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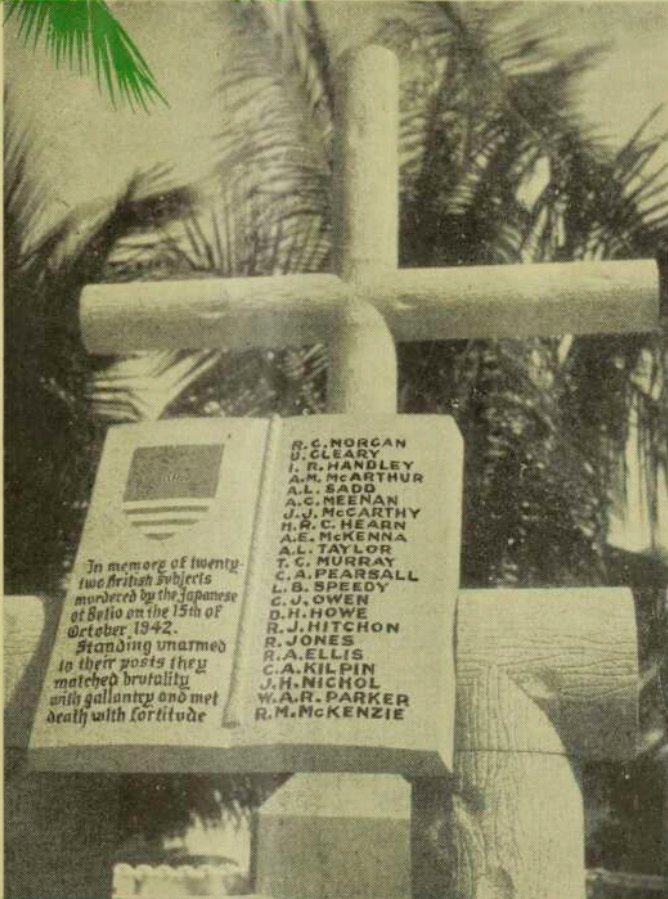
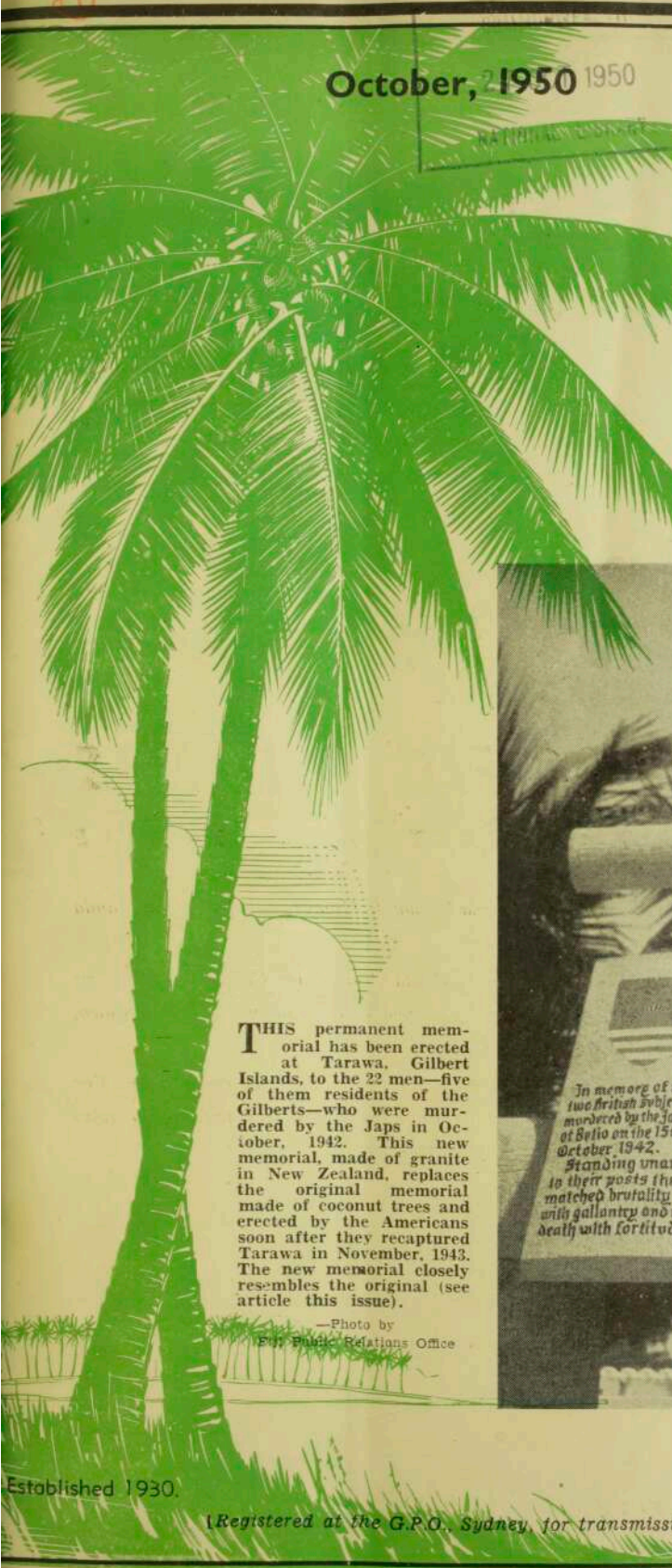
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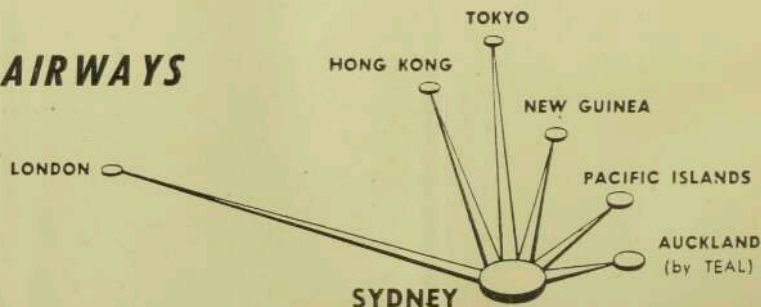
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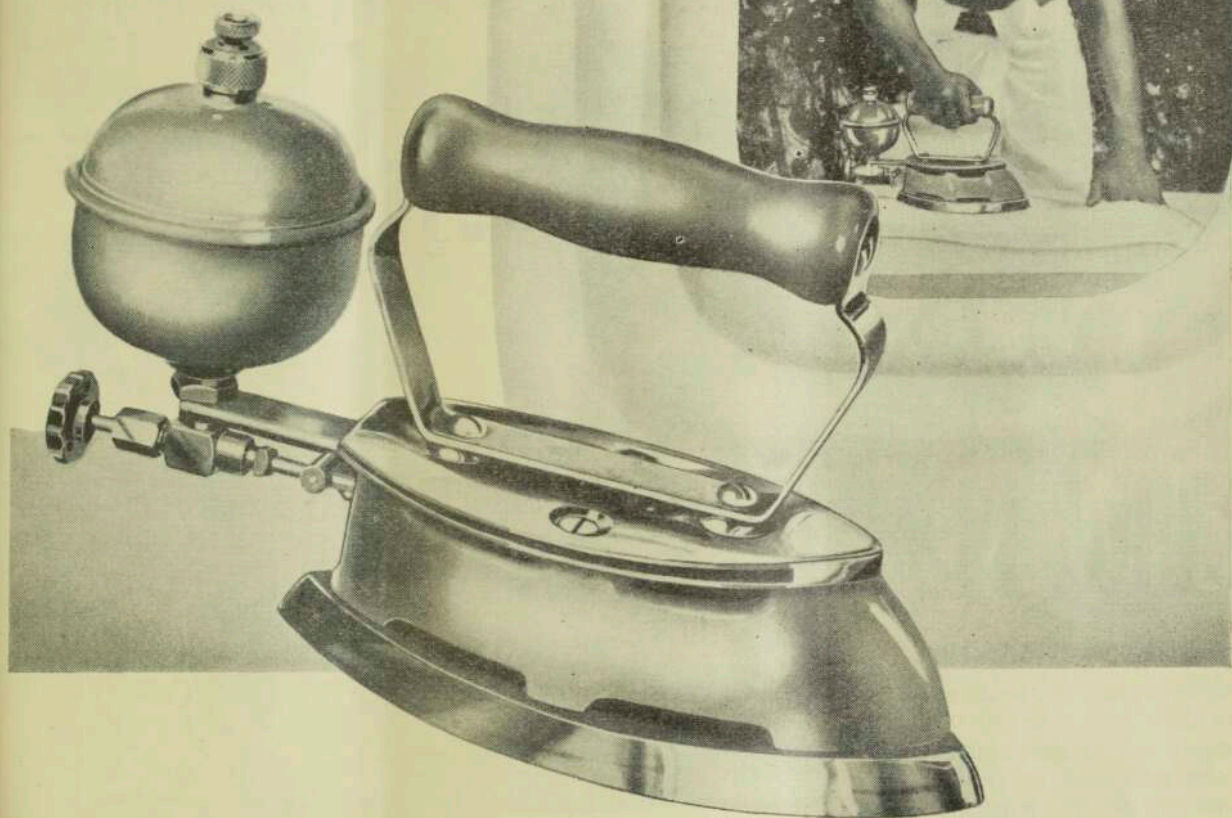
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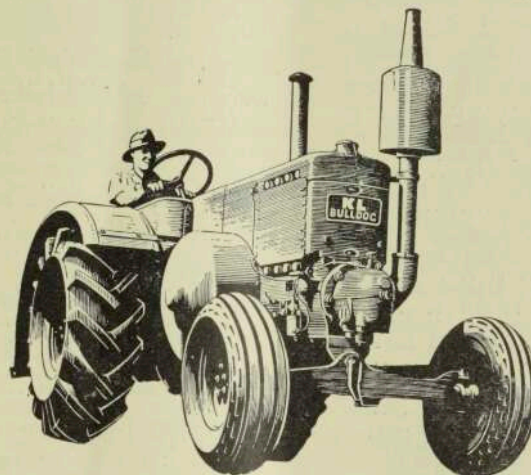
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Is the Spender Policy Being Sabotaged?

THE slowness of the Australian Govern-
mental authority in implementing its
policy of developing Papua-New
Guinea through the encouragement of
private enterprise is causing a lot of
irritation, both in and out of the Terri-
tories.

The soundness of the policy has never
been questioned.

As seen from Australia, Fiji, Polynesia
and New Zealand, the great island of New
Guinea is a defensive barrier of vital im-
portance between us and the crowded mil-
lions of Asia.

When the advancing armies of General
MacArthur threw the Communists out of
South Korea the other day, they found
tens of thousands of slaughtered civilians
—massacred because they were not Com-
munists. That horror can be repeated in
the South Pacific, just as soon as Moscow's
Red Asiatics over-run Malaya and come
down through the Indonesian-held East
Indies into our Melanesia.

Indonesians are of no use in our plan
of security. At this moment, they are
trying to subdue the non-Communist
Ambonese, only a few hundred miles from
the New Guinea coast. Racially, they are
a poor type; and, politically and socially,
they are dominated by their hatred of
Europeans.

If we are to survive in the South Seas
during this Red Muscovite era, we must
depend initially on our own strength, and
our readiness to defend our own countries.
The day may come when our only chance
of survival will lie in our ability to hold
back Asia's murderous hordes long
enough to allow our friends in North
America or Western Europe to come to
our aid.

It may happen again—as in 1942-44—
that our readiness to fight in New Guinea
will save our South Pacific communities
from the horrors of invasion.

IT is possible, on economic grounds, to
make out a good case for the settle-
ment and development of New
Guinea by Europeans. There is no good
reason why that huge country, with its
limitless resources, should not be de-
veloped for the benefit of Australia and
for the ultimate good of its primitive,
stone-age inhabitants. But that, dear
people, is "colonialism"; and every addle-
brained theorist who has crept into a posi-
tion of bureaucratic authority since
World War II is telling us that "colonial-
ism" is a vicious, sinful thing, and that
the era of "European colonialism" is over.

The British Empire has contributed
more to the advancement of the human
race than any other institution in re-
corded history. It was based on the
finest qualities of the human being—en-
terprise, vision, industry, pioneering
courage and a basic justice for all people,
whatever their colour. "Colonialism" is
another word for the spread of Western
European institutions and culture across
the world; and the British Empire is—
or was!—its finest expression.

The New Planners, of course, use the
word "colonialism" to mean "the ex-
ploitation of coloured races by white
men"; and, by their ceaseless propaganda,
they have managed to get into circula-
tion the general idea that this is some-
thing that must be stopped, on
humanitarian grounds.

People are accustomed to the fulmina-
tions of those myopic theorists whom we

class generally as "ratbags," and the anti-
colonialism folk are mostly in that cate-
gory. It was only when the Communist
element got in behind anti-colonialism,
and used the latter's ceaseless squawking
as part of the Muscovite campaign against
Western Europe, and especially against
the British Empire, that the propaganda
became dangerous.

THE anti-colonialism campaign against
the pre-war Australian regime in
New Guinea could be attacked as
Communist in origin, and damned for its
impracticability and lack of realism. But
it is not necessary to take that line. Even
if the New Planners are completely right,
they can be ignored, because—whether it
is "colonialism" or not—New Guinea must
be held and rapidly developed and settled,
for our own security.

Months ago, the new Australian Minis-
ter for Territories (Mr. Spender) an-
nounced the new policy—co-operation with
private enterprise in creating a strong
Australian outpost in New Guinea, and in
helping the natives to a higher standard
of living. It was acknowledged that to
achieve this, certain things were essential.
The most important of these were a de-
pendable labour force, adequate transport,
encouragement of private industry, prompt
clearance of land titles, and as little de-
lay as possible in giving major administra-
tive decisions.

It can be said at once, in so many words,
that there has been so much maddening
delay in giving effect to what may be
called the Spender Policy that a reaction
has set in. These New Guinea Europeans
are enterprising, bursting with energy,
eager to get on with the establishment of
industries for the products of which all
countries are clamouring. They are also
intelligent, and not unreasonable; they
know that industry and commerce and ad-
ministration are all seriously handicapped
by the go-slow Socialism that, despite
everything, is crippling Australia. For all
that, they cannot understand why there

is so much frustration and delay in the implementation of the Spender policy.

Ward-ism, as applied to Papua-New Guinea by J. K. Murray, demoralised the New Guinea labour force, and placed an almost incalculable handicap upon industry and development. The Ward-Murray native labour policy was conceived in Socialist hatred of the Big Firms, and born amid an idealistic planning for native welfare. It has been proved industrially impractical, and economically unsound. It should have been scrapped, and a completely new system introduced. Instead, we are given a tinkered-up form of the original Ward-Murray system—improvements showing in some directions, but retaining all the features which have hamstrung industry for five years.

The Australian Government has done its best, since taking office, to give the New Guinea producers better sea transportation, and the Ward-Murray coastal shipping monopoly has been wiped out. Private interests have been invited to take over the Government-controlled organisation. But the big companies—the only concerns large enough to efficiently handle a concern like shipping—have had such a doing-over by Socialism in recent years that they are shy about the proposition; and so the Territories are suffering under a reformed Government-owned shipping service that is an improvement on what it was—but is far from satisfactory.

Private enterprise is not being encouraged in the way it was led to expect. There is great eagerness to get on with the establishment of new industries—sawmilling and coffee-growing, building construction and cattle-farming, and so on—but everywhere the Europeans are held back by the labour conditions and by Administration slowness in giving decisions, clearing land titles and making materials available.

THE Ward-Murray native labour laws rendered native labour so expensive and inefficient that many small employers were driven out, especially in mining, and the small men cannot return while the contract labour period remains at 12 or 18 months.

There are plenty of timbered areas in Papua-New Guinea; the whole region is crying out for sawn timber; there are dozens of individuals and small as well as big companies clamouring for permission to cut timber; the Government-owned and operated timber-mills are regarded as a joke; the Spender Policy promised that private enterprise soon would have a chance on timber; but nothing has yet been done by the Administration, apparently because of difficulties in conforming to the New Planners' ideas.

Hundreds of people are anxious to build, but cannot get titles to their land. The Administration says it cannot proceed with a grant of titles because it cannot get surveyors; and, in any event, people must conform to the plans. Everyone runs around in a vicious circle.

Very much has been done, in building roads and bridges and Administration buildings for the huge and growing Administration personnel. But that has been done by a monstrous offshoot of a mainland Department called "Works and Housing," which has a white personnel of just 1,000, and which is lavishly equipped and incredibly expensive. Much of this work could have been done by private enterprise (with Government co-operation) in half the time, at probably less than half the cost. But that is not the way of the New Planners.

MANY people are asking if the Spender Policy is getting a square deal in Canberra and Port Moresby.

The Territories services were filled up with Wardist nominees between 1944 and 1949. Naturally, they were not happy

when, last December, the Socialists were thrown out of power, and the Ward-Murray regime came to an end in Papua-New Guinea. These people apparently have accepted the new policies philosophically.

But, when one encounters the fury and frustration of the non-official classes in the Territories, and notes the failure of Canberra and Port Moresby to make reforms where reforms are most urgently needed, one wonders whether the Spender Policy is not being quietly sabotaged. It was Mr. Chifley, Socialist leader, who boasted that, when he had scrambled the eggs, not all the genius of a Menzies could unscramble them again.

Governor of DNG To Visit P-NG

THE Governor of Dutch New Guinea, Mr. Stephan Van Waardenburg plans to visit Papua-New Guinea about December. He returned to DNG from The Hague in October.

He said that he hoped that the present trade barrier between Australia and Dutch New Guinea, brought about by currency difficulties, would soon be lifted.

His country was anxious to import food and consumer goods from its next-door neighbour.

Mr. Van Waardenburg said that his projected goodwill visit to Colonel J. K. Murray, Administrator of Papua and Australian New Guinea, was approved at The Hague last month by the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Mr. P. C. Spender.

NAURU MEMORIAL TO COLONEL CHALMERS

RESIDENTS of Nauru are considering the erection of a memorial to the late Colonel F. R. Chalmers, who, with four members of the British Phosphate Commission, was murdered on the island during the Jap occupation.

Colonel Chalmers, an Australian, was Administrator of Nauru when the Japs occupied it in 1942.

Europeans were evacuated before the Japs landed but he, with the four BPC officials, decided to stay behind to care for the natives.

Following the first American bombing raid on the island on March 25, 1943, the five Europeans were taken from their place of imprisonment and brutally put to death. (The Jap navy Commander in charge of Nauru at the time was later hanged for this crime.)

During 1943 two separate shipments of 1,200 Nauruans were taken to Truk, in the Carolines, (where about 500 of them perished). The reason for their removal from Nauru was apparently because of food shortage.

Late News

TOA Flying-Boat Services

TRANS Oceanic Airways have temporarily suspended their Sydney-New Hebrides-Solomons flying-boat service.

Their new service from Sydney to Port Moresby will commence on October 29.

FIJI TRAVELLERS

Among recent TEAL flying boat passengers from Auckland, NZ, to Suva, Fiji, were (at top): Mr. W. G. Johnson, Managing Director of W. R. Carpenter & Co., Ltd., Suva, who returned with his wife and family from a three months' holiday in New Zealand. Mrs. E. Reading, wife of the late H. E. Reading who was well known in Fiji, returned to Suva for a holiday — she is shown here (dark dress) with Mr. J. H. Millitt, Mrs. A. Sims and Mr. Brian Sims. Mrs. Reading will be the guest of Mr. Millitt during her stay in Fiji. Lower: Mr. and Mrs. R. Mace went to Suva to take up duties with the R.N.Z.A.F. at Laucala Bay. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hayward from Auckland — this was their first visit to Fiji and they are spending their holiday with Mr. Bill Hayward of Suva, brother of Mr. H. P. Hayward.



Other flying-boat passengers to Suva from New Zealand have been (top): Sir Stephen Allen, DSO, CMG, who was Administrator of Western Samoa from 1928 to 1931, photographed with Miss Allen when in Suva en route to Western Samoa. Miss Sheneagh Rennie, who attends St. Cuthbert's College, Auckland who was on a three-weeks' school vacation trip to visit her parents in Suva. Lower: Mr. W. J. S. Brabant and his two sons. They recently were on leave in the United Kingdom but Mr. Brabant has now resumed duty at the Treasury, in Suva. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Sullivan of Auckland — Mr. Sullivan is now head mechanic with Suva Motors Ltd.

SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

Sixth Session Opens at Noumea

THE Sixth Session of the South Pacific Commission will be held at Commission headquarters at Noumea, from October 21-28. The six participating Governments will be represented by Mr. R. Halligan, for Australia, Mons. R. Lassalle-Sere, for France, Mr. J. B. D. Pennink, for the Netherlands, Mr. C. G. R. McKay for New Zealand, Sir Brian Freeston, for the United Kingdom, and Dr. F. M. Keesing, for the United States.

The main items on the agenda will be (1) the report and recommendations of the second meeting of the Research Council, which met in Sydney during August and produced comprehensive plans for the Commission's future work programme in the three fields of Health, Economic Development and Social Development; and (2) the Budget for 1951. It will be no easy problem to reconcile the research needs of the area, as set out in the Council's report, with the natural reluctance of many metropolitan Treasuries to increase their financial allocations.

Other matters of interest will include the appointment of successors to Dr. L. G. M. Baas Becking, Director of Research, who resigned in September to take up an appointment in Australia; and to Brigadier F. L. Hunt, Deputy Secretary-General, who is retiring in November.

This will be the first session in which the Commissioners will be able to consider final reports on Commission projects—notably those by Dr. A. Capell, of Sydney University, on Linguistic Research; Professor A. P. Elkin and Dr. F. M. Keesing, on research needs in Anthropology in Melanesia/Papua and Polynesia/Micronesia respectively; and Mr. A. L. Moore on the use of visual aids in island education. Far from being mere academic studies, they contain positive recommendations for solving some of the major technical difficulties faced by island administrations in these fields.

Probably the most eagerly awaited report of all, that on Centralized Vocational Training Institutions, is at present being prepared by Mr. R. A. Derrick, the well-known Fijian educationist and historian. To obtain the data for his work, Mr. Derrick visited every island territory with the exception of Nauru and Niue, examining educational institutions and technical training facilities and listening to the views of local authorities.

He is now completing his findings and recommendations, covering the whole field of technical and professional training from Netherlands New Guinea to Tahiti, at the Social Development office of the Commission in Sydney, and hopes to place his report before the Commissioners before the end of the year.

Mr. R. W. Robson, editor and publisher of the Pacific Islands Monthly, left Sydney by air on October 3 to spend four or five weeks in Papua-New Guinea. He expected to visit the Solomons, New Hebrides and New Caledonia also but transport arrangements "would not jell." In P-N-G he will visit Port Moresby and other parts of Papua, Lae, Wau, the Central Highlands, Madang, Wewak, Rabaul, Bougainville and Talasea.

SIR HUGH RAGG RETIRES

IN his address at the opening of the Fiji Legislative Council on October 3, the Governor announced the retirement of Sir Hugh Ragg.

In one capacity or another Sir Hugh has given 24 years of continuous membership to the Council. He was the elected member for the North-west Division until the 1947 election. He did not contest the seat and later became a Government nominated member. He also became a member of the Executive Council.

Sir Hugh was born in Fiji about 66 years ago and has spent all his life there, achieving great commercial success. As a young man he worked for a number of the leading firms but soon branched out for himself. Eventually he became interested in the hotel business and the fine string of hotels of Northern Hotels Ltd., in Viti Levu bear witness to the success of his enterprise.

He was knighted in the 1947 New Year Honours. He has given lavishly of time, energy and money for the betterment of Fiji.

In speaking of his retirement on October 3, the Governor said:—

"It is my earnest hope that Sir Hugh's invaluable advice, though no longer tendered in this Council, will still be available to Government in another sphere."

REPRIEVE FOR FIJI PLANTERS

Copra Moisture Penalties

THE deductions and penalties for excess moisture in copra, which the Fiji Copra Board intended to impose from October 15, will not now come into operation on that date.

The secretary of the Board, has stated, however, that the deductions will come into operation on a "later date to be fixed by the Management Committee." Planters will be notified through the local Press

Fiji Salary Plan Unpopular Mills Plan Being Considered By Council

SUVA, Oct. 9.

THE newly-assembled Legislative Council of Fiji, after meeting on October 3, adjourned until October 12 while the unofficial members in committee review the Mills report on the revision of Civil Service salaries and the Government's proposed amendments to the report.

It is common knowledge, and is openly admitted by the Government, that the Civil Service is almost unanimous in its opposition to the salary plan and to many of the departmental rearrangements suggested by Mr. E. Mills, who visited Fiji this year as Salaries Commissioner.

The Government's proposals have met with little more success, and it is known that the Civil Servants' organisations recently sent what is believed to be virtually an appeal for help to the powerful Civil Servants' organisation in Great Britain.

The Government is thus in a sticky situation. On the one hand there is rapidly increasing discontent in the Civil Service in the face of Fiji's cost of living, which, in the last few months, has made more than one spectacular leap; and at the same time it is clear that Fiji is out of the running when competing for qualified technical and other officers—desperately needed in many branches from overseas—and is already losing valuable men who are lured away by better pay and conditions elsewhere.

On the other hand, there is the question of Fiji's ability to foot the bill. (The Mills report, although heartily condemned by most of the Civil Service, proposes an additional £70,000 a year, including the incorporation of the present cost-of-living allowance salary).

and radio when a date has been decided upon.

Since the Board announced the proposed penalties for excess moisture at the end of July, Fiji copra producers have protested vigorously—see article on page 29, this issue.

TONGAN PRINCESS AT HOME

PRINCESS HALAEALUE MATA'AO, wife of Prince Tungi, of Tonga, is shown here in a family group taken on the occasion of her parents' Silver Wedding Anniversary. Her father, Chief 'Ahome'e is Governor of Ha'apai, and her mother, Heu-'i-fanga, is a daughter of Chief Veikune, ex-Governor of Vavau.

The photograph shows, from left to right (standing): Chief 'Ahome'e; Princess Mata'aho; Chief 'Ahome'e's wife, Heu-'i-fanga; (seated) Chief Veikune, 83 years old, and his 2-year-old great-grandchild, HRH Prince Taufa'ahau son of Prince Tungi and Princess Mata'aho.

Prince Tungi and Princess Mata'aho are at present visiting Australia. Prince Tungi will visit peanut-growing areas in Queensland with a view to starting the industry in Tonga.

—Photo by Hettig.



Retiring Indian Commissioner in Fiji Gives Some Blunt Advice

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Oct. 9.

MR. S. A. WAIZ, retiring Commissioner for the Government of India in Fiji, left Nadi Airport on October 6, after two years' service in the Colony. His successor has not yet been appointed.

Before leaving Suva, Mr. Waiz created a major sensation by administering a comprehensive sorting-up of the Indian situation in Fiji in the course of an address at a farewell gathering organised by the Indian Association of Fiji.

He sharply criticised Indian political leaders for maintaining factional divisions (Punjabi, Gujarati, Madrassi, and so on) in the Indian community as a means to their own "glorification."

He said that the younger Indians were profoundly dissatisfied with the present Indian political leadership and added that there was a strong possibility of a "revolt" against that leadership.

"If the experience of the older generation and the enthusiasm and energy of the younger people cannot be harnessed for the common good of everyone concerned—the Colony as a whole—I wish the younger generation all success in their contemplated revolt," Mr. Waiz added.

After bluntly telling the Indian community that all its members were subjects of the British Crown with the same rights and responsibilities as other British subjects in Fiji, the Commissioner delivered a broadside on the question of defence.

In the Second World War, he said, the Indians in Fiji failed to take their full share in the defence of their adopted homeland. He continued:

"It is not good, and it ought not to happen again. It is your bounden duty as men to come forward and do your bit in the defence of your home. You cannot expect others to defend your home for you. . . .

"If ever I visit Fiji again, I would, for a change, love to meet a Private Sharma, a Sergeant Singh, a Lieutenant Kapadia, a Colonel Vishnu Deo, or a Lieutenant-General John Grant.

"These are not empty words, and I am serious."

PRESUMABLY alluding to the fact that Fiji's peacetime military forces (overwhelmingly composed of volunteer Fijians) contain only one or two Indians and that at no time has the mass of Indians shown the slightest interest in the defence of the Colony, the Commissioner said: "I beseech you to come forward in your hundreds and thousands and enlist yourselves in the Army, Navy and Air Force of the Colony. . . . India expects her sons in Fiji to come forward in the defence of their adopted homeland. . . . I hope that leaders of the Indian community and others will seriously ponder over my last advice and will act immediately. Delay will be fatal."

Speculation on Mr. Waiz's speech has centred very largely, as far as non-Indians are concerned, on what factor produced the note of extreme urgency in his appeal.

On October 3, the Governor (Sir Brian Freeston), addressing the Legislative Council, warned the Colony that its plight, economic and otherwise, might be serious if the outbreak of another world war were followed by the temporary cutting of the South Pacific shipping supply-lines by enemy long-range submarines, and added that the Government was contemplating possible "drastic measures" to counter any emergency rising from such possibilities

as external attack (in the event of an outbreak of war) or sabotage of industrial plant or essential services in Fiji itself.

The Governor's warning, of course, applied to all races and thus can in no sense be interpreted as applying to any one section of the population more than to another.

Non-Indians now ask if the Commissioner's plea is the first open attempt to break the stranglehold of those who preach the doctrine of "India first," regardless of the fact that India's present pro-Communist swing is already creating non-Indian misgivings about the attitude of the many Indians in Fiji who appear to be swayed by the anti-British, anti-West influences at New Delhi.

More About the F'ei Banana

MR. RONALD GATTY, who is at college in the United States and who inquired in September PIM for information on the fe'i banana, sent us these photographs of the species and wrote, on October 2:—

"Professor MacDaniels, who has done much work on the fe'i banana, was kind enough to provide these photographs. He is interested to see what further information your readers may send in. When I first wrote you Professor MacDaniels was away from Cornell University and I was working on the Navaho Indian Reservation in the Southwest. He now points out the importance of finding out the local native names of the plant in tracing its travels. The various varieties, he says, may be noted by a difference in the size and shape of the fruits, and the varieties, of course, often go by different names. The distinguishing points of all the varieties are two—all upright in their fruit stalk and all with purple sap.

"I may originally have misspelled this banana's scientific name. At any rate, just for the records, I checked up on it and find that the correct name is *Musa troglodytarum*."

MR. SYDNEY H. CHANCE, now retired and living in Brisbane, but formerly a Resident Magistrate in Papua, says that he saw these upright bananas only once—in the interior of Fergusson Island, in the D'Entrecasteaux Group where few patrols have been made.

This was in 1924, and he describes the bananas as being "more like paw-paws." They were five or six inches long and perhaps 3 inches thick. He saw them growing, and also being cooked—in hot ashes, a typical New Guinea method of dealing with cooking bananas.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Loloma Swinbourne, elder daughter of Major and Mrs. C. A. Swinbourne, to Mr. Charles Aylwin Heape. The couple first met on Ocean Island. Miss Swinbourne was born in Fiji and as a child spent a lot of time in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony where Major Swinbourne was Senior Administrative Officer.

Air Search for N. Britain Nomads

From a Special Correspondent

THE District Officer of Rabaul (Mr. J. K. McCarthy) has stated that an air reconnaissance of the mountain territory of the elusive Mokolkol peoples, on the island of New Britain, has just been completed, and a village has been observed. A patrol will be sent out to try to contact these natives.

The Mokolkol is a fierce nomad tribe, which has consistently evaded capture during the entire years of the Europeans' rule of New Guinea. The only Mokolkols ever captured are children, abandoned by their parents in flight. There are believed to be two of them at present in Rabaul, now grown up, who were captured in this fashion. These young Mokolkols, it was hoped, could be trained and sent back to their village to civilise their own people but under the influence of civilisation they soon lost the Mokolkol tongue.

These fierce natives hunt with a primitive axe, descending upon a village and leaving a trail of dead behind them, then disappearing again into the surrounding hills, where they live in temporary camps. Other New Britain natives live in mortal fear of the Mokolkol.

(Ed. Note: These people sound as though they could be related to the Mumi of Guadalcanal. See March, 1950, PIM p. 17.)



At left F'ei bananas growing in the New Hebrides; at right a bunch from New Caledonia

NEW TASMAN SERVICE INAUGURATED

IN perfect weather the Tasman Empir Airways flying-boat Ararangi touched down at Evans Bay on the morning of October 5, on completion of the first return flight in the new Wellington-Sydney service.

Initial frequency of the service will be 2 flights a week, with departures from Sydney at 10 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and arrivals every Tuesday and Friday at 4.15 p.m. In November there will be three flights a week. A further increase is scheduled for December.

Solent flying-boats are used for the new service.

There are 13 movie houses in the Colony of Fiji which show the standard 35 mm. film; and seven others which use 16 mm. film.

New Tarawa Memorial to Victims of Jap Sadism

A PERMANENT memorial to the 22 men, (17 of them New Zealanders and five of them residents of the Gilberts), who were killed by the Japanese on Tarawa, in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, in 1942 now stands on the spot where the murder took place. (See cover photo this issue.)

The permanent memorial replaces one built of coconut wood by the American Forces when they recaptured Tarawa, and it follows as closely as possible the form of the original.

The new structure was built in Auckland, NZ. It was originally planned to have it made of bronze but as there was not sufficient bronze available in New Zealand at that time, grey granite was chosen as the material.

Photographs and measurements of the original memorial were sent to Auckland from Tarawa so that a copy could be made.

The dominating feature of the memorial is a granite cross worked to resemble coconut wood. In front is a stand, after the shape of the former coconut stand, and the stand supports an open book.

On the right hand side of the book, in raised black lettering, are the names of the 22 murdered men; on the left is the badge of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony in colour, with a raised inscription underneath reading:—

In memory of twenty-two British subjects murdered by the Japanese at Betio on the 15th. of October, 1942.

Standing unarmed to their posts, they matched brutality with gallantry and met death with fortitude.

The memorial is on a raised plinth, with a low stone wall, constructed from stones of the pre-war jetty at Betio, around it.

THE five men whose names appear at the top of the memorial were all residents of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony. They are R. G. Morgan, B. Cleary, I. R. Handley, A. M. McArthur and A. L. Sadd.

They, with the 17 New Zealanders who were doing some sort of coastwatching duties, were taken prisoner when the Japs occupied Tarawa. Their murder on October 15 was in reprisal for an American raid on the island.

The story of the events that led up to the massacre and of the crime itself have been pieced together from the accounts of natives who were lined up to see the foul deed done. Apparently 21 of the men were shot, but old Captain Handley, whose spirit had never been broken by repeated Jap insults, was tied to a tree from which he gave the Japs a tongue-lashing in the best traditions of an old Pacific master-mariner. They untied him, beat him and knocked him to the ground. There, lying helpless, his head was severed from his body by a Jap samurai sword.

The Rev. A. L. Sadd was one of the best-loved missionaries of the London Missionary Society. The story is told of how he encouraged the men to the end and how, when the time came, he stepped forward so that he would receive the bullets first. He spoke to the others clearly. This was the end, he said. They

must die calmly. They must not show any emotion which would gratify the sadistic enemy.

When the Pacific war came Mr. R. G. Morgan was in charge of the local school for native wireless operators. When most of the other residents of the Colony were evacuated he stayed to maintain wireless communication with the outside world. With a hidden teleradio he was able to do this and by this means he heard on June 22, 1942, that he had been awarded the George Medal, although an announcement could not then be made publicly.

Cleary was an administration official who had elected to remain behind to care for the natives; McArthur was a trader.

For some days after the massacre, the 22 bodies were left lying where they had fallen. Then they were taken away. No trace has ever been found of them.

Tarawa will not be forgotten by those who live in the central Pacific, any more than it will be forgotten by the US Marines who lost so many of their men upon the bloody sands of Betio. But at this stage—five years after the end of the war, with memories growing dim, it is perhaps as well to pause and reflect upon the significance of that new memorial at Tarawa. We have exchanged the Japanese menace for the menace from Red Asia, but whether we have gained anything thereby; and whether five years of enforced democracy has had much influence on the fundamental Japanese character is very open to doubt.

The motor-vessel Margaret, one of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony Marine Department's 60-footers, went ashore in September on Namumea, most northerly island of the Ellice Group. The island has no sheltered anchorage. It is not known whether it was refloated or not.



The old memorial photographed soon after it was erected by the Americans.

Bulolo Gold Dredging, Ltd., have declared an interim dividend of 50 cents (Canadian) per share, payable Nov 22.

AMBON WANTS NONE OF DJAKARTA

Complex Background to Present Revolt

AUSTRALIA, which since Dr. Evatt's term as Minister for External Affairs, has had the role of little friend to all the world wished upon it, is currently being called upon by the Ambonese for help and sympathy.

Ambon is at present in revolt against Djakarta, but so far the present Australian Government does not show any signs of throwing itself into the conflict, even though they have been appealed to in the name of fair play and other things which are supposed to be dear to the Australian heart.

To confuse the issue, Moscow Radio has recently espoused the cause of the Ambon rebels—perhaps as a disciplinary measure against the Nationalist Party at Djakarta in which a split is reported. It is believed that a section of it favours a more anti-communist attitude, and collaboration with the West.

THE history of Ambon has always been turbulent, and viewed against the background of events since the Dutch first went there in the 16th century, it is easy to understand why the Ambonese want no part of the Djakarta set-up.

In those centuries when spice was reckoned as one of the world's richest commodities, the Dutch found Ambon, in the Moluccas, a veritable treasure house, rich in nutmeg, mace, cloves, etc. The natives, however, were not particularly co-operative and about one quarter of them were killed off in making them so.

Later they were converted by Protestant Dutch missionaries to Christianity, and were used by the Dutch to conquer the rest of Indonesia. Missionary enterprise outside of Ambon was later restricted by the Dutch, which has tended to produce another cross-current in Indonesian affairs—it is said that many Roman Catholic missionaries, resentful of the restrictions placed upon their evangelism by the Dutch Administration, tended to support the Indonesian Nationalists.

The Javanese who remained Moslems, hated the Ambonese, not only on religious grounds, but because of their police role for the Dutch which lasted up to and beyond the recent Djakarta "struggle for independence."

The Indonesian Republic blames the Dutch, of course, for most of their Ambon troubles—they say the Dutch should have restrained the Westerling variety of adventurer.

NG Children's Xmas Party

Names Should be sent in Now

THE year 1950 is fast dying—so fast that the time has come again for the Sydney New Guinea Women's Club to be planning Christmas festivities.

Children's and adults' parties will be held again this year—the former on December 18, the latter on December 22. The president of the Club would like the names of all children of past or present residents of the Territory who are under 13, and who will be in Sydney on that date and would like to attend the party. Visitors down from the Territory at that time will be welcome—but send in your children's names as soon as possible, otherwise the kiddies may be disappointed. The address is c/o Feminist Club, 77 King St., Sydney.

New Manager for 9PA

MR. ROY GLENISTER has been appointed ABC branch manager in New Guinea (9PA Port Moresby) in succession to Mr. Basil Kirke, who has completed his term of appointment and will transfer to head office, Sydney.

During 1944-45 Mr. Glenister was in charge of 9PA for eleven and a half months. One of his immediate tasks now will be to supervise the establishment of the permanent home of 9PA which is being built at Badili.

For the past four years Roy Glenister has been the ABC's Assistant Manager for Queensland. He has been in radio almost since it started in Australia and has had wide experience as a performer, as an announcer and as an executive.

Born in Victoria, he served in World War I as a trumpeter in the Army Service Corps and was then transferred to the First Division Concert Party "The Sentimental Blokes."

After the war he remained in London for a time to develop his voice (a bass-baritone) and to gain stage experience. Back in Australia in 1919 he joined a Digger revue but after his marriage he settled in Perth, WA, and became a builder and for several years he divided his time between building and stage work. During the depression he gave up building to go gold-mining.

In 1931 he joined the Australian Broadcasting Company in Perth as an announcer. He recalls that in those days an announcer had to choose his own news items, help devise programmes, read stories and talks, conduct community singing concerts, act in plays and sing in variety.

When the Australian Broadcasting Commission was formed, Mr. Glenister remained on as an announcer and radio handyman. Since 1938 he has had a taste of administrative experience relieving the Manager for Western Australia.

His sport to-day is golf (handicap 15-11). Another hobby is doing any hard work about the house—building, cementing, carpentry and painting. It sounds as though he should do well at 9PA.

Government Wholesale Society Thrives in G. & E. Colony

THE success of the Gilbert and Ellice Colony Wholesale Society at Tarawa (which succeeded the Government Trade Scheme that came into operation after the war when the big commercial trading concerns did not re-establish themselves in the Group) is reflected in the present healthy state of its finances.

At present there is a useful accumulated profit; a sum of £20,000 has been invested in Australian securities; and the whole of the original capital loan from the UK Government (£84,250) was repaid last year. Assets are substantial—total stocks on hand at Tarawa and branches early this year were valued at around £75,000, and the Society owns and operates two motor-vessels.

The manager of the CWS, Mr. Hartley Palmer, is now in Australia on long leave with his wife and two children, Delma and Milton. Like his predecessor (Mr. J. B. Protheroe, of Tonga), he is on loan to the Society from Morris Hedstrom Ltd., Fiji. Previously, he was MH manager at Levuka.

Next year, said Mr. Palmer, it is proposed to incorporate the present CWS body. It will be known as the Co-opera-

tive Wholesale Society, in which the numerous Native Co-operative Societies now flourishing in the Colony will be given the opportunity of becoming shareholders on a privileged basis. At the moment, the Colony Wholesale Society handles the export of G. & E. copra to the UK Ministry of Food, and, in return provides the merchandise which the individual Native Co-operative Societies retail in their village trade-stores.

