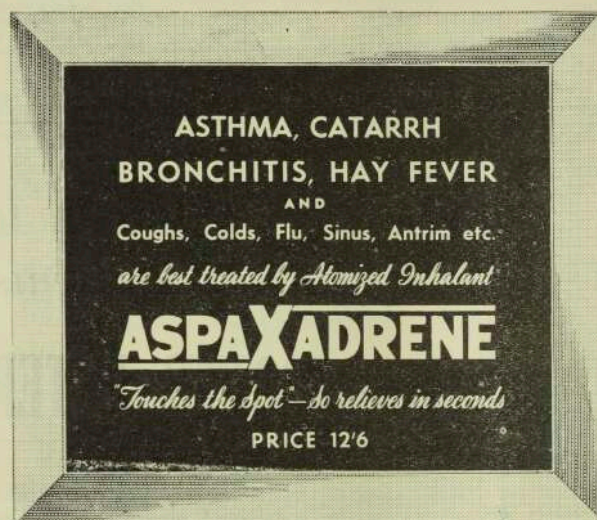
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The following office bearers were elected for the year: L. Corbett, president; W. Bailey, vice-president; K. Cummings, secretary; L. Michel, treasurer; and committee members, A. J. Corlass, G. Kent, A. Thomas, D. Williams and H. Lyons.

AS the result of a motor accident on August 2 the death occurred of Major W. Morrison of the P and T Department.

Major Morrison was driving an Administration utility which collided with a low-loader at the corner of Malaguna Road and Tunnel Hill. The tragedy shocked Rabaul, as Major Morrison, an ex-8th Division member, had survived three years at Changi Camp as a POW of the Japs in Malaya, and was respected and liked by all.

A LONG-AWAITED amenity, a golf course, is under way. A meeting of golfers was called and a committee has been formed—Mr. G. Renton, president; Messrs. L. Corbett and E. Britten, vice-presidents; C. Burcher, secretary, and G. Black, treasurer. A nine-hole course is being laid out on the prewar site. A motor-mower arrived per the Bulolo and the committee is confident that the area will be in a playable condition by the end of the year.

THE New Britain Ladies' Club conducted a successful ball at the New Britain Club during July. Decorations, music and supper were a credit to the committee, headed by the president, Mrs. Mildred Costello. Work on the building for the Ladies' Club is at an advanced stage.

DURING July the vessels, Citos and Merkur, arrived from the East and the increase in Japanese imports is most marked. Jap toys, from those of a really ingenious design, to trash cunningly marked "Made in Empire" are on sale. Scarcity of Australian building materials leaves no option but to import from the East. A recently constructed building in Rabaul contained Jap roofing iron, Jap shutters and Jap nails.

THE recently revised customs tariffs are already being felt. New shipments of beer show an increase of three-pence per bottle, and, in some cases, this is already being passed on to the consumer. Spirits have also risen, and the price of cigarettes in the near future will be considerable. In regard to foodstuffs—no decrease in price has been apparent to date. Meat is still an expensive item and butter remains at 5/- per pound.

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TAHITI EN FETE

Celebrations on June 18
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From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, July 12.

THE annual carnival period in French Oceania, commencing with the celebration of Bastille Day on July 14, has been introduced this year by a series of important functions and entertainments.

June 18, the tenth anniversary of the proclamation of Free France by General de Gaulle, was celebrated with appropriate ceremony in Papeete, and was made the occasion of the dedication of the new Quai Bir Hacheim on the waterfront. Religious ceremonies in commemoration of the event were also held.

From 7.30 a.m. a large crowd, including delegations from the principal city schools, began to assemble in Marine Square, in which had been erected a grandstand decorated with the national colours. Here Governor Anziani, attended by Monsieur Poroi (Mayor of Papeete) and Captain Herve (president of the Tahiti branch of the Association of Free France) was surrounded by the military, religious and civil authorities of the Colony.

In his address (given first in French and repeated in Tahitian) Monsieur Poroi recalled the famous rallying call of General de Gaulle who declared "France has lost a battle, but she has not lost the war." He then recounted the progressive steps of the struggle for liberty which had crowned the success of French arms in Africa, dwelling upon the famous victory of Bir Hacheim and the subsequent march for the delivery of Europe.

The Governor, in his address, describes the moral effect in France of the universal response of the nation to General de Gaulle's appeal, and attributed to it much of the momentum which had brought about the successful termination of the war.