THE present CWS set-up suffers through lack of a direct shipping connection between Australia and Tarawa through Fiji. It has been pointed out on a number of occasions, that if the British Colonial Office would allow G. & E. copra to be exported to USA (and earn dollars) one of the Pacific shipping companies would be glad to provide direct service to lift copra for the American Pacific coast.

From the copra price, equivalent to £6 Australian per ton under the current long-term contract with the British Government, an amount of £8 per ton is reserved to augment the Colony Societies Development and Copra Welfare Fund. It is in the nature of a stabilisation fund its object being to assist the development of the native co-operative scheme generally, as well as to provide a bulwark against possible adverse prices for copra in the future.

The administration of the Colony Wholesale Society is under the direction of six European men and women (all of whom are Australians, except Mr. Palmer who was born in Fiji) and eight part Europeans with native staffs.

NEW KETCH FROM FIJI

IN a Colony that comprises 40 small coral islands, scattered over an area of a million square miles, ships play a major part in commerce. The Society uses its own motor-vessels, Tungaru and Tuvalu, as well as the official Government vessels, to serve all parts of its domain. An order will be placed in Fiji in January for a new 60-tons auxiliary ketch to be used by the CWS in the Ellice Group. It will be based on Funafuti.

It is anticipated that the services provided by this vessel, among the Ellice Islands, will encourage the natives to increase copra production in the southern half of the Colony.

Both the Colony Wholesale Society and the Native Co-operative Societies scheme are under the aegis of the Resident Commissioner, Mr. W. J. Peel, who takes a personal interest in their progress. Since his arrival in Tarawa in 1948, Mr. Peel has created a very favourable impression throughout the Colony by his handling of co-operative affairs and administrative generally.

Mr. Palmer and his family reached Sydney by the Aorangi in late September after having travelled from Tarawa to Fiji in the Tungaru and then by air to NZ. They will leave Australia by the Wanganeia for Auckland, NZ, on November 2 and make their way back to the G. & E. Group via Fiji, about the end of January.

Mr. C. W. ("Chips") Mansell, South Sea Islands representative for the Sydney flour-millers, Mungo Scott Pty. Ltd. returned to Australia early in October after a flying visit to Papua-New Guinea and the British Solomon Islands. He leaves again by Qantas flying-boat on October 25 for Fiji, Tonga and Western Samoa.



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BIG TANKER

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LAE'S NEW WHARF

From R. W. Robson

LAE, October 9.

THIS is a red-letter day in the port of Lae. A tanker, around 12,000 tons, is lying at the new wharf, at Milford Haven, and is discharging a million or two gallons of petrol, by pipe-line, into the new tank installation here.

The wharf at last is nearly finished. All its iron plates (cement-filled) are down, and the decking is over most of them. There is not enough equipment there for ordinary cargo-working, but this oil ship needs only a pipe-line, so she was brought alongside. The next Bulolo will probably berth.

The freighter Suva is lying off some distance, and being unloaded by barges. Last night, rain came suddenly, and several tons of rice (cost, £70 per ton) were soaked in the barges. The cursing Administration officials (stevedores, because

no private firm will take on stevedoring under present conditions and therefore responsible for the rice) say that it is a most desirable thing that the wharf be finished!

NAURU HOUSING SCHEME

RAPID progress is being made with the housing programme on Nauru, which was started a year ago. The scheme provides for 350 European-type homes for the 1,500 indigenous inhabitants.

Construction work is in the hands of the British Phosphate Commissioners who, in addition to their mechanised and material resources, are providing European supervision and Chinese labour. The houses, which are approximately 35 ft. square, are of brick, timber and fibrolite construction, with shutters running along all walls for ventilation.

Facilities to be provided as circumstances permit include sewerage, electric light and water storage. Each house will cost about £800 to erect.

Moresby Says Goodbye To Well-Known Residents Father McEncroe and Gough Family

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Oct. 7
MORESBY farewelled three of its most respected citizens when Father McEncroe and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gough left for Australia on the Bulolo on September 26.

Father McEncroe had been here since 1924, and Mr. and Mrs. Gough since 1929. In those days there were only 400 Europeans in the town. Father McEncroe was Parish Priest for both Moresby and Samarai until a few years before the war when he was able to confine himself to Moresby alone. He was an Army Chaplain here during the war. Hanuabada, Koki



Superintendent Gough with Mrs. Gough and Miss Rita Gough.

and Bomana Missions were established during his term of service in Moresby. He left the Territory for health reasons and will go to another parish in Australia. Father Eather is Moresby's Parish Priest now.

Superintendent Tom Gough was the only European police officer on active duty in Moresby from 1929 to 1942. From 1942 until 1945 Moresby was under Army administration; and of recent years there have, of course, been many more than one European police officer in Moresby. But Superintendent Gough has been (except during the war years), in charge of the Moresby police district from 1929 until the day of his recent departure. He came here from Queensland where he served in the police force for seven years.

Superintendent Gough recalls that two natives were hanged in Papua during his stay here — one for raping a 6-year-old European girl and the other for killing the chief native warder at Badili Jail, and the warder's wife and child. Superintendent Gough regards the latter case as the most remarkable he had ever handled.

The murderer was a native named Karo who was a prisoner in Badili Jail at the

time of the crime. A friendly native warder let him out one night whereupon he enticed the chief warder and his wife and child to a spot where he could kill them without interference. The murder was part of a fantastic plot hatched by a native named Koaba, who was also in Badili Jail at the time. Koaba's ultimate aim was the murder of the Lieutenant Governor, Sir Hubert Murray. However, Koaba was not punished for his part in the killing of the warder and his family as native witnesses were too frightened to give evidence against him.

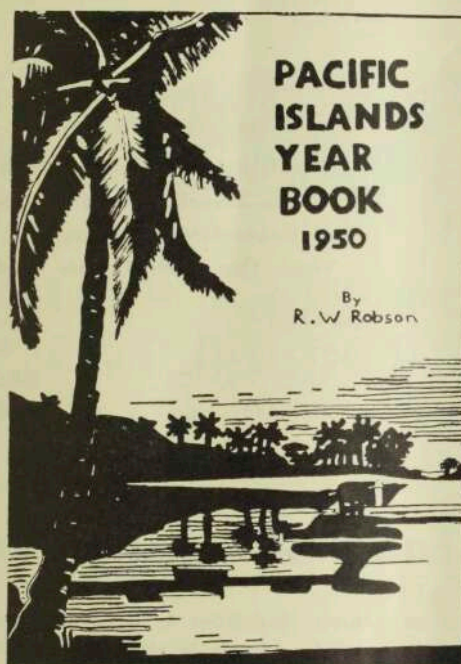
Superintendent and Mrs. Gough and Father McEncroe were guests of honour at a farewell party at the Catholic Presbytery a few days before they left. One hundred and fifty residents attended to pay tribute to them. Cheques were presented to both parties. Among those present were the Administrator and Mrs.

Murray, Judge Gore and Bishop Sorin.

Local police later gave a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Gough and presented them with engraved watches and a wallet of notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Gough hope to make their new home at Southport, Queensland. Their daughter, Rita, accompanied them to Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shortt, of Nauru, were in Adelaide on leave in October. Mr. Shortt is on the British Phosphate Commission staff on the island. He says that Nauru's Administrator (Mr. R. S. Richards) is doing "very well." Mr. Richards' appointment by the Chifley Government caused some comment last year—he was an ex-Labour MP from South Australia and had had no tropical experience.



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ANOTHER UNREALISTIC ATTACK ON NG'S NATIVE LABOUR PROBLEMS

New Ordinance Published—To Operate From Beginning Of Year

FROM R. W. ROBSON

PORT MORESBY, Oct. 7.
THE big event of the week here has been the distribution to all concerned of copies of the new Native Labour Ordinance, with which it is proposed to replace, as from January 1, the fantastic conglomeration of Wardist Socialism and New Planners' idealism which was brought in as an Ordinance to control native labour some three or four years ago.

The new Ordinance is an improvement on the old—the direct result, of course, of the change of government in Australia—but, compared with the conditions which ruled before World War II, it is still in the category of so many things here to-day. That is to say, it is merely another facet of the New Planners' attempt to rule a raw country and a very primitive race with instrumentalities which would be more fittingly applied to a European community.

The new Government in Australia joins with all practical men in deploring the things that Wardism did to these Territories, and is trying to introduce reforms.

But the Australian Socialists—as they themselves gleefully expressed it—proceeded in their years of office on the principle that if any anti-Socialist Government followed them, it would find it exceedingly difficult to “unscramble the eggs.” The eggs have been well and truly scrambled in Papua-New Guinea and the Australian Government now is up against the double handicap—the implantation throughout the services of a good sprinkling of Socialists, near-Socialists and idealistic rat-bags, and the indoctrination of the child-like natives with ideas that are in line with Socialist theory, and will take some rooting-out.

THERE were penal sanctions in the old labour system. Wardism more or less wiped them out. Even to-day, under the Spender regime, officialdom writhes in agony at the very idea of punishing natives with calaboose for breaches of labour contracts.

Perhaps I belong to grandfather's day; but, since seeing this country after its five years' dose of Wardism, I am more firmly convinced than ever that you can have no well-controlled and efficient labour service here unless you can find a way of punishing these lads for labour breaches, either through their stomachs or their hides. The new ordinance's provision for punishment is fatal to the whole thing.

The new Ordinance is clearly the product of the present Administrator's theory that the only way to govern the Melanesian is to treat him as Nature's gentleman. So the whole plan is based now on a civil contract between employer and employed. There are all sorts of admonitions to DO's and others to try and make the native realise his obligations under the contract. If he is a naughty native and defies his employer, he is to have some part of his pay withheld, and may even be sent home, at the Administration's expense.

To any experienced employer here, this is simply silly.

Fundamentally, there is no reason at all why these primitive folk should work at all for Europeans—they can, and mostly do, live adequately, according to their ideas, without organised toil, just as they did before the advent of Europeans. Those

who now hire themselves out, to labour for wages, do so either because they like European foods and gee-gaws, or because, like the Highlanders, they want to see the strange things of the salt-water country.

But the natives have little regard for money, in the European way. To you and me, a fine is a matter for regret and bitter cursing. To the Papuan, it means very little. Certainly, it does not represent punishment.

Yes—I can hear the clamour of the New Planners' argument! Since these

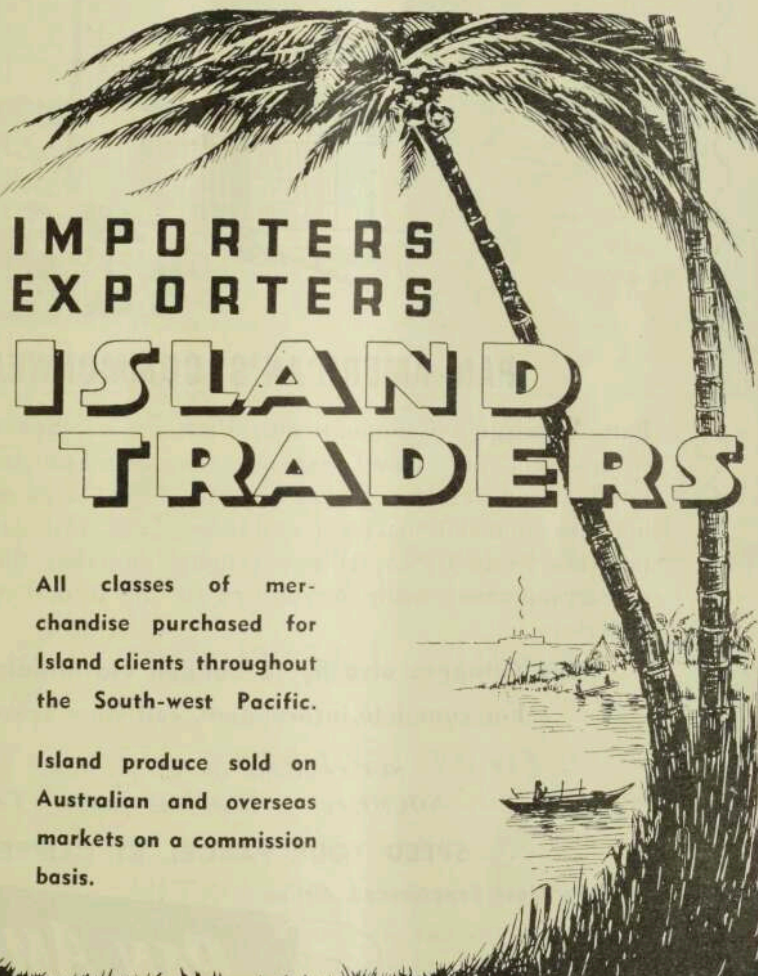
people are free, what right have we to force them into employment, and to punish them for breaches of their engagement, and make labour slaves of them? We have heard it all, many times—ever since Evatt and Ward lifted their anti-capitalist howl against the old indenture system.

THE answer is simple, and its logic inescapable. New Guinea must be held and developed by Australia, for defence reasons. If New Guinea is not held in this way, it inevitably will be occupied by Asiatics who will completely enslave these natives.

Development means that we must have here an adequate labour force. If we cannot use the indigenous natives, we must bring in foreign labourers—probably Asiatics—and that would be a very bad thing.

Whether we—and they—like it or not,

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NG PLANTERS' DEMAND FOR HIGHER COPRA PRICE

Policy Questions Touch Price at Many Points

REPRESENTATIVES of New Guinea copra producers this month flew from Rabaul to Sydney to confer with Australian crushers and Government representatives on conditions relating to supply of Territory copra to Australia.

Mr. Don Barrett, president of the Planters' Association of New Guinea, was accompanied by Messrs. E. T. Fulton and H. T. Allan.

Some important discussions have already taken place and will be continued when the producers meet Parliamentary Under-Secretary Howse at Canberra on October 17.

The producers' case for a higher copra price was presented by Mr. Barrett in the form of a statement dealing, in a constructive and detailed way, with most problems affecting the planting industry. Mr. Barrett explained that any consideration of the price of the Territory's staple product necessarily involved many matters connected with policy—such as cost of production, export duties, cost and availability of native labour; transport conditions and future planting.

The statement tabled by Mr. Barrett was accepted as a basis for discussion. He stated, *inter alia*:

PRICE PAID BY CRUSHERS.

"SINCE the war Australian crushers have at all times had first call on Territory copra, and prices paid have been far below world market prices, particularly over the last 18 months.

"The decision to supply copra to Australian markets, from the Territory, at the same price as that paid by United Kingdom Government under the Australia-UK copra agreement, was a decision reached by the Australian Government without any reference to copra producers.

"There exists no guarantee that, if world prices fall below that at present being paid under the agreement, Australian crushers would not seek a cheaper market.

"There is no agreement, and there never has been, between copra producers of the Territory and Australian consumers. The Australian crusher has enjoyed, and at present continues to enjoy, the benefit of a relatively low price for his raw material; yet the producer has no collateral guarantee of continued demand or even of price at the present level.

"The natural corollaries of low-priced raw material follow. Australian manufacturers can produce at lower costs than foreign competitors, despite high labour costs. Whilst this may be beneficial to the secondary industries of Australia and to Australia's export trade generally, it is seriously retarding the development of tracts of New Guinea land which are vital to Australia—from a defence viewpoint, if from no other.

"It is obvious that Australian manufacturers are benefiting at the direct expense of Territory producers.

DEMAND FOR WORLD PRICE.

"FROM a purely logical and ethical viewpoint it is clear that copra producers are entitled to world prices or at least something approaching them—failing this, a long term agreement with a guarantee of price at a fair level.

"In this regard the agreement with the United Kingdom has the right ideas and sentiments. However, the substance of the agreement and the spirit of its carrying out, leave much to be desired. It is

the considered opinion of producers that Australian Governments have let them down badly in this matter.

"Wool growers in Australia are reaping the benefit of phenomenal prices for this season's clip. It may be argued that they are liable to heavy taxation. However, they have franchise and representation. Copra producers have a direct export tax on their product and also a considerable burden in indirect taxation—facts which are, apparently, often overlooked.

"The statement that, since copra prices in the Territory today are much higher than those existing pre-war, then producers must be well off and rapidly becoming wealthy, could only be made by a person who has not troubled to examine the facts. It might just as well be argued that, because a suit today costs much more than the same article did in 1939, the manufacturer must be accruing immense profits.

"The facts are, of course, that production costs have soared, supplies are many times their pre-war price, while transport, labour and management costs have risen. Add to this that many plantations have reached or passed the peak of their productivity; indeed, many are on the wane. Do not forget the shortage of building materials for the construction of plantation houses, drying sheds and the like, the difficulty of obtaining suitable and experienced plantation operatives; and the unsettled conditions amongst the natives—source of labour for all plantations.

"In a great many cases, plantation buildings had to be completely renewed. War damage compensation was paid on a liberal scale—but in most cases the cost of replacement was in advance of the pre-war valuation."

The Planters' Assn. spokesman pointed out that war conditions had disorganised and demoralised the natives, source of the indispensable plantation labour. Conditions were made far worse by the Socialist policy of discouraging any work inclination among the natives, attacking

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and discrediting the old contract system, and disbursing "war damage compensation" among them on a most lavish scale. Transportation facilities have been in a chaotic state for years. These conditions have added enormously to the cost of recruiting labour and of maintaining labour. The following figures give some indication:

COST OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES IN NG			
	Pre-war	1946	To-day
Rice, ton ..	£9/10/-	£43/-/-	£68/12/6
Meat, case ..	£1/3/6	£3/10/6	£4/19/-
Copra, sacks (bale) ..	£9/-/-	£28/-/-	£66/-/-
Tobacco, lb.	4/9	8/11	14/8
Laplaps, yd.	3d	1/9	2/3
Petrol, gal.	1/9	2/5½	4/4
Distillate, gal.	9d	2/2	3/2½

AUSTRALIAN EXPORT LEVIES ON GOODS FOR NG

Starch	£21/1/6	per ton
SR Flour	£20/14/10	per ton
Biscuits	£10/3/11	per ton
Soap, Butter	£16/18/4	per ton

THE Planters' spokesmen pointed out that planters cannot make adequate provision for the new planting, which must go on if the now ageing plantations are to be effectively replaced. The present position, from the viewpoint of New Guinea's future development, is not good. Their statement went on to deal with the enormous wastage of Australian public money on plans for native welfare—the general effect of which has been to make less and less native labour available for

the Territories' development; the huge sums allegedly spent on public works, although the condition of roads, bridges and wharves is unsatisfactory.

The producers stated that it was their considered opinion that New Guinea could be self-supporting now as in pre-war years. An export levy of £3/10/- per ton is paid on copra and royalties are collected on gold and timber. The copra tax alone yields over £200,000 per annum. Customs revenue is estimated at £500,000. Moreover, New Guinea residents pay export levies on Australian goods sent to the Territory.

Producers would willingly shoulder these burdens if paid a fair price for their produce and if the administration and development of New Guinea were put on a sound basis.

Mr. Barrett concluded by stating that producers were fully prepared to co-operate with Australian consumers on reasonable terms. They desire a stable industry but demand a full voice in their own affairs.

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MONTEVIDEO MARU MEMORIAL

Rabaul RSSAILA Will Build It If Widows Approve

THE War Graves Sub-Committee of the Rabaul Branch of the RSSAILA has undertaken to maintain the Montevideo Maru memorial in Rabaul, since there is no other organisation to take the responsibility.

The memorial was built by the Army near Colyer Watson's old wharf in Rabaul, from which the ill-fated vessel is believed to have departed about June 1942, carrying men of the 22nd Battalion, AIF, and some hundreds of New Guinea residents who had been caught by the Jap invasion. The ship was sunk by the Allies on its way to Japan and all prisoners were lost.

The present memorial is of cement and it is believed that its life will not be a very long one.

The War Graves sub-committee would like to replace it with a stone memorial, suitably inscribed but they feel that they would like to have the approval of the New Guinea widows of those men who lost their lives on the ship. The sub-committee would be responsible for raising the funds necessary to build the memorial.

(Editorial Note: PIM wrote to the Department of External Territories, Canberra, asking for a list of the widows of Montevideo Maru victims, but as yet has not received a reply. It is likely that the various New Guinea women's organisations in Australia would be best qualified to supply lists of Montevideo Maru widows, as many of the members of these organisations are Rabaul widows. The organisations are: New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney; New Guinea Women's Association, Melbourne; and the New Guinea Women's Association, Brisbane. Elsewhere this issue it is suggested that when, or if, the new memorial is built there be included thereon the names of those men who, while not Montevideo Maru victims, were killed or mysteriously disappeared while prisoners of the Japs in Rabaul).

THE PRICE SPIRAL IN FIJI

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Nov. 9
COST of living note: The vendor of a bundle of five dalo (taro) at a Suva market told a potential Fijian buyer that the price was 8/-, thus establishing a new record for what is nominally a Fijian staple foodstuff but is very widely consumed by other races as well.

After argument, the price was reduced to 7/6. This offer was also turned down, the Fijian commenting tersely that he had exactly 7/6 in his pocket to buy the entire evening meal for himself, his wife and three children.

At the fish market a vendor demanded, and was paid, 3/- for two 10 in. mullet and 4/- for a 12 in. saqa.

These examples, however anybody may try to explain away this sort of thing, are an indication of the continued trend which, if not headed off, is going to produce an impossible situation in Suva in the near future.

Wages of PWD employees throughout Fiji have gone up again as a result of a big jump in the Indian cost of living index for the last quarter. The European index also went up but not to the same extent as the Indian.

At least two of the big firms have

recently made wage-increases — with a notable absence of trumpet-blowing.

And all this comes at a time when the Government, the Civil Service and the Legislative Council are diplomatically haggling over Civil Service pay and conditions.

A Fijian earning £30 a month (not many Fijians get anything like that) said the other day that, with a wife and five children, he is infinitely worse off than he was in 1930 with a wife, two children and (it looks incredible) only £4 a month.

He now pays an Indian £10 a month for an inadequate place to live in—a figure that is quite moderate in Suva these days—and is constantly worried by the fact that the children are fed mainly on white bread and similar stuff, simply because the price of Fijian dalo, fresh vegetables and meat has put anything like a proper diet out of reach.

Echo of Vichy France The Saigon Court Martial

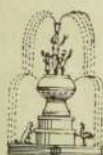
IN connection with the tenth anniversary of New Caledonia rallying to Free France, Monsieur Henri Sautot, first Free French Governor and now Mayor of Noumea, announces that he has been able, as a result of recent investigations, to discover the names and rank of the members of the Saigon Court Martial which condemned 23 new Hebridean and 142 New Caledonian patriots, including M. Sautot, to death.

M. Sautot states that, although normally a Court Martial is composed of colonels and officers of similar rank, on this occasion the court included three generals, as well as a colonel and a colonel in the medical service. He will give the names of those comprising the Court to anybody interested.

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MORE TONKINESE LEAVING NEW CALEDONIA

THE Messageries Maritimes ship, Sontay, was due in Noumea early in October to repatriate 690 Tonkinese to Indo-China. This number represents about 50 per cent. of the Tonkinese still awaiting repatriation from New Caledonia. It is estimated that for every two men to be repatriated there are, to-day, three children.

The last shipload of Tonkinese to be repatriated (in June, 1949, by the Yang Tse)

numbered 586, of whom 373 were adults. Before the war there were about 3,500 Tonkinese workers in the Colony.

Mr. W. E. Monk has been appointed controller of Imports, Prices and Foreign Exchange in Fiji, on contract for three years. He was expected to arrive in Fiji in October. He recently retired from the service of the National Bank of New Zealand. At the time of his retirement he was Chief Accountant at the head office of the Bank in Wellington.

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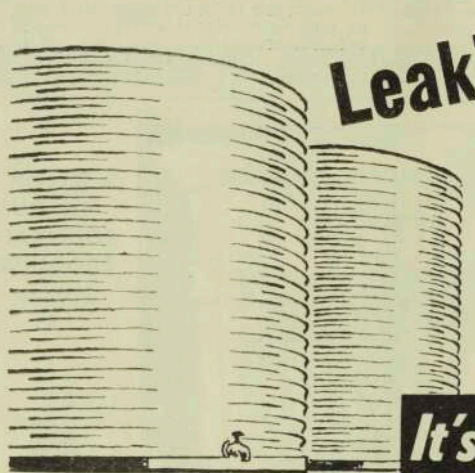
From Our Own Correspondent

PT. MORESBY, Sept. 30.

AFTER months of frustration and delay—difficulties inevitably connected with the construction of a building or the assembly of a plant—the South Pacific Post appeared in Port Moresby on September 26 as a twice-a-week newspaper, of 16 pages. It is an excellent production, and has been well received. Papua-New Guinea has been without a newspaper since 1942, when the Japs came in and destroyed the plants of the three weeklies—Rabaul Times, Papua Courier and Morobe News. Since 1942 various publishers have been in and looked the ground over, but all ran away from the difficulties created by poor transport, high cost of material and unavailability of staff.

Mr. Les Brodie, a British-Canadian newspaper man, came along here in 1942 saw what he believed to be a good opportunity, and somehow was able to raise the very considerable capital required to provide buildings and plant. Lack of housing for his large European staff was a major headache; but he solved it by building barracks for single men. His plan is capable of taking care of the substantial job-printing required by the Administration. All classes realise that the lack of a local newspaper, as a medium for discussing the innumerable problems of the rapidly-growing community, is a handicap upon both officials and civilians. There is plenty of scope for Mr. Brodie and his capable sub-editor, Mr. Glover, and the start off with the good wishes of everyone.

Particularly good work has been done here since the war by the Australia Broadcasting Commission, which now provides, from Port Moresby station a fine service of international and local news for Papua-New Guinea residents. There is a keen news-gathering staff, and an efficient, up-to-the-minute schedule. This, to a degree, has kept the Territorians' thoughts off their rather unhappy newspaper isolation—now broken by the advent of the South Pacific Post.



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ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

Mr. Lou Fay, about whom you were inquiring, now has Muliana and Maritz Plantations, on the south-east coast of New Ireland, Territory of New Guinea.

Monsieur Andre Gaillard, former head of the New Caledonian Finance Department, has returned to the Colony from Paris after some years of absence, to resume control of his old department.

DEATH OF MR. O. B. HUG

THE death occurred suddenly in Bulli Hospital (NSW South Coast) on September 28 of Mr. Otto B. Hug, better known throughout the British Solomons, where he spent over 30 years, as "Bunny" Hug.

Born in Sydney in 1886, educated at Melbourne Grammar School, he went to

In BSI he was first with Lever Bros. and Burns Philp but later acquired a property of his own at Maru Bay, San Cristoval.

He married, in 1924, the daughter of the late Dr. Wm. Andrews of Melbourne, who survives him. During World War II, Mr. Hug was doing intelligence work for the Royal Navy. He retired in 1946 and since then he and his wife have been

living at Thirroul on the NSW South Coast.

His death removes yet another of that dwindling band of Solomons residents who knew the Protectorate as it was before war and the British Socialistic bureaucracy all but sounded its death knell. Old Solomon friends will be sorry to hear of his passing.



Mr. O. B. Hug

sea at 16 but gave it up for farming in Western Australia. Drought finished that venture and he went to the Solomons in 1911. Apart from World War I service he remained there until the general evacuation of 1942.

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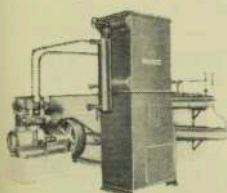
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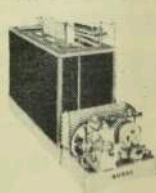
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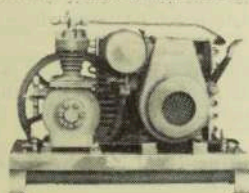
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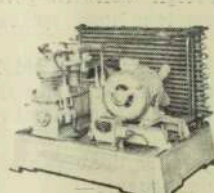
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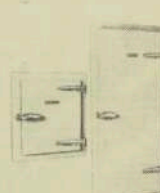
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THE MONTH IN MORESBY

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Oct. 7.
It seems certain now that Wau High School will not be built in time to open next year. Construction has not yet begun. No official reason has been given for the delay, except that "final approval is being awaited."

It is understood, however, that the cost of the project is making Canberra think twice about it. The original estimate was £70,000 but the latest figure is around £150,000. The hold-up has caused a panic in the Administration which was so confident the school would be built by next year that it invited parents to enrol their children. On September 4, the Administrator sent an urgent radio to the External Territories Department asking for a decision on the school. No information was received in reply.

Local officials are disgusted with the last-minute delay. They do not like to break faith with parents who relied on the school opening next year. Now these parents will have to arrange to send their children to Australian schools.

The whole business has produced that same old feeling of frustration that we had under the Labour Government.

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A QUICK improvement in the housing position will take place after the first shipment of 100 prefabricated houses arrives in Moresby from England in November.

Sixty houses will be erected in Moresby—40 by the Administration, 10 by Works and Housing and 10 by DCA. Part of the Administration quota will be erected on land now being opened up at the Four Mile.

Designed for semi-tropical conditions the houses are 42 ft. by 24 ft. and 38 ft. by 24 ft., with two bedrooms. The walls are of aluminium with hardboard lining. Prices landed Moresby will be £2,512 and £2,258. This does not include boy houses, concrete piles, wooden floors, or water, sewerage and electricity services. Works and Housing Director, Mr. D. J. Rooney, says that the houses can be erected in a week.

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PUBLIC SERVANTS are still awaiting the promulgation of the Public Service Regulations. Among other important matters, the regulations will deal with working hours.

Some time ago the Public Service Commissioner (Mr. A. Head) told the Public Service Association that working hours would probably be increased from 34 to 36½ a week. The Association made strong protests but it will not be known whether

these were effective until the Regulations appear.

A recent meeting of the Association decided to protest against discrimination against wives of Commonwealth and Administration officers. It is proposed that when both husband and wife are employed by the Commonwealth or Administration, the wife will lose the Territorial Allowance. In a letter to the Minister, the Association urged that all female married officers doing the same work be given the same salary. If there must be a reduction, however, this should consist only of the £25 difference in the allowances paid to married male and single male officers.

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THREATS of water rationing by the Works and Housing Department provoked some sharp comments from members of the Advisory Council at the Council's last meeting.

Chairman E. A. James said: "Works and Housing is not doing enough by blackguarding residents with threats of rationing. Before they start talking about what they are going to do to us, they should start mending some of the

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Mr. S. E. Reilly said consumers should not be paying full water rates while they are getting a reduced supply. Mr. E. J. Frame pointed out the danger from septic systems which were not working properly because of the water shortage. Mr. N. F. Maloney said: "We will never be out of this mess until we have a 16 in.

main running from a hydro-electric scheme at Rouna."

The Council decided to ask that the regulations controlling water wastage be better policed and that no more septic systems be installed until the water supply improves.

Regarding the new wharf, tenders for which are now being called, the Council decided to ask the Government Secretary for answers to these questions: (1) Does

the Government intend to call tenders for an extra 200 feet of wharf so that work on this can start as soon as the first 700 feet is constructed; (2) Have the Council's recommendations for better cargo storage facilities been rejected; and (3) have Council's suggested improvements to the general wharf layout been rejected?

A proposal that a memorial be erected to those who served in the last war was supported by the Council but it would like residents' suggestions on the form and location of the memorial.

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A LADIES' wear store and a barber's shop are being built on Ela Beach opposite the Public Library. They should be open in a month or two. Mr. N. F. Maloney's new store at the Three Mile is doing good business after a slow start. Three and Four Mile residents are now served by two small general stores.

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POLICE now have little hope that cadet patrol officer Peter Robert Evans, aged 23, will be found alive. Evans disappeared from Port Moresby on September 22 after leaving a suicide note and his will at the Department of District Services.

Police have searched surrounding country by land, sea and air. Departing ships and planes have also been checked. Police say it would be almost impossible for Evans to leave Papua without their knowledge. Evans, an English migrant arrived here in May and was posted to Kainantu. A few days before he disappeared he came to Moresby and resigned. Police say that they know no reason why he should want to commit suicide.

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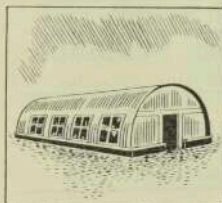
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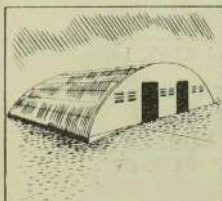
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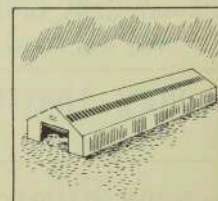
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EILEEN LUK POI WAI, aged 7, daughter of Moresby's Chinese tailor, was knocked down and killed by a three-ton truck at Hanuabada on September 21. The truck was driven by a native, Billi Veri. The Coroner (Mr. B. Faithorn) gave a verdict of accidental death.

AFTER single officers in Moresby protested vigorously against their present accommodation, the Administration quickly got moving on its plan to build new quarters. Work has begun on the foundations for 10 one-man houses and 25 two-men houses. The houses will overlook the Konedobu "industrial" area. Mr. G. Newton, of the Government Secretary's Department, is supervising the work.

MR. COLIN MARR and Mr. F. C. Henderson, of the Agriculture Department, left Sydney by air on October 4 for Pakistan where they will attend a course at the Asian Training Centre for Agricultural and Allied Development Projects. Mr. Marr is Chief of the Division of Agricultural Extension and Mr. Henderson is the Economic Botanist at Keravat. They will be away until the end of the year.

POLICE Commissioner Colonel Grimshaw has warned motorists that Papua's registration ordinance will come into force within a few weeks. Similar warnings have been given periodically for the past year but this time Colonel Grimshaw is positive that the ordinance is well on the way.

Police are anxious to have it behind them so that they can smarten up traffic generally. Under registration, vehicles not roadworthy will be ordered off the road. "Authorised testing stations will be named and local police will issue registrations on their recommendations," said Colonel Grimshaw.

APOSTER competition is being held by the Port Moresby Swimming Pool Committee to publicise the Swimming Pool Appeal and the £1,000 Art Union, which is now in progress. Posters will be judged by Mr. Justice Phillips, Mr. E. A. James and Mr. W. Little.

First prize is £10 worth of Art Union tickets, second prize £5 worth and there will be prizes of two tickets for each entry. The posters will be displayed at the Library Institute.

Art Union tickets are being sold throughout the Territory. The prizes will be drawn on November 17 under Government supervision.

REPEATED requests by the Advisory Council for new dressing sheds on Ela Beach have met with encouraging replies from the Administration, but still the sheds have not been built. The present sheds are full of holes and are practically falling down. New sheds with showers are urgently needed.

Also needed badly are more street lights, improvements to dangerously narrow sections of road (particularly on Upper Port Road), and outside letter boxes and stamp machines at the post office.

MR. JIM RITCHIE, SNR., of the Harbour Master's Office, is in hospital recovering from injuries received in a motor accident on September 23. He suffered several broken ribs and a fractured arm when the truck he was driving left the road on Paga Hill and rolled down a steep 80 ft. drop. The truck ended up behind the PCB shed on the waterfront. Both Mr. Ritchie and a passenger, Mr. Ernie Wilson, of Works & Housing, jumped out on the way down. Mr. Wilson escaped with minor injuries.

PORT MORESBY RSL is looking for another club manager. Mr. V. Snudden resigned as manager recently and left for Australia with Mrs. Snudden, on the last Bulolo.

AFTER 21 years as a surveyor in Papua's Lands Department, Mr. S. E. Reilly leaves on the next Bulolo for Brisbane, accompanied by Mrs. Reilly. Mr. Reilly served in the first world war and was with the Australian Survey Corps in the last war. He was President of Port Moresby RSL from 1941 to 1950. He did not stand for office this year.

Mr. Reilly's departure leaves the Administration with no surveyors in Papua and only one, Mr. Webb, in New Guinea. Contract surveyors are doing most of the survey work in the Territory now.

Miss Dorothy Hamilton, of Moresby, and

Mr. Frank Low, of Morobe Transport, Lae, were married at St. John's Church of England, Moresby, on September 26. They left that day for a honeymoon in Sydney. Miss Joan Gilbert was bridesmaid and Mr. Ken Low, the bridegroom's brother, was best man.

Miss Alma Youngblutt, formerly of Steamships Trading Co., married Mr. Sidney Gibson, of APC, at St. John's Church of England, Moresby, on October 7. Miss Pam Geddes was bridesmaid and Mr. Gordon Wrightson was best man.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Malone leave Moresby next week for Sydney where they will catch the Himalaya to England. Mr. Malone, who is from the Anglo Iranian Oil Co., has been on loan to APC. Mrs. O. de Coulon, of Moresby, will also travel to England on the Himalaya this month. She is going to Switzerland.



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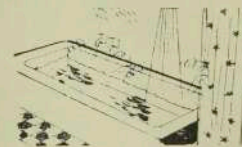
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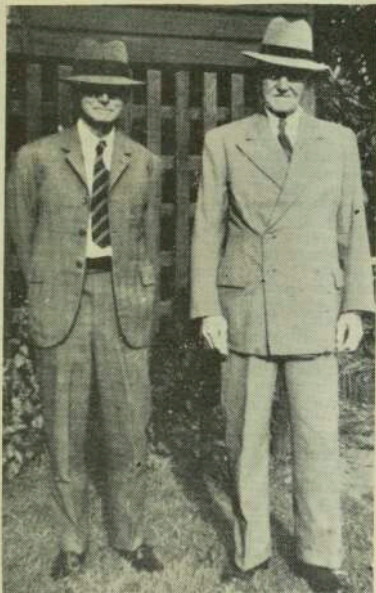
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DEATH OF MR. D. H. OSBORNE

MR. D. H. ("Harry") Osborne, well known to PIM readers as an interesting writer on the early history of Papua, died at his home on Rossel Island, Eastern Papua, at the end of August, at the age of 75. He was on his



This photograph was sent to us last June by Mr. Osborne at the time of the death of his friend, Captain C. O. Anderson. Mr. Osborne on left; Captain Anderson on right.

way to Samarai, in his boat, when he became ill, and the vessel returned to Rossel. He died there soon afterwards—it is presumed from heart failure.

Mr. Osborne went first to Papua no less than 51 years ago, and he was then connected with a mission organisation. But he presently left mission work, and settled in Rossel Island 40 years ago and, ever since, he had been engaged in planting, trading and shelling, with spells on the Papuan goldfields, about which he wrote so interestingly. He loved the life in the archipelagoes—during the war, when he was an evacuee in Queensland, he was an extremely unhappy man.

Mr. Osborne is survived by his wife and two sons. The latter, educated and trained in Australia as, respectively, shipwright and engineer, now have a successful and useful small shipbuilding business in Rossel Island.

JAPS STILL FIGHTING WORLD WAR II

THE American Navy has given in and will allow the Japanese garrison on a tiny atoll in the Marianas to go on fighting World War II.

The Japs escaped to the island when the Americans captured Saipan six years ago. Since the end of the war, the US Navy has done everything to convince the defenders that the war is over—but to no avail. The Japs have placed machine guns at strategic points and evidently mean to fight to the last. The Navy could blast them out—but they do not want the island and they are not anxious to lose lives needlessly. So they will leave the Japs to continue with the war undisturbed.

Mrs. W. Wright, of Madang, New Guinea, with her two children will go to Australia in October. Mr. Wright will join them in December.

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Trans-Pacific Services to be Allowed to Fly Tasman

IT is expected that an air-agreement will be signed shortly which will make it possible for the three trans-Pacific air services to fly between Australia and New Zealand.

The three companies affected will be Pan American Airways, British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines, and Canadian

Pacific Airlines. At present, aircraft belonging to these companies are not permitted to complete the natural route between North America and Australia by flying the Tasman. PAA and BCPA fly a special service to Auckland, NZ. CPA has not bothered to enter this field.

It is expected that after the agreement is signed between the respective governments all three companies will fly from San Francisco (and/or Vancouver) to Honolulu, Canton Is., Nadi (Fiji), Auckland and then Sydney. Under the old set-up, many outward bound services from San Francisco to Auckland were lightly and uneconomically loaded. For example, a BCPA airliner on a normal run flies from Sydney to North America, back to NZ, back to America, and finally back to Sydney.

At present the PAA planes call at Tontouta, New Caledonia. Presumably, some arrangement will be made to continue to service this territory.

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Economic Possibilities in Papua

From R. W. Robson

PORT MORESBY, Oct. 5

IT is reported unofficially here that the hopes of the oil men now are centred upon the bore at Wana, over in the Delta district. It is down some 7,000 feet.

The drill had entered hard limestone—exactly as was expected by the experts—and is now making slow progress. Up to the sandstone, drilling was excellent, and rapid.

Somewhere below the limestone, the experts expect to find oil.

If Wana, too, is a failure, Papua had better have a look at its bank account, because ordinary commonsense suggests that the oil companies will not continue indefinitely with the expensive search. So far, they must have spent here between £8,000,000 and £10,000,000.

Here, in Port Moresby, no one ever has seen such an orgy of spending, especially by the natives. Every native seems to have money to burn. The shrewd whites who have catered for the natives' simple ideas of luxuries—bottled drinks, coffee stalls, pies—have made small fortunes.

That abundant cash has come from two main sources—the millions of Australian taxpayers' money which this Administration is lavishly spending, and the money from Australian Petroleum Company.

If the oil-men pull out, Papuan economy will be most seriously jarred. For instance there will be at once 250 vacant residences in this now tightly-packed town. Rubber 1/3 per pound 18 months ago, is now 4/ per pound—an intoxicating stimulant for the planting people. But it would not make up for the loss of the APC generally regarded as Santa Claus' nephew.

Men with a stake in the country are keeping an anxious eye on Wana.

Miss Judy Sherwood, of Nausori, Fiji is spending three months' holiday in Australia.

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Port Moresby, Oct.
A COMPANY is being formed to produce beer at Port Moresby for sale throughout the Territory.

It expects to be able to sell its product for half the price of imported beer, which averages 4/- to 4/6 a bottle. Mr. J. M. Bourke, who owns Wau Hotel, is one of the promoters of the company. The other promoters are five Territory residents and one ex-Territorian. Mr. Bourke said yesterday that his syndicate will hold 50,000 fl shares and another 100,000 will be issued to Territory residents. "We want the people who will drink our beer to be our shareholders," he said. "We have had many offers of capital from Australia but we prefer to give local people the first opportunity."

Mr. John Howard, an Australian brewery construction engineer, will fly to Germany next month on behalf of the company, said Mr. Bourke. "Mr. Howard will engage a German brewer and chemist and obtain special equipment such as vats, brewing kettles and yeast culture plants. We will buy other equipment locally or in Australia. We have already bought a suitable building at Badili, Port Moresby." Mr. Bourke said the brewery should be operating in several months time. For a start it will probably produce 200,000 gallons of beer yearly.

The Territory's annual consumption is 350,000 gallons.

"The vast sums being spent in foreign countries to obtain beer for the Territory will be of great benefit if circulating locally," said Mr. Bourke. "In addition, shipping space now occupied by beer could be used for other commodities. We will produce a good beer at a reasonable price."

(Editorial Note: According to the 1947 census there were approximately 10,000 Europeans and Asiatics in the Territories of Papua-New Guinea. That means that every European and Asiatic man, woman and child in P-NG is responsible for 35 gallons of beer per annum. We have a vast respect for the capacity of our Territorians—evidently they are disposing of, per person, twice as much beer as mainland Australians who, in 1949, put away 18 gallons per head of population.)

New Arrival

A BABY daughter, Jennifer, was born to Mrs. Alick Denny, wife of the manager of Burns Philp and Co., Ltd., of Vava'u, Tonga, in June.

School for Boys

A NEW primary school for boys is now being built at Vaipoa, in Niua-tapu, Tonga. The school, which will admit boys from the three villages of Niua-tapu, and from the neighbouring island, Tafahi (Boscawen), belongs to the Marist Brothers and will be directed by the Rev. Father Wall, SM.

Mr. E. W. P. Chinnery, formerly New Guinea anthropologist and Director of District Services and Native Affairs, has been giving a series of five lectures on the Territory at Melbourne University. He recently conducted a census in New Ireland for the Commonwealth Government. He says that the present Administration will do a fine job for Australia if given the support and facilities it deserves.

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MOISTURE IN FIJI COPRA

Growers Fight Against Board's Decision

A LIVELY, three-cornered argument has been in progress in Fiji concerning the moisture content of copra, and the alleged need for taking steps to build up the quality of the Fiji product.

The parties are the Fiji Copra Board, (an official body formed to receive copra from the growers, sell it to the British Ministry of Food under the nine-year contract, and pay the producers), Copra Producers Incorporated (which speaks generally for the copra producers), and the Suva copra-millers (of whom Mr. W. Grainger Johnson, managing director of W. R. Carpenter & Co. (Fiji) Ltd., is regarded as spokesman).

Discussion between the chairman of Copra Producers Inc. (Mr. L. R. Martin) and the millers (Mr. Johnson) has not lacked warmth. It is ironical that Mr. Johnson had a prominent part in the formation of Copra Producers Inc., at the time when the Governor suggested that some body should be brought into existence to speak for the planters.

The Copra Board announced in August that all copra taken over by its agents in Suva and Levuka would be subjected to test (a new form of test, represented by the calibrations of an electric meter) and if the moisture content was more than 10 per cent., the grower would be penalised 10/- per ton. Further, his returns would be reduced 15/- per ton if moisture was between 10 and 12½ per cent., and 47/6 per ton if over 12½ per cent. This was to apply from October 15.

IN September, CP Inc. went on the war-path, per newspaper and radio publicity, against this innovation. Mr. Martin pointed out—

- That the British MOF had agreed to take all the copra Fiji had for sale.
- That it stipulated only FMS quality—no other conditions.
- That it had never rejected any Fiji copra.

• That the existing grading system was adequate.

• That, as the Fiji copra producer already is being penalised (inasmuch as he is not receiving world parity from the British MOF) it is improper to penalise him further.

• That the proposed change is clearly made in order to provide copra of lesser moisture content for the Fiji millers, and that in these circumstances the Fiji millers should offer more for higher grade copra, instead of inducing the Copra Board to place a penalty clause on all the growers shipping from Suva and Levuka Levuka.

• That the hand of the millers was shown to be in the picture by the fact that the new provisions applied only to Suva and Levuka ports (whence the millers bought their supplies) and not to the other two shipment ports of Rotuma and Savusavu, where they did not buy.

It was, therefore, announced that CP Inc. would in every way resist the imposition of the new grading system as from October 15.

THE MILLERS IN REPLY

THE copra millers and merchants resent the suggestion that the movement to improve the quality of Fiji copra is new, and based on milling conditions. For 20 years, there has been an agitation for the introduction of regulations to enforce higher quality in the Fiji product, which prior to the war had a poor reputation on the European market, and did not command the price of New Guinea copra, for instance.

During the war and post-war years, little could be done. But when conditions became more stable again, in the middle

forties, and the British MOF system was introduced, attention again was directed to quality. However, it still was difficult to do anything, because of the strong demand for every available pound of copra, of any quality. In fact, because of the sellers' market, and official indifference, the average quality of Fiji copra has tended to fall.

Complaints about the poor quality of Fiji copra sent to Britain under the MOF contract began to reach the Fiji Copra

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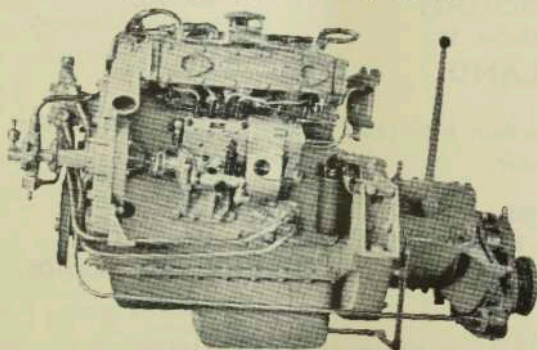
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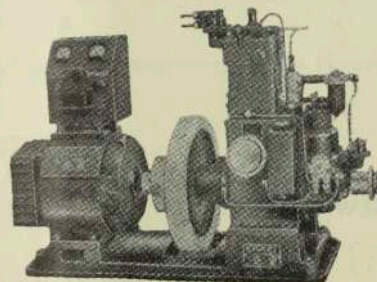
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Board many months ago. When Mr. B. E. V. Parham was in Britain early this year, he was shown the bad effects of Fiji copra on machinery which was milling copra for the British Ministry, and he brought back to Fiji unfavourable reports from the crushers.

Much copra received by Suva millers has not been up to the standard which they might reasonably expect. It is accepted throughout the industry that FMS shall mean a moisture content of not more than 6 per cent. The millers say that any planter, entitled to call himself a planter, should produce copra with a moisture content of not more than 6-8 per cent. Yet CP Inc. are crying out

because they are not to be permitted to deliver copra with over 10 per cent. moisture.

When copra, packed or shipped in bulk, shrinks say 3 per cent. after it is shipped, it not only deteriorates sharply in quality; it also affects the quality of well-dried copra in the same shipment, and imposes handicaps, in both quality and weight, upon the competent owners, whose products have gone into the same shipment. Under the existing system of collecting and shipping copra, the good planter has to carry the bad planter on his back.

The commencement of control of quality at 10 per cent. is being very generous to planters. The Ordinance

covering the position authorises the Copra Board to commence penalties with a moisture of 8 per cent.

Local millers already have announced that they will pay more for quality—10/- per ton premium for copra between 7 and 8 per cent. moisture, and 20/- between 6 and 7 per cent.—and these premiums will operate from October 15. When copra is £50 per ton, 10/- per ton represents the value of every 1 per cent. of moisture in the copra.

"Moisture in copra is the root of all evil, as it starts the deterioration of the article," says Mr. Johnson. "Well-cured copra has little smell, and does not accumulate copra bugs nor deteriorate in anything like the degree seen in badly cured copra. The latter deteriorates after shipment; and the seller of badly-cured copra is placing a very unfair handicap on the seller of good copra."

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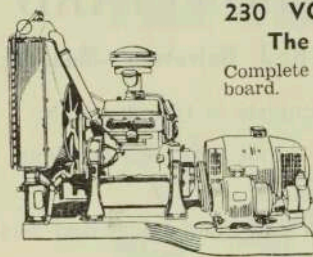
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A search party of European officers was formed and 12 of the Fijians were located in a waterfront pub. Sailing time was postponed from 5 until 11 p.m. when the ship put to sea leaving four Fijians still missing somewhere in the wilds of Sydney.

Mr. K. R. Henderson, OBE, has been appointed to Fiji as an Administrative Officer Grade I. He served in the Indian Civil Service from 1930 to 1947 and is expected to arrive in the Colony towards the end of this year.

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Sudden Death of Mr. C. I. H. Campbell

NEW GUINEA learned with a shock, late in September, that Mr. C. I. H. Campbell, well-known planter, of Bougainville, had died suddenly on September 25 in London, where he had been with his wife on a world tour.

Mr. Campbell was trained in the banking profession; and, after service in France in World War I, he was sent to New Guinea at the conclusion of the war, and became the first manager of the Commonwealth Bank in Rabaul. He was young, but he was conspicuous for his natural ability, and for some years he was the Finance Member of the Expropriation Board. He saw the opportunity in New Guinea and he personally bought Raua Plantation, in Bougainville. He resigned from the bank to establish his own general agency in Rabaul; and he conducted this business until he went to live on and manage his Raua estate. For many years, he was secretary of the Planters' Association and he seemed always to be active in public affairs — a useful and popular figure.

When the Jap invasion came, Mr. Campbell lingered too long, and he and his wife were cut off in Bougainville. They were rescued eventually by the Americans, and brought south to safety in an American submarine. He was one of the first to return to New Guinea and get the benefit of the high copra price, after the war; and he and his wife left on a leisurely world tour in 1949. He will be much missed.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lala Edith Mary Campbell, and his daughter Nari, now Mrs. Forster, and a grandchild. Mrs. Forster, although still little more than a girl, is a widow. Her husband, Peter Forster, was fatally injured in an accident in Bougainville about two years ago. He, his wife and child were on a copra barge which caught fire and later exploded. He saved Mrs. Forster and the baby, but he died from injuries.

PI SOCIETY MEMBERS HAVE A LOOK AT FIJI

MEMBERS of the Pacific Islands Society, Sydney, were taken on a most comprehensive and colourful tour of Fiji, with sidelights on the Colony's interesting history, by Mr. Hubert Sabben, on the evening of September 27. Mr. Sabben used a collection of over 80 excellent photographs, supplied to him by Mr. Rob Wright and the Fiji Public Relations Office, and his reminiscences from 40 years' public service in Fiji, which accompanied his lantern slides, kept his listeners enthralled.

During his lecture, Mr. Sabben remarked on the presence of phosphate deposits on Lakemba. They are not regarded today as valuable; but their value he said will surely develop when the huge deposits at Nauru, Ocean Island and Makatea are worked out.

There is a strong Polynesian admixture in eastern Fiji. Mr. Sabben pointed out, in his photographs, that the native houses in the eastern districts have rounded ends, after the style of Samoa; but those in the western or blacker districts have square ends, in the manner common to old Fiji and parts of Melanesia.

The president (Mr. R. W. Robson) said that when the Society was first established, 15 or more years ago, it comprised mostly Papua and New Guinea people. Now, the members from Fiji and Polynesia generally seemed to outnumber those from the north. They welcomed new members from everywhere; but they would

like more New Guinea members now, to keep balance with "those thrusting Fijians."

PACIFIC ISLANDS SOCIETY SUGGESTED FOR MELBOURNE

A SUGGESTION that a Branch of the Pacific Islands Society be formed in Melbourne was made in Sydney recently by Major C. Buchanan, a veteran who spent 40 years in various Territories of the South Pacific—mostly as an executive of Levers Pacific Plantations Ltd.

Mr. Buchanan told the President and Secretary of the Pacific Islands Society, Sydney, that there are a large number of people with Pacific Islands interests residing in and near Melbourne and he thought that it should not be difficult to establish, in the southern metropolis, an institution as good and interesting as the Society in Sydney. The suggestion is now under consideration.

Mr. Allen Clarke has been transferred from Madang, New Guinea, to Port Moresby, where he will be OIC Post and Telegraphs.



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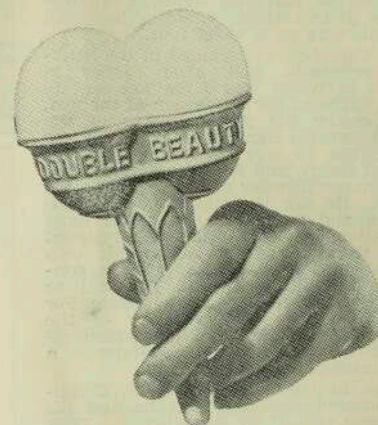
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OTTO SOLTWEDEL War-Rent Life Ends in Germany At 61

ALL New Guinea old-timers will learn with regret that Otto Soltwedel died in Laubach-Oberhessen, American Zone of Germany, on September 23 (his 61st birthday). "Solt"—as he was generally known—was only 23 years old when, as a young engineer with a good German degree in



A photo taken of Otto Soltwedel just before World War II.

mining, he went out to what was then German New Guinea. Within a couple of years, World War I broke out, and Mr. Soltwedel was among the German nationals who, late in 1914, were taken to Australia. He spent four years in internment, and then returned to New

Guinea now under Australian administration.

During the ensuing 20 years, "Solt" lived in many parts of New Guinea. He engaged in trading, planting, bird-of-paradise exporting, and especially mining. He was a typical pioneer—big, strong, resourceful, and a good mixer—and he was always held in high regard by the British. He was best known in the mining field, where his practical knowledge was much respected.

When World War II came, Mr. Soltwedel was on the point of visiting Germany, which he had not seen for 36 years. Instead, he was taken to internment in Australia, where he spent another six weary years. After the war, he expected to return to New Guinea which he regarded as his own country. But, while other men of German nationality were allowed to go back, Soltwedel was held in Australia, kicking his heels, for no less than three years.

His many Australian friends tried repeatedly to get permission for him to go to New Guinea. Among other things, they wanted him on account of his knowledge of minerals—he was thought to know the location of certain radio-active lodes. But those two Socialist Ministers of unhappy memory—Mr. Ward and Mr. Caldwell—would neither allow Soltwedel to go, nor give any adequate reason for his detention. They sheltered themselves behind "Judge Simpson's report"—that secret and portentous document which officialdom has kept hidden all these years.

Finally, Soltwedel's friends insisted: "Tell us what you have against Soltwedel. We have known him for very many years and trust him. If we are satisfied that you really have something, we shall say no more about the matter."

The reply of the Australian Socialist dictators was simply to ship Soltwedel away to Germany in 1949.

Soltwedel, back in a country completely strange to him, went to a nephew who had been some years with him in New Guinea, as a miner, at Sandy Creek and Waria. He could get no employment, and lived for a while on "unemployed relief." Finally, he got a job from the Americans, as a technical translator. He still hoped to return to New Guinea, and his friends had appealed to the new non-Socialist Government in Australia, with every hope of success, when word came that he had

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died, after a long and serious illness.

Poor old "Solly"! Out of his 40 years of adult life, no less than 15 were spent in internment or semi-internment. Typical of the tragic life of the German national of his generation.—RWR.

VISITORS TO KAR KAR ISLAND

From A Special Correspondent

KAR KAR ISLAND (off the Madang coast, New Guinea mainland), had several official visitors during September including the Inspector of Expropriated Properties, Mr. Jock Esson. He had spent many years managing Kar Kar plantations pre-war.

Dr. Jamieson spent a fortnight on the island immunising natives against T.B. In one day he treated 3,200 natives. He considers Kar Kar Island a splendid station for experimental work as the population is concentrated and the natives co-operative.

ADO Reg Bentick was also among the visitors. He had at one time been stationed on the island as a patrol officer and was chosen for the job of taking the census of 10,000 natives. Mr. H. Evans went along to carry out inspection of native labour.

All Kar Kar Islanders speak in glowing terms of the work that Mr. and Mrs. E. Tscharke, of the American Lutheran Mission, have done among the natives. As well as building and supervising a hospital of 300 beds, Mr. Tscharke conducts a pre-natal clinic, teaches at the school for doctor-boys and their wives and supervises the station. Mrs. Tscharke makes time to take a weekly baby clinic, assists her husband in the hospital and trains future brides of native teachers in housework. It is largely due to Mr. Tscharke's efforts that the local saw-milling industry had been conducted with such success by the natives.

Mr. W. Middleton, who has been enjoying an extended stay on his plantation thinks well of his line of 100 Highlanders. He has established a branch of the Commonwealth Savings Bank on his estate.

The natives on Kar Kar are money hungry and let their gardens and homes deteriorate while both men and women work in the plantations or native industries. Many natives have bank accounts that would be envied by many Europeans in the Territory.

Mr. Huntley Carpenter has left Kar KAR to take up the position he had previously at Siar. From Siar, Mr. Jack Broadhurst comes to Kar Kar. Mr. George Ord went South from Kar Kar some time ago.

Mr. Paul Bayetto seems to have recovered from the jeep accident he experienced in Madang. He is manager at Dogowen Plantation.

Kar Kar Island, often marked Dampier on the maps, has an interesting history. The volcano was observed aflame by the explorer in 1700. It is recorded that there was another "blow up" in 1895 when two German Lutheran missionaries were trapped at Kulabob on the island. After several deaths, the mission was abandoned in 1895 and not reopened till 1910 when it was removed to Kurum.

DEATH OF MRS. E. A. FULLER

THE death occurred in New Zealand recently of Mrs. E. A. Fuller, a resident of Fiji for many years. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Addis, who came to Fiji 68 years ago.

Mrs. Fuller's husband was at one time Captain of the paddle steamer "Roko," which ran from Suva to Nausori and other points on the Rewa River. After Captain Fuller's death, Mrs. Fuller was for many years matron of the Cottage Home in Suva.

She is survived by a son and daughter.

Heat-Tolerance is Important In Tropical Cattle

ACCORDING to Dr. W. J. A. Payne, officer in charge of the Sigatoka Agricultural Station, Fiji, whether or not cattle do well in the tropics depends upon their heat tolerance.

Animals which have a high degree of heat tolerance thrive in the tropics. Those with a low heat tolerance are unhappy under Fiji conditions. This shows itself in the poor appearance of the animal and in low production. Heat tolerance can be measured when the animal is still young and remains approximately the same throughout its life. It is to some extent hereditary.

Dr. Payne was speaking at a recent field day at Sigatoka. An attempt is to be made there, he said, to breed stock for their heat tolerance as well as high productivity. A start will be made on animals already in the Colony and if any more stock are bought from overseas it may be possible to arrange with agricultural research stations in the country of origin to test for heat tolerance in special chambers where an artificially tropical climate could be produced.

He described the twin heifer experiment which is being carried out at Sigatoka in conjunction with the New Zealand Animal Research Institute at Ruakura. By eliminating all other factors it is hoped to be able to find out the effects of a tropical climate on imported cattle, in general. The experiment is unique and the results will be of great interest to farmers in

tropical countries throughout the world. At Sigatoka, the feeding, measurement and observation of the heifers are in the hands of Eminoni Raivoka, a Fijian graduate of Gatton Agricultural College, Queensland.

Dr. Payne spoke of studies which have been made in the behaviour of cattle on the Station. Records of the hours of the day and night when cattle graze show that the common practice of shutting the animals up at night is bad management in Fiji, as cattle in the Colony do much of their grazing at night. Denying cattle access to pasture at this time therefore means a lowering of the intake of food and therefore of production.

He said that there were three major

problems in the Department's animal research work in the Colony: First, it had to be decided what type or breed of animals thrive best in Fiji. Secondly, highly productive individual animals from these types and breeds had to be selected, and first class herds had to be built up on the two stations at Sigatoka in the dry zone, and Koroniya, in the wet zone. From these herds good stock could eventually be distributed among the Colony's farmers. Finally, it was necessary to learn how to manage and feed the stock so that they remained productive and healthy. Any system of farming had to give an economic return on capital and labour, and so careful records of costs were being kept at Sigatoka.

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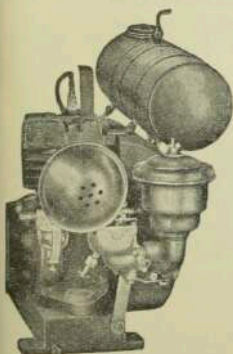
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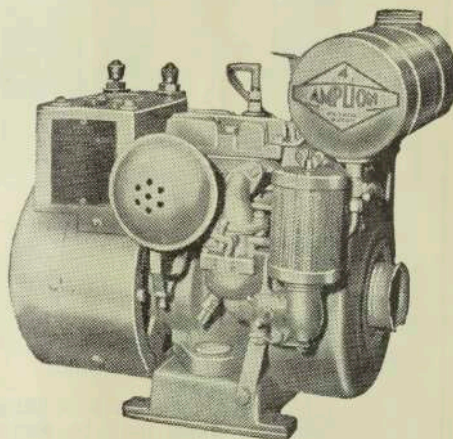
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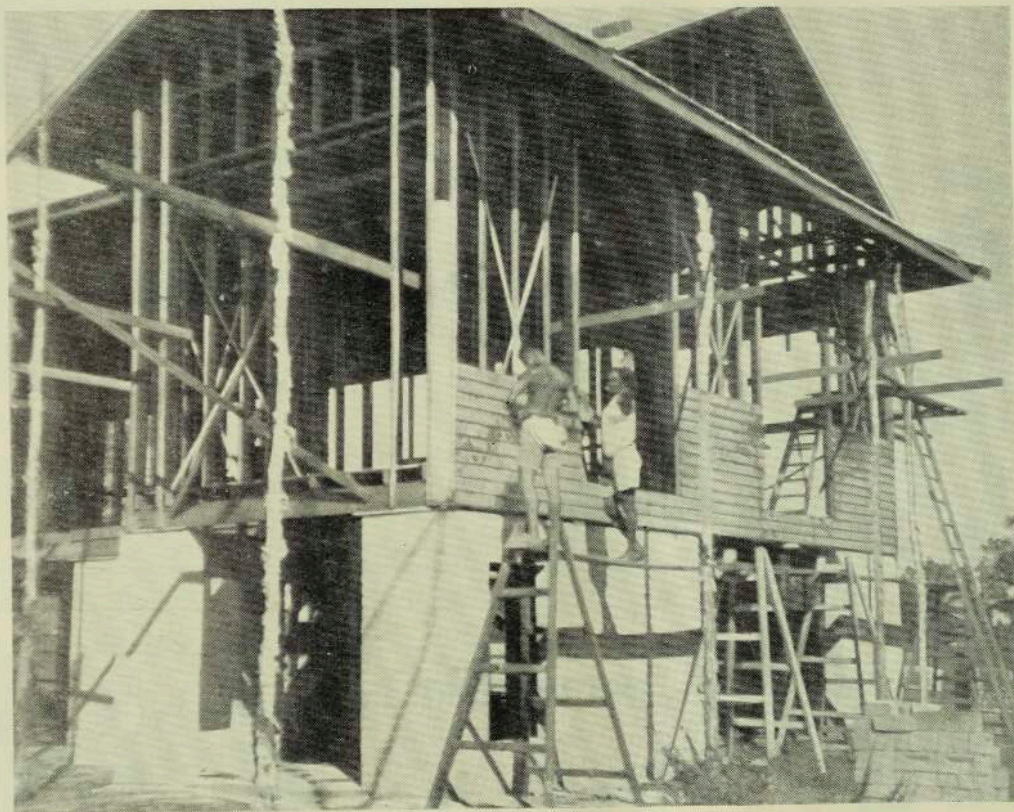
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RABAU ROUNDABOUT

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, Oct. 3.

MR. D. BARRETT, president of the Planters' Association of New Guinea, accompanied by Executive member, Mr. E. T. Fulton, flew to Sydney early this month to present a case to the Federal Government for higher prices for copra. Colonel H. T. Allen, at present in Australia, will join Messrs. Barrett and Fulton in their representations.

AT the annual general meeting of the Rabaul RSL Branch on September 26 an interesting and lengthy discussion took place on the formation of native units in the Territory. The majority of speakers were old residents and, in most cases, had served as front-line soldiers in New Guinea in the recent war. It was finally resolved as follows: "That this body strongly urges that the Federal Government do not form native units in the territory of New Guinea without close study of the organisation necessary and, in particular, of the proper officering of the units by European residents of the Territory experienced in dealing with natives. It considers that the Papua and New Guinea Volunteer Rifles should be a training corps for officers and NCO's of the native units."

DURING the day the Rabaul telephone exchange is operated by two Malay girls whose efficiency and courtesy leaves nothing to be desired. However, their duties finish each afternoon and the switch is then manned by natives. Subscribers are highly indignant at the poor service given by these boys. Com-

plaints have been made to the appropriate authorities who explain that the position is due to the shortage of competent telephonists and until they are forthcoming, nothing can be done to improve the service.

MR. DUDLEY JONES defeated Mr. C. Ashley at the New Guinea Club, in the play off for the billiards championship, during the month.

Due to ill health, Mr. Eric Petterson has resigned as manager of the New Guinea Club. His successor is Mr. Arthur George, an ex-Squadron Leader.

Mr. A. Finn has undertaken the management of the RSL Club. The affairs of the club have so increased that a sub-manager, Mr. J. McKinaly, has been appointed.

COLYER WATSON are to be congratulated on their enterprise by introducing a town delivery service. Two modern vans are in use and the service is proving a boon to Rabaul housewives.

DURING September at the Namanula General Hospital a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. Moore of Kokopo.

FOLLOWING on the Lautoka and Suva, the Bulolo arrived from Australia, and clearly showed up the Customs shed's inadequacy to handle huge volumes of cargo. The shed was packed to capacity and presented a problem for those desiring to take delivery of their goods.

Another regular shipping visitor to

Rabaul is the modern freighter, Viria, on charter to the Vacuum Oil Company. It carries bulk products from the Lae bulk installation.

AT approximately 8.30 p.m. on September 9 Rabaul and Kokopo were severely rocked by an earth tremor of intensity five to six. Thirty tremors of lesser intensity continued throughout the night and Sunday morning. Mr. A. Taylor, the vulcanologist, inspected Matupi, Vulcan and other surrounding craters and reported that all were normal. Although no damage occurred, residents experienced a very anxious night.

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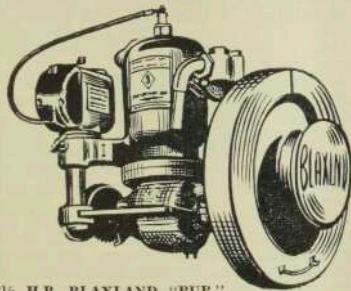
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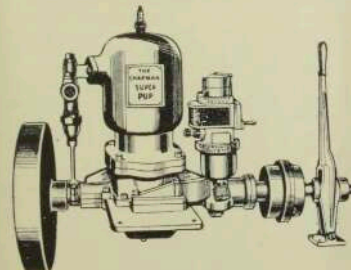
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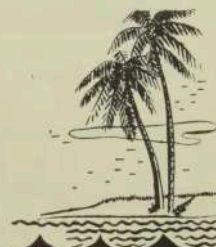
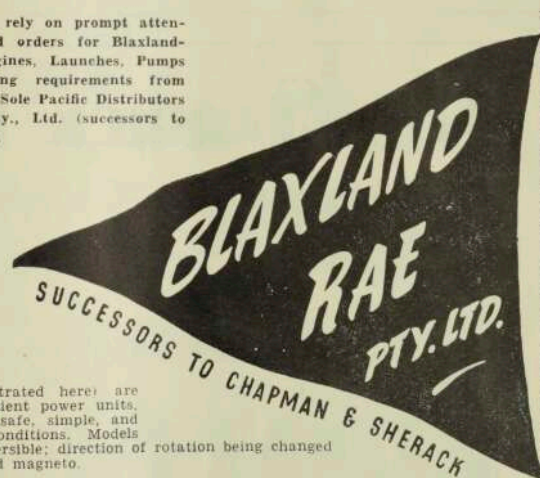
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AS no further supplies of bitumen are forthcoming, Works and Housing Department are endeavouring to keep the roads in a reasonable state of repair by the use of gravel from local pits. Work is still progressing on the Tunnel Hill escape road but the shaving-down of the hill has proved a difficult undertaking.

EXCEPT for a heavy but short down-pour which temporarily eased the water shortage, Rabaul has been without rain for two months; sore throats and dengue fever are prevalent.

MEMBERS of the New Guinea Club proceeded by boat and road to Kokopo, for a sports meeting during September. Tennis, billiards and snooker were played against members of the Kokopo Sports Club. The Rabaul Rugby League played Kokopo at the same time. The visitors were the winners in most games.

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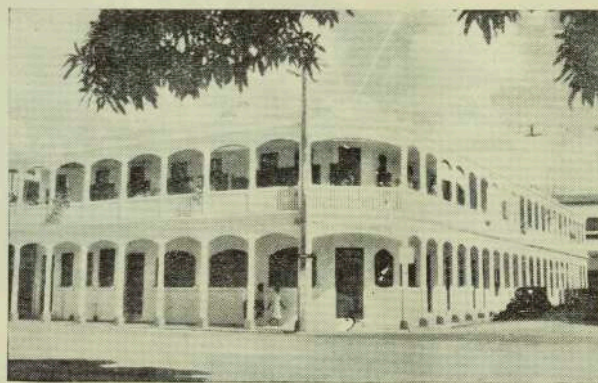
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Annual Meeting of BS Islands Advisory Council

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, Sept 20.

THE 1950 session of the BSIP Advisory Council will be opened on October 9. The Council, which meets annually to discuss Protectorate Government Estimates and any other matters of importance, has advisory powers only, copies of the minutes of proceedings, and recommendations by members being forwarded to the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, at Suva.

This year's Council is expected to consist of 14 members, under the chairmanship of the Resident Commissioner (Mr. H. G. Gregory Smith). There are five non-official members—the Rt. Rev. G. G. Caulton, Bishop of Melanesia; Mr. L. C. Thomas, General Manager of Lever's Pacific Plantations Pty., Ltd.; Mr. R. C. Symes and Mr. L. F. Gill, well-known planters and traders; and Mr. G. H. Kuper. Four official members—the Judicial Commissioner (Mr. W. T. Charles); the Secretary to Government (Mr. V. J. Andersen); the Treasurer (Mr. R. F. Rankin); and the Senior Medical Officer (Dr. J. S. McKenzie Pollock)—have been appointed. A new departure, which the Government regards as an important constitutional advance, is the appointment of Solomon Islanders to the Council, four of whom have been chosen to represent the various administrative districts of the Protectorate. Appointment of native members to sit on the Advisory Council has caused some differences of opinion among non-official members.

DEATH OF M. JEAN LODS

THE death was reported from France on June 18 of former Vila resident and Condominium Government official, Monsieur Jean Lods.

He was born in New Caledonia, in October, 1906, and joined the Customs Department of the New Hebrides Condominium in 1926. He was appointed Collector of Customs to the Condominium in 1942 which post he held until the time of his death.

He was a staunch patriot and energetically supported the Free French cause after the fall of France in 1940. In 1939, he was called up but owing to his local origin and knowledge he was transferred back to the New Hebrides and attained the rank of lieutenant in the local Home Guard.

The happy possessor of a clear and impartial "Condominium" outlook, M. Lods was equally at home among British as John, as he was among the French as Jean. The two names rapidly became synonymous with the man who was regarded as the true "Condominiumite."

In March this year, he was granted special leave to consult doctors in Noumea regarding his general health. Among the doctors who attended him was his sister, Dr. Lucie Lods. His illness was diagnosed as tumour of the brain and upon advice he flew to France for specialised treatment.

An operation was performed but little hope was held for its successful outcome. M. Lods' passing is a great loss to both the Condominium Government service and to the New Hebridean community as a whole.

Queen Salote, of Tonga will leave Nukualofa in November for a holiday in New Zealand.

Rice—To Have or Have Not, That IS a Question

AUSTRALIA'S great rice mystery deepens. Some months ago housewives were told that they probably would be permitted to have some rice (for the first time in eight or nine years) towards the end of this year. Later, they were told that this was doubtful—because of the "Korean situation." Apparently some Australian grocers have decided that General MacArthur has the Korean situation well enough in hand for them to beat the gun in the matter of home consumption of rice—they are already selling it to their customers.

For years the Australian public has been taught to believe that the rice they were not permitted to buy was going to save Pacific Islanders and needy Asiatics from starvation, but blasts of publicity have recently set them wondering if the restriction does not hinge more on the better price obtained by growers on the export market.

Growers get £18 per ton for rice sold in Australia; £21 if they export it. The distinction seems ridiculous as it is doubtful if even the most woolly-minded bureaucrat imagines that the Australian export market is there to stay.

Before the war Australia exported no rice at all and had no hope of competing on the open market with Burmese and other rice from Asia. Although these Asiatic countries have been slow to recover, for obvious reasons, it is almost certain that they will make a bid for the export market again and Burmese exporters are already offering rice on the world markets.

Australians are no rice eaters at the best of times—the cereal is usually associated with a stodgy milk-pudding—and after eight years most of them will have to be sold the idea of eating it again. If growers had to depend on a home market, the greatly expanded rice-growing industry would probably deflate as quickly as a pricked bubble—more acres are being planted up and prices for rice-farms have reached fabulous levels.

It may be that the economist wizards behind the present set-up are banking on the hope that Papua-New Guinea will be a close preserve for the output of Australian rice-growers, but when, or if, Burma and Indo-China come back into the competitive field it may be difficult to deny them markets in the Trust-eeship Territory of New Guinea—although, presumably, Australia can place what restrictions she likes on the imports of Papua.

Planters (and others) in Papua-New Guinea today are paying about £70 a ton for Australian rice. This is six or seven times more than they paid for rice before the war. The Australian grower gets £23. Something like £47 is eaten up in mysterious "costs" along the way. Papua-New Guinea residents would like to know how.

THERE seems to be as much hocus-pocus about rice now as there was about petrol a year or so ago. Early this year the Menzies Government to keep an election promise, removed petrol rationing in Australia. The United Kingdom government was hurt about this and the New Zealand Government repudiated itself to stick by the Old Country and not to embarrass her in her hour of dire dollar need. Mysterious things about the dollar-content of all petrol, the wicked things the Jews were doing to the Haifa pipeline, shortage of tankers and oil stocks generally were whispered about. It was hinted that if Australians burned up petrol having fun and games, other parts of the British Commonwealth

would be deprived of the vital fuel. A few months later, without warning, the United Kingdom abandoned petrol rationing. Someone had forgotten to tell the self-sacrificing New Zealand Government—Prime Minister Holland read about it in his morning paper. Suitably incensed, he removed petrol rationing in New Zealand forthwith. One day there was no petrol available, except to the selfish Australians. Next day there was plenty for all.

A similar sort of situation now seems to exist in relation to rice. It is hard to believe five years after the war that only the Australian rice grower stands between South Asia and Oceania and starvation. The time seems opportune for

an investigation into the whole rice supply system—particularly into the disappearance of that £47 between the grower in Australia and the consumer in NG.

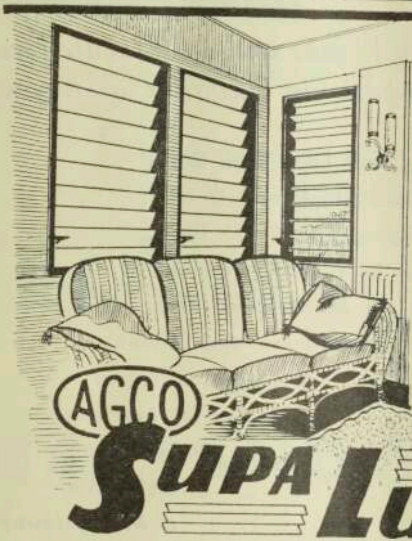
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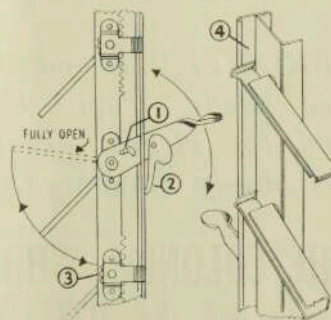
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EVIDENCE of Tahiti's resolve to revive her long languishing tourist trade, is the general activity in Papeete, at the present time, in hotel construction.

French Oceania today is in about the same condition in respect to the development of a lucrative tourist business, as Hawaii was 30 years ago. For transportation of anticipated visitors, Tahiti looks to outside steamship and airplane

—Individual bungalows of Royal Tahiti Hotel, companies. For accommodation of newcomers after their arrival, it depends on its own exertions.

At present there are at least four new hotel enterprises taking shape. The three-story concrete hotel fronting the lagoon will provide for visitors who prefer to remain in town. Les Tropiques has recently changed hands and, under new and energetic management, is already undergoing extensive re-organization.

Mr. Alexander Taran is now in Honolulu interesting Hawaii capital in his projected 200-bedroom de-luxe hotel in Punaauia. While Mr. Leopold Cristion,

working almost unnoticed, is bringing to completion a select, up-to-date hotel in the environs of Papeete.

The Royal Tahiti Hotel of which he is proprietor and manager is already in partial operation although it will not be ready for official opening until Christmas. This, Tahiti's newest hotel, has been designed for travellers who prefer to live in the luxuriant setting of a tropical garden. The Royal Tahitian is situated in the



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Privacy is secured by individual bungalows, each in its own courtyard. Each has one or two bedrooms, bath, lounge-verandah and other facilities.

An attractive feature of the hotel is its abundance of fruit trees, its great

variety of palms and collection of rare and unusual flowering trees and shrubs.

Mr. and Mrs. Cristion have recently returned from France where they purchased a full equipment of furniture for the new hotel. They also brought back with them to Tahiti, a Parisian chef.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ratcliff arrived recently in Samarai, Eastern Papua, where Mr. Ratcliff has become Department of Works and Housing Resident Engineer. Previously they spent three pleasant years in the Solomons, and one not so pleasant at Los Negros, Admiralty Is.

FAMOUS BLACK COLLECTION OF ARTIFACTS

But Unique Papuan Figure Is Not In It

THE writer of the article, "Strange Artifacts of Old Papua," Mr. Lyons, will be interested in a communication we have had from Mr. Black, the well-known Burns Philp Head Office executive, who is a son of the late Mr. P. G. Black. The latter was responsible for the famous Black Collection of Island artifacts.

Mr. Lyons remarked that the queer figure found in the bed of the Giritu River, Buna-Yodda Valley, Papua, some 50 years ago, passed into the possession of Mr. P. G. Black, and was lost sight of.

Mr. Black says that the figure referred to was not included in the Black Collection, but is now in his personal possession, at his home in Sydney. Museums, anthropologists, etc., should take note. That is the most interesting relic of an ancient race yet found in Papua.

The late Mr. Black many years ago, offered his famous Collection to an Australian or British museum for nothing, if they would house it; but, because it required so much space, they all fought shy of it. It finally was sold to the Buffalo Museum, in the United States, where—as shown in the photographs — it has been well housed and effectively displayed.

The Collection came from practically every island of the South Pacific. It is probably unique, because the late Mr. Black refused to accept any artifact unless he was sure it was genuine native craftsmanship, unaffected in any way by European contacts. Most of the Collection was assembled over 50 years ago. It was contained in more than 60 large cases. A copy of the catalogue of the Collection is in the Pacific Islands Monthly library.

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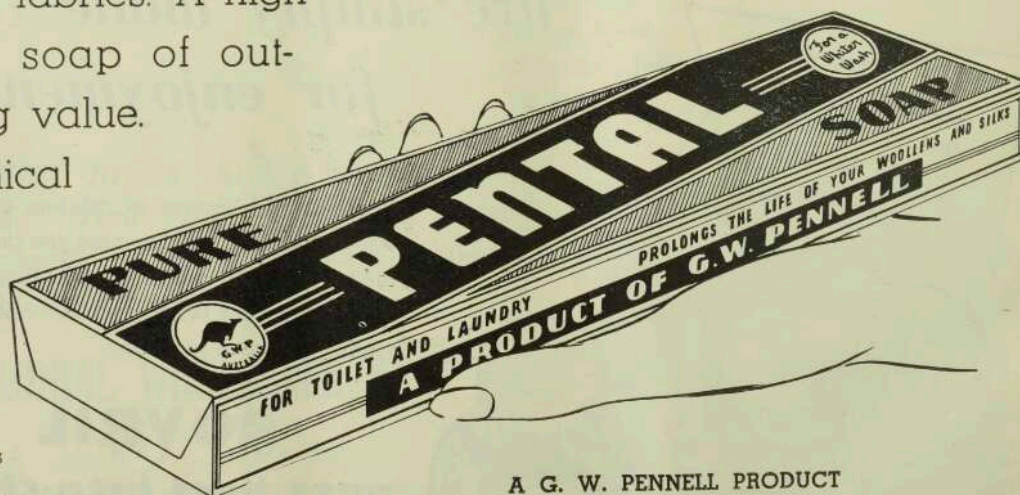
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Seven Seas II Heads for Bali

THE stainless-steel yacht Seven Seas II, owned and sailed single-handed by Mr. Bill Murnan, is now somewhere around between Portuguese Timor and Bali.

After several months in Papua-New Guinea, Murnan left Port Moresby on May 2 but was forced to return by adverse weather and made a second start on May 2. He wandered around among the reefs and islands of the West Papuan coast and did some hiking and movie-making on the mainland during most of May and June and reached Thursday Island at the end of June, where he was joined by the other ocean going Yankee yacht, Stornaway.