TAHITI GOVERNOR HONOURS AMERICA

IN the evening of July 4, the Governor and Mrs. Anziani held a special reception and Vin d'Honneur at their residence in celebration of American Independence Day. A representative gathering of local functionaries, army and navy officers, and foreign consuls with their wives were present, and assisted in welcoming members of the United States colony in Tahiti.

ENTERTAINMENTS

ON July 1, at the Papeete Yacht Club was held the first annual banquet for members of the navy and merchant marine. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering of former and present seamen. This is likely to be an annual event.

Under patronage of the Governor the Oceanic Section of the Association of Free France gave a grand ball at Paturua, for benefit of Social Services.

POPULAR WEDDING

ON June 10, at the Cathedral at Papeete the marriage of Miss Muriel Maevu Goupil to Monsieur Tony Oliver was solemnised before a large gathering of relatives and friends. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's residence.

For the first time in Tahiti, a Ferris Wheel, resplendent with lights and colours, was put into operation on June 24 at the Grand Festival of the Catholic Brothers School in Papeete. The innovation was acclaimed a great success and, together with the Merry-go-round (both recently

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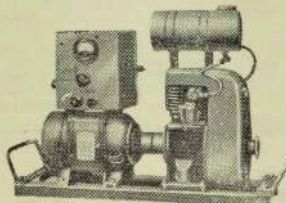
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In the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of **ERNEST CLAUDE VIDER**, late of Bellevue Hill, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, engineer, deceased. Application will be made after 14 days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament, dated November 14, 1949, may be granted to **The Curator of Intestate Estates, Port Moresby**, the Executor named in the said Will. And all notices may be served at the undermentioned address. All creditors in the Estate of the deceased are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned.—**McDONNELL & MOFFITT**, Proctors for Executor, 6 Wynyard Street, Sydney. Dated August 18, 1950.

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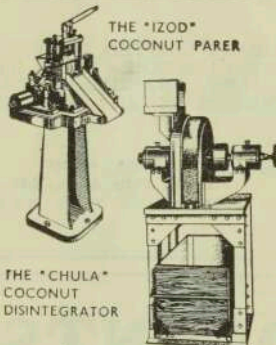
SENATOR LASSALLE-SERRE'S REPORT

IN presenting his annual report, on June 14, before the Permanent Commission of the Representative Assembly, M. Lassalle-Serre, Senator of the French Establishments of Oceania, emphasised that the French Constitution has endowed the populations of its various colonies overseas with rights, privileges and responsibilities unknown to them before. Territorial Assemblies have been established throughout all French possessions, members of which, elected by general suffrage, are in direct contact with the people whose needs and desires they know well. All such assemblies have the responsibility of drawing up the budgets of their various regions. It was therefore necessary that only such members, as those representative bodies be elected, as are qualified to discuss intelligently all economic matters submitted to their consideration.

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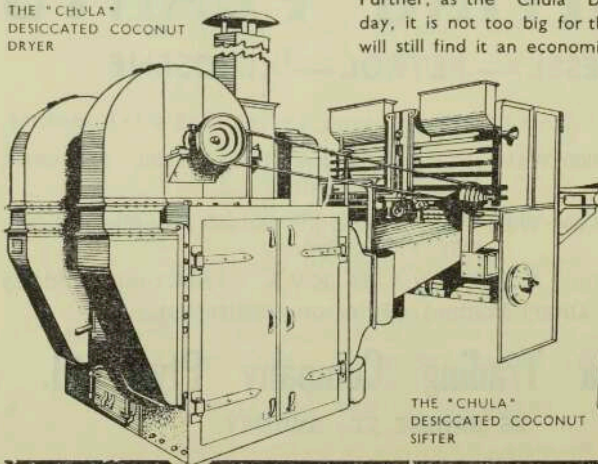
GOVERNOR ANZIANI has requested the Societe d'Etudes Oceaniques to institute a programme of events to celebrate this year the one-hundredth anniversary of the great writer on French Oceania, Pierre Loti.

It is hoped to hold an exhibition of documents, pictures and mementoes pertaining to the life of the author of the "Mariage de Loti," and his times. The Society has requested all persons throughout French Oceania to assist this project. Objects contributed for this purpose will be received on loan and deposited in the Papeete museum.