He writes that he "doesn't think much of Thursday Island, anyway." Apart from its being a bad place to return by, he was charged £10 for having Seven Seas hauled up on the slip and £1 per day while she lay there. In the United States and Hawaii, he says, the cost of similar service is eight dollars to haul and one dollar per day while on the slip.

He left Thursday Island on July 11 and a few days later was in Dili harbour, Portuguese Timor. Writing from there on August 9, he said he expected to shove off in a few days and go island-hopping to Bali where he hoped Mrs. Murnan (then in Tokio) would join him. After Bali, he will make for Cape Town.

JOHN WILLIAMS VI CALLS AT MANGAIA

From Our Own Correspondent
MANGAIA, CI, August.

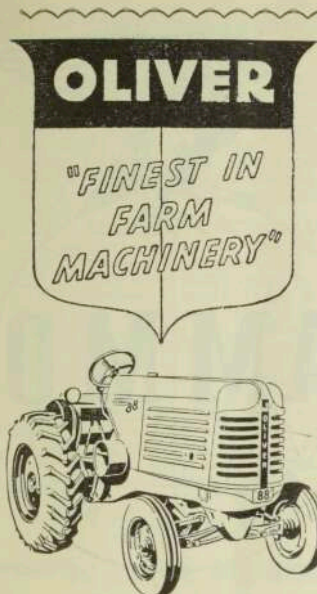
THE long-awaited LMS mission-vessel, John Williams VI, latest of a long line of ships bearing the great pioneer's name, made two short calls at this island, on July 16 and 19. On the first occasion, the ship came direct from northern island groups without first calling at Rarotonga for medical inspection. No communication between ship and shore was permitted until the vessel arrived the second time, though she was permitted to take away mail bags. This was a disappointment to the islanders, particularly the LMS church congregation, who had looked forward for a couple of years to entertaining the ship's complement in local fashion. The Mangaian, who subscribed some £200 towards the cost of the John Williams VI, feel it to be their own mission-vessel, and would like to see it call annually.

On the second visit of the brand-new ship the entire party on board was entertained at one large table, and the feast was characteristically Mangaian. Dancing and an "ute" comprised the musical fare offered, and these again were typical of the island, the latter causing the visitors much amusement, this form of Polynesian "comic song" being quite new to them.

FOREIGNERS AND NEW ARRIVALS "SCREENED" IN P-NG

THE Director-General of the Commonwealth Security Service said in Canberra on October 1 that officers of the Service have recently visited New Guinea.

Because of the keen interest of Asiatic countries, particularly Indonesia, in New Guinea, Security Service officers there screen new arrivals and also are examining the political backgrounds of foreigners.



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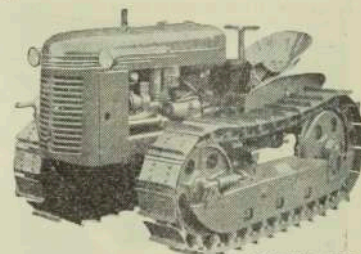
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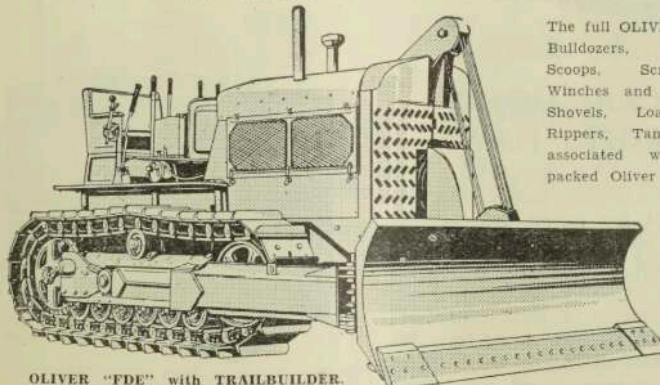
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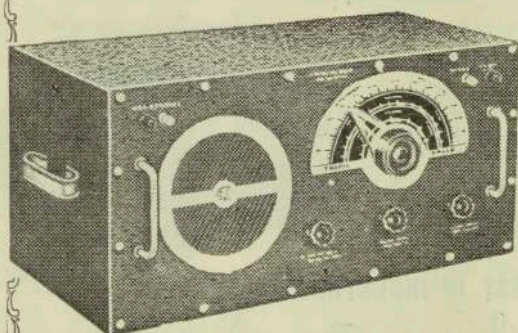
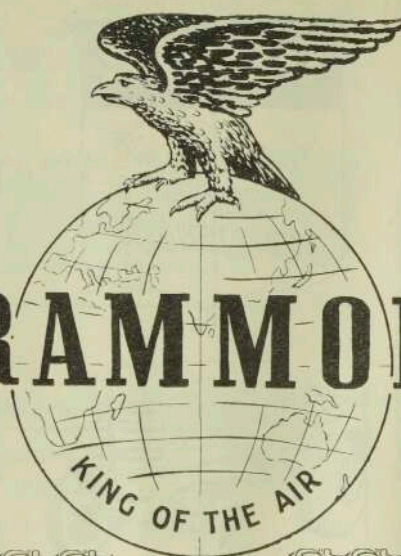
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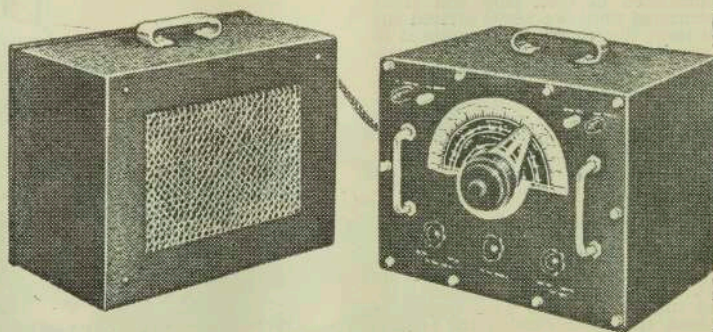


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GOLDEN WEDDING OF WELL-KNOWN FIJI COUPLE

AT Ba, Fiji, recently Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mune celebrated their Golden Wed-



Mr. & Mrs. A. A. Mune

ding. To mark the occasion they were entertained by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mune, and son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. Edwards. Many old Fiji friends attended the party and numerous congratulatory cables and messages were received from within the Colony and abroad. Mr. G. R. Jordan proposed the toast to the couple.

Mrs. Mune was born in New Zealand and arrived in Fiji in 1897. Mr. Mune was born in Queensland but arrived in Fiji in 1882 when still a small boy.

He eventually became an engineering apprentice at the Colonial Sugar Refining Co's. Rarawai Mill and shortly after his marriage, in 1900, he was transferred to Lautoka Mill as second engineer. Their two children were born while the Munes were at Lautoka.

Later Mr. Mune was chief engineer at Labasa, Nausori and Rarawai—he was still at Rarawai when he retired in 1937.

As they had spent most of their married life in the Ba district, the Munes elected to build a home there and here they are happily spending their retirement.

NO CROWN FOR NEHRU

From Our Own Correspondent

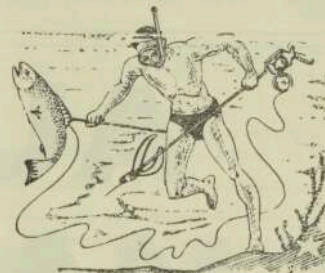
SUVA, September 10.

CRUDE prints of Nehru dressed up in something strongly suggesting the Royal Robes of State complete with Crown and Sceptre, appeared in Indian shops in Fiji recently for 2/- each. The British-Fijian temper, not improved by the original's steady move towards the Soviet camp in Asia, exploded with sufficient emphasis to provoke a Royal Gazette proclamation banning the pseudo-imperial Nehru prints and two other In-

dian importations—one of them a glorification of the Indian anti-British text: "Quit India!"

The Fiji-Indian Press has burst into shrill lamentations over the banning of Royal Nehru in this British Crown Colony.

Miss Sheila Wesley-Smith, of the New Guinea Baptist Mission arrived in Australia in September to do deputation work. She has been studying linguistics in the Territory.



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COST OF LIVING MOUNTS IN NZ PACIFIC ISLANDS

From Our Own Correspondent

MANGAIA, Cook Is.

THE recent increase of tea-prices to 8/- lb., (in place of former 6/8) has caused much consternation among consumers of the Cup that Cheers—and they are many on this island.

Other grocery lines, including tinned meats, went up in price earlier in the year.

It has been explained to locals that these increases, so much at variance with the pre-election claim that the National Party would at once proceed to "lower the cost of living," are due to the removal of certain subsidies previously paid by the NZ Government on various commodities. Residents, who are told that this removal of a burden on the NZ taxpayer, although it has the effect of making groceries dearer at present, will later prove a benefit, may be pardoned for failing to see how this is to be accomplished. Rising food-prices are inevitably followed by increased salaries; and workers' wages, already high, may have to be further augmented in the CI.

Prices here to-day are three times 1935 level. Dress-goods have risen even higher, in view of the disappearance of Japanese supplies of "ninepenny silks." A rumour is going the rounds that certain trading interests propose to buy heavily in Japan, with a view to flooding the CI market with cheap dress-material again. This laudable aim appears to depend for its achievement upon whether the Japanese textile workers are still willing to function for ninepence a day. Judging by world-wide trends, it is to be feared that the cheap silk and the sixpenny knife (and razor) together with the half-crown clock, are a thing of the past.

Certainly the prices obtained by Cook Islands fruit growers have gone up too, but they have not kept pace with costs. The gap between income and outgo is widening.

The Rev. Wilfred John Hutton, formerly of Hertfordshire, England, was consecrated Bishop of Carpentaria in St. John's Anglican Cathedral, Brisbane, on September 21. Thursday Island will be the Bishop's headquarters. His diocese takes in 600,000 square miles of Northern Australia. The crook which the Bishop carried during his consecration, was carved by Torres Strait natives from local woods and inlaid with mother-of-pearl shell.

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BUT let us inspect the work from top to bottom. The dam, in the valley of the Fuluasou river, spans the valley for about 150 ft. from side to side. The dam is approximately 25 ft. high, and fifteen feet from the valley floor to the overflow. That is, the depth of water at the dam wall will always be fifteen feet. The base of the wall is 45 ft. below the level of the valley floor, so there is a good solid wall of concrete to stand the stress and strain of thousands of gallons of water. The wall is built in three sections, joined with tarsealing, to allow for earthquake vibrations. Transverse and vertical vibrations are guarded against by joining the sections with a key—a projection of one section fitting into a slot on the next.

The dam is in a beautiful setting, and when filled will provide the residents of Apia with a beauty spot within easy reach, and along a good road. The river flows through a narrow rock-girt valley, bush clad, and with forest trees growing to a great height. The river will be converted into a lake—a beauty spot artificially created for man's enjoyment.

There is a double outlet from the dam—controlled by valves. One outlet connects with the pipes to the power house; the other allows the dam to be emptied.

Snake-like, the pipes are now creeping up the valley. They are about half the distance from the power house to the dam. Daily, the length grows greater. It is a tribute to the workmen and their supervisors that, in the heat of a tropic sun, the work is going along as fast as it is. All operations, except that of welding, are manual. The pipes are edged from the roadside to the bed in which they are to lie; joints and angles have to be accounted for, and the pipes cut to fit into the length between a joint and an angle. The next pipe to be fitted is jostled into line, a strap put around it; ropes are anchored to the pipeline, and the next pipe is pulled, so that its end slides inside the last one of the line. The strap is tightened, and the engine started to provide the power for the welding. A shower of sparks, and another link in the chain from water to electricity is forged. Without pause, the workmen commence to align the next pipe. As the pipe advances, other workmen follow in its train, building up the bed, so that the pipe rests either on a natural earth bed or on buttresses built up to carry the pipe over natural hollows.

The diameter of the pipes varies from

36 inches at the intake to 31 inches at the generator, thus giving, from fall and reduced diameter, a pressure of 100 pounds per square inch.

IT is anticipated that the work will be completed by December. What a Christmas gift the Administration will be able to give to the residents of Apia. The generators are designed to give a load of 600 volts. This will be broken down in Apia to 110 volts—but with the certainty that it will be the full 110 voltage.

The present supply of hydro electricity is from a small hydro-electric plant, whose capacity is very much overtaxed. Additional power is supplied to the Broadcasting service by means of a Diesel-powered generator. What a joy it will be to turn on a switch and leave it at that—not to have to worry whether the voltage is too low to run the refrigerator; or whether we can get enough power to listen to the radio. The present supply is standing up

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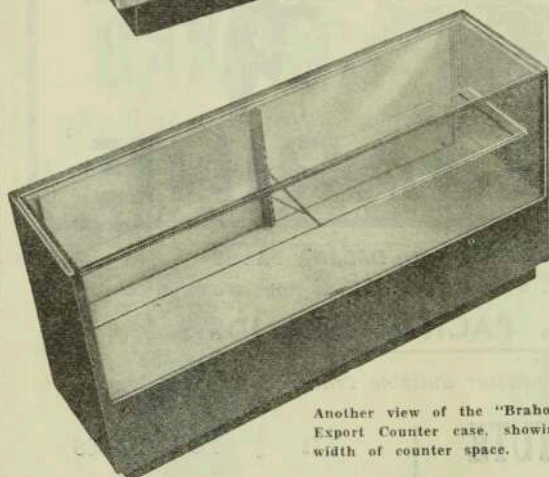
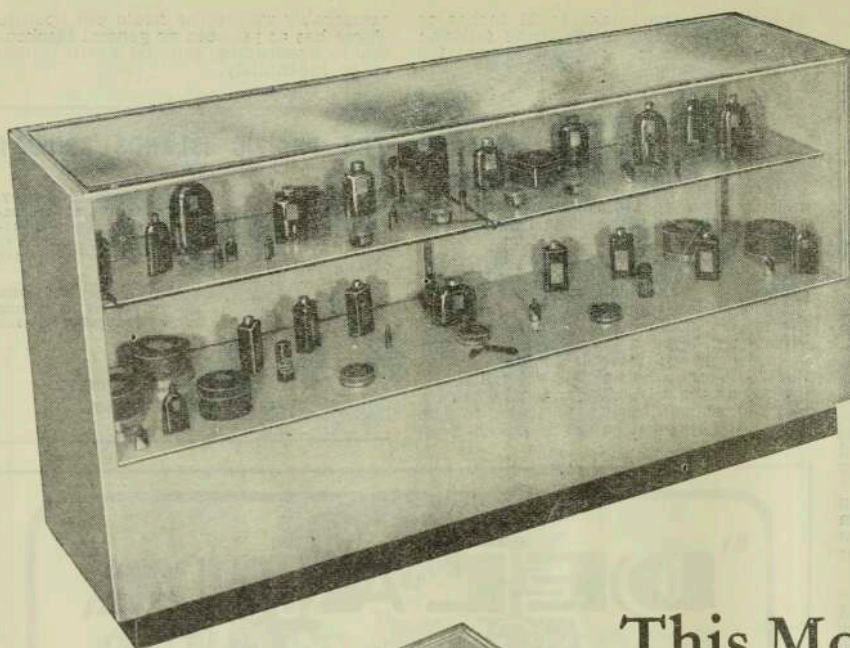
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LDS Programme for Pacific Education.

From Our Own Correspondent

Apia, September 12.
MANY Pacific Islanders in years to come will benefit by an extensive school-building programme now being sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon). Three new schools are now being constructed in Tonga, Western Samoa and New Zealand. While the LDS Church Board of Education will direct the operation of these schools, the curriculum set down by the New Zealand Education Department will be followed.

The school in Tonga, located on the outskirts of Nukualofa, is nearing completion, and will be the largest school in that Group.

Work has recently begun in Samoa on a school which will consist of four large multiple class-rooms, a large auditorium, principal's home, and other buildings. It will accommodate 1,000 students and is located at Pesega, near Apia.

Plans are also in preparation for a college in New Zealand to replace the former Maori Agricultural College, which was destroyed by an earthquake. It will be located on a 215 acre farm near Hamilton.

These buildings will all be of reinforced concrete structure with asbestos roofing and they will be specially adapted to the various climatic conditions existing in their respective localities.

All costs of construction, materials and labour for these schools are being provided by the LDS Church in America, (headquarters are at Salt Lake City, Utah) in order to advance education and a higher standard of living in the Pacific.

All planning and designing is being done by E. O. Anderson, Supervising Architect of the Church, and construction in Samoa and New Zealand is under the direction

of Elder G. R. Biesinger, who left a private contracting business in Salt Lake City to direct this work as a missionary.

There are 7,000 missionaries for the LDS Church in almost every country in the world who support themselves while engaged in mission work. Elder Biesinger has already spent two years in New Zealand and as a missionary and now speaks Maori. He is accompanied by his wife and four children on this, his second mission.

The Samoan Government and Samoan leaders, on behalf of the Samoan people, have expressed their appreciation of the LDS Mission at Apia for the generosity of the Church in making large amounts of money available for education in Samoa.

The Branch Manager of the Union Steamship Company at Apia, Mr. B. L. Russell, has been transferred as manager to New Plymouth, NZ. Mr. C. E. Peagram, branch manager at Rarotonga, has been transferred to Apia.

INDEPENDENCE DAY WAS QUIET THIS YEAR

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, September 10.
THE third Indian Independence Day (August 15) came and went in Fiji almost unnoticed this year.

There were no parades; no aggressive posters; no raucous Indian loud-speakers on trucks in the streets of Suva; no parade of Nehru-capped youth to cheer the hoisting of the Indian Republican flag at Albert Park; no cocktail party at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

Beyond the usual outbreak of Indian flags and a dead-and-alive political meeting at the Town Hall, Suva was hardly reminded that Mother India had been "freed from the tyranny of Imperialism."

Mr. H. Knewstubb, well-known to people in Fiji, Tonga and Samoa as chief engineer on the MV Matua died in Auckland in early September.

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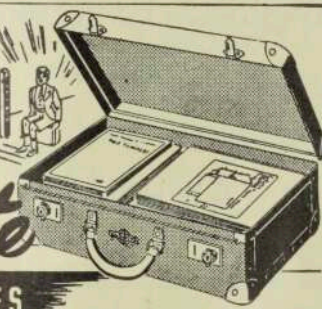
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Mataica Tuicakau, the giant Fijian athlete who won the shot-put in the Empire Games in Auckland, NZ, early this year, will probably be invited to visit Australia next year during Federal Jubilee celebrations. A number of overseas athletes will be invited to go to Australia.

Sister Ruth Jamieson and Sister Henrietta Paling recently left Melbourne to

nurse in the Paton Memorial Hospital, Vila, New Hebrides.

QUAKE ON SANTO

A SEVERE earthquake occurred on Santo, New Hebrides, on September 13. Damage caused was estimated at about £2,000.

Dwindling Fish Supplies Cause Alarm in Suva

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Sept. 18.
THE apparently wholesale catching and selling of undersized or immature fish in Suva Harbour and neighbouring Laucala Bay has obviously had a serious effect in depleting the Suva fish supply. The use of small-mesh nets by many fishermen (a large proportion of them Indians) is blamed.

It is also alleged that the widespread practice of using the New Guinea duva vine to poison the water, stupefying large fish and killing small fish, is at least an equal menace.

The situation is fully covered by Ordinance, but, as is not uncommon in Fiji, the regulations under the Ordinance are, for the most part, ignored because there are not enough people to enforce the law.

To save the fish population from possible extermination a considerable number of European launch-owners and fishermen have offered to serve as volunteer "wardens."

Neither the continuing protests (through the local Press) nor the would-be volunteers' offer has received official recognition or acknowledgment.

The reason is, that although the Government is believed to read the Press no official is ever officially aware of anything that goes on in the Press unless the matter also goes into the "proper official channels."

The Rev. G. J. Platten, who first went to New Guinea as a Methodist Missionary in 1927, has resigned.

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Mariposa and Monterey as Troop Ships?

IN mid-September the United States House of Representatives passed a bill to permit the Government to negotiate purchase of the Matson ships Monterey and Mariposa. It was stated, at the time, that the US Government would probably purchase them for troop carriers.

However, there have been so many rumours about these two ships since they were laid up in 1947 that this latest report will be treated with some reserve.

Mariposa and Monterey were well known trans-Pacific liners until the outbreak of the Pacific war. They were then used as troop transports until about 1946 when they were put into dock for reconversion to luxury passenger liners. Work suddenly ceased on them in 1947, due, it was stated to the enormous costs involved. They have been laid up in San Francisco ever since.

The ships and their future use have been the subject of innumerable conferences between the company and the US Government and scarcely a month has passed when some rumour concerning their fate has not been circulating.

South Pacific residents have hoped that the ships—or one of them—would eventually come back to the San Francisco-Sydney service (they called also at Honolulu, Pago Pago, Suva and Auckland) but this seems unlikely now.

No Subsidy for Aorangi

UNLESS there are new developments regular passenger sea-travel across the Pacific will cease at the end of January when the Canadian Australasian Line vessel, Aorangi, is withdrawn.

After war-time service, Aorangi was reconverted in Sydney for the Sydney-Vancouver passenger trade, and resumed the service in August, 1948. Although there was no opposition on this route (except from the airways) and although passenger accommodation was fully booked, the company has sustained enormous losses. Last year the company asked the Governments of Canada, Australia and New Zealand to pay a subsidy to keep the liner on the run. New Zealand was willing to pay its share but Australia and Canada were not. The company then announced on July 3, that they would withdraw Aorangi when she reached Sydney at the end of January.

It was hoped that the Australian and Canadian governments would reconsider their decision not to pay a subsidy in order to keep the sole remaining passenger ship on the Pacific service. But so far they have not done so.

It has been suggested that the day of the passenger ship on the Pacific routes is over and that they should fade away gracefully in favour of air services. This seems a ridiculous argument—it is not through lack of public support that liners like the Aorangi have to be withdrawn, but because of other post-war developments that have made their operation uneconomic. Both air and sea transport have a place but where time is not a factor, the majority of travellers still prefer to travel long distances by sea.

So-called dollar-restrictions resulting in lack of freight between Australia and New Zealand and North America is one factor in the withdrawal of the Aorangi. Enormously increased costs as a result of Australia's 40-hour week, increased demands by maritime unions and general reluctance to work at all, is another. When the Aorangi was refitted after the war, her passenger accommodation was reduced in order that her crew could have

better quarters. There probably is no reason why seamen should not have comfort, but the demands of Unionists and their general abuse of privileges in recent years has so sickened those at the receiving end that one is permitted to hope that the withdrawal of the Aorangi is Nemesis overtaking them. Unfortunately, there probably still are more berths than there are sailors to fill them—unless, as the prophets tell us, the passenger ship era really is over.

INDIAN NOMINATED MLC's APPOINTED IN FIJI

THE Indian nominated members of Fiji's Legislative Council have been appointed by the Governor. They are Mr. B. M. Jannif (Muslim) and Mr. Sada Nand Maharaj, of Ra, son of the late Mr. Badri Maharaj, the first Indian to sit in the Legislative Council of Fiji.

Mrs. W. R. Cahill, accompanied by her sister, Miss T. M. O'Brien, arrived in Sydney recently en route to Madang, New Guinea, after having toured Europe and the British Isles.

K. H. D. HAY

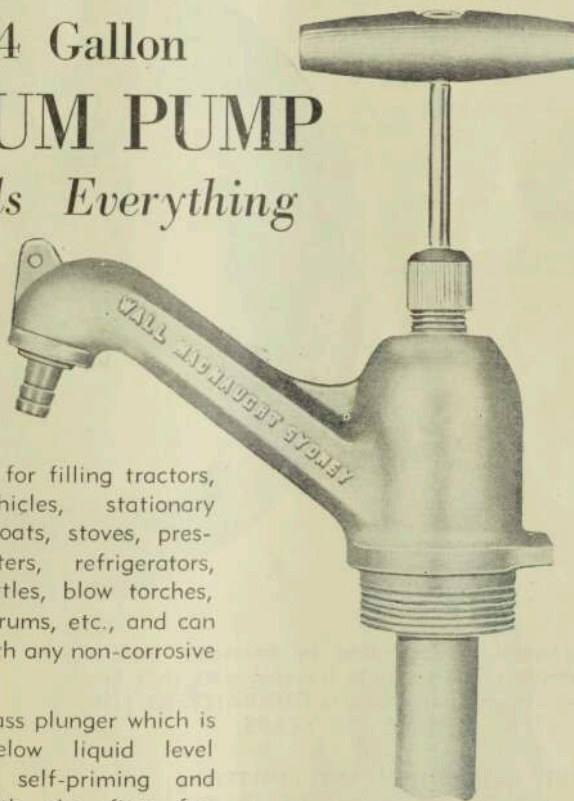
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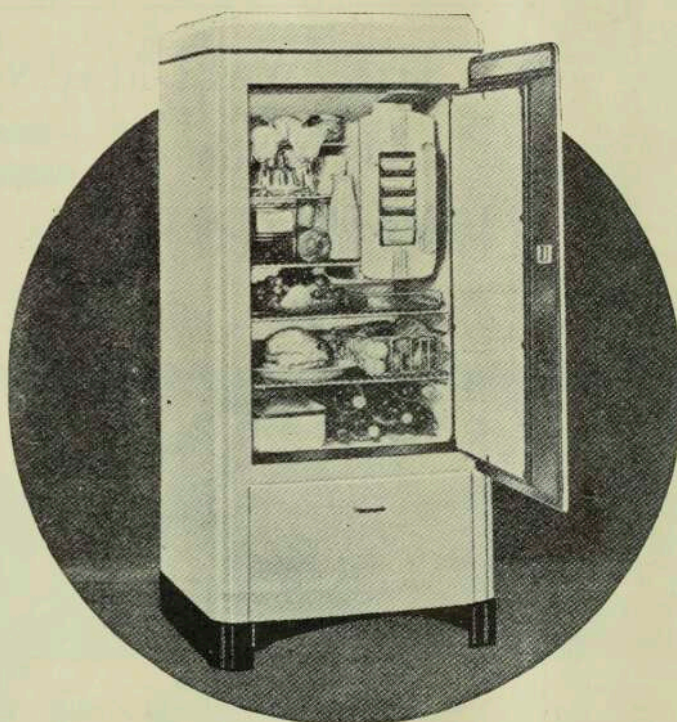
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Fetu Fou — A New Star

BY B. McK. MOSS

IN the presence of a distinguished gathering, a new school at Malie, about eight miles from Apia, Western Samoa, was recently opened by Mrs. F. Doidge, wife of the Minister of Island Territories of New Zealand.

This ceremony was the culmination of considerable activity on the part of the villagers and was an expression of community spirit and co-operative effort for the welfare of the inhabitants and for future generations.

Malie is the village of the Hon. Malietoa, a member of the Council of State, and was the first village to heed and put into effect the Fautuas' repeated plea to the people of Samoa to take some initiative in the welfare of their villages. Thus the School is well named, Fetu Fou—a new star—a light which will shine as an example to the remainder of Samoa.

The labour for the building had been provided by the villagers, while the cost of the building had been contributed by a levy on copra and cocoa production over a particular period. The villagers can proudly boast of "our school" and the building is worthy of their efforts and should induce, in the pupils, a real pride in their school.

OPENING day was a festival. The weather favoured us and the drive from Apia to Malie was along a sea-girt road of unspeakable beauty.

The gathering at the opening was distinguished by the presence of the Minister of

Island Territories of New Zealand, the Secretary of the Department of Island Territories, the High Commissioner and Mrs. Powles, the Director of Education, Mission representatives, Chiefs and Orators and a large number of European and Samoan guests.

After the speeches, the ceremony was continued in traditional manner with song, feasting and dance, many of the neighbouring villages contributing to the performance and endeavouring to out-do their neighbours in the quality of singing and dancing.

Many guests were seated on the broad verandah of the Pastor's house and this was transformed into a bower of greenery. The pillars had been entwined with leaves of green and white while the railing was

festooned so that the woodwork was completely covered.

Thus, in an atmosphere of gaiety, beauty and colour, was Malie School declared officially opened. It is hoped that the School will continue to serve as a social centre, not only for the village it serves, but for the neighbourhood in which it is situated.



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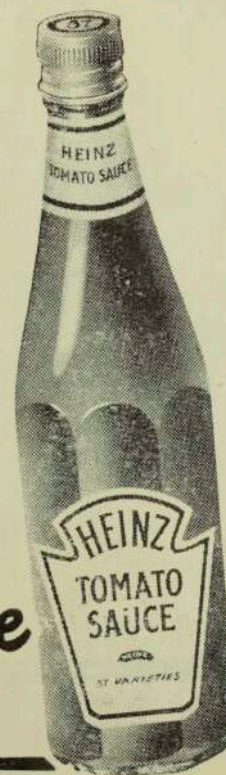


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FINES FOR WATERING THE HOSPITAL MILK

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, September 25.

INDIAN milk vendors have recently been forming something like a procession to the Suva Magistrate's Court to answer charges of selling adulterated or below-standard milk.

The head of the Nasinu Dairy Company, with ten convictions at various times in the last few years, is now reported to have relinquished his job.

The company was found by a Health Inspector to have been supplying watered milk to the Tamavua Tuberculosis Hospital and the Colonial War Memorial Hospital under a Government contract, as well as to the general public.

A court defence has been put forward that dairy proprietors are unable to prevent the watering of milk by their employees—an argument which is not sympathetically received by those who pay for a watered product. Further, in the Suva area at least, the quality of the water is known to be deplorable.

Whether the adulteration is done with or without the knowledge of the proprietors of the dairy businesses, the fact remains that the public and Government institutions have been paying substantially for water. The victimisation of the Tamavua Hospital in particular has roused the highest indignation in a community which has been compelled to become TB-conscious.

The Royal New Zealand Air Force Catalina which was damaged when she struck a reef just before taking off at Vila last month was successfully repaired and is back at Laucala Bay, Fiji.

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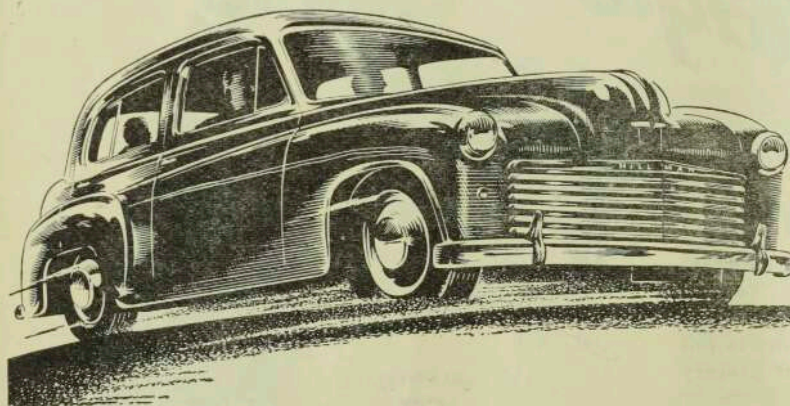
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There is an excellent index, a coloured folding map of the Colony and numerous photographs.

Two interesting points from the Report cover population and cost-of-living figures.

It is estimated, says the report, that at the time of Cession (1874), there were about 200,000 Fijians. Following Cession came the introduction of European diseases to which the Fijians had no immunity, and measles and other epidemics took severe toll until in 1905 there were only 87,000 natives. The population remained stationary for the next 12 years and then began a small increase but hardly had that trend manifested itself when the disastrous influenza epidemic of 1919 reduced the Fijian population to an all-time low of 83,000. From that time, however, the increase has been steady and by 1949 there were 126,650 Fijians—45 per cent. of the total population of the Colony.

There were 43,000 Indians in the Colony in 1911; by 1936 there were 85,000 and by 1949 nearly 134,000 or 47 per cent. of the whole Fiji population. In 1945 the Indians outnumbered the Fijians for the first time. It is estimated that at the present rate of increase there will be 250,000 Indians in Fiji by 1967 but that the Fijians will not reach that figure until 1980.

The Indians have a higher birth rate and a lower death rate than the Fijians but this does not account wholly for the ascendancy of the Indian over the Fijian population. Other contributing factors are thought to be: Indian people are more fertile than the Fijians; Indian women bear children at an earlier age than do Fijian women; and Indian women apparently give birth to a higher proportion of female children than do Fijian women.

COST OF LIVING

IT is stated that the cost of living indexes remained stationary during the year—which in these times of spiralling costs is a matter for jubilation. It will be interesting to see, however, if the same can be said of the year 1950 or whether Fiji will be caught up in the balloon of inflation that is taking Australian living costs up into the stratosphere. Fiji depends for 30 per cent. of its imports upon Australia.

Although the Colony has very little direct interest in Australian wool, the bloated Australian wool-industry is having repercussions throughout the whole of the Australian economy with the cost of all goods and services mounting steadily from day to day—this in turn affects the living costs of those Pacific territories dependent upon Australian imports.

A few years ago it would have been impossible to convince any Australian that high prices for wool would be regarded as a national calamity. Yet that is how they are regarded by the majority of Australians, to-day.

Various remedies (most of which consist of taking some of his increased income off the wool-grower) are being discussed currently in Australia, in official and unofficial circles. All schemes so far

discussed, however, are as unpopular with the wool-growers as the proposed export tax on Fiji copra was with Fiji copra producers—and for the same reasons.

FIJI'S MEAT SUPPLY BY AIR NOW

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MAGAZINE SECTION

Territories Talk-Talk

By "Tolala"

TIPPING the Colour Scale to the disadvantage of the white man in the Pacific seems to be a favourite practice of the Australian Press in this enlightened age.

A recent example occurred in Sydney, when one of the big papers ran the story of a memorial service, held at St. Andrew's Cathedral, for those who perished in the motor ship Fairwind. A bold double-column heading announced "Cathedral Service Honours Papuans," and then went on to record, also in bold type, that members of three churches attended the service to 12 Papuans. Almost as an after-thought, it was noted that "tribute was also paid to the white crew of Fairwind and to missionaries whom the Japanese had killed during the Pacific War."

The whole idea of this glamorising the native is wrong, and gives the reading public quite an erroneous angle of the whole set-up.

I am glad to see that Osmar White (PIM Sept. p. 83) is endeavouring to rectify this journalistic tendency in his article on "Debunking Fuzzy Wuzzy." As a matter-of-fact "Fuzzy Wuzzy" (as I have pointed out previously) correctly refers to Sudanese warriors, a term popularised by Rudyard Kipling—and that was a few years ago!

Reports, such as that of the memorial service, give one the impression that it is high-pressure publicity for Foreign Mission collections. I don't say that it is; but it gives one that impression.

THE first issue of "South Pacific Post," published by Les Brodie in Port Moresby, was a welcome sight, and he is to be congratulated on having overcome the many hurdles which I am sure took some jumping before the first issue came off the Press. I was, perhaps, a little disappointed that the issue did not contain more local items of news. Actually, a local paper is not depended upon, in these days of radio, for world's news so much as the local happenings.

Says the editorial: "One of the most important features of defence in any land is a well-informed public," and it hopes to fill that want . . . Providing there is no censorship!

Says the Administrator, in his Message: "I know that the editorial policy of the newspaper will take into consideration, as the Government must, the interests of the whole of the inhabitants of the Territory." It is to be hoped that it will not neglect the interests of the Europeans, at any rate. There are aplenty cyclostyled sheets taking care of the natives' interests already.

THE presence of "Blue" Allan at the copra conference on August 31 is a good sign for two reasons: It shows he is still taking an interest in public matters, and the Powers That Be recognise him as being an appropriate spokesman for the individual's interests in the Territory.

It is nearly 30 years since "Blue" first arrived in TNG. He had some good experience on an East Coast New Ireland plantation for a start, before he took to the Goldfields. His experiences have been varied, and what he doesn't know about native labour isn't worth knowing.

They were a happy crowd along the East Coast of NI in those early days—all of them Returned Diggers from the First War. And how some of them used to speed along Bulominski's Highway on their red motor bikes! There was "Blue" and his brother, K. T., Herk Braddon, Tony Edgell, Bill Watson and Tom Prince. Only "Blue" and Tom returned to live in the Territory after War II.

AND, talking of roads—than which there has never been a better one than Bulominski's built 40 years ago—I see that, as a result of the visit of the UN Trusteeship Council mission to NG, it said: "Permanent progress was impossible without a system of main roads. Well, that will mean some years will elapse before that target is reached. Meantime the good old plane will probably meet most requirements—as it has done in the past.

THE Rabaul Sub-Branch of the RSL has very properly taken over the maintenance of the Montevideo Maru Memorial in Rabaul. The Battlefields Memorial Commission, however, thinks that the present structure of cement, erected by the Army, is not of sufficient permanency and one of stone, with suitable inscriptions should be erected.

The Sub-Branch is quite prepared to fall in with this idea, I understand, and will raise the necessary funds, but thinks the decision should be left finally to the widows of the men who went down in that ill-fated vessel. Most of the men were Diggers of the First War.

The Sub-Branch might also consider including a tribute to those civilians who were lost in Rabaul after the vessel sailed: Vic Pratt and his party; Albert Evensen, Bill Korn, and Chauncy, and others who spent years in the Rabaul prison camp, and then disappeared.

SUCH a memorial must needs be a fitting one to so many of the Territory's old, one-time residents for, as time goes on, I can foresee many pilgrimages made by the loved ones they left behind. Already the Salvation Army HQ in Sydney has been asked to organise a pilgrimage to the war graves in NG.

A NEW departure in the Dutch New Guinea argument is the use by the Press of the word "Papuan" when referring to the natives of DNG. Both the Dutch and the Indonesians are using that old Portuguese equivalent of "Fuzzy Wuzzy."

The Australian Council for the World Council of Churches has now joined the argument and has asked Minister Spender to suggest

placing DNG under the UN Trusteeship in order that bad relationships should not exist between Australia and Indonesia. And who will hold the trusteeship?

THE department of Works and Housing is still urgently seeking tradesmen for Manus Island, according to newspaper advertisements.

What a lot of headaches could have been avoided if the Yanks had only been allowed to retain the base as they wanted to do! And what a feeling of security it would have given Australians to know that, in that vital strategic spot, there was an effective bulwark erected against the ever-boiling cauldron in our near North!

THE Territories are receiving a lot of publicity these days. If it is not a rare eagle, or bird-of-paradise for the Zoo, it's air-borne timber from Bulolo to Lae. The latest story is about "Papua's First Professional Boxer," one Tommy Otari (an 18-year-old lad who, "weary of pearl-shell diving," has taken to the ring) recently fighting at the Junee Show with a touring troupe.

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This is a village in New Caledonia, and the strange-looking trees are Araucaria cookii. They are found nowhere else but New Caledonia and the adjacent Isle of Pines. As can be seen, these unique trees have no lower branches—but they grow very tall—sometimes 200 feet high.

—Photo by F. E. Dunn.

Whether this sort of education is approved by the UN Trusteeship Council I wouldn't know, but, to my mind, it should not be encouraged. There was a time when native lads from Up Yonder were carefully guarded and guided away from the fleshpots, when allowed into Australia for short periods, so that they might not take back any wrong ideas of the white-man's civilisation.

Talking of natives boxing, reminds me that it was in 1914 that the first lad donned the gloves in Rabaul, when the Aussie troops were in occupation there and the Regimental blacksmith, named Lyons, introduced the art to several promising dusky champs. Local sahibs took a very dim view of the matter. The same Lyons, by-the-way, later became the well-known Don Athalo, of physical culture fame.

CSIRO experts are reported doing research work in NG to find new drugs. They should contact some of the old native quacks, who have some remarkable potions, none the less effective because they are not bottled and labelled. They have contraceptives down to a fine art. One of the finest native cures I ever struck for blackwater fever was a brew made from pandanus roots. It worked like magic.

DEATH of J. M. Maughan, DSO, last month recalls an incident of the First War when the Australian Forces, commanded by Maughan, went down to capture Kieta (Bougainville).

Rumours, filtering through BSI and reaching Melbourne HQ, reported Kieta strongly defended and prepared to put up a fight. As a result the Force to capture Kieta was delayed three months—arriving in December, 1914, on the old island steamer Meklong, only to find Doellinger, the German DO, and his family anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Force, with bags and boxes, which had been packed for the past three months. There was never any intention to resist. 'Twas all a furphy. I know: I lived in that neck of the woods in those days.

A RECENT mention by a Sydney paper of E. J. Wauchope, of Awar plantation, and his guest, Lord Moyne, recalls the pygmies the latter "discovered" up the Sepik, and which caused quite a flutter in European anthropological dovecotes at the time, until Father Kirschbaum (God rest his soul) pointed out he had written about them years before in a European journal. Both Lord Moyne and the Father had tragic deaths. The former was assassinated in Egypt, where he was British Commissioner and the latter was killed in an air crash at Sek.

THE Queensland macadamia nut is becoming a dollar-earner in the US. Personally, I've never tasted it, but I'm prepared to wager it is not more tasty than the old galip nut of the Islands. This is the nut that could make New Guinea famous if properly marketed.

BITS AND PIECES: E. W. P. Chinnery, old-time anthropologist and Director of District Services in TNG, has been making an up-to-date survey of territorial conditions. Speaking of village councils he said 'twas sad to find bribery, corruption and extortion in these councils equal to that in our own more civilised ones. . . . "Chin" must have found a big difference in the post-war native, to make a statement like that. . . . When Mrs. E. J. Hallstrom returned last month from a holiday in Moresby she exhibited paintings she had done on the trip. . . . Peter, only son of the late A. A. Chauncy and Mrs. J. Goldhill, was married on October 6 to Miss Jill Throsby of NSW.

The Royal and Ancient Game of Pua

By John Rolley

EVERY Monday in Aitutaki, Cook Islands, there is a holiday. The Post Office and the few stores close down, copra-making is abandoned, and work on the island ceases so that all may devote their time to playing in, or watching the Pua competitions.

The game of Pua is Aitutaki's national sport. It originated in Aitutaki, I was told, and is played in only one other Pacific island. It is mentioned in stories of the old days, as told by the Koreros or speakers for the island. The word pua means roll, or trundle.

A disc of very hard and heavy wood is used, thick in the middle and tapering towards a rim three quarters of an inch thick. The diameter of this elliptical disc is four to six inches.

It is called a pua and is held and thrown much as a bowler holds and delivers his bowl, only with much more vigour. In this game, distance counts more than position.

Around the circumference of the Pua is wound about four feet of a fibrous substance like raffia, called kiriau, made from the bark of the Parau tree. Three fingers clutch the end of the kiriau, the index finger is curved along the rim, holding the pua upright against the palm of the hand.

Each player takes a run, and at a line marked across the dusty road, gives a mighty leap. At the same instant he flings out his arm, pulls back on the kiriau, and the pua whirls away. Spectators watch warily and children are snatched from the path of the speeding disc. A hit from it might mean a broken bone. I saw one pua, bowled with great force but bad direction, crash clean through the plaited wall of a house, pass out through the door and break a cast-iron cooking pot, before coming to rest.

The record throw for the island is 1,096 feet (over half a mile!) which, considering the bumpy and winding condition of the roads is remarkable.

THERE is keen competition between villages and teams of up to thirty players engage in the sport, "at home," or "away" in rotation. Of course, visiting teams are regaled with enormous feasts, and I suspect there is more in it than mere hospitality. The hosts press food and drink upon the visitors hoping, perhaps, that their distended bellies will detract from their throwing efficiency.

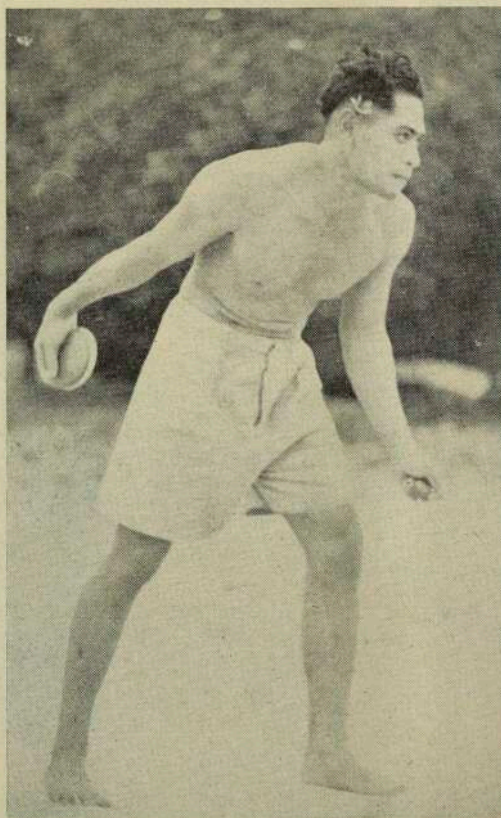
I remember one interesting and exciting Monday well. The morning was spent with the Superintendent of Agriculture who was over from Rarotonga to initiate an orange replanting scheme.

There was a notable atmosphere of excitement right from the time we met to go on the job. I'm sure not one of us was thinking much about orange trees, or about how far one peg should be from another. They were thinking of Pua. Wondering whether Amuri village would throw first, or Tautua; who would win the toss for ends, and if the wind would be in their favour; vaguely hoping that a new record would be set.

Of course I went to Pua, but because of past experience I decided to have no lunch before setting out (a wise precaution for any visitor to the island to take, if going to a Pua tournament). Davida and I, and another cobbler, walked the two miles to Waipai and sure enough almost as soon as we arrived we were invited to a big Kaikai. It was only the first of several during the afternoon.

During the match the excitement was terrific. Every rolling Pua was watched closely. Any likely to score were followed along the road as their speed decreased, by a mob of boys and girls and naked kids, also the umpire with a large flag in each hand. If there was a score, a mighty shout went up.

What with the excitement, the Kaikai, the crowd, bright clothes and leis of sweet-scented frangipani and Tiare maori—and some of the boys having a little too much bush-beer—it was a real gala day.



A Pua player about to make a throw.

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PANIC IN THE PLACE

By "Daika."

THE night before, there had been Tultuls and Boss-Boys standing on the hilltops surrounding the "place," sending the talk by the method employed for maybe thousands of years by their ancestors. The white man with all his magic, had not as yet introduced a better method of communication for them than that of sending the talk on the wind.

They had shouted themselves almost hoarse; but, before retiring—much later that night than normally—they had the satisfaction of hearing the talk picked up and passed along by kanakas in the far distant villages.

That morning, around 5.30—a most ungodly hour for these people—the old Luluwai appeared on the scene, very sluggish and sleepy-looking, but intent, and purposefulness showing in every line of his aged countenance. He started the verbal ball rolling again. After yelling at the top of his lungs, and hearing his message picked up and passed away into the distance in the same manner as the previous night, he squatted down on the road and, with his homemade shovel—made from metal salvaged from a war-wrecked DC3—commenced energetically to clean the weeds from the roadside, and from out of the ditches.

Something was happening; and, whatever it was, must be pretty important—usually the Luluwai hammered some of his line into doing his dirty work while he just directed the proceedings.

After a short time he was joined by a couple of natives, who looked as though they were walking in their sleep. As soon as he saw them, the Luluwai jabbered at them harshly and they, too,

squatted down and began clearing weeds off the road and out of the ditches.

Every few minutes they were joined by increasing numbers of natives, all of them looking as though they had been on a binge the night before, but all with the same grim and purposeful expression as that worn by the Luluwai.

The meris arrived on the scene, followed by crowds of pikininis and half-starved dogs. The women were immediately put to work sweeping the road with their brush brooms, and the children were exhorted to keep out of the way, for heaven's sake, and if they couldn't assist themselves to let the adults get some work done.

The Luluwai had by this time handed over his shovel to a subordinate, and was racing round with a worried look on his old face, directing operations. Every now and then he would cast an anxious eye at the sun, and then jabber furiously at the kanakas. Whatever he said must have had some power behind it, because all bent their backs and, if possible, worked harder and faster.

After this, the Luluwai and his retinue of Tultuls repaired to the Government Rest-House. They conducted a tour of all the rooms, any fault found being immediately remedied, and then out into the surrounding grounds. They yelled for some of their minions and gave them instructions.

Women went into the Rest House with their brooms; men went into the bush and returned with ferns and coloured leaves, these being tied with native rope around the doorway, to form an arch.

Meanwhile, outside the older children were pulling flowers and scattering the petals over the roadway . . .

A EUROPEAN missionary living near the station, awakened by the unaccustomed yelling and talking kanakas so early in the morning, walked out to the front of his house in a bathrobe. Seeing the excitement, he sent his cookboy to investigate.

The boy returned to report very excitedly: "The Kiap¹ is coming!"

¹ In Pidgin, "place" is a village or district; to "talk-place" is to speak in local dialect.

² Kiap is Government official—a term usually reserved for District Officer, ADO, Patrol Officer.

THE BATH

By "South Seas"

THE white folk were building a wonderful new sanatorium high up on the hill. It had all the most modern conveniences, such as the old hospital on the beach had never known. It must truly be the finest hospital in all the South Seas.

When this magnificent place was almost finished, it became the fashion for picnic parties of natives from the villages to hire a lorry on Sundays and go up the hill for an inspection.

The walls of this new place were of pale green, shiny and delightful to warm brown hands; but the chief attractions were the gleaming white baths.

These, indeed, were wonders of comfort and delight—especially after the old kind, which consisted merely of a raised tap behind a shoulder-high barricade of plaited coconut-leaves. Then, when you bathed, it was almost a public performance. Passers-by in cars gazed at you in open interest, and, if the bather was tall enough, he gazed back, or waved gaily if he recognised a friend.

A slim young thing, with a laughing copper-coloured face, suggested, giggling, that one of them should try the bath, and she pushed forward a stout matron, teetering uneasily on high-heeled shoes. Mama looked at the white bath, and her unhappy feet seemed to burn and pinch even more than before; perhaps the cool of the enamel might soothe them.

It was a tight fit. The sides were certainly cold and smooth; but where would the water fit in. It would be impossible to move sufficiently to wash. "It is not much good!" said Mama. "Our old taps were better. You can see for yourselves there is no room to spare!"

Her friends pressed forward anxiously to test the truth of Mama's word, and to admire her courage. Those in front were almost forced in on top of her by the pressure from behind, and the heat in the little room became unbearable.

Mama struggled to get up, but on that gleaming white surface her high-heeled shoes slithered and scraped and each slip sent needles of fire through her cramped toes.

"Aie-Aie!" screamed Mama wildly, "get me out of this!"

Willing hands came quickly to her aid; but there were too many helpers. Some pushed, some pulled, others tugged in still another direction. Each time that Mama got almost to her feet, the un-nerved helpers let her go, while they clung to one another in helpless laughter.

At last even this fun began to pall. "Take off her shoes!" called the slim girl. Wonderful idea! Why hadn't someone thought of it before? Now she could use her feet.

Well, she had given them some merriment, fat, old Mama, and they helped her kindly out to the doorstep and fanned her with a palm leaf, while she drank the milk from a young nut in great delicious gulps.

PIM Crossquiz — No. 10

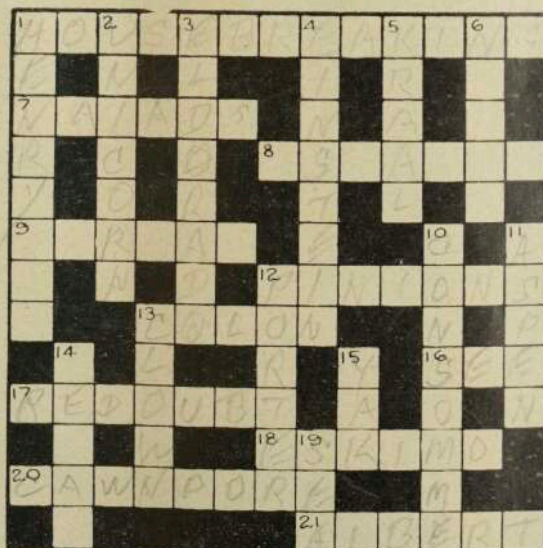
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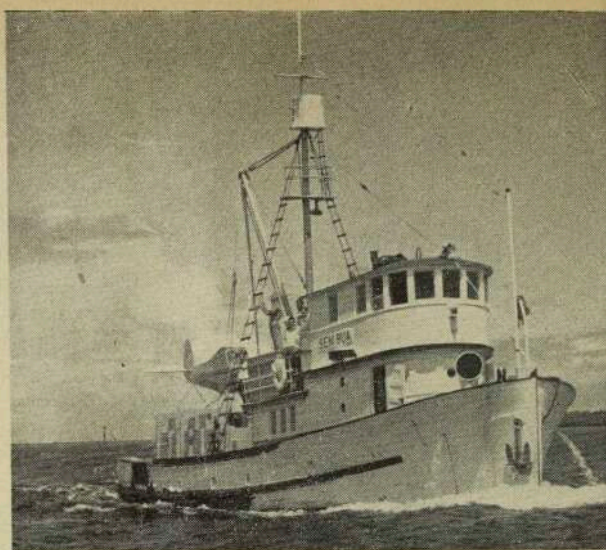
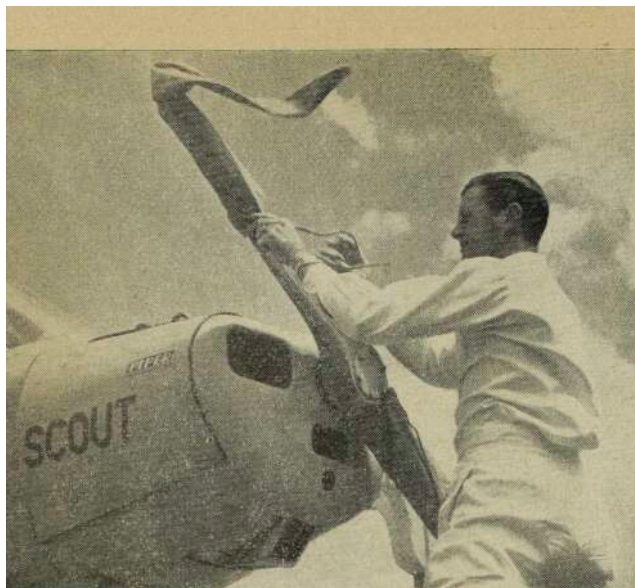
ACROSS.

- 1.—What crime cannot be committed at night?
- 7.—In Greek mythology, who are the nymphs of fresh-water fountains?
- 8.—Who was the dancer in "Holiday Inn"?
- 9.—What adjective pertains to the spring?
- 12.—What are attached to the "little ends" in a car?
- 13.—Which Panamanian city has the same name as a punctuation mark?
- 16.—What is the term for the jurisdiction of a bishop?
- 17.—From what army field-work is there no retreat?
- 18.—Who would use a kayak?
- 20.—Which city was the scene of fearful atrocities during the Indian Mutiny of 1857?
- 21.—Who was Victoria's consort?

DOWN.

- 1.—Who was the first of the Tudors?
- 2.—What is the symbol of Scotland on the Royal Coat of Arms?
- 3.—What fabulous country did the Spaniards believe they had found in South America?
- 4.—Which Princeton professor is famous for his research in mathematical physics?
- 5.—What is the term for an African village?
- 6.—What was George Washington Carver?
- 10.—On a menu, what is the clear soup?
- 11.—From what tree is it said, the Lord's cross was made?
- 12.—Who composed "Night and Day"?
- 13.—What was Grimall?
- 14.—Baroness Orczy wrote "I Will . . ."
- 15.—What creature is peculiar to Tibet?
- 19.—What has been named after Bering?





THE FISHING'S BETTER DOWN SOUTH

AFTER many alarms and much chest thumping, the Fiji tuna clipper, *Senibua*, which arrived in Sydney from Suva on September 24, has been graciously permitted to fish off the NSW coast. To be sure there are "conditions." But *Senibua* can fish—that is the important thing.

For a while it seemed that Mr. Evatt, NSW Chief Secretary upon whose yea or nay the venture depended, was going to emulate his brother, Dr. Evatt, who scared the Americans off Manus naval base. *Senibua's* operations off the NSW coast are at present merely experimental; perhaps Mr. D. M. Hayward, managing director of South Sea Marine Products was able to convince Mr. Evatt of this.

Senibua brought her own spotting plane, which caused considerable interest when the small vessel reached Sydney. Tuna fishing is not new to New South Wales—about 1,000 tons were caught and canned last year—but spotting from planes and fishing with poles is new to local fishermen.

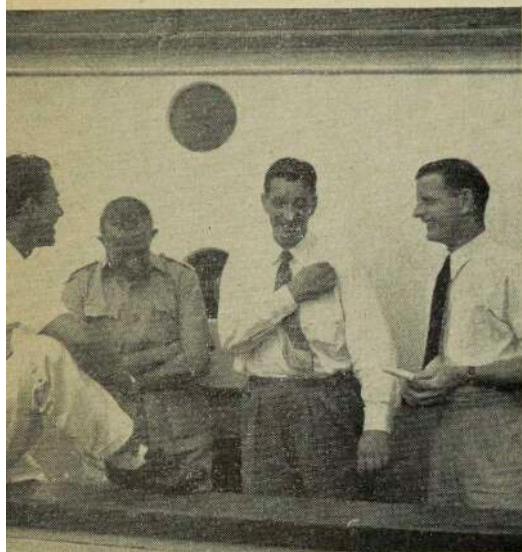
Apparently tuna is one of those things met with only in cans—if it is sold fresh, it apparently goes under another name. The can, as in pineapple, salmon and asparagus, improves the flavour.

Our top photograph shows Pilot Lennon making his spotting plane ready for the voyage to Sydney. On the right, *Senibua* clears Suva harbour, southward bound.

Bottom left are some of the personnel of South Sea Marine Products on board *Senibua* in Suva. They are: (left to right) Mr. O. Wright (operations superintendent); Mr. T. Withers (stores) Mr. D. Hayward (managing director) and Mr. K. McFarlane (secretary).

Lower right shows the South Seas Marine Products base in Suva (*Senibua* just pulling out)—bait vessels, tuna clippers and refrigerator ship. The company had just about everything in Fiji—except tuna that played according to the rules.

Let's hope the company has better fishing further south.



Tropicalities

EVEN New Guinea is cashing in on the Australian wool boom (maybe even adding to the "price spiral"). Non-dugl Romney Marsh sheep have been shorn and a bale of their wool has been sold at auction in Sydney. We do not know how much it brought.

The sheep were flown to the Central New Guinea Highlands a couple of years ago for Mr. E. J. Hallstrom. They are held in trust for the natives of the area and it was hoped that the sheep would raise their standard of living—at least give them something more to keep out the cold than a few yards of string mesh.

The sheep are reported to have become acclimatised and to be doing well.

AUSTRALIA may get her timber from the Bulolo Valley after all. Mr. McAdam, secretary of the Papua-New Guinea Forest Department said recently that his department could cut 10 million super feet of klinki pine annually from the Bulolo Valley for the next 50 years—and make some of it available for Australia.

Mr. McAdam gave evidence in the famous New Guinea Timber Lease cases of a year or so ago—cases which involved this same timber—and in which Mr. E. J. Ward, then Minister for External Territories, Mr. Jock Garden, Harcourt Garden, Mr. Ray Parer, the late Edward Farrell and the Brisbane timber firm of Hancock and Gore also made appearances.

Mr. Ward was proved (by Royal Commission) to have had nothing to do with the events that led up to the scandal; Mr. Jock Garden went to jail for three years for forgery; Jock Garden, Harcourt Garden and Ray Parer were found not guilty of conspiracy to defraud Hancock and Gore; and Edward Farrell, pleading ill-health, escaped trial.

THE long-run Broadway musical, South Pacific (which is based on James Michener's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *Tales from the South Pacific*) is having an effect, it is said, on American fashions. Hawaiian and Polynesian fashions and prints with Chinese motifs and rich African designs are the vogue.

South Pacific was not, of course, set in Hawaii or Polynesia or China or Africa—but in the New Hebrides (mostly). That is of little importance to the fashion designers, nor does it alter the fact that the play is a world beater having collected a round dozen awards of various kinds. But it is not likely that the musical version has much resemblance to real life in the Hebrides.

(Although Australia has not yet seen the play, African prints are fashionable there too—one shop advertises them as "African prints made in France." If you are interested—they look like tapa cloth from Fiji and some parts of Polynesia.)

JAMES A. MICHENER has written another novel (*The Fires of Spring*) the English edition of which has recently been published. The story is set in America.

Mr. and Mrs. Michener, who did a thorough job of touring the South West Pacific, Polynesia and Australia last year, are now back in Pennsylvania. An article which Mr. Michener has written about Australia will appear in the November issue of the American magazine *Holiday*.

FIJIAN authorities have decided that Fiji is unlikely to have a "champion eater" to make any sort of showing against the amazing record of a Maori whom the New Zealand Press has lately claimed as the Dominion's champion.

The only possible contender, it is said, is Isimeli, nicknamed Bulumakau, of Ra, a 45-years-old descendant of a line of substantial eaters. At different stages in his career, Isimeli has been a warder at the Suva Gaol and ship's cook in the cutter Tui Valavala. A meal of a dozen tins of bully beef is not unusual for him, and on a famous occasion he was given a brisk telling-off by the captain of the Tui Valavala for stowing away three days' supply of beef at a single sitting.

In 1947 he cleaned up a 40 lb. tin of biscuits, helped down by tea, at Levuka, but his most notable feat was at Taveuni, where he disposed of a whole roasted cow and a sizable quantity of dalo (taro) in short time.—S.

TWO sections of the community are traditionally permitted to wear beards—sailors and artists. Therefore, our friend Brett Hilder, skipper of Burns Philp's Morinda and painter of watercolours, is doubly entitled to have one.

No mere woman—or none I have known—admit to admiring beards, as



Tekeaki.

such, so I leave that subject alone, but when they are red they are certainly eye-catching.

I first met artist/mariner Hilder before the war in Rabaul. He was skipper of BP's small *Maiwara* and had only an academic interest in art. But he had a red beard because, I was told, he was young for a ship's captain, and the beard made him look "more experienced."

Maybe this was so. Soon came the war and as a Naval reservist he was called up and seconded to the RAAF as navigation instructor at Point Cook, near Melbourne. Later, the secondment became a permanent transfer. One day I had an appointment to meet him on the corner of a Melbourne street. Expecting a red-bearded Naval officer, it rocked me to be accosted by a beardless youth in Air

Force blue. Apparently the Junior Service frowns on beards so the whiskers had been sacrificed to King and country.

It was about this time that he began to paint. Occasionally he used Tilly, his wife, and me as models with results so excruciating that we resigned. But having once taken up a paint brush he evidently determined to paint well or perish, and he pursued this course as several years previously he had ruthlessly tracked and nailed down his Extra Master's ticket.

Somewhere along the years since then, in the intervals of operational flying in the Pacific and Indonesia, and later still, when he was back at sea, it was suddenly apparent that he was painting well and getting even better.

BRETT HILDER is a gift to journalists—he looks like a good story, and he is one. He received more publicity over his exhibition of Pacific Islanders in watercolours, successfully ended in Sydney recently, than most men get when they die—that's pretty good in a country where you generally have to be dead or imported to be appreciated.

He seems to like publicity—in "a nice way." Publicity hunters usually get round rather fast to saying: "I don't care a thing for publicity, personally, but . . ." I have never heard our bearded friend say that; he laughs about it, but I think he likes it.

The small illustration herewith is Tekeaki, a Gilbertese, and the original was one of the portraits in Captain Hilder's recent exhibition. The mount is Gilbertese matting—the whole idea of the matting mounts and their execution was Tilly Hilder's. She was responsible for a large part of the success of the exhibition: it was she who coped with art critics and mad journalists, dealers, gallery directors, the curious and the interested. A few days before the exhibition opened, duty called the gallant captain and he sailed off to sea.—JT.

MAKING that pound of tea stretch:—We told you recently how two Melbourne men achieve this with a pressure-cooker; now news comes to hand of a Greek cafe proprietor in Johannesburg, South Africa, who claims that he can get 50 cups of good tea from one spoonful of tea. This feat may be a little difficult to copy as it is necessary to add also a pinch of white powder, and the formula for the white powder is the Greek's secret.

He says that he has been using the process for six years and has never had a complaint.

No reports have come in yet of Ceylon or Indian tea producers disposing of their estates or curtailing their acreages. But prospective tea planters on the New Guinea Highlands please note.

IT is extraordinary where our Pacific Islanders get to these days. Trips to the United Kingdom and USA by Fijians and Polynesians are almost commonplace but most of them go to learn something. Bauro Ratieta, a Gilbertese, however, went to the United Kingdom to teach.

In 1949 he was selected to teach Gilbertese for one year in the London School of Oriental and African Studies. His term there was extended for six months so he will not be returning to the G & E Colony until early next year. When he does go back he will take with him one of his pupils—a Mr. Hughes who will carry out linguistic research in the Gilberts. Bauro has already taught him to speak Gilbertese.

(Continued next page.)

Apart from his work at the School, Bauro Ratieta has not been idle during his time in Britain. He has given two BBC broadcasts, completed a lecture tour of the Midlands, South Wales and Scotland; obtained a distinction in English in the Cambridge Lower Certificate and is now studying mathematics, history, economics and law; and he represented the G & E at the opening of "Colonial Month" in London.

As a youngster he attended King George V School at Tarawa, became clerk in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony Service, was promoted to Assistant District Officer in 1945 and became Public Relations Officer in 1948.

SOMETIMES a little dash of humour can brighten up the end of a sultry Suva day and the following incident rather appealed to me.

A friend of mine invariably answers his office phone by grabbing the receiver and yelling "Robinson" in a very loud voice. A little while ago he engaged an old Indian to do the odd chores around the office, such as sweeping out, cleaning windows, etc.

On this particular afternoon I rang my friend rather late in the day and he must have left the office, for instead of his double forte baritone answering me, a squeaky little Indian voice stammered "Robinson."—PERETI.

"Kindly Remove the Jungle!"

THIS letter, written by an Indian storekeeper, was sent to the Town Clerk of a Fiji town.

Dear Sir,

I wish to draw your notice to the present condition of the part of the town mentioned above.

This place seems to have been neglected oftener than any other. The authorities, i.e., Sanitary Inspectors, are found very keen on impressing the general cleanliness of the individuals compounds. That is all very good, Sir, but a little negligence in the vicinity lets the name of the town down and that being the adjoining stretch of land nearest to the road. This area gives a sort of impression to the visitor that it has never met the eye of average human.

I am not prejudiced minded, Sir, to give my opinion rather frankly, but I feel it to be my duty to draw your attention to this small but very necessary thing.

I wish to give example of what I mean: The growth of grass on either side of my shop is approximately 4½ to 5 feet long. This is not only a sort of obstacle to my intended business, but it is simply against the hygienic rule.

I presume, Sir, I have expressed my opinion quite freely and told you what I thought I should inform you. Now I am looking forward for your kind orders for the removal of such jungle.

Thanking you,

I remain,

Sir, Etc., Etc.

The Rev. Arnold Maahs, of the Lutheran Mission, Finschhafen, NG, is now in South Australia with about five miles of movie film which he has taken in all parts of the New Guinea mainland in the last five years. The film will be shown in at least 100 Australian cities and towns and collections will be taken up to help rebuild a native hospital in Finschhafen which was destroyed during World War II.

Short Story:

Travail in Tahiti

By Ward Holm Tanzer

IT was during my second week in Tahiti that I ran across my old school-mate, Fred Avakian, from Fresno, California.

I had been in Papeete. Cycling back along the Rue de la Ceinture, I stopped at the Chinaman's store in Punaauia District for a drinking coconut. The interior of the grocery, a small clapboard building set back under two flamboyant trees, was dark with shadow. Slowly I distinguished among the native customers a thin, bald-headed man in a red pereu shirt sitting on the counter. I heard him clear his throat as I asked the Chinaman for a green nut. A moment later he slid to the floor and said, "Hello, Joe Wood."

The voice, deep and rasping, was a familiar one. But the face possessed nothing recognizable. It was long, hollow-cheeked. A great nose fell in a Levantine hook over a black moustache, under which white teeth gleamed. He had but one eye. My "Hello" was uncertain.

His grin widened. Thrusting forth his hand, he chanted, "Fight 'em, butt 'em; that's our custom, Fresno Junior High!"

"Fred Avakian!" I said.

"At your service." He bowed.

I stood dumbly for a moment, trying to reconcile memories of Fred. The sunken socket, which drew my glance in spite of my efforts, lent his face an alien look. Only Fred's posture seemed the same. Even as we grinned foolishly at each other, his rump was backing toward the counter, his body assuming the lines of a lazy curve. He said now, "Funny, huh? . . . you and I meeting up way down here in Tahiti. You going to be here for a while?"

When I said a couple of months, he said, "I've lived here ten years." His one eye rolled toward the Chinaman coming with my drinking coconut. He waved the nut aside. "Put your money back and come to my house," he said. "My vahine just made a batch of orange beer." The brown eye circled to the sunlit doorway. "I want you to meet my family."

It was early, not yet four o'clock. I was staying at Rivnac's only two kilometers up the road.

"I have to check out my road crew first, but that won't take me long." He pushed himself into an upright position and put his pandanus hat on his head. "I have a job. Overseer for the Travaux Publiques."

The idea of Fred's being identified with any sort of labour gave me pause. But there was no time for comment; he was leading the way through the door. Gracefully Fred slithered onto the seat of a blue bicycle with a yellow purau blossom stuck under the bell on the handle bars.

We rode for perhaps a half mile, with Moorea Island rising lazily out of the blue mists of the sea on our left, the inland mountains of Tahiti to our right. Fred sat far back on his bicycle seat, his knees comfortably awry. He said, "My crew repairs the surface of the road one day and cuts grass the next." He gestured toward the high growths of matie grass lining the coral-packed roadbed. "When you passed my crew were they working?"

As I remembered, the men by the Punaauia bridge had appeared active enough, though from my acquaintance with Tahitians, I knew they usually assumed a reclining position the moment the boss left.

We had rounded Punaauia Point now and could see Fred's labourers, perhaps a dozen of them, slowly swinging machetes in the lush matie. He fixed his eye sternly upon them and stopped beside the last workman, a small, impish native whose back was quite dry. The other labourers glistened with sweat. To the little fellow Fred spoke sharply in Tahitian, rode perhaps fifty feet farther, and then stopped. "That one is a trouble-maker," he said to me. "His name is Leo. I have assigned him extra duty for tomorrow."

With that, he laid down his bicycle and strode across the road to a fence post, one of those which had taken root in Tahiti's rich, damp soil. Carefully Fred separated the shoots growing from the top of the post and withdrew a small, round object. With a quick motion, he pulled forward his right eyelid and popped the glass eye into the empty socket. It was blue and tracked off in the direction of the bridge as he returned to his bicycle. The brown one fixed on me. "We will repair to my house now where we can relax."

FRED'S house, a small frame building with a galvanised roof standing by Punaauia lagoon, was unpainted but tidy. Fresh blue pareu curtains swayed in the windows. At a creek running by the verandah, a big Tahitian vahine woman was pounding the laundry with a stone. At Fred's whistle, she looked up, smiled, and pushed aside her hair with the back of her soapy hand. As she waddled toward us, Fred said, "This is my vahine, Totoi."

Totoi wiped her big hand on the skirt of her black mother Hubbard dress and shook my hand vigorously. "Hoa popaa?" Fred nodded. "Old friend. From Fresno."

"Fresno?" From the look in her eyes, I guessed that Fred had spoken often of his home town. "Meme ville! You big lover, too?" She chuckled and beckoned to two tiny, naked girls sitting round-eyed on a coconut log.

"Haere mai!" Fred ordered. As the two edged forward, he called over their heads at two young boys washing a horse in the lagoon.

Pointing to the little girls, who hid their faces against their mother's thigh, Fred said, "These are our latest. Being twins, they're objects of great curiosity in Tahiti." Both had light, creamy skins and mischievous black eyes. "Do you think they look like Tahitians or Fresno Indians?" Fred asked.

It had been years since I heard the old Fresno nickname for Armenians. I laughed and said they were mighty cute, whichever side they favoured.

One of the boys looked about ten—a chubby lad with Fred's remembered growth of lank, black hair. The younger was slim. Out of his grave, brown face two blue eyes peered. "That one is Sherwood," Fred explained. "You remember Miss Sherwood from Junior High?"

I had not thought of her for ages. "Our English teacher?"

"Yes. The only one I ever got along with." She had allowed Fred to write poems, I remembered, while the rest of us toiled over themes. He said, "She's the inspiration of my real work in Tahiti." Without explaining the nature

of this endeavour, he continued, "Sherwood here had heard me speak of her so often, he named himself after her. The older boy calls himself Oto-mobile."

Was it a Tahitian custom for children to name themselves, I asked.

"Oh, no, I just think it helps place a child with himself and his environment. The twins will decide what their names will be later. Now they go by the titles the midwife gave them. This one is Moonlight-Which-Whitens-the-Skin and the one on your knee is Hands-of-the-Goddess-Pele. We call them Moony and Goddy. Let's go into the house."

As I set the twin on the ground, Fred saw my glance wander back to Sherwood. Fred said, "Good looking, huh?"

I nodded.

Fred yawned and pushed back his hat. "We love Sherwood equally with the others, even though he is what you might term an error arising out of the July Fourteenth Fete several years ago. So many faces, such confusion. Totoi called him the Fall of the Bastille until he named himself. We were grateful it wasn't a Chinaman. Oto-mobile, bring some orange beer."

The admiring family group broke up. Totoi returned to her washing—followed by Moony and Goddy. Sherwood ran after the horse, and Oto-Mobile brought pungent orange brew from the cooler in the creek.

"Now, tell me about yourself and Fresno," said Fred, rolling a Tahitian cigarette.

As I obliged him, Fred sighed and took a deep drink of beer. "Someday I must re-visit Fresno, to prove to myself that my philosophy is right. Perhaps when I get the coconut grove paid for. Life is all work at this stage." He pointed to the grove. "Besides the responsibilities here, I carry a full load down on the road, as you know. And, of course, there is my serious work . . ." But he brushed it aside, to describe the operation of his three hectares of coconut trees—how Sherwood picked up the nuts as they fell, how Totoi split them, how Oto-mobile gouged out the meat and the sun dried the lot of it into copra. Then the Chinaman sacked it and took the loads into Papeete. "Four times a year I go through that ordeal," he sighed.

"Do you have to plough or fertilize?"

His two eyes crossed in a look of incredulity. "Why?"

I had assumed there were responsibilities of some sort. "You just let the nuts drop?" I asked.

I finished my beer. As I got up to go, Fred said, "Tomorrow you must come back and appraise my efforts in translation." He smiled at my look of confusion. Pointing behind him to a small table stacked with books and papers, he said, "There is my real work. I am translating Homer's *Odyssey* into Tahitian. The curator of the museum in Papeete has reserved a glass case." When I said nothing, he patted the arms of his chair. "Each morning I sit here and reflect and in the afternoon I translate. I have completed twenty-eight pages."

As I expressed my admiration for such an ambitious project, Fred's face broke into a charming smile. We left the verandah and joined Totoi and the children behind the house. "You say you'll be here through August?" Fred asked. "Good. You can come to our wedding."

I looked at him blankly. "Totoi and I are taking the step as a favour to the Puanaaia missionary, Reverend Dent,

a friend of mine," Fred explained. "His church is just down from the Chinaman's. He has to send in his report to the Boston Missionary Society for the year ending June 30th and he's short on marriages performed." He punched Totoi. "We told him we'd throw in our weight if he fell short of his quota, didn't we?"

Totoi gave a good-natured grunt of contempt.

Fred added, "Couples with offspring are called Reclamations in the report and count two."



DURING the succeeding two weeks, I dropped by chez Avakian frequently. I saw Fred's manuscript, the first ten pages of which were written in green ink on white paper, the second ten in black ink on yellow sheets, and the last eight—this comprised his total for three years—were done in green ink on the backs of blank Travaux Publiques reports, which were blue. Scrolls and doodles illuminated the margins. When I asked who would read the finished product, he said, "Posterity." The significance of this often commanded his entire thoughts during his "think-period" in the morning, he said, and spurred him toward greater efforts in the afternoon. But, of late his tranquility had been interrupted by intrusions, the wedding for one thing, his road crew for another—Leo in particular. Through the "coconut radio" I heard that during a wind storm Fred's glass eye had rolled from its perch upon the fence post. Leo, in a burst of bravado, had picked it up, found it to be glass and therefore devoid of magic. It was only a matter of time until Fred found out that the crew laboured only when he arrived on the scene in the morning with the glass eye and when he returned at night to pick it up.

It was under these precarious circumstances that Fred's wedding day dawned, June 29, the day before the preacher sent in his Activities Report to Boston.

I had been asked to give the bride away. The ceremony was set for ten. At a quarter to, I had arrived on my bicycle at the Puanaaia chapel, a white frame building with an enormous steeple which pierced the green canopy of palms on the shore side of the Rue de la Ceinture. On the steps stood Fred's friend, the Reverend Mr. Dent, his fat, smiling face already beaded with sweat, his pince-nez glasses fogged by the morning's humidity. As we shook hands, I could see Dent's barefoot Tahitian sexton sitting on the floor of the vestibule, ready to toll the steeple bell. Over the backs of the pews inside, the dark heads of a few early arrivals lolled. From the piano came the sound of Mrs. Dent warming up with scales.

"Did you remember the ring?" asked the Reverend.

From my shorts pocket I drew forth an old fraternity ring, which I had promised Totoi as a wedding gift. Taking it, Dent said, "Fred sent word they'd be a little late. On the way here, one of the twins took off her dress and threw it in the creek. They're drying it at the Chinaman's."

He patted the license in his pocket. "You know how the folks back home are, they want evidence from the field, in black and white." Blowing his nose, he turned and nodded at an old Tahitian couple plodding up the walk. The man, carrying a fighting cock, stopped to tether the bird at a banana stalk. As he climbed the steps behind his bent vahine,

he smiled timidly at Dent, who shook his head.

When the natives had passed inside, Dent said, "That old boy certainly caused me trouble getting this licence in town. He and the old woman are Totoi's feeding parents, took her when she was a baby from her own folk in exchange for a boy, the way they do down here. When the Registrar of Births canvassed the District, the old man gave the sex of his own child instead of Totoi's. So on the books she was a male. We had the dickens of a time convincing the Licence Clerk yesterday in town . . . you know the French. Even though Fred presented the four children as evidence, we had to send all the way out to the District for the old man to attest . . ." He broke off.

An automobile had stopped outside the church. Dent said, "Here comes the Commissaire des Travaux Publiques." After greeting us both, the official removed his sun helmet, bowed again to Dent and passed into the Church. The Reverend said, "He's very fond of Fred, gave him two bottles of Scotch for a wedding present and is going to give them a ride back to the house in his Plymouth."

"Does he know about the trick Fred has been playing with his glass eye?"

"Oh, yes. He doesn't care, as long as the work progresses." Dent called to his wife to begin the music and motioned for the sexton to pull the rope.

Preceded by a cloud of coral dust, the Avakian family rounded the clump of banana plants in front of the church. Totoi's figure—set off in a flowered mother Hubbard, with the waist taken in for style—dominated the group. Beside her hopped the two boys, sporting their first pairs of pants, blue jeans ordered from Papeete. Moony and Goddy, the twins, wore new dresses cut from blue pareu cloth left over from the curtains. Last to appear was Fred in a tropic-yellowed steward's uniform with S.S. Manganui embroidered on the pocket. "My friends!" he called. Wiping his forehead, he pumped our hands. "What do we do now?"

"Get the children in first," Dent said, giving the sexton the order to silence the bell.

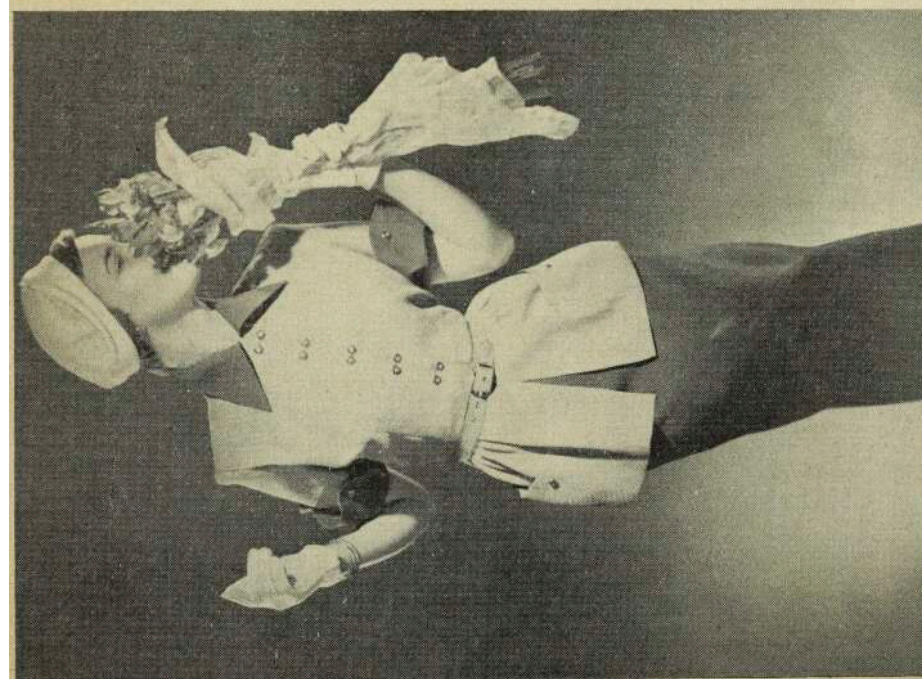
"Omaha, omaha!" cried the twin in the wet dress.

"Shut up!" yelled Fred. "Come here, Totoi." Sherwood helped her on with her shoes and rescued from the clutch of the dry twin Totoi's bouquet, a bunch of hibiscus tied together with a string from which two emblems of White Horse Scotch dangled for decoration.

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From Our Own Correspondent

MANGAIA, Cook Is.

THE cliff-village traffic tunnel, which is the most ambitious Public Works project ever attempted here on Mangaia, Cook Is., is being pierced, after the completion of a deep cutting in the Maka-tea highway, and a rock-crusher is now in operation. Driven from a power-hub on the PW tractor, this formidable machine, the heaviest metal item ever landed, chews up coral rock between massive iron jaws, and is a source of interest to the villagers, nothing like it having been seen here before.

The forty-foot cutting was originally made to lay the angle at which the highway will lead into the planned tunnel, and for which Major W. H. Ryan, our energetic RA, who is an engineer, did the preliminary surveying.



Ambulance for Apia

THIS up-to-date ambulance is now in use in Apia, Western Samoa. AMP Iakopo is shown standing beside it

—Superflash photo.

In view of its great historical value, an attempt is to be made to preserve the famous cliff steps, a relic of heathen times. These, at present the only approach to the cliff-village, consist of great blocks of stone, laid (and roughly squared) entirely by human labour—slaves, if old legend be accurate. It was formerly proposed to fill the stairway in entirely, but revised plans allow for the retention of a portion of it as a concession to the archaeologist.

Our "ole in the road" is now illuminated at night, for the sake of safety, even when the moon is full. It has already claimed a "human sacrifice," in the best palae-Polynesian tradition—a village drunk who tumbled-in at the shallower end, fortunately without sustaining worse injury than a few bruises.