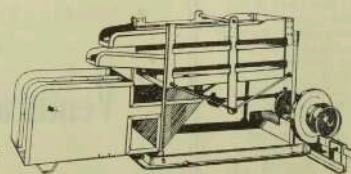


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News and Notes From the Territory

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, July 31.
AFTER the abnormally heavy rains that Western Samoa experienced during the wet season, the dry season has at last arrived and pleasant cool evenings and nights are a welcome change from the oppressively hot weather of the past few months. Owing to the excessive rains, the cocoa crop during the first half of the current year has been disappointing although fair quantities of Samoan sundried cocoabeans are still coming in from Savai'i where cocoa production is increasing rapidly. Planters expect, however, a prolific cocoa crop towards the end of the year.

Prices obtained lately vary from £230 to £270 per ton f.o.b. with the USA market relatively inactive and the United Kingdom and Mediterranean countries showing more interest in Samoan cocoabeans.

During June-July, the SS Roybank lifted 1,353 tons of copra at Apia, the MS Thor took 237 tons of cocoa consigned to USA and the Matua 10,066 cases of bananas, 1,061 cases of desiccated coconut and 71 tons of cocoabeans.

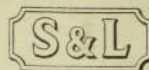
BUILDING activities by the Government as well as by private enterprise are continuing on a large scale in and outside Apia. The attractive new business premises of Messrs. Morris, Hedstrom, Ltd., and the new Methodist Church are nearing completion.

The Fuluaseu Hydro-Electric Scheme, which is to supply Apia and neighbourhood with sufficient power for all public, industrial and private needs is about half completed and should be in operation about October. For the first time since 1939, Apia will have a complete street lighting service which will greatly improve the appearance of Samoa's capital city.

MANY complaints are heard about the lack of sufficient passenger facilities to New Zealand on the MV Matua, which is at present fully booked out until May-June, 1951. Passenger accommodation on the Matua is wholly insufficient for the steadily increasing passenger traffic from Samoa, Fiji and Tonga and return. It has been suggested that the Union SS Company may send a special passenger vessel to Samoa to take away the 300 passengers now awaiting passages and bring here the large number of passengers booked in Auckland. There is, but to a lesser degree, also a congestion of freight at both ends.

AN agricultural census is being taken at present in the Territory in order to obtain valuable data on agricultural production and to explore avenues to increase productivity.

POLITICALLY there has not been much activity lately following the South Pacific Conference; the visit of Mr. Doidge, NZ Minister of External Affairs; the Budget Session of the Legislative Assembly; and the visit of the United Nations mission. The various departmental committees of the Legislative Assembly are, however, holding their regular monthly meetings.



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ISLANDS PRODUCE

(Unless otherwise stated, quotations are in Australian currency)

COCOA

ISLANDS cocoa prices are usually based on the ruling rate for Accra cocoa (West Africa), unofficial (re-seller's) quotation for which in mid-August was £325 Stg., c.i.f. (equivalent to £406/5/- Aust.); the Gold Coast Cocoa Marketing Board is not quoting at present (between seasons). Quotation supplied by Colyer, Watson Pty., Ltd., Sydney.

Pacific cocoa beans were quoted on the Sydney market in August at:—

New Guinea: £280 per ton, ex wharf.
New Hebrides: £284 per ton, ex wharf.

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W. Samoa: The price in July was £337/10/- Aust. (£270 Samoan) per ton, f.o.b., Apia; but Sydney merchants in August reported 'no quotations at present—nothing offering from Samoa.' (Samoa currency equals Sterling.)

TROCHUS SHELL

Nominal Sydney quotations are: Thursday Is., £101 per ton, f.o.b.; N. Guinea, £88 per ton, c.i.f., Sydney; Solomon Is., £95; Fiji, £F70 (£A76/7/3) per long ton on the beach at Suva; New Caledonia, 14,000 francs per ton, Noumea.

A TI firm recently offered £120 per ton for trochus.

COFFEE

Nominal quotations are:—
New Caledonia: Production exported to France at above normal rates (equivalent to £A400, per ton for Arabica, £A350 for Robusta).

New Guinea and Papua: Nominally £350 to £370 per ton (c.i.f.), according to quality.

VANILLA BEANS

Papeete merchants quote 325 francs per kilo for French Oceania vanilla beans.

Prices for Tahiti beans quoted in Sydney (by J. C. Merrillees Pty., Ltd.) are White Label, 16/6 per lb., Yellow Label, 15/6 per lb., both c.i.f., Sydney.

RICE

Rice shipped from Sydney to Islands ports has been price-fixed at: New season's crop, £50 per ton White and £54 per ton Brown.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL

A nominal quotation in Sydney in August was at £85 per ton, c.i.f., for f.a.q. shell—with buyers holding off.

PEARL SHELL

By a three-years' contract between the Otto Gerdau Company (USA) and the majority of Torres Strait pearlers, TI shell prices were fixed in 1949 at: Sound grades, £A325 per ton, f.o.b., TI; 'D' grade, £A225; 'E' grade, £A125—all prices to be plus bonuses.

Torres Strait pearling season re-opened in April-May. Purchase price for the independent pearlers' output in 1950 was the subject of much negotiation by overseas buyers' representatives at TI but finally was agreed to at approximately: £A580 per ton for Sound grades, £A465 for 'D' grades and £A340 for 'E' grades.

COPRA

Papua—New Guinea.—Production Control Board's fixed price, delivered to ship's slings or ANGPCB warehouses, as from May, 1950: At main ports, Hot-air Dried, £48/10/- per ton; Smoked, £47/7/6 (subject to premium up to £1/5/- for superior grades). Official price (as from May, 1950) for Papua-New Guinea copra sold in Sydney to crushers: Hot-air Dried, £67/15/-; Smoked, £67/2/6. Australia has a 9 years' contract with Britain for the disposal of all Territories' copra surplus to her own needs.

Fiji.—From January 1, 1950: £53/14/3 Fijian per ton, FMS (UK Ministry of Food prices); Fiji has a 9 years' contract with the British MOF for all copra exported.

New Hebrides.—Price at Vila and Santo: £50 Aust. per ton.

Western Samoa.—Producers receive £40 Samoan per ton (£3 held for Stabilisation Fund) under a 10 years' contract with the UN Food Ministry.

Fr. Oceania.—Papeete merchants have been paying 9,350 Pacific francs per 1,000 kilos for Tahiti copra.

RUBBER

Sydney trading firms use the London and Singapore day-to-day quotations as a basis when buying Papuan rubber. An average rate during August for No. 1 grade RSS was: 28-3/16d. Stg. per lb., c.i.f., London; 127 cents, f.o.b., Singapore; equivalent to 35-7/16d. Aust. per lb.

ISLANDS MINING SHARES

FIJI

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Loloma	s25/6	s27/-	b24/-

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Enterprise of N.G.	b27/6	b10/-	b10/-
Guinea Gold	b13/3	b4/-	b6/6
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Sandy Creek	b1/5	b8d.	b8d.
Sunshine Gold	b6/5	s10/-	s9/-

PAPUA

Cuthbert's Misima	s16/6	b6d.	b6d.
Mandated Alluvials	b3/8	b3/6	b3/3
Oil Search	s3/11	s3/6	b4/1
Oriomo Oil	b5/-	b1/9	b2/-
Papuan Apinaipi	b4/11	b2/9	b1/-

Price of gold.—Commonwealth Bank of Australia's fixed price for gold bought in Australia and Territories is: Fine oz., £A15/9/100 Standard oz., £A14/4/-.

Exchange Rates

THE following exchange quotations show the rates existing in Sydney in mid-August:—

FIJI

Through Bank of NSW and Bank of New Zealand:—Australia on Fiji on basis of £100: Fiji: Buying, £A111/2/6; selling, £A113. Fiji: London on basis of £100 London:—

	Buying	Selling
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telegraphic transfer	111 2 6	113 0 0
On demand	111 2 6	113 0 0

WESTERN SAMOA

Through Bank of New Zealand:—Australia on Western Samoa on basis of £100 Samoa: buying, £A123/12/6; selling, £A124/10/6.

Samoa-London on basis of £100 London:—

	Buying	Selling
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telegraphic transfer	100 7 6	101 10 0
On demand	99 9 3	101 10 0

Samoa on New Zealand, on basis of £100 NZ:—Buying, £100; selling, £100/10/-.

Samoa on Fiji, on basis of £100 Samoa:—Buying, £111; selling, £110.

Samoa on USA on basis of £1 Samoa (telegraphic transfer): Buying, 2.7991 dollars; selling, 2.7586 dollars.

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

Commonwealth Bank of Australia (branches: Pt. Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Madang) and Bank of New South Wales (branches: Pt. Moresby, Lae, Rabaul) quote an exchange rate between Australia and Papua-New Guinea of 10/- per £1000.

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