The completion of the project will enable the island's fleet of trucks, increasing each season, to proceed direct to the cargo-sheds, eliminating the present detour of two miles necessitated by the old road to the beach, made in 1930 by Captain Wilcox. Before that, pack-horses struggled down the steps. For all minor purposes, such as bringing-up sand for floors from the beach, they still do; and of course, pedestrians use them at all times to reach the lower levels.

Miss Kathleen O'Callaghan, a South Australian nurse who will relieve the matron of Nauru hospital for six months, was the only passenger on a Norwegian freighter which left Adelaide for Nauru at the end of September.

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Mrs. H. E. Maude, wife of the member for Social Development on the South Pacific Commission, was guest-speaker at the South Australian Women's Association in Sydney in September.

Yachts Meet at Avarua

From Our Own Correspondent

Rarotonga, Sept. 15.

THE Avarua wharf at Rarotonga is a very busy place these days, no less than seven small craft being tied up there.

Mr. Dick Brown seems determined to acquire a private fleet. His Mahurangi is back again, and on her starboard side the Karoro wobbles about with her usual

lack of dignity, to port the Marie proudly floats once more. (About a year ago Mr. Frank Donat wrecked this little boat bringing her into the anchorage. Mr. Brown bought the wreck and with typical Rarotongan flourishes patched her up, intending her for use in Manihiki.

In front of the government ketch Ranui lies the Debonair, fresh down from Tahiti. She is owned and sailed by Mr. and Mrs. Fisk who have brought her from England and are on their way to settle in New Zealand, taking their two small children along as well. The Fisks, recently in the Indian service, knew nothing of small boat sailing when they left England, and confess that they know little more now after coming almost across the world. They admit also that they are still martyrs to sea-sickness and while at sea exist on a diet of dramamine and hope.

Over on the other side of the quay and only semi-detached lies the Stort-Brecker which can only be described as rakish. She is owned and sailed by Dr. J. Evans, also late of the Indian service, while a young Norwegian, Frank Jensen acts as crew. Dr. Evans brought the Stort-Brecker all the way from Norway and has been over a year on the way. He is thoroughly enjoying a well-earned retirement from the social and medical obligations of a colonial doctor by wandering round the world in his own time, and the more haphazard things are, the more he likes it.

With this congestion Rarotongan old-timers are hoping that we are not suddenly visited with a tidal wave.

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Even Prices at the Bung Are Going Up and Up

IN Rabaul, on Saturday, all roads lead to the Bung. (Pidgin for the local native market.)

There was a time when all you needed was sixpence in your pocket, and a strong pair of elbows to push your way through thronging natives. To-day, you need considerably more in your pockets if you want to do more than look.

For sixpence once, you could buy things which would have astonished the Southern housewife: A delicate piece of coral, sundried to brilliant whiteness; a sheaf of galup nuts (and until you have tasted the galup you have never eaten a delicious nut); a bundle of fresh young corn; a basket of tomatoes; a pumpkin; a comb for your hair; a broom for your floor; or even a pair of brilliantly plumed love-birds, or a cocky "guaranteed" to talk. Of course, you had to realise that the Pidgin word "behain," was much the same as "manana," and might never come, but you were assured that your bird would talk—"behain"!

Mostly, payment for goods was tendered in the form of sticks of twist tobacco, one stick of which was equivalent to sixpence. But to-day there is a marked tendency among the natives to ask for "marks" or silver, in preference to tobacco. This is part of the growing sophistication of the native who shows an increasing preference for the white man's tobacco and cigarettes.

To-day there is a great discontent among the European shoppers at the Bung, who feel they are being greatly overcharged. Where a basket of tomatoes or a bunch of spinach was once only sixpence, to-day the native will sell nothing under one shilling—except, of course, native betel nut, which remains at its old price of sixpence. For sixpence the native can still buy enough betel nut to chew his way to a kanaka heaven.

On a green sward the Bung is set picturesquely among trees, with long open-air counters, laden with produce. Lorries, filled with native goods start rolling in from Toma, in the mountains around Rabaul Harbour, from early dawn. Many of these lorries are native-owned, and also carry native passengers at 2/- per head. Those who do not have the price of a ride will walk, sometimes leaving the previous dawn and sleeping along the roadside, in order to arrive in time for the Bung. For the native it is the great social occasion of the week when "one-talks" meet and exchange the gossip between town and village.

The prevailing feeling to-day amongst Europeans is that the natives have put up their prices in order to "get some of their own back" on the Chinese, who are prodigious shoppers at the Bung. Chinese shopkeepers consistently overcharge the natives and the latter feel that this is the one way they can retaliate. The unfortunate European, as usual, falls between the two.

In a recent letter to the Rabaul Women's Club, one European woman put forward an excellent suggestion, which, however, the Club considered too big for them to handle. She suggested that Europeans start a market garden of their own in the mountains, import a qualified agriculturist, and until such time as the gardens were self-supporting, to pay this expert and staff by public subscription. The produce thus supported would be sold in a similar market to the present native Bung, but only Europeans would be the salesmen and customers. Her husband

offered to donate the heavy agricultural equipment necessary to the project.

As it is, with the high cost of living in Rabaul, crippling to most of the white population, and with the announcement of higher import duties on so-called luxury goods, most Europeans are saying wearily: "Oh Lord, Oh Lord, where will it all end!"

—ROBERTA M. RHODES.

Mrs. Metcalfe, wife of the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe, of the Methodist Mission in BSI, recently visited her parents in New Zealand. She has now returned to the Solomons.

The Tongan Crown Prince and Premier, Prince Tungi, will make a business trip to Australia in October. He will be accompanied by his wife, Princess Mata-aho. They will travel by air.

The Hon. Tualaulalei, a member of the Legislative Assembly of Western Samoa, was in Wellington, NZ, in September. He visited Parliament, then in session, and was given a seat on the floor of the House during a debate. During his stay in NZ he had interviews with the Prime Minister, and the Acting Minister of Island Territories.

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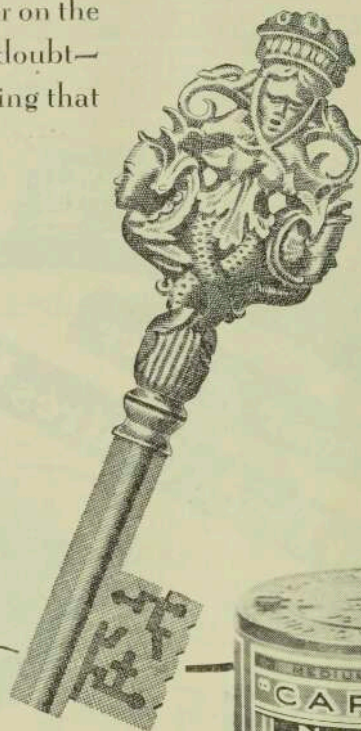
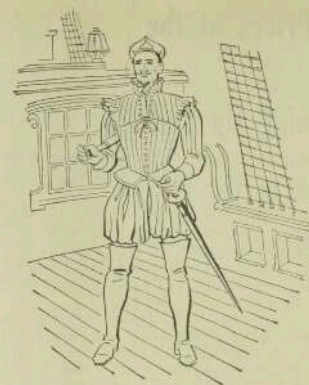
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News Notes From W. Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, September 10. SPORTSDAY for the Samoan schools of the North Coast of Upolu, Manono and Apolima was held on September 1 and 2 at the Malifa (Apolima) school grounds and attracted large crowds of interested onlookers. Thirty-eight Government and village schools and 2,000 pupils took part in a display of dancing, marching, singing, handicraft, drawing, etc., during the two-day period.

Mr. J. R. Corston, formerly of Tauranga, New Zealand, recently arrived by plane to take over the position of Superintendent of Police for the Samoan Government. He was accompanied by Mrs. Croston. Mr. M. McLeod, the former Inspector of Police, left with Mrs. McLeod for New Zealand in the last Matua. He has retired on pension.

The mysterious murder of a Samoan, Solofa, on August 19 in the centre of Apia, has so far not been solved. A burglary was committed during the night of September 4 to September 5. Thieves entered by drilling through the floor of Messrs. O. F. Nelson & Co. Ltd.'s main store at Matafele, Apia, and stole some Swiss watches and also rifled the tills. Their haul, however, was insignificant.

As a result of Samoan prosperity, building activity in Apia and the outside districts is continuing. The Church of Latter Day Saints, has set aside the sum of \$10,000 for the building of a large school at Pesega, Apia.

The London Missionary Society is building a new school building and 22 concrete family dwellings for teachers at the old-established LMS College at Malua, 12 miles west of Apia.

Messrs. Morris, Hedstrom's new business premises at Matafele, Apia are nearing completion while the new Methodist Church on Apia Main Beach near the Post Office is also well on its way to being finished.

Apart from these larger building projects, additions to existing buildings and new structures are going up everywhere, a visible sign of the continuing prosperity of European and Samoan residents of Western Samoa.

TWO PAPEETE WEDDINGS

From Our Own Correspondent

THE marriage took place in Papeete, Tahiti, on August 26 of Mlle. Claude Guilpain to M. Francois Levesque, well-known industrialist of Tahiti. Mlle. Guilpain is the daughter of a prominent local solicitor.

The ceremony was attended by Governor and Madame Anziani and other distinguished guests.

On the same day, Mlle. Jessie Fanaurui was married to M. Edwin Poroi. Both bride and groom are on the staff of the Health Department and they were about to leave Papeete to take up duties in the outlying islands of French Oceania where the natives are in need of guidance on education and hygiene.

Governor and Madame Anziani and officials of the Health Department were present at the wedding to congratulate the couple and to wish them success in their new work.

The Fiji Customs Department, which represents the United Kingdom Board of Trade in Fiji, has set up a reading room in Suva to give traders and other local buyers ready access to catalogues of United Kingdom firms and to British business directories and trade journals.

Mr. J. B. Mawson, MA, Headmaster of the Suva Boys' Grammar School, will be leaving the Colony on retirement at the end of the present school term. He will be succeeded by Mr. M. McGrath, BA, who went to the Colony from New Zealand in 1936 as an Assistant Master at Queen Victoria School and was promoted Headmaster at Levuka Public School in 1937. In 1944 he became Headmaster of Provincial School, Eastern, and two years later, Inspector of Schools. At present he is in charge of all schools in the Southern District.

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July 4 was the first anniversary of the daily news-broadcast from Radio-Tahiti. Before July, 1949, the radio was operated on a bi-weekly schedule.

A prize of two weeks' holiday in Fiji, donated by Qantas Empire Airways, was recently won by a Manly (NSW) woman, Mrs. Olga Azevedo. This was the first prize in a Lucky Blood Donors' Competition run by Red Cross in their Sydney campaign for enrolling more blood donors.

Indian Tailor-Shop Workers Want European Sympathy

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Sept. 25.

TWENTY-SEVEN employees of Indian tailoring shops at Suva have signed a letter to the Mayor of Suva (Mr.

Alport Barker), appealing to him both as Mayor and a member of the Legislative Council, to support the claims of tailoring workers to have the Labour Department fix maximum hours of work for them, as well as for other workers.

All the signatories stated that they are Fiji-born. They complain that during the war, when it was impossible for the Gujarati tailors to import young Gujarati workers from India, employers fell back on Fiji-born recruits, but that as soon as direct ships again began running between India and Fiji, local employees began to be displaced by Gujarati newcomers. The new arrivals, it is said, are more amenable to working a 12-hour day than are the Fiji-born Indians.

The present complaint is the latest of a series, mostly made in the English-language Press in the last three years.

There is no question that more or less sweated labour conditions exist, openly or secretly, in many Indian establishments, but the employers appear to have a water-tight system of stalling Government interference. The Labour Department has previously admitted its inability to cope with the problem of the tailoring workers, even though it has tacitly conceded the justice of their case.

The appeal to the Mayor ends with an expression of confidence that although Mr. Barker "represents the Europeans" he will see that "every possible step is taken to make things run more smoothly." The significance of the fact that Indians make such appeals to European representatives rather than to their own political leaders is interesting to followers of events in Fiji.

A team of amateur athletes from Auckland, NZ, will probably make a short tour of Fiji in November or December. They have been invited by Southern District Athletic Association of Fiji.

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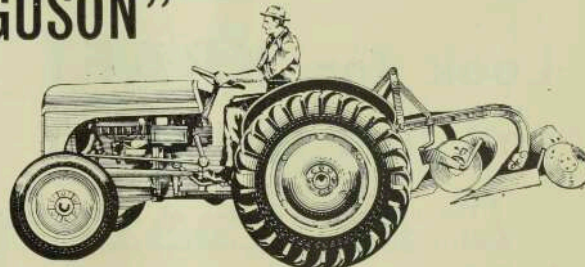
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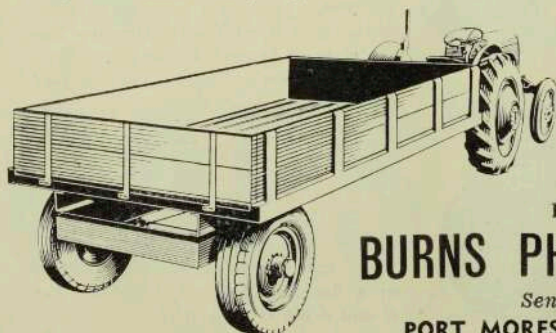
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NZ Film Unit in Cook Islands.

From Our Own Correspondent

Rarotonga, Sept. 20.

THE New Zealand Government National Film Unit is at present on location in Rarotonga with a view to producing a short film on life in the Cook Islands.

The Director of the Unit intends to cover all aspects of Island life, including Education, Health, Agriculture and Administration with, of course, a strong smattering of hula girls and waving palm trees.

Todate, the people of Rarotonga have shown excellent co-operation in the work being done, their enthusiasm never flagging although they now realise that making a moving picture is hard work, and smiles are apt to get frozen on the face after the twentieth rehearsal.

Weather conditions have been disappointing and work has been continually held up by passing clouds which refuse to move on at the right moment. The unit hoped that it would be possible to photograph the skin-diving on the pearl beds in Manihiki, but shipping difficulties and the danger of damaging expensive gear in a bad reef crossing has compelled a change of plans and the atoll sequences will be filmed on Aitutaki.

Cook Islanders and other Pacific residents will look forward with interest to the showing of the film which we hope will depict a modern idea of the Glamorous South Seas.

NUNS FROM NG DEDICATE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

From Our Brisbane Correspondent

AMERICAN nuns (of the Order of the Holy Ghost) have dedicated a 100-bed hospital on Wickham Terrace, Brisbane, to Australian and American troops by whom they were rescued from the Japs during the last war.

Members of the Order were taken from Hollandia and the New Guinea jungle in front of the advancing Japanese.

The hospital is the former Holy Spirit Hospital launched by the rescued sisters. It will be called the American-Australian Allied War Memorial Hospital, with a special ward for American and Australian ex-servicemen.

The original New Guinea sisters, who started the hospital, have returned to their jungle missions.

General George Kenny, Allied wartime air commander in the South West Pacific, who visited Australia in September and inspected the hospital, said it would foster goodwill between Australia and America.

Fiji's SMITHY MEMORIAL FUND

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, September 25.

A QUIET effort to raise a "token sum" as the nucleus of a fund to erect a Suva memorial to the late Sir Charles Kingsford Smith and the first Pacific flight of his Southern Cross in 1928, has been rather swamped by other appeals.

The first is Fiji's large-scale appeal campaign for £27,000 to build a new Suva Fijian Methodist Church to replace the timeworn and hopelessly inadequate Jubilee Church; and the second is the possibility of a one-day appeal on Cession Day (October 10, but to be observed on Monday, October 9) on behalf of the ten-year War Memorial Anti-TB Campaign.

Mr. H. Maurice Scott, in charge of the Suva end of the Smithy fund, has been told by the Air Force Association of Australia that there will be no difficulty in raising an Australian fund for the Suva memorial if Fiji starts the ball rolling.

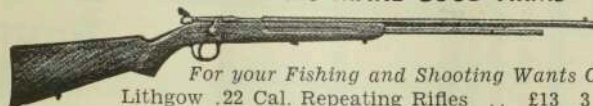
The Meteorological summary of the Apia Observatory for August stated that the rainfall at Apia was "2 of an inch above normal," but that most of the other districts in Samoa experienced a drought, especially in the western areas of Upolu and Savaii. Steady easterly winds prevailed.

Mrs. Doris Booth, when addressing members of the Queensland Women's Electoral League Political Club in Bris-

bane recently, said that there had been much infiltration of Communism among New Guinea natives in the last few years. Mrs. Booth is the only woman gold-mine owner in New Guinea, and she has lived there, with the exception of the war years, since 1931.

Miss Lorraine Shennan, of Launceston, Tasmania, recently visited Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Kirk on Nauru, and Mr. and Mrs. John Redden on Ocean Island.

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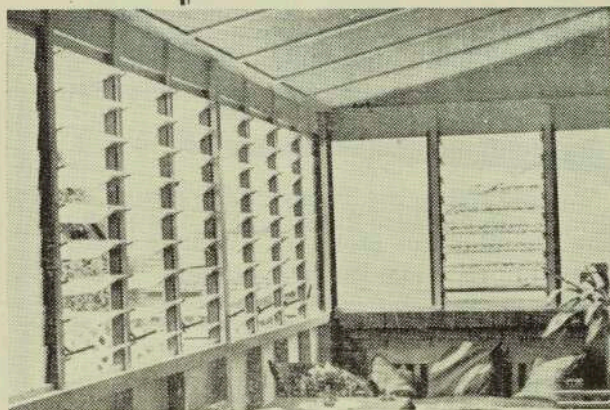
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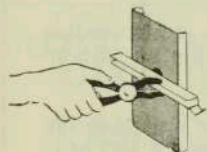
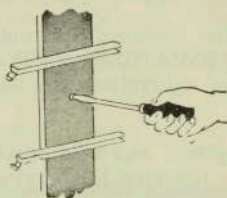
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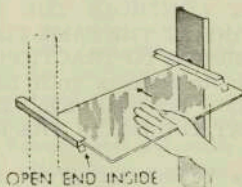
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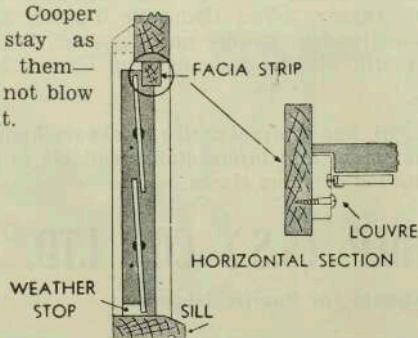


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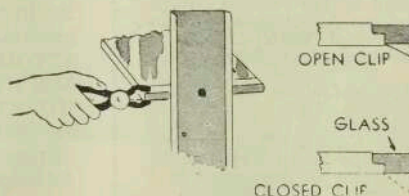


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MISS VILA 1950

Miss Vila candidates at the ball (left to right): Mlle. Madeline Delaplane as "Miss Oceania"; Mlle. Monique Reid as "Miss Sport"; Miss Margaret O'Brien as "Miss British Office"; Miss Billie Love as "Miss Club"; Mlle. Yvette Reid as "Miss Tennis Club," winner and crowned as "Miss Vila, 1950"; Mlle. Noel Pouillet as "Miss CFNH"; Mlle. Christianne Mullins as "Miss BP"; Mlle. Marie-Therese Rossi as "Miss Post Office"; Mlle. Marguerite Bladiniere as "Miss Hebrida"; absent from the photograph is Mlle. Carmen Delessert as "Miss French Office."

FRENCH HELP BUILD BRITISH SCHOOL "Miss Vila 1950" Quest

From Our Own Correspondent

VILA, September 25,
HIGHLIGHT of the gala ball held at the Vila Cine-Stade on September 16 was the crowning of "Miss Vila" of 1950.

The ball, a spectacular affair, was the climax to a campaign organised by the Vila Parents' Association to build a school for the children of the British residents of the New Hebrides. The VPA has been formed by the parents of the British children in Vila who attend the only available British school. Children of commercial house employees, Government ser-

vants and Chinese merchants attend this school.

At present there are available to the French children of the New Hebrides, two schools: the convent and a free Government school. Both of these are substan-

tial buildings and are well attended. The British school is a small, weatherboard hut, uncomfortable and badly in need of repairs.

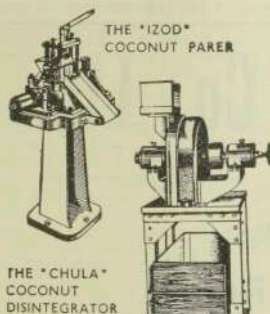
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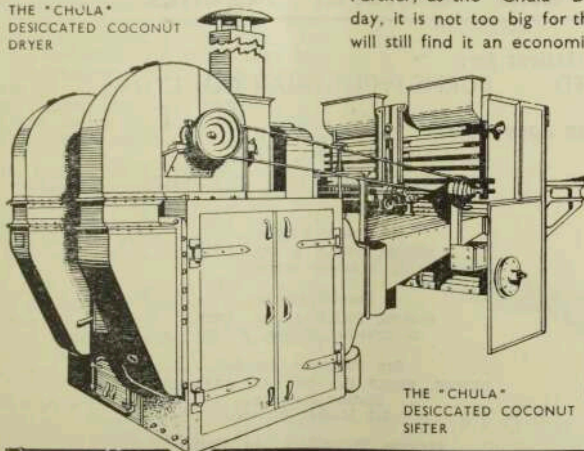
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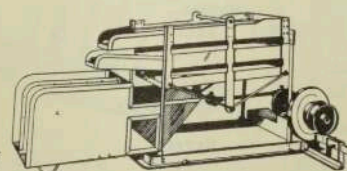
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The campaign, extending over a period of six weeks, was conducted on the familiar "Queen" competition lines.

Ten girls, each representing some

phase of Vila activity—social, commercial and official—were elected as the competitors. Committees behind them held parties, raffles, etc., to raise funds for their nominee.

Mr. George Hill, Condominium Treasurer, announced Mlle. Yvette Reid, nominee of the Jacques Tassy Tennis Club, as winner of the competition and Mrs. Hill crowned Mlle. Reid "Miss Vila, 1950." Yvette Reid is the daughter of well-known Vila resi-

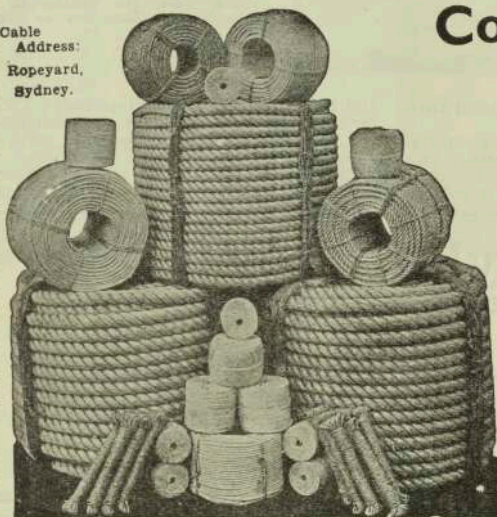
dent and Vila hotel proprietor, Mr. Ernie Reid, and Mrs. Reid.

Runner-up was Miss Billie Love as "Miss Club." Mlle. Reid was presented with a camphor-wood box containing linen to the approximate value of seventy pounds. Miss Love received a portable gramophone and a wristlet watch. The remaining eight girls each received a piece of jewellery.

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Crime-Wave Continues in W. Samoa Wife Murdered by Jealous Husband

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, September 22.

ANOTHER brutal murder occurred on September 19 at the west coast village of Faleasiu, when a 25-year-old Samoan, Fetuiai, killed his 19-year-old wife, Fa'atelo by practically decapitating her with a cane knife. She had been sitting in their house feeding her baby, which was nearly smothered in its mother's blood.

The husband was taken into custody and is now facing a murder charge. Apparently he suspected his wife of having a love affair with one of his friends and committed the crime in a fit of jealousy.

This murder is the 10th in the current year. Popular feeling in Samoa strongly favours the reintroduction of the death penalty for murder as gaol sentences have proved no deterrent.

As the death penalty has been reintroduced in New Zealand, it is probable that it will also be legalised in Western Samoa. It is hoped that this will put an end to the present crop of murders.

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TRAVAIL IN TAHITI

(Continued from page 63)

"Now," said Fred with a sigh. Dent gave him the ring, then with a "Horo! Horo!" shooped the children down the aisle. When they had reached the front pew, he called to his wife for Lohengrin.

A few moments later we were assembled at the altar. Mrs. Dent at the piano sounded a loud chord and stopped.

"Dearly beloved, we are met here today..." Dent began.

During the ceremony, the fighting cock tethered outside crowed, a baby in the audience cried, and two mynah birds, flying through the open doorway, alighted on the window sill and made love, which caused titters. But there was a certain sweetness and solemnity about the ceremony. Fred's face glowed as he pushed Totoi's fat finger through my Phi Delta Theta ring.

Then it was over. There was the kiss, the triumphant strains from the piano, the toll of the bell. Outside in the sunshine, Totoi stilled Moony's cries of "Omaha!" with a quick trip into the bushes. Mrs. Dent photographed the group. Dent thanked Fred profusely for his trouble. Then Monsieur le Commissaire, with a sweeping gesture, indicated the Plymouth. Into it the wedding party climbed, bound for chez Avakian to receive congratulations from friends and relatives and to consume the two bottles of White Horse.

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THREE weeks after the wedding I received a radiogram calling me back to Fresno. Reserving passage on a freighter leaving Tuesday, I spent Monday night packing. My goodbye to Fred would have to be made on my way into town on the morning bus.

The driver agreed to a short stop, but warned that it was boat day; the bus, jammed with half a hundred natives, was an express. They would brook no greater delay than twenty minutes, a half hour at the most.

A short time after leaving my house, we sighted the perspiring figures of Fred's road workers in Punaaula. The bus stopped. As I alighted and crossed the road, the passengers arranged themselves on the benches in various positions for sleep.

On the far side of the road back under the palm trees, sat the road crews overseer. His back was propped against a coconut tree, his bald head cushioned by a red pareu pillow. To his right sat Totoi, weaving a pandanus hat. One of the twins was teasing a hermit crab, the other slept beside Sherwood, who held a kerosene tin, on which rested Fred's copy of Chapman's Homer and some blank blue paper and pencils. To Fred's left squatted Oto-Mobile, his round face very grave, his chubby finger stuck through the hole of a bottle opener. Between his legs rested another kerosene can packed with damp miri fern, out of which stuck the brown necks of six bottles of beer.

"Hello, friend," said Fred, rubbing his eyes. "Heard you were leaving Tahiti." He placed his thin left arm on the niau mat beneath him and held out his right. I said hello to Totoi. She shook her head, and said in a deep voice, "Aita maitai."

Fred said, "She thinks our wedding brought all this bad luck on me. Ridiculous idea, of course." He smothered a yawn and added soberly, "It's a deeper force at work..."

"You have to stay down here all day?" I asked.

He tore off a palm fibre, ran it between his teeth, and said quietly, "From seven in the morning until eleven. From one-thirty in the afternoon until four-thirty.

Five days a week. Oto-Mobile, open some beer."

I said, "Something will come along to change things."

"Most certainly," Fred answered, with sudden spirit. "This is just a temporary set-back for me, a quirk of destiny. Credit will always be earned where credit is due, if the environment is right." He took a mouthful of beer.

"Anything I can do for you?"

He said, "You might phone Miss Sherwood and tell her... what I was doing..."

As I promised to let her know, he said, "Tell her about her namesake, too,

and how he is learning English."

"Maybe you can adjust, Fred," I said. "Maybe you can get used to it down here and pick up again on your manuscript."

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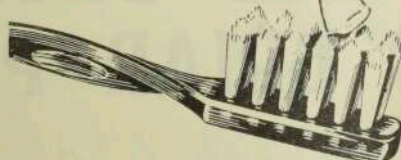
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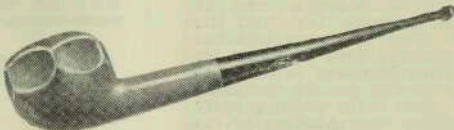
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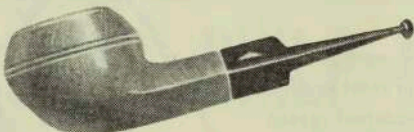
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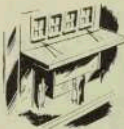
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He pointed at the next palm tree. "Tomorrow I must move down there. Next week, when the crew progresses farther, I shall run out of shade on this side of the road and have to take position on the other side under the mape trees. I can't concentrate with the scene shifting so."

I got up. "Something will happen." "Of course. It's just a matter of holding out until this unnatural state of affairs corrects itself." We shook hands.



SHORTLY after arriving home, I sent to Tahiti a movable plastic eye which I found at the Fresno Novelty Company. By means of a small spring, it scowled and rolled periodically; I hoped Fred might use it in place of the blue one on the fence post. His letter arrived in September.

My friend, my friend, he wrote. Can I tell you how deeply I was touched by your ingenious gesture to aid me in my plight. The contrivance is most clever. I rather think it would have worked, with the proper build-up. But it arrived too late.

Yes, too late. The inexorable forces of destiny moved. I have been promoted. I am no longer overseer, but Inspector General of the Rue de la Ceinture. Twice a month I circle the island in a Chevrolet and make a report. I take the family and we have picnics. Oto-Mobile has learned to drive. With my free time I am once more addressing the Odyssey and shall soon be up to the part where Telemachos calls on Nestor.

Such peace I feel, after the ordeal by the roadside. Such faith have I in my fateful philosophy.

I shall close with greetings from the family. With our sudden, if belated,

turn in fortune, Totoi has become reconciled to marriage. Our fifth little stranger arrived last week, prematurely, when Oto-Mobile ran into the ditch. Although it yelled its head off all the way home and spoiled our outing, Totoi is happy and hopes that the benefits of clergy will likewise reduce her next pregnancy from nine to seven months.

Ever onward, my friend!

Trust in Fate's justice!

Come back to Tahiti!

Fred.

Vila Welcomes Sydney Dentist!

From Our Own Correspondent

VILA, October 6.

ALTHOUGH one normally does not look forward to a visit to (or from) a dentist, we were glad to welcome Dr. T. E. Gibson, of Sydney, when he arrived in Vila on a professional visit on September 20.

Dr. Gibson's makeshift surgery was opened at the Hotel Rolland the day of his arrival and he continued practice until October 4.

Normal dental facilities in the New Hebrides are restricted to extractions or not over-successful fillings performed by a semi-trained medical assistant at the British Hospital on Iririki. While in no way detracting from this young man's skill, adequate dental attention for residents of the New Hebrides is non-existent. For expert care, with full equipment, locals must wait upon the yearly visits of itinerant dentists, some of whom have, in the past, left behind them reputations for fantastic prices and unsatisfactory work; or go South.

Half Rations For Vanikoro

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, Sept 26

VANIKORO, in the Eastern Solomons, where the Kauri Timber Company resumed operations soon after the war, has been critically short of supplies, and half rations only were available during most of August.

Trans-Oceanic Airways' Sunderland flew in a ton of rice at the end of August, and W. R. Carpenter's M.V. Lautoka called there on September 19 with adequate supplies to relieve the shortage.

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Thousands of Bombs Await Disposal In British Solomons

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, Sept. 20

AN Australian Services Bomb Disposals team is now at work in the BSIP. Lieutenant-Commander C. G. Croft, RANR, is in charge of the team.

There was heavy bombing and shelling in the Honiara area where they are at present working and all of them were somewhat startled by the number and variety of unexploded missiles, Japanese and Allied, which were left behind after the war, both in dumps and scattered round the coastal plain and foothills near Honiara. Residents, who have been aware of the situation and not surprised to find a mortar bomb or a four inch shell in place of fairies at the bottom of their garden, were expecting impressive bangs after the arrival of the team (many quite good bangs are liable to result from any local grass fire), but Commander Croft follows the naval tradition of rendering mines safe without unnecessary noise, though he admits he likes a good bang himself.

He is probably one of the most experienced RMS officers in the Empire. One of his jobs after the Jap surrender was to go in by air to five different places in the Pacific, chosen for surrender ceremonies, and ensure that no suicidal Japanese had planted mines or booby traps there.

All members of the party consider the unexploded ammunition in the BSIP extremely dangerous after years of exposure to damp, heat and rust. By mid-September, they had collected and stacked for disposal 30,000 bombs of various kinds near Honiara, where plenty more remained to be dealt with.

After cleaning this area, they expect to go to the Russells and the Western Solomons, where there are further large dumps as well as scattered bombs and shells. They estimate that the job will take at least a year.

PROMOTING PEACE IN THE PACIFIC

THE principal of the Women's College, Sydney University, Miss Betty Archdale, has been appointed chairman of the newly formed NSW section of the Pan-Pacific Women's Association (Australia).

Mrs. Roberto Regala, wife of the Minister for the Philippines, presided at a crowded meeting held on September 26 in Sydney, and the Hon. Camilla Wedgwood gave an address on the pattern of cultural changes in the Pacific.

The objects of the Association are to strengthen the bonds of peace and promote a better understanding among peoples in the Pacific, and initiate opportunities for the study and betterment of existing social conditions.

Sixty-one women, representing Australia, China, Hawaii, India, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, the Philippines, American Samoa, and the United States Mainland, attended the fifth conference, held in Honolulu in August, 1949. Australia was represented by Lady Cilento.

The Rev. Setareki Tuilovoni recently returned to Fiji from the United States of America, where he has been a student at a Theological College in Madison, New Jersey. He was welcomed at a special service held in the Methodist Jubilee Church in Suva.

ISLAND BOATS DELIVERED TO YOUR DOORSTEP

CAPTAIN AUBREY WYETH who has been building island launches and work boats on a creek near Gladstone, Queensland, recently delivered one of them to Mr. C. H. V. Hodges, at Vella Lavella, BSL. She was the 40 ft. diesel-powered Rob Roy.

Actual sailing time of the launch was 16 days—but due to bad weather at the start, the time really taken was 10 weeks.

With Mr. Cliff Olsen as engineer, and a crew of one, Captain Wyeth started out to Cairns and expected to sail from there direct to Samarai, a distance of 450 miles across the Coral Sea, but cyclonic weather forced them to run up the coast to Lizard Island, 100 miles north of Cooktown.

Two attempts to continue from here were frustrated by cyclonic gales and eventually the launch returned to Cooktown for additional stores and water.

Here the third member of the crew decided that he had had enough and returned to Melbourne leaving Wyeth and Olsen to complete the journey on their own.

In heavy weather the Rob Roy took four days to run from Cooktown to Samarai where the harbour was filled with boats sheltering from the gales.

After the launch was beached and checked, it was found that no damage had been done and an early start was made for Gizo, a port of entry to the Solomons.

This run proved a picnic in beautiful weather and the final leg was completed without incident and the boat was handed over safely to Mr. C. H. V. Hodges. It will be used to carry copra.

Captain Wyeth and Mr. Olsen flew

back to Rockhampton in two days and got busy at once on the next launch. Captain Wyeth trades under the name of Capricorn Charters. Sale of Rob Roy was negotiated by William E. Reed, Island brokers of Sydney.

The BSIP Government's 60-foot patrol ship, MV Myrtle, arrived at Ballina, NSW, on August 20 for slipping and overhaul. Her master is Captain A. Evensen, who took a sister ship, MV Mary, to Ballina last year. At present, Protectorate vessels of this size and over, which require

slipping and complete overhaul, must be sent to Suva, Rabaul, Moresby or Ballina, and Ballina has proved the most satisfactory. Later, the BSI Government hopes to instal a slipway at Tulagi, to carry out all essential work without the long voyages which these patrol ships must at present undertake.

Suva port facilities are to be improved as part of Fiji's Development Plan. This includes enlargement of Customs sheds, improving roads in the area, re-decking the wharf, improvement of fences, etc.



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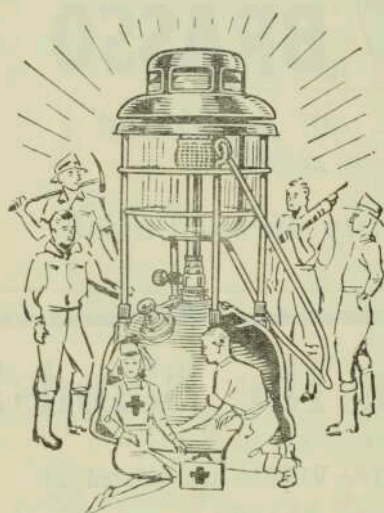
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BSI Needs More Overseas Ships

Experimental Call of Lautoka

From Our Own Correspondent

Honiara, Sept. 20.

MESSRS W. R. CARPENTER & Co.'s M.V. Lautoka recently visited the BSIP, leaving on September 3 for Rabaul, Vanikoro and Melbourne with general cargo from Honiara including more than 3,000 drums of scrap metal, mainly cartridge cases.

The Lautoka is the old Salamaua, re-registered and renamed at Suva a year or two ago. She is reported to be making two more experimental voyages to Honiara, possibly as a preliminary to regular calls.

A regular schedule would be a solution to many of the Protectorate's supply problems, particularly if she carried refrigerator cargo. The fresh food brought in by the present service of Burns Philp's Morinda and Muliama is only a fraction of the Protectorate's needs as freezer space must be shared with Vila and Norfolk Island, and shipment of general cargo from Australia is also frequently delayed for lack of space.

BSIP residents hope that the Australian syndicate now recovering war scrap metal will be able to provide sufficient back-loading to encourage further calls by the Lautoka.

RA OF PUKA-PUKA NOW IN RAROTONGA

From Our Own Correspondent

Mangaia, CI August

MR. REGINALD C. SAVAGE, who was Resident Agent at Danger Island for six years, has now left that island for a position in the postal service on Rarotonga, where he was previously a wireless officer.

Mr. Savage is a son of the late Stephen Savage, who, up to his death during the late war, was Registrar of the High Court of Cook Islands. A grandson of the famous Captain Piltz on his mother's side, Mr. Savage is connected with prominent European and Polynesian families in Rarotonga and Honolulu, and after he won a scholarship as a boy was one of the group of CI pupils who were sent to St. Stephen's College, in Auckland NZ, for training as European and Maori officials of the CI Administration. The St. Stephen's scholarships are now abolished, but many holders occupy positions in the present Cook Islands administration.

Mr. Reginald Savage was recently at Niue Island, where the family of Mrs. Savage, the well-known Heads of that island, have resided for several generations. It is a coincidence that both Mr. and Mrs. Savage trace their families back to master-mariners of the Pacific, famed in olden days for navigation and trading.

During his term of office upon Danger Island, the renowned Puka Puka of the Frisbie books, which is entirely unique among Polynesian outposts for its odd customs and absence of European influences, Mr. Savage instituted many improvements and did much to obtain for the hard-up Puka-Pukans a better living standard. In view of the hard and isolated life on that atoll, it is probable that Mr. and Mrs. Savage, and their family, find the new arrangement a pleasant holiday, though official duties on Rarotonga call, perhaps, for more of a rush than was the case on the remote Northern atoll.

A son was born on September 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dawson, of Melbourne. She was formerly Miss Sheila Mantle, of Rabaul.

English Schoolgirls Want Pacific Pen-Friends

SCHOOLGIRLS between the ages of eight and 15 who belong to a club in Essex, England, are anxious to find pen-friends among children of similar ages in the Pacific Islands.

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Dr. Rose, who was Chief Medical Officer for a time in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, visited Australia in September as medical officer on the large migrant ship New Australia. He may seek another Colonial Office assignment after his return to Britain.

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MEMORIAL FUND HELPS FIJI ANTI-TB CAMPAIGN

THE Fiji anti-tuberculosis campaign is now well under way, but it is unlikely that an organised appeal will be made this year for more money for the War Memorial Anti-TB Fund.

This fund, which is Fiji's war memorial, was launched last year, and, with the Government subsidy, provided £82 000.

It was proposed that supplementary appeals would be launched each year, but although large orders for equipment have been made, most of these will not be fulfilled until next year and the Trustees do not expect to be called upon to make heavy payments from the original fund this year.

Already a fourth ward has been added to the TB hospital at Tamavua and a 20-bed TB addition has been made to the Lautoka hospital. The Trustees have

also bought two Land Rovers which are being used in the BCG vaccination campaign—over 4,000 of these injections have been given already this year. Two mobile X-Ray units are also being provided by the Trustees.

FIJI DEPLORES AUSTRALIAN- AMERICAN ARGUMENT

WELL-KNOWN Captain J. Mullins of Suva, listening to radio news from Australia, has been stirred to indignation by the indications that the arrival in Sydney of the South Seas Marine Products tuna cutter is regarded by the Australian Socialist politicians as a purely American enterprise.

He pointed out that the tuna clipper is registered in Suva as a British ship, with a full British crew. The man in charge, Mr. Hayward, is a Canadian.

Captain Mullins says that when Kingsford Smith first flew the Pacific, half of his crew of four were Australian, half American. Britain and United States have been closely related in international affairs. At one period of the World War II, Australia directly appealed to America for help. Any politician who engenders ill feeling between Australians and Americans is doing a great disservice.

If Australia discriminates against a Fiji ship, manned by Fijian people, Fiji should lose no time in discriminating against Australia — for Australia sells to Fiji immensely more goods than she buys from the British Colony.

However, since Captain Mullins discussed this matter the argument seems to have been amicably settled between Mr. Hayward and the politicians, and the tuna clipper will engage for six months in exploratory work in Australian waters.

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MADANG NEWSLETTER

From Our Own Correspondent

MADANG, Oct. 1.

MANY Madang people feel that Port Moresby residents are ruining the Territory by applying rules suitable to the capital but not to the whole Territory. It is a case of a little knowledge is worse than none at all. An instance was shown when they applied to have building blocks halved. Most people on outstations like to have fowl-runs, but by the time they put fowl pens, outhouses and boys' quarters on the block suggested by Moresby people, the fowls would be clucking just outside the window and the natives, when sucking their teeth, would be heard in the dining room. Mighty inconvenient for the natives.

DISTRICT Commissioner Charles Bates looked pleased with life on September 9 when his first son was born. The babe was christened by the Rt. Rev. David Hand of New Guinea. Mr. Jock Esson and Mr. Gordon Clarke are joint godfathers while the baby's elder sister, Pat, will be godmother.

THE Rev. A. Walke has taken over the work of the Rev. A. A. Maahs (now on leave), in supervising the American Lutheran Mission in Madang. The Sunday School inaugurated by him for Chinese and European children opened on October 2.

DISAPPOINTMENT was felt in Madang over the first R type house for Administration people, as it defeats the purpose of the plan in not being built on high foundations. We had been led to believe that the original plan was intended to have sufficient space under the house for garage space, laundry, etc. The facts that the bathroom can be reached only by a trip across the front verandah, and that water for showers will have to be carried across the lounge room and front verandah does not find favour either.

MUCH interest was taken in the tennis tournaments over the Commemoration Day weekend. Mr. Les Bland and Mrs. G. Kennedy were the winners; Mr. Reg. Johnstone and Mrs. O. Banks runners-up.

The Rt. Rev. David Hand, Assistant-Bishop of New Guinea, visited Madang and Wewak about the middle of September. He surveyed the area in order to decide whether an Anglican Church for Europeans was warranted in Madang. If the decision is for a church he will go to Australia to raise funds for it.

AFTER being on a sandbank in the vicinity of Bogia, the MV Marova was successfully refloated with the assistance of a Navy tug. The vessel will have to be slipped to ascertain what damage has been done, if any.

TWO new teachers have been appointed in the district to conduct a girls' school at Tusbab. Miss June Linden has already arrived. Miss Dawn Parsloe is in the district discussing the Course of Instruction and curriculum for the Education Department with local officers.

SEVERAL houses, built by private firms, are being erected on Kalibobo. Vacuum Oil and Qantas expect to move staff into their houses shortly. Mr. and Mrs. Roy MacGregor will shortly move into a small house they have erected on Marine Hill near the site of the pre-war hotel.

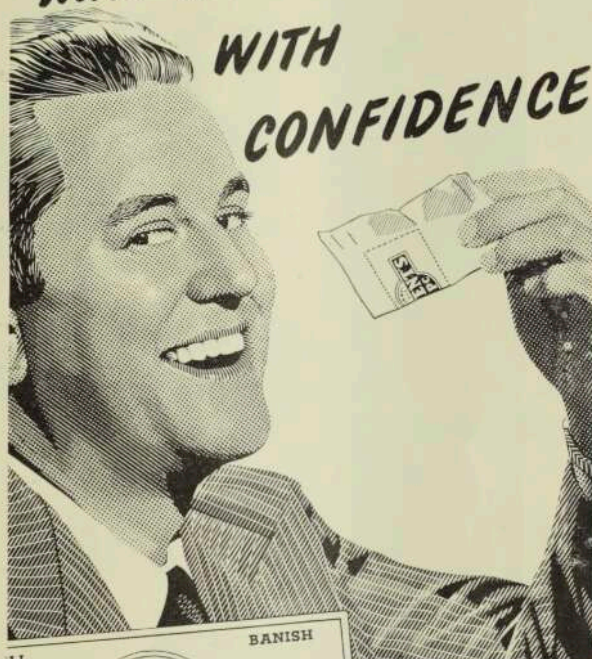
THE move to increase the working hours of Administration officials will affect only a few as many members already work longer than 36 hours and, in some cases, without overtime pay. These men will probably be glad to see the 3.30-sharpers brought into line.

THE Lutheran Mission has completed the road from Madang to Amele. The road, although still requiring much to be done to it is used by the mission to reach their new hospital at Amele. The main obstacle now is the

Gum River which has to be forded until such time as the Administration provides the bridge that has been promised.

THE Port Moresby newspaper, South Pacific Post, was received in Madang with interest. It is hoped that the paper will not develop into an echo for Canberra and the Administration. It will be interesting to see if the promised freedom of the Press can flourish without offending Administration officials, whose complex about criticism by the Press is well known.

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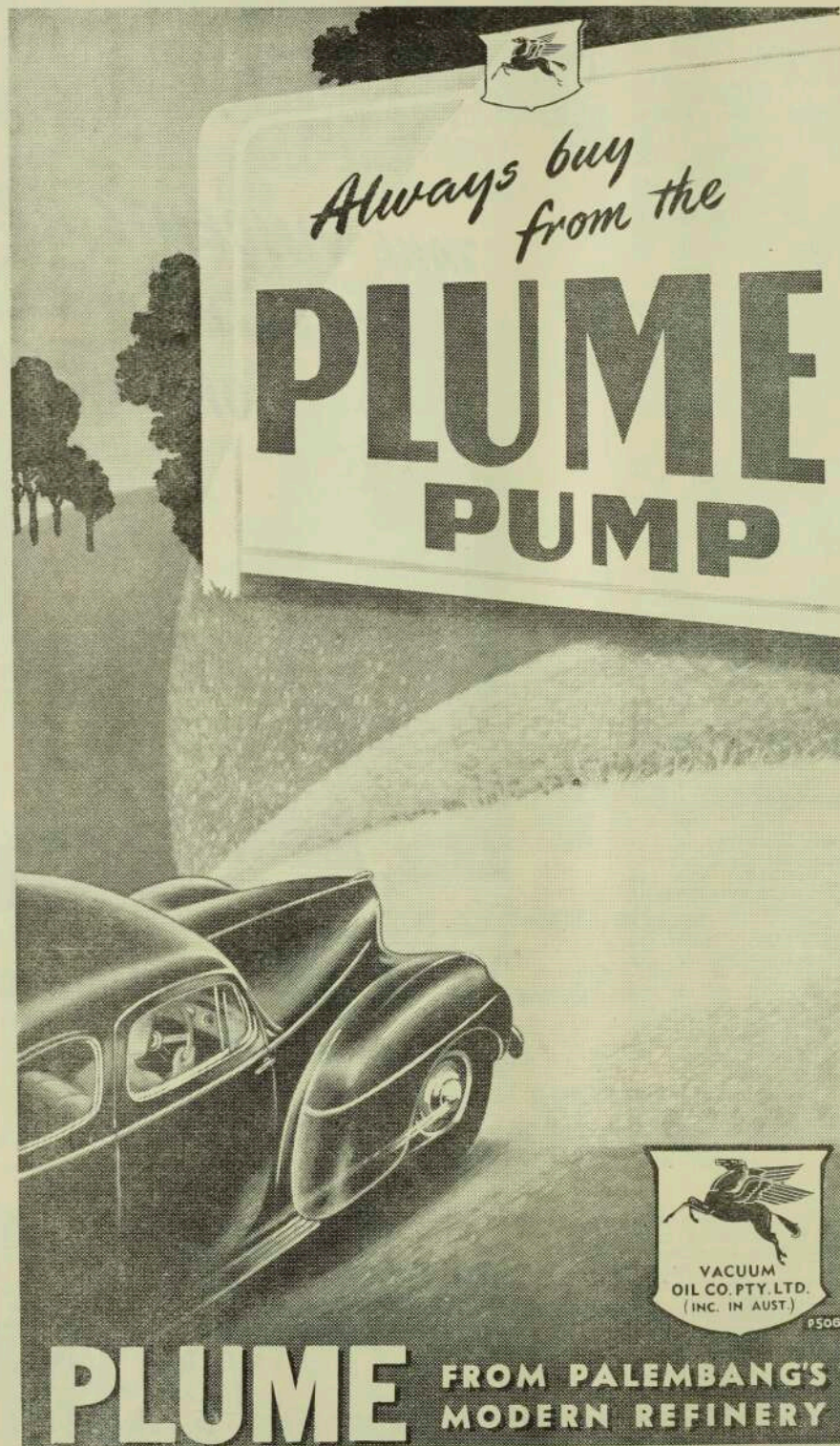


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Notes From Tonga

NEW HARBOUR

NIUAOTUPUTAPU has a new harbour. The island (better known to Europeans as Keppels Island) is in the north of the Tongan group, and is surrounded by dangerous reefs, which have made it difficult for ships to visit it, especially during the hurricane season.

The new harbour, off the village of Falehau, on the western side of the island, was opened up recently when Capt. Tibbetts, of the Tongan government ketch, Aoniū, set off depth charges to clear a channel through the reef.

A wharf, now in process of construction, will further improve the harbour and will do much to facilitate the loading of copra of which the island produces between 400-500 tons per year.

VAVA'U SUICIDE

A CASE of suicide, a rare crime in Tonga, occurred in the village of Toula, in the Vava'u group, in early August. The victim, Tuone, a married man aged 26, was reported to have hanged himself after having become despondent over heavy gambling losses.

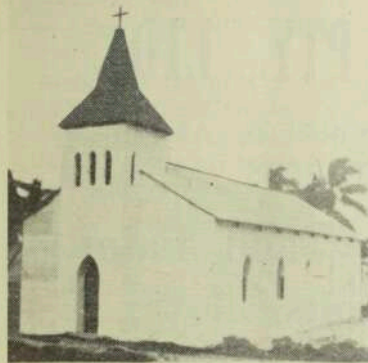
"TIN CAN" ISLAND COMES TO LIFE
NIUAFO'OU, once famous the world over as Tin Can Island, has, since the devastating eruption of 1946 and the consequent evacuation of its entire population, been truly a deserted island. However, this year, it is once again the scene of activity.

At the suggestion of the Hon. Aka'ola, Tongan Minister of Lands, a working party of 100 men has been sent to the island to cut copra. The plan has been highly successful; for about one hundred tons of copra have already been loaded, and it is hoped that more will be taken off the island before the onset of the hurricane season necessitates the removal of the men.

A BELL FOR MANGAIA

Mangaia, Cook Is.

AT long last, after heroic battles with all kinds of shortages including, at times, shortages of funds, the Sacred Heart Mission Church on Mangaia, Cook Islands, which was built practically single-handed by the local priest, Father Charles, has reached completion as a church, and the young Father is now looking for a



The Catholic Church, Mangaia.

bell to install in the little campanile. The late war caused the disappearance of most of the church bells in countries under Nazi domination, of which Holland (the energetic young Father's native land) was one. The search for a suitable bell is expected to be a long one, there being nothing available locally, and the faithful

are called to Mass at present by a wooden Polynesian pate.

Father Charles has returned to Holland on a year's holiday. If, during his furlough, he manages to locate "a bell for Mangaia," he will be able to put the final touch on a labour of love covering five years of hard work.—ETI.

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The Efficiency Decoration has been awarded to Major A. A. Diney, MBE, of the Fiji Military Forces.

Water-Borne Experts Will Help Papua Oil Search

THE Australasian Petroleum Company Pty. is organising a Seismic Reflection Party which will be used for oil search in the Delta area of Papua where it is believed there is the best chance of

finding oil. This team of experts will consist of 14 Europeans (eight of whom have just finished an assignment in Pakistan) with 100 native labourers. It is estimated that the maintenance of this party will cost the APC about £130,000 per year. They will be in addition to the other technical parties now being used.

The establishment of oil fields on the Gulf coast of America and in Canada (notably the recently discovered LeDuc field) is largely due to seismic reflection work. Seismic reflection work is responsible for more new fields to-day than any other method.

The new party of specialists, which includes seismograph observers, computers, surveyors, engineers and drillers will attempt to pin point favourable structures for oil accumulation, by recording earth tremors which follow dynamite explosions in pre-arranged positions.

The members of the party will live on special house-boats which APC has had built. The party will use a two-way radio for easy liaison with the Company's offices at Port Moresby.

Offices, workshops, and stores will also be accommodated on floating craft. Explosives will be stored in the wooden hull of an old vessel, petroleum products in a steel pontoon; workshops will be built on converted landing craft and an office will be set up on a larger converted craft.

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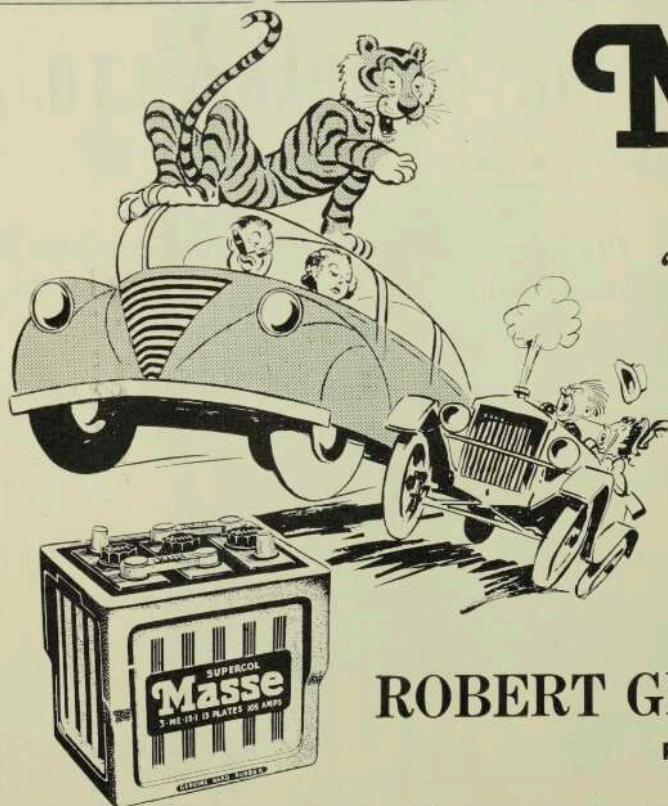
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Death of W. Samoa's First Lady

**Mrs. Faamusami Mataafa
Faumuina**

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, September 8.
ALL Samoa was saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Faamusami Mataafa Faumuina on August 27 from a heart attack. She was 68. With the passing of this outstanding woman one of the few remaining links with past Samoan history has disappeared. She was the last representative of the older generation of the paramount royal families of Samoa—the Malietoa and Mataafa families.



A recent photograph of Mrs. Faamusami Mataafa Faumuina.

In a special commemorative broadcast over Apia Broadcasting Station 2AP, on the day after her death, the Rev. P. Kightly, of the London Missionary Society spoke of her life and personality. He said that it had been clear for some time that Faamusami had been of great help during the establishing of the new Government in Samoa, when her interest in the various activities and organisations for the women of Samoa never diminished. Her quiet influence and wise leadership would be sorely missed.

For those acquainted with the recent history of Samoa, there will be no need to emphasise the important part Faamusami has played. As well, she was a charming hostess and many European residents of the Territory will mourn the passing of a real friend.

Faamusami was educated in a Pastor's school and this led her to Papauta School for girls at Apia. There she spent several years before she went to Fiji for a time to friends of her family.

She was a direct descendant of the Malietoa who received John Williams in 1830. This was Malietoa Vainupo (Tavita). His son was Malietoa Moli, and his son was Malietoa Laupepa, who was the father of Malietoa Tanumafili (Muumua) and of Faamusami. She married Faumuina Mataafa Flame and there are two children of that marriage, the present Mataafa and a daughter, Salamasina.

The funeral service was held in her house at Lepea and the burial service took place in the adjacent burial grounds of the family. A large and representative gathering of Europeans and Samoans attended.

Fiji Gold Production At High Level

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Sept. 25.

THE value of Fiji's mineral production in 1949 totalled £1,174,193, according to the Fiji Mines Department's annual report. Gold accounted for £1,127,073, silver £6,581, manganese £1,200 and quarried products £39,069.

Of the 1,303 persons employed directly in mining, 922 were Fijians, 189 part-Europeans, 114 Indians and 78 Europeans.

Between 1932 and 1949 the total value of gold produced in Fiji has been £10,716,117.

In 1932 the royalty on exports of gold and silver was £16 and the total revenue £109. In 1949 royalty amounted to £25,494 and total revenue £26,008.

The report states that in 1949 there was a shortage of suitable Fijian and part-European workers at Vatukoula and difficulty in recruiting European technical staff from New Zealand and Australia.

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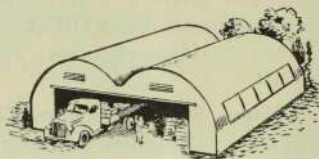
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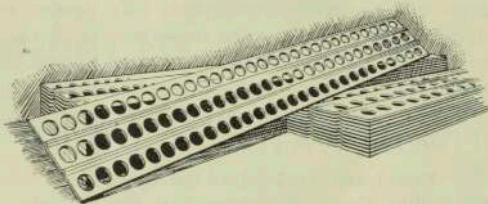
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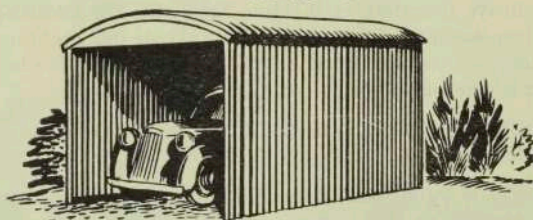
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THE family of Major and Mrs. C. A. Swinbourne, now of Manly, NSW, but formerly of Fiji and the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony have taken to marrying recently — when Miss Loloma Swinbourne marries Mr. C. A. Heape on October 21 that will make four weddings in 14 months. Her brother Ellice was married on August 27, 1949; brother Ted and John followed suit on January 21 and September 23 this year. The remaining three Swinbourne children, Dorothy, Alan and Gilbert have been married for some time.

Not to be outdone, Major and Mrs. Swinbourne, recently celebrated their Ruby Wedding. Major Swinbourne has just retired from the presidency of the Pacific Islands Society in Sydney after giving it four years of energetic service.

The Swinbourne's sons are all embarked on successful careers. John was a prisoner of war in Germany for four years. Alan, Gilbert and Ted are all graduates of the Royal Military College, Duntroon, holding the ranks of Lieut.-Colonel, Captain and Lieutenant respectively. Alan is proceeding on special duty to the UK this month and expects to be away for some time. Gilbert graduated in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering at the Sydney University and had the B.E. degree conferred on him this year. Ted is at present studying Civil Engineering at the University. Ellice, who holds an Honours Diploma in Chemistry, is a Lecturer at the Sydney University of Technology.

Dr. F. Ruoyard, who for three years was a medical officer at Tarawa, in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, is now practising at a small town in West Australia, about 300 miles north of Perth.

GOLDEN WEDDING

MR. AND MRS. A. G. SMYTH of Apia, Western Samoa who are well-known in Papua, Fiji and Samoa celebrated their Golden Wedding at Apia this month.

They were married at the Quetta Memorial Cathedral on Thursday Island on October 8, 1900 and have spent practically the whole of their married life in the Islands — most of them in Western Samoa.

Mr. and Mrs. David Rees, of Madang, New Guinea, left there for a holiday in Australia, in mid-October.

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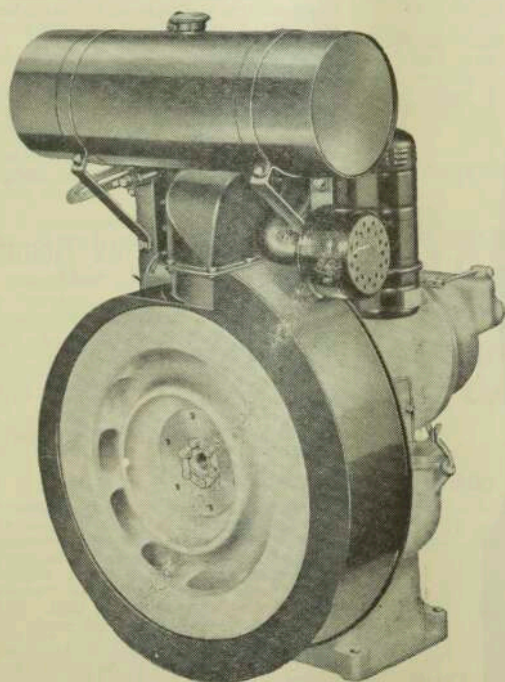
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UN Mission is Not Satisfied With NG Health, Roads

THE United Nations Trusteeship Council mission which visited New Guinea, Nauru, Western Samoa and some of the United States Trusteeship Council territories in the Pacific earlier this year has made its report to the Council.

The report says, among other things that it was found that the New Guinea Administration's health plans were "by no means adequate." It disagreed with the Australian government's concentration on air transportation and said that there could be no steady progress in the Territory without a system of main roads. New Guinea, was, they said, an almost virgin country with an enormous need for capital investment.

They said that salaries and housing conditions of Administrative officers needed improvement.

With all of which most New Guinea residents will agree. New Guinea was, of course, a much more pleasant place in which to live before war and Wardism had its way with it. However, such things as roads have been argued back and forth for the last 30 years—with little material result. With unlimited money, it is possible to construct roads anywhere, but under the present economic set-up it is unlikely that any part of the present Administration in the Territory would be capable of coping with the gigantic task of maintaining them.

DEATH OF MRS. E. M. YOULDEN

MRS. E. M. YOULDEN of Prahran, Victoria, widow of the late Ray Moor Youlden of Rabaul who was lost on the Montevideo Maru, died suddenly on September 8 in Melbourne.

She had been suffering for some time from asthma. She is survived by her two children, a married son and her daughter Valda, who was living with her.

She was well-known in New Guinea before the war, and many of her New Guinea friends were present at a service before her funeral. Many floral tributes showed the high esteem in which she was held.

She will be greatly missed by the New Guinea Women's Association, Melbourne, of which she was an active and energetic member.

BGD PRODUCTION FIGURES

PRODUCTION figures from Bulolo Gold Dredging for the quarter ended August 31, show in comparison with the same quarter last year, a decrease in the yardage dredged and also in the value per yard.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. Rees, of Madang, NG., left by air for leave in Australia on October 19.

Mrs. Jack Wedd arrived in Madang, NG., in September to stay with her daughter, Miss Joyce Wedd, who is in charge of the European school there.

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Suva	—	Nov. 18	Jan. 20
Auckland	—	Nov. 21-23	Jan. 23-25
Sydney, arr.	—	Nov. 27	Jan. 29*
Sydney, dep.	Oct. 5	Dec. 7	—
Auckland	Oct. 9-10	Dec. 11-12	—
Suva	Oct. 13	Dec. 15	—
Honolulu	Oct. 20	Dec. 22	—
Vancouver	Oct. 27-Nov. 2	Dec. 29-Jan. 4	—

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WEST COAST.—Pouembout, Kone, Temala, Voh, Ouaco Gomen, Koumac, Tangaiou, Tiebaghi, Nehoue, Poume, Baaba, Belep and return.

LOYALTY ISLANDS.—Mare (Tadine), Lifou (Chepenehe) Ouvea (Fajaoue, St. Joseph) and return.

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Vavau	Oct. 14	Nov. 16	Dec. 16
Pago Pago	Oct. 14	—	Dec. 16
Apia*	Oct. 15-18	Nov. 16-19	Dec. 17-20
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Planes leave Auckland every Tuesday and arrive in Vancouver the following Wednesday. The Southbound trip to Auckland commences from Vancouver every alternate Friday. Every other Friday the service commences at San Francisco.

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Planes leave Auckland every Thursday and Sunday, and fly via Nadi, Canton Island and Honolulu to San Francisco. They leave San Francisco for Auckland every Tuesday and Saturday by the same route. Fares, in Australian currency, are:—

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Passenger reservations may be made in Australia at any office or agency of Qantas Empire Airways (General Agents), offices of TAA and all leading travel agents. In New Zealand book through TEAL (Auckland and Wellington) or any leading travel agents.

Trans Tasman Services Sydney—Wellington

TASMAN Empire Airways, Ltd., operate a regular flying-boat service between Sydney and Wellington with Solent flying-boats.

Services depart Sydney at 10 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, and depart Wellington at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays; the flight crossing time is 7 hours.

The fares are: £A35. £NZ28 single; £A63, £NZ50/8/- return.

These services will be increased to a 3-per-week frequency on October 30.

Darwin—Netherlands New Guinea Service

THE service between Batavia, NEI, and Biak, Netherlands New Guinea, has been discontinued and a new service from Darwin to Biak and return has been inaugurated.

The service is run by the Netherlands Government, with DC3 aircraft, chartered from KLM Airlines. The service is run once weekly.

New Caledonia— New Hebrides

TRAPAS (French Air Line) operates a service between Noumea and the New Hebrides. The plane leaves Noumea every alternate Tuesday, and flies direct to Vila and Santo, and returns. Return fare for the journey, Noumea-Santo, is approximately £42 Australian.

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Sydney—Queensland— New Guinea

Q.E.A., Ltd., operate regular services between Sydney and Port Moresby, Lae, Finschhafen, Madang, Rabaul, Bulolo and Wau, via Brisbane, Rockhampton, Townsville and Cairns.

This service is known as the "Bird of Paradise" Service and DC4 Skymaster and DC3 aircraft are used. The Skymaster aircraft leaves Sydney every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8.30 p.m. and, making a night flight calling at Brisbane, arrives at Port Moresby the following morning at 9.30 a.m. and Lae at 9.50 a.m. The Skymaster leaving Sydney on Thursdays also calls at Townsville between Brisbane and Port Moresby, making the arrival times at Port Moresby and Lae 1½ hours later than normal. The return flights depart Lae at 8 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays, and 7 a.m. on Saturdays, arriving at Port Moresby at 9.20 Mondays and Thursdays, 8.20 Saturdays, Brisbane at 5.30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, 6.25 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and Sydney at 9.45 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, and 10.15 p.m. Saturdays. The service on Saturdays also calls at Townsville, between Port Moresby and Brisbane.

The Skymaster which reaches Lae on Wednesday mornings connects with a DC3 which departs Lae at 2 p.m. for Bulolo and Wau, returning to Lae the same day.

DC3 aircraft leave Sydney on Mondays and Fridays at 8.15 a.m. for Lae, calling at Brisbane, Rockhampton, Townsville, Cairns and Port Moresby. An overnight stop is made at Townsville and Port Moresby is reached at 11.10 a.m. and Lae at 1 p.m. the day after leaving Sydney.

Return trips are made from Lae to Sydney on Wednesdays, departing Lae at 5.45 a.m. and from Port Moresby to Sydney on Tuesdays, departing Port Moresby at 7.35 a.m. for Sydney, calling at Cairns, Townsville, and Brisbane, arriving Sydney at 10.15 p.m. the same days. Rockhampton is an optional port of call only on the south-bound journey.

The aircraft that reaches Lae from Sydney on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., flies on to Madang, returning to Lae the same afternoon.

The aircraft that reaches Lae from Sydney on Saturdays flies on to Rabaul on Sundays, via Finschhafen, night-stops at Rabaul, and flies direct from Rabaul to Port Moresby on Monday morning.

Bookings may be made at Qantas offices at any of the towns named. At present, berths are available only to passengers holding official permits to visit Papua or New Guinea.

QANTAS SUBSIDIARY SERVICES IN PAPUA-NEW GUINEA-SOLOMONS

Qantas Empire Airways run the following subsidiary services in Papua, New Guinea, and British Solomons:—

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.

Every alternate Monday, a Qantas Catalina flies from Port Moresby, westward to Daru, via Yule Island, Kerema, Kikori, Lake Kutubu and Lake Murray, remaining overnight at Kikori and returning to PM next morning.

Every alternate Wednesday, a Qantas Catalina flies from Port Moresby eastward (dep. 9 a.m.) and calls at Abau and Samarai before flying out to the Archipelagoes in the afternoon. Calls are made at Esa'ala and Losuia (where an overnight stop is made), and the following day (alternate Thursdays) at Deboyne Lagoon, before returning to Port Moresby, via Samarai and Abau.

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, Vella Lavella and Yandina remains overnight at Honiara; and returns to Lae the following day Tuesday), over the same route.

Every Tuesday and Friday a plane leaves Port Moresby at 7.30 a.m., reaches Kokoda at 8.35 a.m., flies on to Higatuna (Popondetta) at 8.55 a.m., and leaves again for Port Moresby at 9.5 a.m., reaching there at 10.15 a.m.

Dragon DH84 aircraft operate the following internal services in New Guinea:—

Every Tuesday depart Madang for Goroka, Kainantu, Aiyura, Arona, returning to Madang at noon the same day. Calls as required for loading are made between Arona and Madang.

Every Thursday departs Madang at 7 a.m. for Wabag, Baiyer River, Mt. Hagen, with optional calls at Kerowagi and Chimbu, and returning to Madang at noon the same day.

Every Friday departs Lae at 6.30 a.m., calling at any or all of the following places as required: Asolaka, Aiyura, Arona, Bana, Bena, Bena, Chimbu, Goroka, Kalaipit, Kainantu, Kerowagi, Kup, Mt. Hagen, Nadzab, Nondugl.

Ogeibeng, Wabag, Wabumunda.

Daily, except Thursdays and Sundays, depart Lae at 3 p.m. for Bulolo and Wau, returning direct from Wau to Lae the same day, arriving at Lae 5.5 p.m.

Sydney—Lord Howe Is.— Norfolk Is.

QANTAS, Sydney, run a Sandringham once weekly from Sydney to Lord Howe Island. Fare, single, £12. Return, £21/12/-.

Qantas run a DC4 Skymaster alt. Thursdays (returning same day) from Sydney to Norfolk Island. Fare, £22 single; £39/12/- return.

(For Norfolk Island, see also under NZ National Airways. For Lord Howe, see also under TOA.)

Sydney—New Hebrides

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nate Tuesdays at 9 a.m. (October 3, 17, 31, etc.) for Norfolk Island (arr. 12.55 p.m.; dep. 2 p.m.), Nadi (arr. 8.40 p.m.; dep. 5.40 a.m. Thursday), Nausori (arr. 6.25 a.m.; dep. 7.30 a.m.), Tonga (arr. 10.50 a.m.; dep. 11.50 a.m.), *Faleolo, Western Samoa (arr. 4.5 p.m. Wednesday, dep. 8 a.m. Thursday), Aitutaki, Cook Islands (arr. 1.50 p.m. Thursday, dep. 2.50 p.m.), Rarotonga, Cook Is. (arr. 4.5 p.m.).

The aircraft departs from Rarotonga on the return journey on alternate Saturdays

(October 7, 21, November 4, 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.).

*Crosses International Date Line.

AUCKLAND-NORFOLK ISLAND: A "Douglas" airliner leaves Whenuapai, Auckland, every Sunday at 8 a.m. for Norfolk Island (arr. 11.55 a.m.), and departs on the return flight at 12.55 p.m., arriving at Whenuapai at 5.45 p.m.

On alternate Sundays (October 1, 15 and 29, etc.), a second aircraft also makes the run, leaving Whenuapai at 9 a.m., reaching Norfolk at 12.55 p.m., departing again at 1.55 p.m., and reaching Auckland at 6.45 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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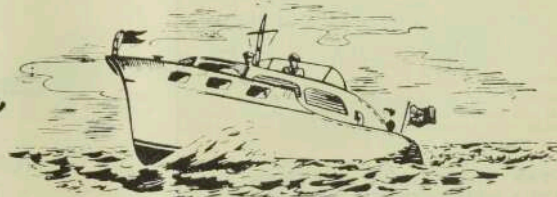
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SYDNEY-SOLOMON ISLANDS: A regular monthly service from Sydney, via New Caledonia and New Hebrides to Tulagi and Honiara, Solomon Islands. This service is frequently extended to Lingatou, in the Russell Islands, and calls are sometimes made at Vanikoro, 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.

N. Caledonia-Tahiti

TRAPAS (Societe Francaise de Transports Aeriens du Pacifique Sud-Noumea) runs a monthly service from New Caledonia to Tahiti, Western Samoa (Papeete), Cook Islands (Aitutaki) to Papeete, where it arrives at about 11.40 a.m. two days later. One evening is spent in Nadi and one night in Aitutaki. The plane returns by the same route in the following week. Fare from Noumea to Papeete is 16,000 Pacific francs single, and 28,800 return. (160 Pacific francs equal £1 Australian.) While the plane is at Papeete it runs one round trip between Papeete and Bora Bora.

Sydney-Noumea-Suva

THE following is the time-table of the Qantas Sandringham flying-boat:—

Sydney	dep.	9.30 p.m.	alt. Tues.
Noumea	arr.	6.30 a.m.	alt. Wed.
Noumea	dep.	8.20 a.m.	alt. Wed.
Suva	arr.	2.30 p.m.	alt. Wed.
Suva	dep.	6 a.m.	alt. Fri.
Noumea	arr.	10.30 a.m.	alt. Fri.
Noumea	dep.	12 noon	alt. Fri.
Sydney	arr.	7.15 p.m.	alt. Fri.

Intending passengers may book through Qantas offices in Australia, Burns Philp (South Seas) Company, in Suva; and J. Brock, in Noumea.

The fares for this service in Aust. currency are:—

	Single	Return
Sydney-Noumea	£37 10 0	£67 10 0
Sydney-Suva	55 10 0	99 18 0
Noumea-Suva	20 5 0	36 9 0

CPA Sydney-Vancouver Service

CANADIAN Pacific Airlines, Ltd., run a trans-Pacific service between Sydney and Vancouver. For the present there will be one northbound and one southbound trip per fortnight. Stops are made at Nadi (Fiji), Canton Island, Honolulu and San Francisco. The northbound flight commences from Sydney every alternate Tuesday.

Four-engined, pressurised "Canadair" aircraft are used; 36 passengers can be carried and a crew of 7. Flying is done in daylight. Overnight accommodation is provided at hotels in Nadi and Honolulu, which is, of course, complimentary.

Fares are (in Australian currency: Sydney-Vancouver, San Francisco-Los Angeles and Portland-Seattle, £265/8/- single, £477/14/- return; Fiji-Vancouver, £207/8/- single, £373/7/- return; Sydney-Fiji, £57/15/- single, £103/19/- return; Sydney-Honolulu, £217/13/- single, £391/16/- return.

Bookings may be made at the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand, Limited, Sydney, or Melbourne; Union Steam Ship Co. of NZ, Ltd., Fiji; Canadian Pacific Airlines, Vancouver.

TEAL Flying Boat Service Auckland — Fiji

WITH new 45 seater Solent flying-boats, Tasman Empire Airways, Limited, operate a weekly Auckland-Suva-Lambasa and return service.

Aircraft depart Mechanics' Bay, Auckland, a

half hour after midnight, each Tuesday, and operate to the following time-table:—

dep. Auckland	0.30 a.m. Tuesday
arr. Suva	7.00 a.m. Tuesday
dep. Suva	9.00 a.m. Tuesday
arr. Lambasa	10.00 a.m. Tuesday
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), £38/15/- (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.



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Island Exploration Company Proprietary Limited reports that rig erection has commenced at Omato.

OPERATION PERFUME

THE British freighter, Eastern Glory, which was in Sydney in early October was nicknamed the "farmyard special" around dockland. When she left for Lae, New Guinea, there were on board five pigs, seven yearling bulls, 26 horses, 70 donkeys and 78 heifers.

The ship was expected to take on another 300 donkeys in Brisbane, and 300 goats.

NG EX-SERVICEMEN FORM CLUB IN SYDNEY

THE six-months' old New Guinea Ex-Servicemen's Club of Sydney held a successful ball in Sydney in early September. There was an excellent attendance and a very good time, in the old New Guinea manner, was had by those who were there.

The new club was formed at a reunion of New Guinea ex-servicemen on Anzac Day, April 25, this year. They got down to business at a general meeting on June 5.

Anyone who served in New Guinea units such as New Guinea Volunteer Rifles, New Guinea Infantry Battalions, ANGAU, Coastwatchers, FELO, Moss Troopers, etc.—or, in fact, any New Guinea resident or ex-resident who served in any theatre of the First or Second World Wars, may join.

The object of the club is purely social. The ambition of the committee is to provide clubrooms where members may meet their wives, friends and families, to discuss old times, to dance or arrange other entertainments.

Present difficulty is to find a permanent home for the club, but it is hoped that even this obstacle will be overcome in time. The Partially-Blinded Soldiers' Association has been approached with regard to renting their clubrooms for monthly meetings. The rooms are situated in Wavell House, 27 King Street, and are equipped with bar, radio, refrigerator, piano and other amenities.

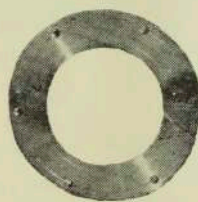
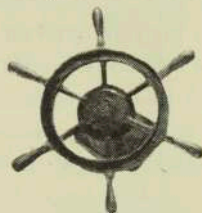
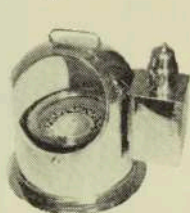
Office-bearers of the New Guinea club are: Patron, Dr. E. T. Brennan; President, S. Costelloe; Vice-Presidents, C. B. Schuller, L. Clark; Hon. Secretary, G. Gregory; Hon. Treasurer, T. Hawnt.

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THERE still is a lot of gold in Misima Island," said an old-time miner whom I met here to-day. "But it does not pay to get it out, under present conditions.

"There are from 5 to 6 pennyweights of gold in an average ton of Misima ore. Before the war, it could be recovered at a cost of 28/- per ton. That left a nice profit.

"To-day, with the terrific increase in the cost of labour and of supplies, it costs twice as much to recover that gold; and the gold is not enough to pay the costs of recovery. So the biggest mine has closed up, and—except for a half-dozen at Quartz Mountain—all mining has ceased. In 1939, there were hundreds of men there.

"The only hope of restoring a profitable industry to Misima is for one big company to take over the whole of the gold-bearing country on Misima, and for the Administration to assist it by reducing the costs of native labour, transportation, and essential supplies."

No gold is now being produced in Papua.

Mr. D. S. Deacon, of the New Zealand Education Department, in September visited Fiji to inspect New Zealand teachers employed in the Colony under the scheme of co-operation between the two Governments. He is not a newcomer to Fiji. He was for a time on the staff of the Suva Boys' Grammar School.

An Impression of Harold Cooper.

HAROLD COOPER, whose delightful stories of the war in the Solomons are remembered by PIM readers, has a page in September Crown Colonist. He left Fiji with his American wife and three children in 1947, and is now Public Relations Officer in Nigeria.

The Crown Colonist calls him a "Big Man for a Big Job" and says:—

A BIG man, with massive head and shoulders, topping 6 ft. 5 in. in his socks, and broad in proportion, Harold Cooper has, too, a many-sided personality, and reveals himself as an intellectual, a poet, a humorist — and a civil servant.

Educated at the Edward VI School at Nuneaton and Sydney Sussex College, Cambridge (where he took First Class

few for whom they have so much respect or who do not appreciate the difficulties of his position as Public Relations Officer for Nigeria. But he has qualities to match the need, and despite an apparently quite casual approach, and the suggestion of laziness that this enormous fellow gives, Harold Cooper is effective, diplomatic, and can reduce pomposity to nothing by a few well-chosen words spoken in a controlled and pleasing voice.

Amid a people feeling the growing pains of nationalism, and the uncertain fluid moods of races moving towards maturity, Cooper's strength and stability have a steadying effect on even the most vociferous. He is not merely a Public Relations Officer displaying admirable diplomacy; he is a fine administrator and a hard worker. Retiring at a late hour after a very heavy day, or maybe an

evening at the Island Club in the company of Africans, he will spring from his bed a few hours later, go to his typewriter and tap out forceful and well-reasoned Press releases.

Harold Cooper became a Public Relations Officer in the early part of the War, and served in Fiji and the South Pacific Islands before going to Nigeria in 1947.

And so the one-time Instructor in English at the School of Letters, State University, Iowa; the writer of the sonnet sequence Westward which was selected by Scrivener's Magazine as one of the best 100 books of the year; and a very human individual with a charming personality, is now one of the most forceful of Colonial servants. A family man, with three children, he has the knack of putting into his work, along with great intellectual capability, great human appeal.



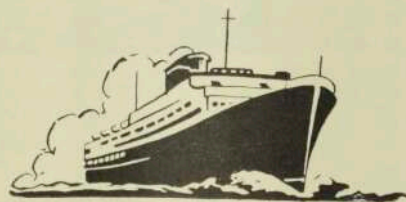
A recent photograph of Mr. Harold Cooper

Honours in Modern Languages), Cooper went as a Henry Dawson scholar to Yale University. The literary ability there displayed led to his appointment to the board of the Yale Literary Magazine. During his Cambridge years he achieved something of a reputation as a writer of light verse; he continued writing verse when he went to America, winning the Albert Stanborough Prize for poetry. He also won the Francis J. Vernon prize.

On his return to England, Cooper edited the Nuneaton Chronicle and Midland Farmers Gazette, but he found provincial journalism too much of a tie. Returning to his studies he was awarded a visiting Fellowship to Princeton University, where he did research into the works of Wordsworth and Coleridge.

After this second visit to America Harold Cooper joined the Colonial Service; he also entered into the life of communities he served. In recent years any visitor to Nigeria must have observed handbills posted in Lagos giving notice of meetings, on nearly all of which appeared Harold Cooper's name as chairman.

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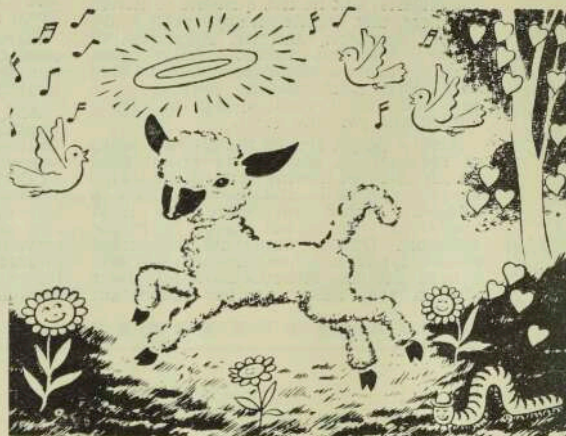
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Six Hundred Years Ago Maori Canoe Fleet Reached NZ

FROM September 22 to 24 celebrations were held at Whakatane, New Zealand, to mark the 600th anniversary of the arrival of the canoe, Mataatua. About 4,000 Maoris attended, and competitions were held amongst tribes all over New Zealand in poi dancing, hakas, action songs, and similar events. The celebrations were held at Wairaka Pa, where the main ceremonies were combined with the unveiling of a memorial gate at the Pa to commemorate Maori soldiers who died in the Boer War and the two World Wars.

The tribes involved in these celebrations were those from the Urewera, Whakatane and Opotiki districts.

Although there were Polynesian immigrants in New Zealand before 1350, including the famous and legendary Toi-kai-rakau (about 1150) they are considered to have been in all probability drift voyagers. But the big migration of 1350 was a planned migration from Tahiti, using Rarotonga as a port of call.

Sir Peter Buck (Te Rangi Hiroa) in his *Coming of the Maori*—that indispensable book—considers these famous canoes to have been capable of sailing seven miles an hour, so that they could have done the full 2,000 miles in a fortnight, and if the canoes called at Rarotonga, the final stretch would have been further reduced, so that "the unconcern with which the Maori traditions brought the Fleet to New Zealand offers a contrast with the concern expressed by European writers." Sir Peter also considers the canoes quite capable of carrying ample provisions and water.

Cook, of course, noted the excellent sea-going canoes of Tahiti when he was there in 1769. Anyway, the South-East trades would have brought them as far as the Kermadecs, after which their deep sea paddles would have come into strenuous use, plied by those muscular, disciplined arms.

Other canoes of the 1350 migration celebrated in Maori song and story include

the Nukutere, Tainui, Te Arawa, Tokomaru, Aotea, and Kurahaupo.

Says the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*: "For general culture the most important element in the Maori population is provided by the Fleet of 1350, and on this the present social organisation largely depends."—H.E.L.P.

M. Henri Bonneaud, president of the New Caledonian General Council since 1947, has been recommended for the Legion d'Honneur. He is general manager of Maison Ballande and a vice-president of the Noumea Chamber of Commerce.

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Suva Town Board Councillor Elected

MR. L. F. GARNETT was the only candidate in the Suva Town Council by-election, and has been declared elected as a Councillor.

The by-election was made necessary by the resignation of Mr. D. B. Costello, who has moved from Suva to Tavua.

Two old-timers from Eastern Papua, Mr. P. R. Osborne and Mr. R. D. Smith, arrived in Sydney early in October—Mr. Smith on long leave, and Mr. Osborne to settle down in NSW. Mr. Osborne arrived first in Port Moresby in 1909, when there were only 70 Europeans (13 women) there. For very many years he has been on the staff of Cuthberts Misima Gold-mines and few men know more than he about that type of mining.

VISITORS TO MANGAIA

From Our Own Correspondent

WE had a number of visitors on the first of this season's two fruit ships to call at Mangaia, Cook Islands.

Sister Nancy Ellison, who has been for one term at Rarotonga Hospital, renewed her own connection with this island, which she last saw as a child of three. Her father, Dr. E. P. Ellison, OBE, (formerly CMO at Rarotonga), who is of NZ Maori blood, beside his medical pursuits, was an ethnologist, and the Doctor traced a link here between local tribes and his own in NZ. Hence, the Sister's visit, on her way back to NZ, was a double reunion, and she received a warm welcome from friends ashore. It is Miss Ellison's intention to later visit Honolulu and Sir Peter Buck, another tribal relation. Island friends of Sir Peter will be sorry to hear that his health has not been good of late.

Another visitor was Mrs. H. McCarthy, the wife of Judge McCarthy of the High Court of CI, who is connected with the well-known Framhein family at Mauke Island.

New Zealand "big business" was represented by Mr. P. Mounsey, of W. H. Grove and Sons Ltd., a firm whose name has been famous here for some decades in the native cloth market.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Robin Mantle, younger daughter of the late Mr. F. W. Mantle and Mrs. Mantle, of South Yarra, and formerly of Rabaul, to Mr. Michael Young, only son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Wilkie Young, of East St. Kilda. The marriage will take place at the Melbourne Grammar Chapel on November 17. The young couple are booked to sail for England on the Orontes and expect to be away about two years.

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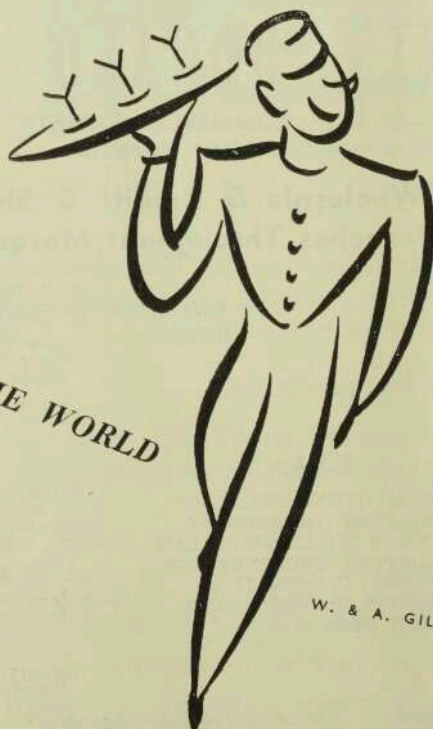
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Unrealistic Attack on NG's Native Labour Problem

(Continued from page 13.)

the international (or inter-racial) situation demands that these Papuan-Melanesians shall give their labour in the development and defence of their country. Their halcyon days of freedom-in-savagery are over.

The New Planners, with manifest reluctance, have accepted this viewpoint, in some degree—one can see signs of it in this new Ordinance. But they cling stubbornly to the idea of treating this primitive bush Kanaka as if he were a literate European, and the whole Ordinance is based on their rejection of the "indenture system" supported by adequate penal provisions, and their stubborn insistence on the substitution thereof of the ordinary civil contract, guarded by monetary penalties.

It won't work. If there are to be real progress and development in New Guinea—on a sound economic basis—this Ordinance will have to be revised drastically fairly soon, or scrapped altogether. It only becomes possible now because more than half the basis of this country's economy to-day is unsound—it is built, not on the country's earnings, but on the lavish expenditure within the country of outside money—millions from Canberra, plus other millions from the ever-hopeful oil companies.

If oil is not found, this present structure surely will crash. The country then will have to pay its way mostly out of its own resources. Private employers will then be in a position to insist on an adequate and efficient labour force—and this elaborate and unrealistic Ordinance will be "wiped."

THE principal changes, from the non-official viewpoint, are the extension of the term of contract to 18 months, with another 6 months possible; the complete change-over to civil law; and the wiping-out of the Department of Native Labour, so that the implementation of the Ordinance becomes the responsibility of the District Services and the Government Secretary.

District Officers will attend to pretty well everything connected with native labour; but inspections will be carried out by officials attached to the Government Secretary's Department.

The change-over to the District Officers will be welcomed generally. Everyone agrees that the best and most hopeful thing in Papua-New Guinea to-day is the good relationship between the men in the field—the DO's and ADO's—and the non-official classes.

The DO's mostly are men of long and sound experience, realistic and reasonable, who have done a great deal to take the bad taste of Canberra and Port Moresby out of the mouths of the private employers. If anyone can make this Ordinance work, they will. Because they are out in the field every day, they are under no delusions about native labourers and the problems they represent. They also know the bad, as well as the good qualities of private employers.

THE following summary of other points has been prepared by officials in Port Moresby:—

Under this proposed Ordinance there are two classes of workers, "employees" and "casual workers." The former are natives employed under Agreement, the latter are those who prefer to work under a verbal arrangement.

Penal sanctions in respect of breaches of Agreements by either party are abolished and civil remedies substituted therefor.

Complaints in relation to such breaches

will be heard and determined by a District Officer, as arbitrator. Appeals against decisions by a DO may be made to the Director of District Services.

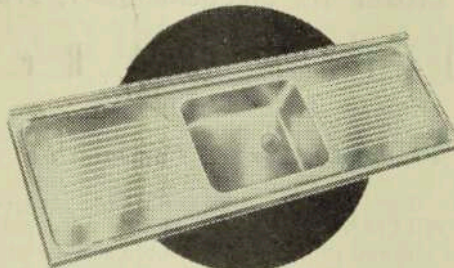
Claims by or against casual workers will be dealt with by Civil Courts in the ordinary way.

Casual workers and their employers

have the right to terminate the employment at any time without notice.

Ordinary legal proceedings may be taken against any employer for non-compliance with the general provisions of the Ordinance relating to employment conditions.

Permits to Engage Employees replace Recruiters' Licences. Cash deposits by way of personal security for the duty observance of the Ordinance are abolished; but a DO may require the applicant for



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Agreements may be made up to 18 months, and if the parties agree, may be extended for an additional six months. During the period of extension Agreements may be terminated by one month's notice on either side.

A DO may, with the consent of the parties thereto, vary an Agreement, except with regard to the maximum term of 18 months.

A DO may terminate Agreements in cases of emergency (epidemics, war conditions, prolonged food shortages) and also in the case of a native who has inadvertently been allowed to enter into an Agreement contrary to the provisions of the Ordinance. In all such cases where natives have served for less than twelve months they will be returned to their homes at the expense of the Administration.

Not more than one half of an employee's wages may be paid to him during the currency of the Agreement; but a DO may in special cases authorise part payment of deferred wages.

The Administration provides free medical treatment to all natives.

With the consent of the employer, the wife and children of a worker may accompany and live with him at his place of employment. Rations for wives and children will be less than the ration for workers, and as prescribed.

The minimum age limit for workers, 16 years, has been retained, but natives between 14 and 16 years of age may be engaged for light labour not more than five miles from their home.

The provisions in the present Ordinance relating to Workmen's Compensation, and the Removal of Natives from the Territory have been retained—in both cases with slight amendments.

The restrictions on the employment of married women have been omitted. Subject to the provisions of the Ordinance women generally may be employed as domestics and in any form of light labour.

The provisions relating to the payment of monetary allowances to casual workers in lieu of rations, have been retained but these provisions will not apply to natives employed under Agreements.

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We've got potatoes for dinner,
We've got potatoes for tea—
Six for Master and three for me—
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to-day
With a beautiful basket of spuds—so
hooray!

We've got potatoes for dinner,
We've got potatoes for tea—
Five for Master and four for me—
A sight for the gods in these parts, you'll
agree.
In the eye of the Master I notice a glim,
We've plenty of butter; we've even got
mint;

And we've got potatoes for dinner
We've got potatoes for tea—
Four for Master and five for—
Dash it! We'll mash 'em, and no one will
see!

—NOELLE TAYLOR.

Eight Years of Security For Fiji Colony

THE economic position of Fiji is good. Said the Governor, Sir Brian Freeston, at the opening of the new Legislative Council on October 3: "Fiji is now in a position of comparative economic security such as has never, within my knowledge, been attained by any Colony in the past.

"Thanks to the Copra and Sugar Agreements negotiated about a year ago with the British Ministry of Food, for the next 8 years the Colony is amply insured and protected, in respect of its two main exports, against those two associated nightmares of the tropical producer—the inability to find markets for his produce and the consequent slump in the price received.

"From now until 1958 we can rejoice in the assurance that there will be a guaranteed market for all the copra and nearly all the sugar that the Colony can produce, at prices which, even in the least favourable state of the world market, cannot fall below certain defined levels, and in other circumstances may rise even above the prices prevailing to-day. Here at last we have what the producer has hitherto longed for in vain; an assurance that he will not be ruined by collapse in the world price which he cannot even predict, let alone control.

"Our third principal export, gold, being equally secure, it follows that the external economy of Fiji is promised, for the next 8 years at any rate, a comfortable seat on a three-legged stool, relieved from the disquieting fear that one of the legs will break."

Financial Autonomy

THE Governor announced that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has increased the financial autonomy of Fiji by foregoing the necessity for the Secretary of State's approval of the Colonial Estimates.

Mr. Donald Maclean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maclean of the Bainings, N.G., has become engaged to Miss Judith Solomons of NSW.

Mr. R. R. Wright, Fiji Public Relations Office Photographer, with his wife and family, is in NZ on leave.

Dr. H. B. Turbott and **Miss F. J. Cameron**, of the New Zealand Health Department, have arrived in Suva to represent New Zealand at the annual meeting of the South Pacific Health Board. They will also visit Western Samoa with the Inspector-General of the South Pacific Health Service and Director of Medical Services, Fiji (Dr. J. M. Cruikshank).

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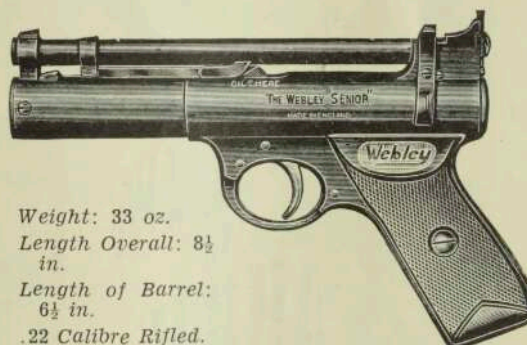
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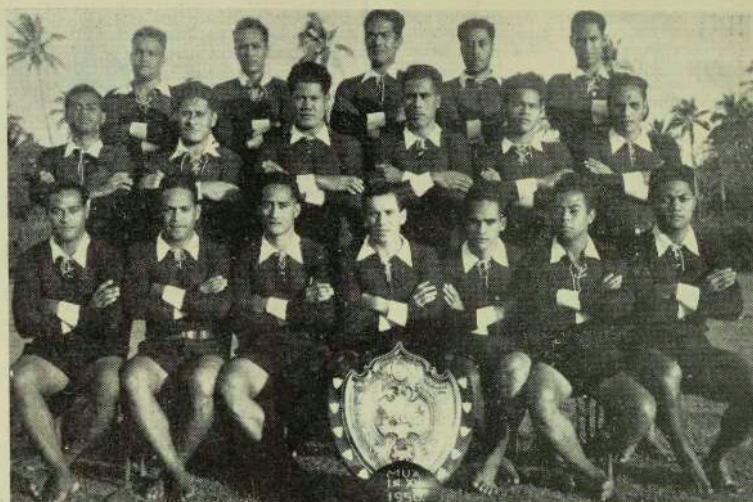
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DEATH OF GUSTAV JOHNSON

THE death occurred suddenly on October 6 at Madang, TNG, of Gustav Arthur Johnson, aged 14 years 6 months.

During the Japanese occupation of New Guinea in 1942, Gustav, his mother and sister were taken prisoner at Alexishaven, Madang, Gustav being moved to Hollandia and held prisoner for over three years before being released. He was then transferred to an American Army Hospital at Beaudesert, Queensland and remained at Beaudesert until his return to Madang in 1946.

Gustav's mother and sister were killed by the Japanese and buried at the Catholic Mission Cemetery at Alexishaven.

Gustav was the eldest son of Mr. Henry Morton Johnson, DCM and Bar, of Madang.

At the funeral, Mr. H. Longmore represented the RSSAILA, Mr. R. Johnstone, the District Commissioner (Mr. C. D. Bates), Mr. J. Brown for Burns Philp (NG) Ltd., and Mr. K. Hicks for the Education Department.

Gold Mines of New Guinea

GOLD Mines of New Guinea NL, Adelaide, reports that Mr. J. C. Coldham, after a visit to New Guinea, considers that five areas investigated are worthy of further testing.

Four of these are dredging areas and one a sluicing project.

Good values from preliminary investigations are reported from area No. 1, which is stated to be eight miles long; and to average at least a quarter of a mile wide; and area No. 2, which is estimated to contain about 4,000,000 cubic yards of sluicing material.

NEAR BANKRUPTCY OF PHILIPPINES

ONLY a recent loan from the International Monetary Fund has saved the Philippines Republic from bankruptcy. When the loan came, the salaries of thousands of public servants were in arrears.

The cost of living spiral in the Republic makes similar troubles in Oceania look as puny as a corkscrew. A glass of beer in Manila costs 5/-; a decent meal 25/-.

Like their Djakarta friends, the Filipino politicians who so ardently desired "independence" are finding that it can be a two-edged sword.

Trade with Australia

THE Philippines could not continue to make big purchases in Australia unless Australia bought more in exchange, the Philippines Minister to Australia, Dr. Roberto Regala, told the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Melbourne in early October.

The trade balance between the two countries is now seven to one in Australia's favour. The Minister said that there were great opportunities for Australian businessmen in the Philippines. New firms and businesses were tax-free for four years. This year 58 new firms had been established. Their products included glass, bricks and tiles, nails, cement, and textiles.

The Philippines could also supply Australia with all the hardwood she needed.

High Cost of Keeping Native Servants

AT present in South Australia on leave is Mrs. W. L. MacGowan, wife of the Assistant Director of Works and Housing, in Papua-New Guinea.

Mrs. MacGowan has spent 23 years in the Territory—except for the war-eevacuee years — and before the war lived in Rabaul; the family now lives in Port Moresby.

In an interview with the Adelaide Advertiser, she said that the cost of living at Moresby is twice as high as it was at Rabaul before the war, and in spite of the "living allowance" which Government officials receive it is quite impossible to save.

In Rabaul she kept three native servants who were each paid 10/- a month and provided with food rations. In Moresby she has one servant who is paid £2 a week and keeps himself in food. He is provided with quarters away from the house, with his own septic system and a bathroom.

The natives, who are taught in Government schools and trade classes, make very good mechanics and practically all the Government buses, which provide free transport, are driven by natives. On "boat days" the town is crowded with tourists who comprise at least 50 per cent. of the passengers on the now regular shipping runs.

Government medical services in Papua are excellent. There is a very good hospital for the natives, with a white sister in charge. There is also a very good hospital for Europeans. The climate is so healthy, Mrs. MacGowan says, that there is very little malaria and the children in particular are "a lovely, healthy lot."

The Rev. R. de Voil, Vicar of Hwytwood, Lancs., England, who was Rector of St. George's Church, Rabaul, New Guinea, and Archdeacon of Northern Melanesia, 1935-37 has been appointed to the charge of the Chinchilla Parochial District, Queensland, and arrived in Sydney on the New Australia in September. Mr. de Voil would welcome the opportunity of meeting any old New Guinea friends.



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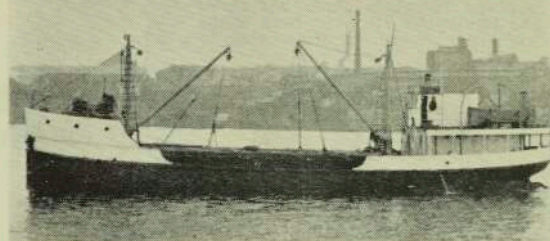
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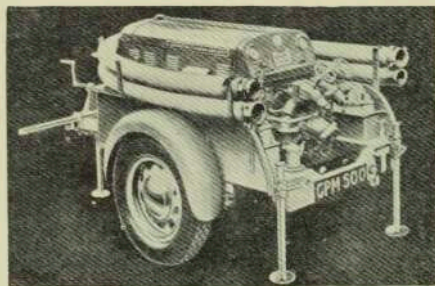
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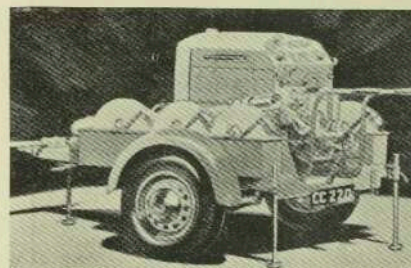
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Margarine Should be an Alternative to Costly Butter

THE old controversy as to whether or not the manufacture of margarine should be restricted in Australia, in order to protect the dairy industry, is again being argued back and forth.

At present margarine manufacture is restricted in all Australian States, although the many reasons for this, which were believed to be well-founded before 1939, no longer hold good.

To keep the retail price of butter at 2/2 per pound, the Australian Government last year paid £8,000,000 in subsidies. This year, with butter rationing removed, it is expected that it will cost the Commonwealth (indirectly the taxpayer) £11,000,000.

If the subsidy on butter were removed, the price per pound would be well over 3/-.

Meanwhile margarine retails at 1/9½ a lb. In a free economy this product would offer a very serious threat to butter. However, the law as it stands ordains that only a limited amount of margarine may be sold in Australia, whether people can or cannot afford butter.

Although Australia's population is rising rapidly—by the arrival of scores of thousands of migrants who have no anti-margarine prejudices—Australian production of butter has not increased—nor will it while Australians desert their farms for the doubtful pleasures of a 40-hour week in a city factory. Nonetheless, the same old reasons why margarine should be restricted in favour of dairy products are brought out for an airing everytime the subject comes up.

There is still a great shortage of edible fats. World population is increasing at an alarming rate and more and more communities are demanding these protective foods in their diet.

There is ample room in this fat-starved world for both the margarine and butter industries.

The Commonwealth Director-General of Agriculture recently gave this review of Australian vegetable oil crops to a Melbourne Herald reporter (he said that only two vegetable oil crops would be increased—linseed because it did not compete with the dairying industry, and cotton-seed because of its defence importance).

LINSEED.—Only a few years ago it was held that Australia could not produce this crop economically because of rust and caterpillars, but today there are from 30,000 to 35,000 acres of linseed, and the figure is still rising steadily. About 200,000 acres are needed to make Australia self-sufficient.

Australia suffers from a grave shortage of linseed meal because producing countries export a minimum of seed and a maximum of oil. They retain the seed for stock cake. This lack of meal is reflected most sharply in Australia's winter milk shortages.

MAIZE.—The oil is used in the kitchen and in margarine. Production has not varied much in 20 years, despite price increases.

A substantial increase in the amount of maize processed would not result in a significant increase in the volume of oil available for human consumption because maize oil is only a by-product.

COTTON-SEED.—The oil is a by-product and like maize the seed cannot be grown economically for oil alone. Pro-

duction seems to be fairly well established in Queensland, but with the war other crops become more profitable, efficient harvest labour became scarce, and the crop dwindled to its lowest level last harvest.

To encourage renewed production the Commonwealth is guaranteeing farmers 9½d. a lb. and buying mechanical harvesters with the new dollar loan.

PEANUTS.—The Commonwealth is in-

vestigating the possibility of mechanical harvesting.

SUNFLOWER SEED.—For an unknown reason the crop is smaller this year.

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SOYA BEAN.—Production has been encouraged enthusiastically in NSW, Queensland and Victoria, but the oil consumption is limited.

NAVY BEANS.—Many farmers have switched from soya beans to navy beans because they are more profitable. In wartime the beans are canned.

COCONUT.—Oil production is mainly in New Guinea although the coconut has been grown successfully in Northern Queensland.

COCOA.—New Guinea may supply both cocoa and tea to Australia in years to come.

A. M. ROXBURGH DIES IN LEVUKA

MR. A. McF. ROXBURGH, who has lived in Levuka, Fiji for just on 20 years, died suddenly on October 7 as a result of a fall into the rocky bed of Totogo Creek, which runs through Levuka. He was 50 years of age.

He was born in Scotland, went to Fiji from Australia, after working for some time in the Philippines. He was at first employed in the Levuka branch of Burns Philp (S.S.) Co., Ltd., but later joined Morris Hedstrom, Ltd.

Mr. Roxburgh was a talented artist and in his youth, while a student at the Glasgow School of Art, he was one of a group which painted murals for the 1924 Wembley Exhibition. From time to time in recent years his cartoons have appeared in the Pacific Islands Monthly.

He was secretary of the Levuka Chamber of Commerce and the Levuka Bowling Club.

He is survived by his wife (formerly Mrs. N. Crooks), a son and a daughter and two step-daughters.

PACIFIC RELATIONS CONFERENCE AT LUCKNOW

THE Institute of Pacific Relations met in conference at Lucknow in early October.

Officials of the Institute were, until the last minute, trying to beat up some Australian delegates, but without success.

Dr. H. V. Evatt was elected by the Australian section of the Institute to attend but he said that matters of importance involving foreign affairs and of domestic importance were occupying the attention of the Australian Parliament, in which he had an official position. He therefore could not attend.

Book Wanted

MR. SYDNEY H. CHANCE would like to purchase a copy of a book of Papuan folk-tales that was written by Captain Bruce Hamilton about five or six years ago. He thinks that the book was called Fuzzy-Wuzzy Tales. It appears to be out of print now. Mr. Chance wants a copy for an American friend. If you can assist, his address is 15 Perrott St., Brisbane, W2.

The first volume of Mr. R. A. Derrick's History of Fiji, has been revised and is on sale at the Fiji Government Printing Office, Suva at 12/6 or 7/6, according to the binding. This volume covers the period up to Cession in 1874, and includes new material that has come to light since the first edition was printed a few years ago.

Deputy-Administrators Wanted For Papua-New Guinea

THE following advertisement appeared in Australian newspapers recently:—

Two Deputy Administrators are to be appointed to the administration of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, and applications are invited from persons desirous of being considered for such appointments.

Appointment will be open to persons both within and without the Public Service of Papua and New Guinea.

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Applicants should have good organising and administrative capacity. Experience in Governmental administration and particularly in the administration of tropical areas would be an advantage.

Applications accompanied by copies only of references, stating full name, date and place of birth, marital state, experience, qualifications and war service (if any) should be submitted by October 27, 1950, to the Secretary, Department of External Territories, Canberra, ACT.

Territorians may be pardoned if they wonder why it should be necessary to advertise in Australia for such men. It has, of course, always been the practice of Australian governments to give the job of administrator of any external territory to a defeated politician or some other person who has found favour in the sight

of the current government. Whether or not they have had any experience in administering tropical territories has mattered little, if at all.

It should not be necessary to go further than the top ranks of the present Public Service of Papua-New Guinea to find the men fitted to fill these jobs. It might even be beneficial if experienced Territorians from wicked private enterprise could be persuaded to take on these jobs.

Major H. W. S. Jackson, of the Australian Army recently returned to Melbourne after several weeks in Borneo where he paid out several thousands of pounds to 100 natives (or their widows) who had helped Australian soldiers during the notorious Sandakan death march. The natives were paid in Straits dollars. Major Jackson's efforts to trace some native families took him as far as Malaya.

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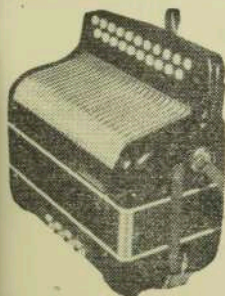
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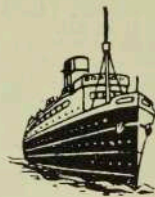
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Rabaul Comforts Fund

Distribution of Money

THIS paragraph, which appeared in a Sydney newspaper on October 7, caused the phone of Mrs. N. H. Foxcroft, President of the New Guinea Women's Club, Sydney, to run almost hot:

MONEY WAITING.

During the war the Rabaul Comforts Fund raised money for prisoners of war and their dependents.

The war over, the New Guinea Women's Club became the trustees of the money, but they're having trouble in locating widows and dependents of men who were made prisoners or had lost their lives in the Islands.

If you know of a New Guinea war widow ask her to ring Mrs. N. H. Foxcroft, LX 1778; there's a bit of money to be distributed.

THE facts are these:

The New Guinea Women's Club, Sydney, had two funds—one of which they originated and worked for themselves and which they called the POW and Civilian Internees' Fund; and the other, the Rabaul Comforts Fund which was raised in Rabaul before the Japanese occupation for the purpose of sending comforts to men who had enlisted therefrom. The money was got out of the Territory and was later handed over to the NG Women's Club for distribution. It was specified by the trustees of the Fund that it be used to assist New Guinea-enlisted ex-prisoners-of-war or their dependents only. Therefore the distinction between the two funds, in a nutshell, is that the POW and Civilian Internees' Fund money may be used

to assist NG POWs, civilian internees or their dependents. The old Comforts Fund money on the other hand, may be used only for ex-prisoners-of-war—that is, servicemen who enlisted in New Guinea—or their dependents.

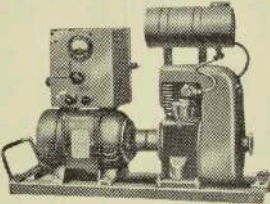
The club has been anxious to wind up the Comforts Fund for a long time. Last March they inserted an advertisement in Australian newspapers, the Pacific Islands Monthly and had a notice displayed in several New Guinea clubs, etc., asking for those eligible and in need, to apply for grants. It was hoped that this would enable them to clean the

whole thing up before the middle of this year. But there was so little response to these advertisements, etc., that the matter has not yet been settled.

Mr. G. W. Nettles, of the Fiji Public Works Department, has arrived in England to begin a four-year course in Civil Engineering at Loughborough Engineering College, Leicestershire. He was awarded a Colonial Development and Welfare Scholarship by the UK Government last year.

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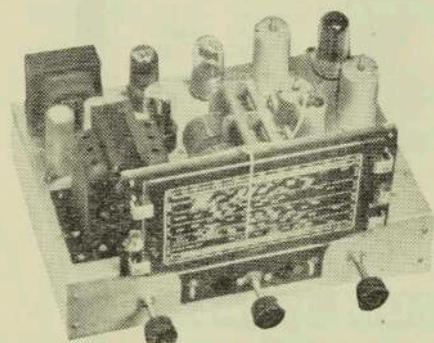
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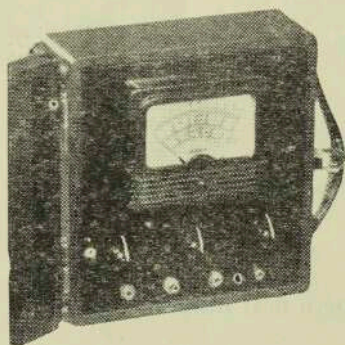
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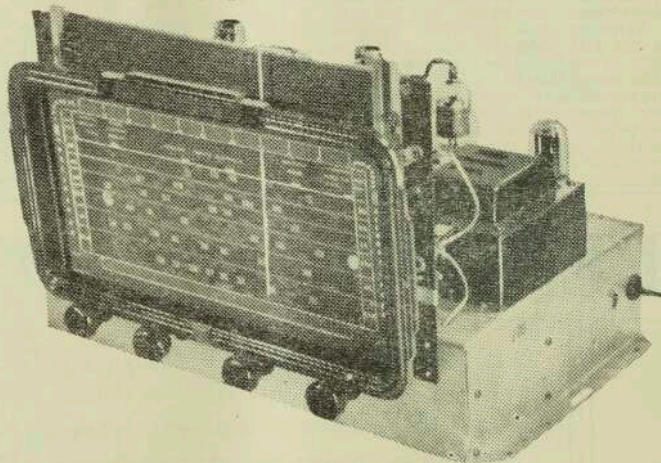
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MORE WAR DUMPS FOR SALE IN NG

CONCURRENTLY with a plea by Port Moresby's new newspaper (South Pacific Post) that the remaining scrap metals in Papua-New Guinea be acquired by Australia, is the announcement that a war dump will be sold shortly in the Rabaul district.

Scrap metal buyers in America, the Philippines, England and a number of European countries are showing renewed interest in the war-time dumps in Papua and New Guinea.

America is said to have placed fantastic orders for scrap throughout the world, and it is now almost impossible to get it anywhere.

There is still plenty of scrap in New Guinea, but most of it, having been sold at disposals, is owned by private people. One big dump in the Rabaul district has been reacquired by the disposals authorities following a High Court ruling that the owners had allowed the time clause in their contract to lapse. Now the dump is to be sold by public tender.

Hundreds of tunnels in N. Britain contain an unknown quantity of old war supplies. Rotted coconut palm supports in tunnels have made speculators wary about exploring the underground dumps. Earthquakes and heavy rains have caused many tunnels to collapse, burying whatever treasure was there.

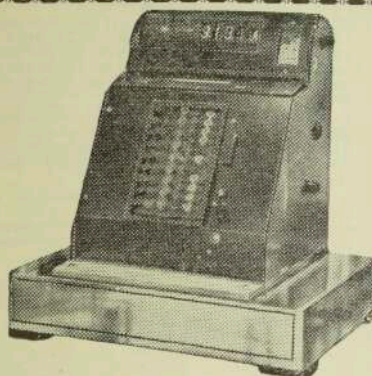
The Disposals sales in Papua-New Guinea of 1946-47 have now passed into history—apparently without making much impression on Authority. The Australian Government of that day did everything possible to help Australian and overseas buyers to remove from the Territory as much valuable equipment as possible in the shortest possible time.

The Territory, much of which was completely devastated, found itself soon in the position of reimporting goods that had been taken away as War Disposals purchases. Other valuable equipment was permitted to lie mouldering and rusting away in dumps, paw-paw, banana and other growth sprouting up amongst, or through it.

Just how far this war-disposals material travelled was indicated in Melbourne in 1949. A feud between some Jewish interests, which had ended in a kidnapping, apparently has its origin in war materials ex-New Guinea which had been shipped to Palestine by Melbourne sympathisers to help the Jews in their campaign against the British.

Monsieur Anthonioz, French colonial administrator 2nd class, has been confirmed in his appointment as French Resident Commissioner in the New Hebrides.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. B. Crabbe and their three children arrived in Sydney by plane early in October from Suva, Fiji, where they have spent the last five years.



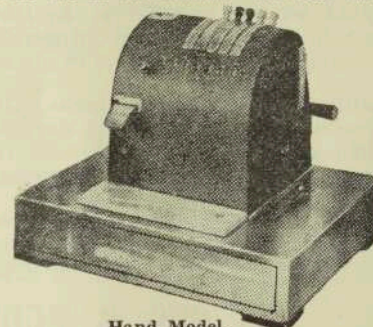
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DEATH NOTICE.

CAMPBELL, Claud Ivo Hamilton.—September 25, 1950, London, England (suddenly), late of Raua Estate, Bougainville, New Guinea, beloved Husband of Lala Edith Mary Campbell and Father of Mrs. Nari Eispeth Hamilton Forster.

THANKS

MISS OLIVE KURTZ, of Cremorne Point, Sydney, N.S.W., who was recently holidaying in Rabaul, New Guinea, as the guest of Mr. Bill Bailey, of the New Guinea Company, would like to thank sincerely all those friends of Mr. Bailey who extended to her such warm hospitality, thereby making her holiday such a happy and enjoyable one.

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General.—Above properties are heavily overgrown with secondary growth. An assessment as under has been made by War Damage Section as a subsidy towards clearing the

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Title.—The successful tenderer shall accept such title as the Administrators of the Estate now have and without further investigation.

Terms.—All properties sold subject to the consent of the Administrator of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea. Tsalui, Matanabago, Wassanga and Meteissong Plantations are sold subject to the consent of the Custodian of Expropriated Properties. On acceptance of tender, 25 per cent. of tender price to be deposited; and the balance is to be paid upon the execution by the Trustees of a conveyance of the property or such other document or instrument as the successful tenderer may reasonably require to evidence the sale in the absence of a registrable transfer. The highest or any other tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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Samoan Crime Wave

Death Sentence for Murderer

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Oct. 7.

CRIMES of violence continue to be reported from various parts of Western Samoa. Demands are growing for severe measures to be taken to combat this menace to public safety.

The latest killing has occurred in Savaii where, at the village of Iva, the highest chief of the village, Tofilau Galu, was killed by blows with a knife in the course of a dispute over land boundaries by a villager named Miki Esekisa. Esekisa has been taken into custody.

Several other cases of assault and stabbing occurred in Apia during the last few days. The recent crimes have caused a panic amongst women and children in Apia.

BEFORE the High Court of Samoa, presided over by Chief Judge C. C. Marsack sitting with a jury of two European and two Samoan assessors, the case was heard, on October 4, of the 25-year-old Samoan, Fetui'ai, a native of Faleasiu village on the west coast of Upolu, who was charged with the murder of his 19-year-old wife, Fa'atele, whom he killed on September 17.

According to statements made by the accused, he had been suspicious of his wife, with whom he lived in a "fa'a Samoa" marriage (de facto), for some time. He stated that he discovered her carrying on a love affair with another man. On the morning of the crime, when he was alone with his wife in the house where she was sitting on the floor, feeding the baby, he complained that Fa'atele was neglecting the baby. She then bluntly told him that this was none of his business as the child was not his child.

He then threatened to kill her and she dared him to do so. He grabbed a large knife lying nearby and with a vicious blow hit her at the side of the neck nearly severing her head.

In his statements to the Police and to the Court the accused freely admitted his crime and showed no repentance. He petitioned the Chief Judge for a death sentence. He knew he had broken the law, he said, and wanted to be hanged as he desired that the authority of the new Samoan Government be upheld.

The jury unanimously found him guilty of murder and the Chief Judge then pronounced the death sentence. Whether or not this death sentence is to be carried out rests with the Governor-General of New Zealand. Though the death penalty is re-introduced in New Zealand, it has not become law yet and the murder was committed before the new legislation came into force.

It is expected that radio telephone stations will be in operation by November 15 at Canton Island, Fiji, New Caledonia, and Sydney. Stations now in operation are Honolulu and San Francisco. These stations will make it possible for aircraft commanders to have continuous voice communication with ground stations throughout an entire flight from Australia to the United States, present long-range messages being in Morse.

A group of Sydney women will hold the first public meeting of the newly-formed Pan-Pacific Women's Association at the St. John Ambulance Association Building, 21 Macquarie Place, on October 18, at 8 p.m.

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Mrs. M. Bruckshaw, Brisbane	1 0 0
Total to 30th September	£ 336 5 0

SAMOAN COCOA HITS ALL-TIME HIGH

COCOABEANS, in early September, were sold at the all-time record price of £335 f.o.b. Apia, Western Samoa. This is an increase of £40 per ton against the last quoted price of £295 per ton.

Radio Noumea ("La Voix de la France dans le Pacifique") is to try a new 10-kilowatt transmitter as from December. If it is successful, broadcasts in English capable of reaching Australia will be introduced.

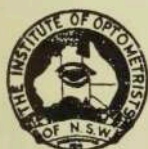
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ISLANDS cocoa prices are usually based on the ruling rate for Accra cocoa (West Africa), quotation for which in mid-October was £315 Stg., c.i.f. (equivalent to £393/15/- Aust.) for October-November shipments. Prices dropped to around £300 Stg. at the end of September, but showed recovery later. Quotation supplied by Colyer, Watson Pty., Ltd., Sydney.

Pacific cocoa beans were quoted nominally on the Sydney market in October at:—

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W. Samoa: A rise during September took the price of cocoa to £335 Samoan (£A419) per ton, f.o.b., Apia, and Sydney agents report "no change in October." (Samoa currency equals Sterling.)

TROCHUS SHELL

Nominal Sydney quotations in October were: Thursday Is., £125 per ton, f.o.b.; N. Guinea, £115 per ton, c.i.f., Sydney; Solomon Is., £120; Fiji, £F70 (£A76/7/3) per long ton on the beach at Suva; New Caledonia, 14,000 francs per ton, Noumea.

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

Price of rice shipped from Sydney to Islands ports was recently fixed at: New season's crop, £50 per ton White and £54 per ton Brown.

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A nominal quotation in Sydney in October was at £95 per ton, c.i.f., for f.a.q. shell.

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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, £47/17/6 (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, £87/15/-; Smoked, £87/2/6. 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 price). Fiji has a 9 years' contract with the British MOF for all copra exported.

New Hebrides.—Price at Vila and Santo: £52 Aust. per ton.

Western Samoa.—Producers receive £45 Samoan (par with Sterling) per ton, of which £3 is held for a Stabilisation Fund, under a 10 years' contract with the UK Food Ministry.

Fr. Oceania.—Papeete merchants recently have paid 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. The rate on October 13 for No. 1 grade RSS was:—Spot: Nominally 53d. Stg. per lb., c.i.f., London (equivalent to 66½d. Aust. per lb.); January/March shipments (sellers, 44½d. Stg. (55 11/12d. Aust.). Singapore: RMA No. 1 (sellers) 174 cents, f.o.b.

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Placer Development	b68/6	b112/6	b131/-
Sandy Creek ..	b1/5	b7d.	b7d.
Sunshine Gold ..	b6/5	b6/6	b7/-

PAPUA

Guthbert's Misima	s16/6	s6d.	s6d.
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Oil Search ..	s3/11	b4/-	b3/8
Oriomo Oil ..	b5/-	b2/-	b1/10
Papuan Apinaipi ..	b4/11	b1/9	b1/9

Price of gold.—Commonwealth Bank of Australia's fixed price for gold bought in Australia and Territories is: Fine oz., £A15/9/10; Standard oz., £A14/4/-.

Exchange Rates

THE following exchange quotations show the rate existing in Sydney in mid-October:—

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 or Western Samoa on basis of £100 Samoa: buying, £A123/12/6; selling, £A124/10/9.

	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 £100.

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Group 2 (African)	490	175	888
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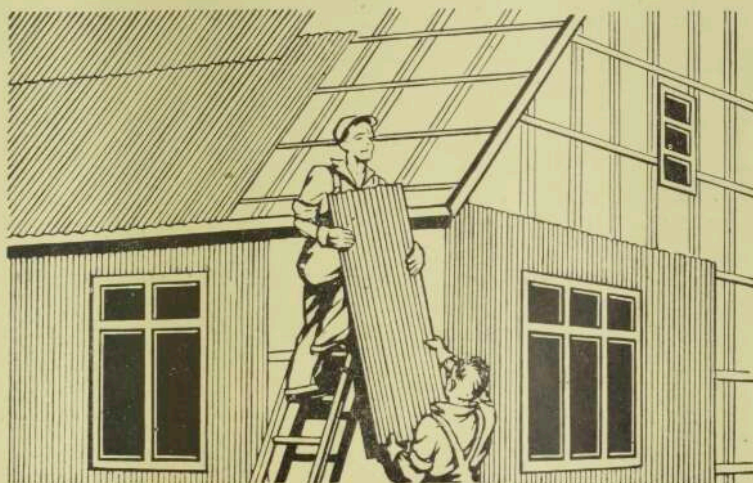
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